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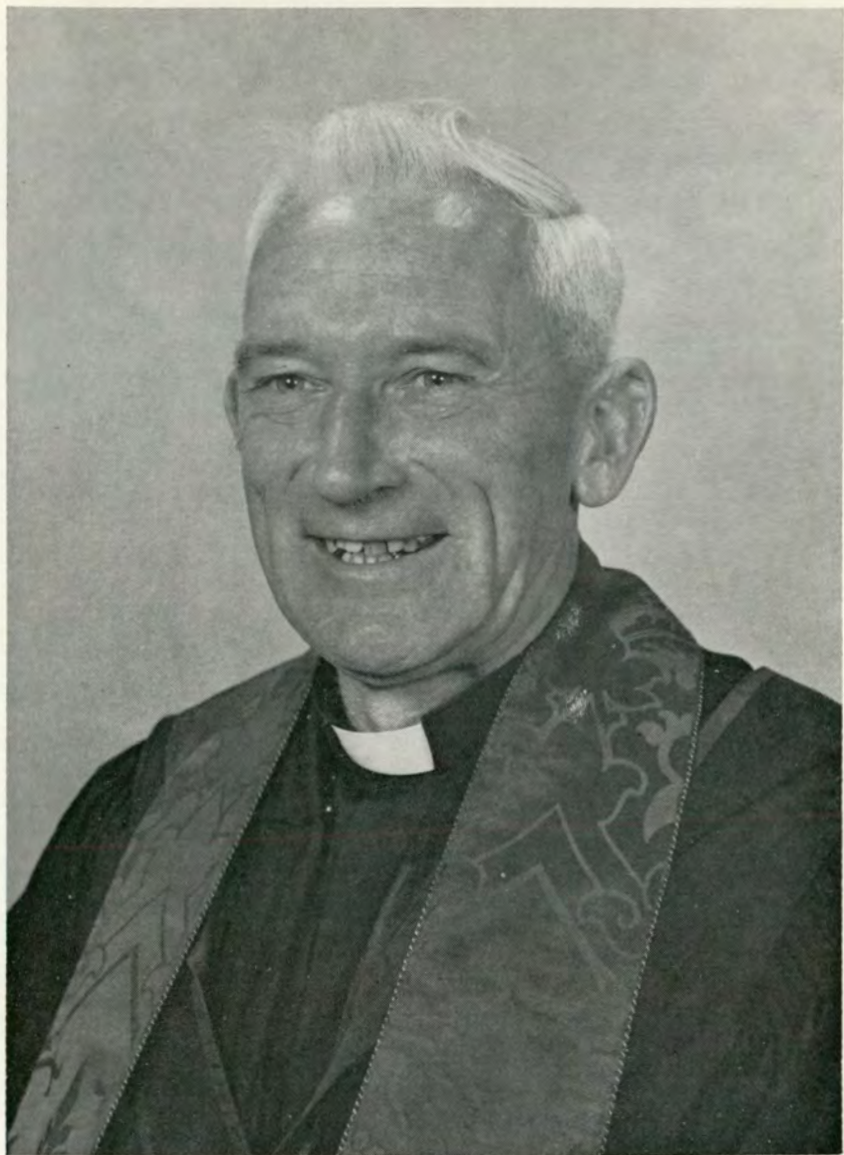
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Organised Methodism in Australasia as part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815.—(Mins. Brit. Conf. 1814.)

“The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen’s Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee” were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 “a distinct Connexion, to be denominated ‘The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion’, with an Annual Conference, affiliated to the Parent English Conference”—(Mins. Brit. Conf. 1854).

The first Australasian Conference was held in Sydney in the year 1855.

A Scheme of Annual and General Conferences was determined by the Australasian Conference of 1873.

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Bible Christian Church in New Zealand, was held in 1897.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was held in 1903.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was held in 1913, separation from the General Conference of Australasia having become operative on January 1st of that year by declaration of the President of the General Conference.

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1966	4	Alexander, Roy M., 33 Clothier St., Putaruru	42
1944	2	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 125 High St., Blenheim (Ph. 3806)	102
1969	1	Alley, David R., 6 Hastings St., Ohai, Southland	137
1956	2	Andrews, Robert S., 14 Tarawera Rd, Johnsonville, Wellington (Phone 789-142).	86
1963	1	Ansell, David H., 37 Banks St., Te Awamutu	50
1963	6	Armstrong, David, 1 Waterview Rd, Mangere, Auckland	21
1947	S	Attwood, A. Francis, High St., Katikati (1960)	46
1924	S	Bailey, John H., 317 Cambridge Rd, Hillcrest, Hamilton (1956)	38
1949	3	Baker, Edward, 3 Buckland Rd, Tuakau	26
1963	4	Ball, Niven G., Riemenschnieder St., Manaia	60
1941	S	Bell, Charles H., B.A., 196 Great North Rd, Wanganui	63
1957	1	Bell, G. Basil W., 19 King St., Whakatane	48
1944	7	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., 82 Murray Place, St Albans, Christchurch (Ph. 559-170 Home, 598-795 Church).	113
1967	3	Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D., 135 Ruahine St., Palmerston North	73
1956	4	Bennett, George L., 3 Goldsbrough Avenue, Raumati Beach	89
1955	1	Bennett, Trevor L., 30 Church St., Te Aroha	34
1949	S	Benny, T. Ralph. 123 Havelock St., Ashburton.	125
1913	S	Bensley, Arthur A., Tyler House, 61 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland.	16

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1951	6	Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D., 19 Wilson Ave., St Clair, Dunedin	131
1954	4	Billinghurst, Noel D., 46 Mathias St., Darfield, Canterbury	119
1907	S	Blair, Charles, 84 Neale Ave., Stoke, Nelson (1947)	98
1923	S	Blakemore, Albert, 3 Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland, 3 (1946)	11
1930	S	Blight, J. Montgomery, 15 Meura St., Matamata (1968)	41
1917	S	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch, 5 (1958)	106
1966	4	Bowden, A. Roy, 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, 1	107
1959	2	Bowen, Lewis A., 21 Horoeke St., Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt	88
1955	1	Boyd, Edward P., 230 High St., Dannevirke	71
1960	2	Brazendale, Graham, 4 Oroua St., Te Puke	47
1969	1	Brookes, Norman E., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch, 2.	109
1957	2	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville.	7
1943	1	Brown, Clifford G., 23 Cuba St., Marton	77
1916	S	Brown, George E., Cates Rd, R.D. Rototuna, Hamilton (1956)	38
1941	6	Brown, Harold K., 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 897-843)	108
1924	S	Brown, Hubert G., 27 Cobham St., Spreydon, Christchurch, 2 (1964)	111
1965	1	Browne, Wallis F., B.A. 18 West Road, Northland, Wellington	83
1910	S	Burley, William A., M.A., 60B Regent St., Hamilton (1957)	38
1951	3	Burrough, Amos W., Okato, Taranaki	61
1949	2	Burt, Douglas H., Queen St., Waiuku	27
1935	S	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Lupin Rd, Otaki (1960)	96
1944	1	Bycroft, Leslie F., 151 Kennedy Road, Napier	67
1955	1	Cable, Wilfred J., 4 Claude St., Hamilton East	38
1947	4	Campbell, M. Jackson, P.O. Box 51-102, Pakuranga, Auckland (Ph. 578-489)	14
1931	S	Carr, Thomas H., Clarks Beach Rd, R.D. Patumahoe, South Auckland (1966)	25
1931	5	Carr, W. E. Allon, 320 Hardy St., Nelson	98
1951	4	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5023W, Auckland (Ph. 32-172, office)	O.M.
1944	1	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 20 Yaldhurst Road, Christchurch, 4.	112
1965	5	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., Lieman St., Otatau, Southland.	137
1960	2	Christian, Owen L., 304 Stanmore Rd, Christchurch, 1	108
1933	6	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt Eden, Auckland, 1 (P.O. Box 5023W) (Ph. 32-172, office)	H.M.
1937	1	Churchill, John, 64 Station Rd, Otahuhu, Auckland, 6	22
1950	5	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, 2	84

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1965	5	Clarke, Edwin B., B.A., 15 Nelson St., Christchurch, 1	112
1965	3	Clarke, Ian L., A.R.A.N.Z., 204 High St., South, Carterton	92
1942	13	Clement, R., Frederick, M.A., 130 Grafton Rd, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 372-869 office, 372-323 home)	10
1947	1	Clements, Leslie C., Francois Lehmann, 25. 1218 Grand-Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland.	
1958	4	Climo, Frederick J., Tauranga Rd, Waihi	33
1951	2	Clucas, Ivan J., P.O. Box 2019, Tauranga South	46
1939	1	Cochrane, Herbert A., 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	117
1965	2	Collingwood, Ronald C., 131 Livingstone St., Hokitika	105
1915	S	Cooke, Percy I., 70 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Avondale, Auckland, 7 (1952)	16
1960	5	Conway, James H., 35 Mitchell St., Greerton, Tauranga	46
1905	S	Copeland, Fred., Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland, 3.	16
1969	1	Corlett, Ashley J., Methodist Parsonage, Kohukohu, Northland	4
1949	3	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., 3 De Merle St., Kaikohe	2
1918	S	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc., 8 Sadlier St., Stoke, Nelson (1955)	98
1968	1	Couch, Moke A. G. 5 Mission St., New Plymouth	[2]
1953	2	Craig, Hughan M., 9 Paynters Ave., New Plymouth	55
1943	5	Cramond, George W., Selwyn St., Leeston	116
1962	5	Currie, John B., B.A., 12 Gilberthorpes Rd, Christchurch, 4	115
1968	1	Curtis, Darrell, R., B.A., Willowby RD 3, Ashburton	126
1941	3	Darvill, Harold A., 519A Mt Albert Rd, Auckland, 4	[2]
1940	3	Dawson, John B., B.A., 356 Wairakei Rd, Christchurch, 5	113
1943	8	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 54 Chester St. W., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 42-065 office, 79-864 home)	106
1942	S	Day, Reginald, 209 Hill St., Thames (1968)	32
1917	S	Dennis, John, Tyler House, 61 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland, 3. (1954)	16
1969	1	de Zoete, Pieter K. F., 36 Grey St., Woodville	72
1929	S	Dickens, Charles E., 41 Idris Rd., Christchurch, 5 (1967)	113
1959	4	Dine, Mervyn L., 4 Russell Ave., Papakura Camp	24
1940	13	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2500, Wellington (Ph. 59-585 Office)	82
1944	S	Dorrian, A. Peter, 2 Attlee Place, Feilding (1969)	76
1930	S	Draper, Joseph C., Flat 10, 27 Greenslade Cres., Northcote, Auckland, 9 (1960)	19
1935	1	Duder, Clifford L., 24 Eden St., Oamaru	127
1969	1	Eagle, Brian R. J., Methodist Parsonage, Esplanade, Te Kuiti	52
1954	7	Eastwood, Eric R., 22 Hakanoa St., Huntly	40
1948	8	Eisner, Wif. G., B.A., 43 Miro St., Rongotai, Wellington, 3 (Ph. 888-553).	82

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1911	S	Enticott, Walter J., Access Rd, Kumeu, Auckland (1948)	17
1943	19	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 82-519 home)	107
1964	2	Felderhof, Ludwig, 302 West Coast Rd, Glen Eden, Auckland	17
1924	S	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 69 Westholme St., Christchurch, 5 (1964)	106
1963	2	Fields, Ronald E., Park Ave., Oxford	120
1948	1	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 7 Cleveland St., Brooklyn, Wellington (Ph. 897-689; Office 557-699)	82
1916	S	Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth (1957)	55
1957	4	Fowler, Irwin J., 4 Heath St., Mt Maunganui, Tauranga	46
1937	7	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 149 Kamo Rd, Whangarei (Ph. 72-624)	6
1949	S	Garner, William M., Korari Cres., Mangakino (1958)	43
1963	1	Garside, Paul A., 55 Warspite Ave., Porirua East, Wellington	87
1952	R	George, R. Leslie, The Manse, Hulke St., Foxton	81
1964	2	Gerritsen, Hendrik, B.A., 82 Pah St., Motueka	100
1952	3	Gibson, Loyal J., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	74
1959	2	Gibson, Roger, M., 52 Queens Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin (Phone 42-295)	132
1951	2	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 142 North St., Timaru (Ph. 88-401)	122
1958	1	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 92 Freyberg Rd, Ruawai, Northland	7A
1940	1	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 406 Thames St., Morrinsville	35
1934	S	Goodman, George H., 13 Middleton Road, Hannah Bay, Rotorua (1969)	44
1950	10	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin, (Ph. 70-303 office, 44-165 home)	128
1959	2	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., 17 Pukehana Ave., Auckland, 3	14
1956	5	Grant, Ian D., 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe	25
1959	6	Greening, G. Kingsley, 23 Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch, 2	109
1940	5	Greenslade, Lawrence, 14 St Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, 5 (Ph. 52-507)	15
1931	4	Greenslade, William W. H., M.B.E., 54 Malfroy St., Rotorua (Ph. 2203)	44
1939	S	Grice, Reginald, 105 Queen St., Cambridge (1968)	36
1959	2	Griffith, Keith C., 11 Hobart St., Miramar, Wellington, 3	85
1928	S	Grocott, John D., B.A., 3 Chiselhurst St., Christchurch 5 (1969)	112
1943	5	Grounds, Edmund D., 153 Kohimarama Rd, Auckland, 5 (Ph. 585-102)	15
1960	1	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 32 Hammersley Avenue, Christchurch, 1	108
1954	1	Grundy, John M.A., 16 Duncan St., Tawa, Wellington (Ph. 3095); office 75 Taranaki St., Wellington, 1 (Phone 557-699)	D.C.E.

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1960	2	Gust, Warwick, B.A., B.D., 19 Rothesay Bay Road, Rothesay Bay, Auckland, 10	19
1957	6	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 31 Beatty St., Melville, Hamilton	37
1928	S	Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway St., Hamilton (1968)	37
1947	R	Hall, Allen H., M.A., 16 St Lucia Rd, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia	
1952	2	Hall, John R., Mersey St., P.O. Box 17, Rongotea (Ph. 143)	78
1923	S	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Fellow of Trinity Colloge, 25 Lucerne Rd, Remuera, Auckland, 5 (1963)	15
1958	9	Hamlin, R. John, 5 Mitre Grove, Trentham	89
1952	2	Handyside, Allan J., 34 Edmonton Rd, Henderson, Auckland, 8	17
1935	S	Hanna, L. Gordon, 20 Nogat Ave., Papatoetoe, Auckland (1960)	23
1960	4	Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A., B.D., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson (Ph. 88-322)	98
1969	1	Harkness, Barry G., B.A., 138 Somme Parade, Wanganui	63
1938	R	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 138 Somme Pde, Wanganui	63
1966	4	Harris, Daniel P., P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti	[4]
1926	S	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri St., Pt Chevalier, Auckland, 2	10
1900	S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (1940)	123
1962	4	Hawkey, Graham E., 5 Miriona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington	87
1968	2	Hay, J. Cedric, Fairfax St., Murchison	101
1965	2	Hayhurst, John G., 70 Ford St., Opotiki (Ph. 658)	49
1960	S	Henderson, W. John, 43 Abbotsford Rd, Waipawa (1963)	80
1966	4	Hendry, Richard J., 24 Mouatt St., Waitara	56
1954	6	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 100 Waiwhetu Rd, Lower Hutt (Ph. 60-023 Wellington)	88
1965	2	Herbert, C. Brice, 262 Cambridge Ave., Ashhurst	75
1965	1	Hey, Roger, J. E., 81 Gloucester St., Greenmeadows, Napier	67
1932	S	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 37 Albert St., Ashburton (1961)	125
1948	2	Hilder, Basil J., 817 West St., Aubyn St., Hastings	68
1962	3	Hight, Arnold C., 63 Tukapo St., Westown, New Plymouth	55
1962	2	Hines, David L., B.A., 244 Rodney St., Wellsford (Ph. 8589)	9
1911	S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey St., Hastings (1935)	68
1936	R	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 20 Woodham Rd, Avon-side, Christchurch.	106
1962	4	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt Roskill, Auckland, 4 (Ph. 899-391)	12
1960	6	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 15 Naish St., Balclutha	134
1960	1	Horrell, C. Seton, The Manse, Raglan	37a
1929	S	Horwood, Leonard C., 12 Weston Ave., Mt Albert, Auckland, 3 (1968)	16

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1939	3	Hosking, Bruce L., B.A., B.Com., S.T.M., 211 Sealey Street, Thames	31
1959	3	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., 810E Queen St., Hastings (Ph. 85-255)	68
1942	S	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Cmo., 29 Seddon St., Te Puke (1966)	47
1961	1	James, Russell E., 5 William St., Gore	135
1967	1	Jamieson, Colin G., The Manse, 50 Wakefield Street, Westport	103a
1919	S	Jefferson, Alfred E., Flat 2, 8 Shadwell Place, St Heliers, Auckland, 5 (1954)	15
1932	S	Jenkin, William C., 75 Grey Street, Woodville (1969)	72
1934	10	Johnston, Andrew J., 31 Whitby St., Mornington, Dunedin (Ph. 36-238)	130
1943	1	Jolly, Albert, 1 Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland, 7.	16
1940	3	Jones, Alan O., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	62
1962	2	Jones, Barry E., B.A., 31 Court Road, Tawa, Wellington	87
1899	S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green St., Lower Hutt (1940)	88
1949	2	Keightley, Clifford J., 2 Westend Rd, Herne Bay, Auckland, 2	13
1916	S	Kendon, Charles H., 170 Lemon St., New Plymouth (1954)	55
1929	S	Kent, Arthur T., 13 Esk St., Tauranga (1969)	46
1957	1	Kitchingman, Henry W., 83 Kolmar Road, Papa-toetoe, Auckland	23
1956	4	Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., Hydro Village, Manapouri, (Ph. 830) (P.O. Box 49)	136
1961	6	Langley, John E., 173 Barrington St., Christchurch, 2	106
1927	S	Larsen, Norman P., 19 Princess St., Levin (1966)	95
1927	S	Laurenson, George I., C.B.E., 15 Ashton Road, Mt Eden, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 13-698)	14
1963	1	Laws, Derek G., F.R.A.N.Z., 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	136
1938	6	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 17 Merivale Lane, Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 558-257 home, 66-049 office)	G.S.
1968	1	Leadley, Alan J., B.A., B.D., 38 Cranford Street, Christchurch, 1	113
1930	1	Leadley, E. Clarence, c/o 149 Kamo Rd, Whangarei	6
1953	3	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 119 Burnet St., Ashburton	125
1942	17	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., "Leigh House", Trinity College, Grafton Rd, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 49-338)	Th.C.
1968	2	Loader, William R. G., B.A., 17 Lyford Cres., Takapuna, Auckland, 10	19
1939	7	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 2 Hohaia Cres., Mata-mata	41
1937	10	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 4 Myers Rd, Manurewa, Auckland (Ph. 67-532 Manurewa)	24
1957	4	Mabon, John C. F., P.O. Box 453, Invercargill (Ph. 3539)	136
1965	3	Mackie, Bruce E., P.O. Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	3
1964	1	Major, Ronald G., 12 Marsden Rd, Greymouth	106
1968	2	Malcouronne, Brian J., 56 Foyle St., Bluff	138

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1966	2	Manihera, John I., Main Road, Woodend, North Canterbury	118
1961	3	Marshall, C. Russell, 48 Lincoln Rd, Masterton	93
1948	R	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Ardern Ave., R.D. 1, Silverdale	29
1934	10	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 18 Chapel Street, Papanui, Christchurch, 5, P.O. Box 5054 Papanui (Ph. 529-782)	114
1946	1	McDonald, D. I. Alister, 5 Hexham St., Warkworth	30
1930	5	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 62 Wiggins Street, Sumner, Christchurch, 8 (Ph. 6975 Sumner)	109
1968	2	McIver, Graeme M., 10 Freyberg St., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	70
1953	3	McKay, Archibald W., 108 Talbot St., Geraldine	124
1968	1	Meredith, John D., 26 Cavendish St., Ashburton	125
1960	3	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., Wesley College, P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe	25
1967	3	Michie, Laurie A., Tawa St., Ohura	54
		Moody, Edward H., 28 Oriental Tce., Wellington (Ph. 80-029 office, 52-673 home)	82
1946	4	Moore, Harry, 5 Paice Ave., Mt Eden, Auckland, 3 (P.O. Box 56000)	12
1931	S	Moore, William E., 56 Nottingham Street, Westmere, Auckland, 2 (1968)	10
1959	3	Morrison, William, 49 Murphy's Rd, Blenheim	102
1942	1	Morrison, William J., M.A., 249 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest, Hamilton	38
1960	1	Mullan, David S., B.A., 18 Taitua St., Taumaranui	53
1964	3	Neal, Barry W., 1 Galileo St., Ngaruawahia	39
1918	S	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathesons Rd, Christchurch, 1 (1953)	108
1953	5	Newman, Alan, 104 Manawapou Rd, Hawera (Ph. 6270)	59
1954	3	Newton, Alan H. V., 30 Matai St., Hamilton (Ph. 76-559)	37
1956	1	Nicholls, Trevor L., 95 Rifle Range Road, Taupo	45
1959		W.P.C. Noble, Dorothea M., B.A. 113 Oroua Street, Eastbourne	88
1968	2	Norwell, Ian C., 112 High St., Masterton	93
1937	3	Norwell, Leslie T., King Edward St., Eltham	58
1939	2	Oldfield, Charles B., 235 Karori Rd, Karori, Wellington, 5	83
1910	S	Olds, Charles H., B.A., Tyler House, 61 Allendale Rd, Auckland, 3 (1951)	11
1949	1	Olds, J. Stanley, 11 Redwood Street, Upper Hutt	89
1946	6	Olds, Norman W., 98 North St., Timaru (Ph. 5625)	121
1951	1	Olds, O. McLennan, 463 Gladstone Rd, Gisborne	69
1964	3	Olsen, Brian L., 30 Kelso St., Tokoroa	43
1933	37	Orr, A. Everill, M.B.E., Box 5104, Wellesley Street, Auckland, 1 (Ph. 83-387)	11
1953	3	Osborne, John H., M.A., 12 Poronui St., Auckland, 3	14
1966		W.P.C. Pain, Alastair D., 138 Smith Street, Linwood, Christchurch	108
1947	1	Parker, Francis H., c/o P.O. Box 5023W, Auckland H.C.	
1918	S	Parker, James W., 143 St John's Rd, Meadowbank, Auckland, 5 (1950)	15

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1929	S	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd, Epsom, Auckland, 3 (1965)	14
1930	R	Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 8 Ranui Road, Remuera, Auckland	19
1933	S	Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles St., Christchurch, 1 (1965)	106
1931	S	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Rd, Torbay, Auckland (1967)	19
1955	5	Peart, Cuthbert F., C.F., Te Reinga St., Kaitia	1
1952	3	Penman, John A., B.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4 (Ph. 557-699 office) (559-309 home)	82
1927	S	Penn, Athol R., 141 Mt Albert Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 82-525) (1966)	16
1938	8	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton (Ph. 41-047)	37
1960	4	Peterson, Frederick D., 293 Rangitira Rd, Beach Haven, Auckland, 10	20
1925	S	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 1 Randwick Rd, Northland, Wellington, 5 (1968)	83
1968	2	Phillipps, Donald J., B.A., 33 Johnson St., Milton	133
1966	1	Pihama, Te Taotahi John, 12 John St., Tokoroa	[4]
1962	5	Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., B.D., Mace Street, Reefton	103
1967	3	Pratt, David C., P.O. Box 7, Russell, Bay of Islands	2
1966	1	Prince, Donald F., 58a Scotland St, Roxburgh	139
1954	8	Rakena, Ruawai D., 28 Mt Albert Rd, Auckland, 3, P.O. Box 5023W (Ph. 32-172 office)	[2]
1949	4	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 19 Schofield St., Grey Lynn, Auckland, 2	10
1950	2	Ramsay, Phillip D., C.F., 67 Shearman St., Waimate	123
1901	S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland, 3 (1941)	10
1927	S	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Konini St., Levin (1966)	95
1957	S	Reddihough, John W., F.R.G.S., 19 Prestwick St., Maori Hill, Dunedin (1967)	128
1960	2	Reid, Andrew G., 16 Clarke St., Kamo, Northland Ph. 70-965)	6
1952	5	Reid, Ian W., 32 Shakespeare Ave., Upper Hutt	89
1955	5	Rigg, Frank S., 61 Main Rd, Greytown	91
1947	S	Riseley, Benjamin H., 25 Almorah Rd, Epsom, Auckland, 3 (1969)	10
1964	R	Roberts, John H., 83 Hebron Road, Torbay, Auckland	19
1962	1	Robertson, Ian H., 73 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hutt	88a
1942	3	Rogers, Ranginohora, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton (Ph. 59-684 Hamilton)	[3]
1960	S	Roke, Charles E., Kawhia, King Country (1969)	[4]
1963	4	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., 179 Regan St., Stratford	57
1911	S	Rowe, William, 3 South Beach Rd, Plimmerton, Wellington (1949)	87
1951	S	Ruck, Idris J., 199 Main Rd, Upper Hutt (1967)	89
1954	2	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 994 New North Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland, 3	16
1957	4	Russell, Kenneth H., 92 Cambridge St., Levin	95
1962	5	Rutherford, Maynard G., 18 Robinson St., Foxton	81

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1906	S	Ryan, Henry, 2 Gloucester St., Wilton, Wellington (1943)	83
1916	S	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis St., Mt Albert, Auckland, 3 (1955)	16
1959	3	Salter, Lawrence E., 6 Derwent St., Wainuiomata, Wellington	90a
1968	2	Sanson, Roger G., P.O. Box 120, Silverdale	29
1956	1	Scammell, Bruce, 100 West St., Feilding	76
1957	R	Scarr, Geoffrey E., 78 Westminster St., Christchurch, 1	106
1950	5	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth (Ph. 83-592 office, 83-120 home)	55
1912	S	Scrvin, Arthur H., "Roviana", 16 Empire Rd, Epsom, Auckland, 3 (1952)	14
1945	8	Shapcott, Leonard, 43 Queen St., Cambridge	36
1952	7	Shaw, Harry I., N.Z. Reg., P.O. Box 17, Waiouru Camp (Ph. 899 extn. 431 office, 867 home, Waiouru)	65
1946	3	Shepherd, Trevor, 20A Wellington St., Hamilton	38
1944	8	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 135 Queen St., Northcote, Auckland, 9 (Ph. 19332)	20
1938	6	Silvester, John, M.A., Ranston House, Trinity College, 134A Grafton Rd, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 42-501)	Th.C.
1915	S	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 117 Centennial Ave., Helensburgh, Dunedin (1958)	128
1964	3	Slinn, Stuart G., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill	136
1952	1	Spindler, Sydney J., 18 Tennyson St., Opunake	61
1951	11	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 524 Church St., Palmerston North (Ph. 78-749)	73
1969	1	Stringer, Robert G., Methodist Parsonage, Waitoa, Waikato	35
1953	1	Stubbs, David G., 28 Oxford St., Richmond, Nelson	99
1954	3	Tahere, Te Awa W., 15 Ward St., Te Kuiti	[4]
1955	1	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., Waikeria Youth Centre, P.O. Box 400, Te Awamutu	[4]
1966	4	Taylor, Keith J., 6 Weka St., Taihape	65
1957	3	Taylor, Phillip F., 77 Grey St., Onehunga, Auckland, 6	21
1911	S	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., 6 Rimu Place, Dargaville (1954)	[1]
1968	2	Te Whare, Morehu, 296 Massey Road, Mangere East, Auckland	[2]
1966	2	Te Whare, Robert, 2 Ruakiwi St., Hamilton	[3]
1941	5	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 18 Matai Rd, Hataitai, Wellington, 3	85
1946	7	Thompson, George R., E.D., 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington, 4	86
1951	1	Thompson, J. Herbert, 17 Iti St., Otaki	95
1955	1	Thornicroft, Neville, 22 Melville St., Waipawa, Hawke's Bay	80
1935	3	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, 9	19
1963	3	Toomer, Kenneth L., 35A Halswell Rd, Christchurch, 2	111
1951	9	Toothill, Harry W., 54 Clevedon Rd, Papakura, Auckland, 6	24

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1954	6	Trebilco, David L., 193 Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland, 9	18
1952	5	Trebilco, George R., 120 Colombo St., Christchurch, 2 (Ph. 327-017)	110
1968	1	Turner, Brian H., 176 West Tamaki Road, Glen Innes, Auckland, 16	15
1926	S	Voyce, A. Henry, 17 Prospect Tce, Milford, Auckland, 9 (1959)	19
1965	3	Waaka, Napi, 107 Waihi Rd, Hawera	[5]
1962	4	Waine, Frederick E., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui	64
1962	2	Wakeling, W. J., Douglas, 28 Marion Ave., Mt Roskill, Auckland, 4	12
1965	2	Walker, Bryan A., M.A., 134 Grafton Rd, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 31-982)	Th.C.
1912	S	Walker, William, E.D. Tyler House, 61 Allendale Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland, 3 (1945)	11
1961	2	Wallace, William L., B.A., 24 Passmore Cres., Maori Hill, Dunedin	130a
1945	3	Watson, Alexander C., 12 Nahum St., Paeroa	32
1939	6	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch, 7	108
1965	5	West, Norman J., 314 Ormond Rd, Gisborne	69a
1966	1	West, Stanley J., 3 Delta St., Dunedin, N.W.1	128
1959	4	Widdup, Robert W., 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, 2	111
1967	1	Williams, Alfred E., 36 Kings Road, Panmure, Auckland, 15	14
1931	23	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Richmond House", Trinity College, Grafton Rd, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 48-584)	Th.C.
1943	3	Williams, J. C., Aldwyn, 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, 3	10
1942	6	Willing, Leonard V., 79 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt	88
1935	3	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., 162 King St., Rangiora	118
1955	3	Wood, Ronald H., 890 George St., Dunedin	129
1950	3	Woodfield, Frank H., 37 Nelson St., Petone	90
1950	5	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 49 Bryndwr Rd, Christchurch, 5	113
1962	5	Woodley, Alan K., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga	5
1953	S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth	55
1941	1	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 97 Birkenhead Avenue, Birkenhead, Auckland, 10	20
1956	8	Ziesler, John, M.A., B.D., c/o Wesley House, Cambridge, England	

MINISTERIAL SUPPLIES

Vickery, John H., 19 Graham Ave., Te Atatu, Auckland, 8	17
Sweet, George L., 84 Hackthorne Rd, Cashmere, Christchurch, 2	106
Chick, H. H., 17 Mahoe St., Inglewood	66

HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1924	R. T. Alexander (Retired), Flat No. 1, 6A Marlowe St., Stoke, Nelson	17
1924	W. H. Wilson (Retired), 45 Vauxhall Rd, Devonport, Auckland, 9	30

Entd.	Name and Address	Years
1928	R. Coombridge (Retired), No. 3 R.D., Otorohanga	18
1939	H. R. Wright (Retired), 7 Tor St., Westown, New Plymouth	9
1940	W. J. Bryant (Retired), 210 James St., Whakatane	13
1940	D. I. Robertson (Retired), 50 Puriri Ave., Beach Haven, Auckland, 5	10
1941	T. Steele (Retired), 199 King St., Rangiora	11
1948	H. Prowse (Retired), 2 Kowhai Flats, Cuba St., Marton	10
1952	F. L. Johnson (Senior Home Missionary), P.O. Box 10, Paparoa	5
1956	F. E. Trim (Retired), 16 Durham St., Rangiora	8
1961	A. E. Tardif (Retired), Deborah Bay, Port Chalmers, Otago	3

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES

Wallace C. Chapman, Methodist Parsonage, Te Kopuru, Dargaville.
 Ronald N. Simpson (Non-Resident Student), 148 Browns Rd, Manurewa, Auckland.
 William C. Griffiths, Garfield Road, Helensville.

UNION CHURCH MINISTERS

Hikurangi:	5A
Hauraki Plains: Andrew, J. N. Lea, The Parsonage, Haywards Road, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	31A
Raglan: Horrill, C. Seton, The Manse, Raglan	37A
Turangi: Patterson, B. Biddle, E.	53A
Mangapapa: West, Norman J., 314 Ormond Rd, Gisborne	69A
Pahiatua: Usmar, L., 5 Duke St., Pahiatua	72A
Newlands: Doig, John C., St Oswalds Cres., Newlands	86A
Taita: Robertson, I. H., 73 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hutt	88A
Wainuiomata: One wanted. 115 Main Rd, Wainuiomata.	90A
Salter, Laurence E., 6 Derwent St., Wainuiomata.	
St Luke's Nelson: Murphy, Robert, 158 Toitoti St., Nelson	98A
Westport: Jamieson, Collin G., The Manse, 50 Wakefield St., Westport	103A
St David's, Marchwiell, Timaru: Simpson, R. Allan, 24 Tyne St., Timaru	122A
West Dunedin Special Union Parish, Kaikorai—Clarke, Ross K. J., B.A., B.D., St. M., 29 Farley St., Kaikorai, Dunedin	130A
Wakari—Stevens, Ewing C., B.A., 99 Centennial Ave., Wakari, Dunedin.	
Halfway Bush—Criglington, J. Douglas, 31 Balmain Street, Halfway Bush, Dunedin.	
Brockville—Wallace, William L., B.A., 24 Passmore Cres., Maori Hill, Dunedin.	
Corstorphine: Wilson, R., 149 Hillhead Rd, Corstorphine, Dunedin.	131A

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

Entd.	Name and Address	Years
(a) Full Time:		
1960	Matu Makiha, Methodist Parsonage, 51 Hall Rd, Manurewa	1
1962	Herehere Maihi Maaka, Waima, Hokianga	1
1962	Te Orahia Tonga, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	8
(b) Honorary:		
1922	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	41
1930	Paahi Moke (Retired), P.O. Box 24, Kawhia	12

1932	Tuteao Manihera, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	21
1937	Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, via Kawhia	17
1938	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Ave., Tamaki, Auckland	15
1940	Wiremu Tonga, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	11
1942	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	27
1946	Waiwera Rangawhenui, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	23
1946	Tumu Te Huia, Mako Mako, Raglan	23
1946	Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau, Waikato	23
1947	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	22
1948	Nguru, Winikerei, Marokopa Valley, R.D. 4, Te Kuiti	20
1950	Te Akikau Waaka, R.D. No. 4, Rotorua	18
1951	Pukerau Rangitutia, Aotearoa R.D. 7, Te Awamutu	17
1952	Matene Hori de Thierry, Pukekohe	16
1952	Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, c/o 36 Barrie Cres., Hamilton	16
1952	Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Ave., Pt Chevalier, Auckland	16
1952	Hohepa Hemara, Cartwright's Road, Onerahi, Northland	15
1955	Wera Couch, P.O. Box 20, Lyttelton	13
1957	Taipua Te Uira, c/o Mrs Armstrong, Karewa Kawhia	11
1958	Himiona Waata, No. 3 R.D., Hikurangi	10
1960	Hoera Whakaari Hakopa, Whatawhata, Waikato	8
1962	Robert Taka, c/o Post Office, Kaeo, Northland	6
1964	Para Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	4
1967	Hamiora Toia, 35 Pirika Street, Dargaville	3
1967	Philip Te Uira, Taharoa, Te Kuiti	2

DEACONESSES

1921	Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main North Rd, Papanui, Christchurch, 5.
1935	Sister Madeline Holland, c/o Tyler House, 63 Allendale Road, Auckland.
1936	Sister Heeni Wharemaru, 80 London St., Hamilton.
1939	Sister Evelyn Marriott, c/o Richmond Fellowship, 8 Addison Rd, Kensington, London, W.14.
1939	Sister Dorothy Pointon, 102 Sandspit Rd, Howick, Auckland.
1943	Sister Anne Wilson, Seamer House, 515 Remuera Rd, Auckland.
1948	Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, 93 Harewood Rd, Papanui, Christchurch, 5.
1948	Sister Grace Clement, 8 Airedale St., Auckland.
1949	Sister Betty Yearbury, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti.
1957	Sister Beverley Taylor, c/o Pitt St. Methodist Church, 78 Pitt St., Newton, Auckland, 2.
1960	Sister Joan Wedding, Rangitea Maori Girls' Hostel, South Rd, Spotswood, New Plymouth.
1962	Sister Edna Jenkin, c/o N.Z. Bible Training Institute, Lincoln Rd, Henderson, Auckland.
1963	Sister Barbara Miller, Tahake P.O., Hokianga.
1963	Sister Shirley Simpson, 25 Haerehuka St., P.O. Box 9, Otorohanga.
1964	Sister Shirley Ungemuth, No. 4 Coronet Court, Duchess Ave., Dunedin.
1964	Sister Connie Fell, c/o 8 Airedale St., Auckland.
	Sister Merle Fechner, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.
1968	Sister Atawhai George, c/o Post Office, Waihaha, Bay of Islands.
1969	Sister Ruth Tattersall, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.

RETIRED DEACONESSSES

- 1909 Sister Ruth Fawcett, 81 Vagues Rd, Christchurch, 5.
- 1928 Sister Ivy Jones, M.B.E., J.P., Flat 1, 3 Grange Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland, 3.
- 1928 Sister Rita Snowden, F.I.A.L., "West Hills", Titirangi Rd, Titirangi, Auckland.
- 1929 Sister Airini Hobbs, 14 Richmond St., Cambridge.
- 1945 Sister Jean Miller, 38 Haristock Rd, Sandringham, Auckland.
- 1921 Sister Margaret W. Nicholls, M.B.E., Ngauruawahia.

DEACONESS SUPPLIES

- Miss Joan Wyatt-Spratt, 21 Longfellow St., Opunake.
- Miss Hana Hauraki, 216 Victoria St., Dargaville.

DEACONESSSES:

- 1946 Sister Lucy Money, M.B.E., Methodist Mission, Sasamungga, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- 1960 Sister Pamela Beaumont, P.O. Buin, T.N.G.
- 1968 Probationer Norma Graves, P.O. Box 90, Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea.

LAY WOMEN

- Amesbury, H. Joan, Mendi, P.N.G.
- Baker, Beverley A., R.N., R.M., Nipa, via Mendi, P.N.G.
- Bowen, Lesley H., R.N., R.M.N., R.M., Bilua, via Gizo, B.S.I.
- Davey, Muriel J., R.N., R.M., Tari, via Mt Hagen, P.N.G.
- Fraser, Myra C., Bilua, via Gizo, B.S.I.
- Gray, Beryl B., R.N., R.M., Munda, B.S.I.
- Grice, Beryl M., Sasamungga, via Gizo, B.S.I.
- Jacobson, Patricia M., Kihili, Buin, P.N.G.
- Larkin, Gladys L., R.N., R.M., R.P.S.V.N., Skotolan, Sohano, P.N.G.
- McCormack, Muriel M., R.N., R.M., Sasamungga, via Gizo, B.S.I.
- Powell, Esther M., Munda, B.S.I.
- Sadler, Lynette M., Munda, B.S.I.
- Thornburn, Ailsa R., R.N., R.M., Tari, via Mt Hagen, P.N.G.
- Watson, Esther A., Kekesu, Indus Pte Bag, P.O. Rabaul, P.N.G.

LAY MEN

- Buchan, D. R., Munda, B.S.I.
 - Clement, N. T., Mendi, P.N.G.
 - Dey, G. T., Nipa, via Mendi, P.N.G.
 - Dyson, H. D., Munda, B.S.I.
 - Harney, E., Munda, B.S.I.
 - McKenzie, D. C., Gavlim Teachers' College, Malabunga, via Rabaul, P.N.G.
 - McKerras, B. A., Munda, B.S.I.
 - Moor, Denis A., Munda, B.S.I.
 - Munro, K. J. S., c/o 5 Rogers Avenue, Haberfield, N.S.W.
 - Pattinson, Dr R. W., B.M., B.S. (Melb.), D.T.M.H. (Liverpool), Munda, B.S.I.
 - Pentelow, Donald L., Munda, B.S.I.
- N.B: Before each address put "United Church".
 B.S.I. = British Solomon Islands.
 P.N.G. = Papua and New Guinea.

MINISTERS SERVING WITH OTHER CONFERENCES

Andrews, Stanley G., P.O. Box 357, Suva, Fiji.
Glen, Frank G., P.O. Box 117, Cobar, 2835, New South Wales,
Australia.
Hayman, Leslie, A. D., 205 High Street, Newhall, Burton-on-Trent,
Staffs., England.
Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., Queens College, Parkville 3052, Victoria,
Australia.
Ziesler, John, M.A., B.D., c/o Wesley House, Cambridge, England.

MINISTERS SERVING WITH THE UNITED CHURCH OF PAPUA, NEW GUINEA AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS WHOLLY OR PARTLY SUPPORTED BY THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. James F. Cropp, Bilua, via Gizo, B.S.I.
Rev. David L. Kitchingman, Mendi, P.N.G.
Rev. Brian W. Sides, Kieta, P.N.G.
Rev. A. Kerry Taylor, Tonu, Buin, P.N.G.
Rev. Frederick J. K. Baker, United Church, Mendi, Papua-New
Guinea.
Rev. Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Rev. W. Geoffrey Tucker.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| 1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.) | 1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.) |
| 1900—Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.) | " Brown, Hubert G. (Sup.) |
| 1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
(Fellow of Trinity College)
(Sup.) | " Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A. (Sup.) |
| 1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.) | 1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H. (Sup.) |
| 1906—Ryan, Henry (Sup.) | 1926—Harris, G. Raymond (Sup.) |
| 1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.) | " Voyce, A. Harry (Sup.) |
| 1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.) | 1927—Larsen, Norman P. (Sup.) |
| " Olds, Charles, H., B.A. (Sup.) | " Laurenson, George I., C.B.E.
(Sup.) |
| 1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.) | " Penn, Athol R. (Sup.) |
| " Hopper, Arthur (Sup.) | " Raynor, Ivo M. (Sup.) |
| " Rowe, William (Sup.) | 1928—Grocott, John D., B.A. (Sup.) |
| " Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.) | " Hailwood, Charlie O. (Sup.) |
| 1912—Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.) | 1929—Dickens, Charles E. (Sup.) |
| " Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.) | " Horwood, Leonard C. (Sup.) |
| 1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.) | " Kent, Arthur T. (Sup.) |
| 1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.) | " Parker, Walter (Sup.) |
| " Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
(Toronto) (Sup.) | 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery (Sup.) |
| 1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.) | " Draper, Joseph C. (Sup.) |
| " Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J.
(Sup.) | " Leadley, E. Clarence |
| " Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.) | " McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D.
(Mt. Union, U.S.A.) |
| " Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.) | " Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A.
B.D. |
| 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
(Melb.) (Sup.) | 1931—Carr, Thomas H. (Sup.) |
| " Dennis, John (Sup.) | " Carr, W. E. Allon |
| 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
(Sup.) | " Greenslade, William W. H.,
M.B.E. |
| " Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.) | " Moore, William E. (Sup.) |
| " Parker, James W. (Sup.) | " Payne, Herbert W. (Sup.) |
| 1919—Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.) | " Williams, David O., M.A.
Litt.D. |
| 1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.) | 1932—Day, Reginald (Sup.) |
| " Hames, Eric W., M.A. (Fellow
of Trinity College) (Sup.) | " Hickman, D. J. Donald (Sup.) |
| | " Jenkin, William C. (Sup.) |
| | 1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A. |
| | " Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E. |
| | " Patchett, Ralph E. (Sup.) |
| | 1934—Goodman, George H. (Sup.) |
| | " Johnston, Andrew J. |
| | " Matthews, Howard C., B.A. |

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 1935—Burton, Ormond E., M.A.
(Sup.)
„ Duder, Clifford L.
„ Hanna, L. Gordon (Sup.)
„ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
„ Thornley, Robert, M.A.
Dip.Soc.Sc.
„ Witheford, Arthur R., B.A.
- 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
- 1937—Churchill, John
„ Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.
(Lond.)
„ Norwell, Leslie T.
- 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
B.D. (Melb.)
„ Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.
(Melb.)
„ Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.
„ Silvester, John, M.A.
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
„ Grice, Reginald (Sup.)
„ Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agr.Sc.
„ Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.
„ Oldfield, Charles B.
„ Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.
- 1940—Dawson, John B., B.A.
„ Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.
„ Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.
„ Greenslade, Lawrence
„ Jones, Alan O.
- 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)
„ Brown, Harold K.
„ Darvill, Harold A.
„ Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.
„ Woolford, Henry J., M.A.
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.
„ Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B.,
B.Com. (Sup.)
„ Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.
(Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.)
„ Morrison, William J., M.A.
„ Rogers, Ranginohora
„ Willing, Leonard V.
„ Williams, J. C. Aldwyn
- 1943—Brown, Clifford G.
„ Cramond, George W.
- 1943—Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A.
„ Falkingham, Wilfred E.
„ Grounds, Edmund D.
„ Jolly, Albert
- 1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.
„ Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D.,
Theol.M. (Melb.)
„ Bycroft, Leslie F.
„ Chambers, Wesley A., M.A.
„ Dorrian, A. Peter (Sup.)
„ Sherson, Donald G., B.A.
- 1945—Shapcott, Leonard
- 1946—McDonald, D. I. Alister
„ Moore, Harry
„ Olds, Norman W.
„ Shepherd, Trevor
„ Thompson, George R., E.D.
- 1947—Attwood, A. Francis (Sup.)
„ Campbell, M. Jackson
„ Clements, Leslie C.
„ Hall, Allen H., M.A.
„ Parker, Francis H.
„ Riseley, Benjamin H. (Sup.)
- 1948—Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A.
„ Hilder, Basil J.
„ Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,
- 1949—Baker, Edward
„ Benny, T. Ralph (Sup.)
„ Burt, Douglas H.
„ Cornwell, Gordon A. R.
„ Ford, Wilfred F., B.A.
„ Garner, William M. (Sup.)
„ Keightley, Clifford J.
„ Olds, J. Stanley
„ Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A.
- 1950—Clark, Colin D., M.A.
„ Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.
„ Ramsay, Phillip D.
„ Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,
B.D. (Melb.)
„ Woodfield, Frank H.
„ Woodfield, Owen T., B.A.
- 1951—Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D.
„ Burrough, Amos W.
„ Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed.
„ Clucas, Ivan J.
„ Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
„ Ruck, Idris J. (Sup.)
„ Stead, Peter A., B.A.
„ Toothill, Harry W.
„ Olds, O. McLennan
- 1952—George, R. Leslie
„ Gibson, Loyal J.
„ Hall, John R.
„ Handyside, Allan J.
„ Penman, John A., B.A.

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- 1952—Reid, Ian W.
 " Shaw, Harry I.
 " Spindler, Sydney J.
 " Thompson, John H.
 " Trebilco, George R.
- 1953—LeCouteur, E. Raymond
 " Craig, Hughan M.
 " McKay, Archibald W.
 " Newman, Alan
 " Osborne, John H., M.A.
 " Stubbs, David G.
- 1954—Billinghurst, Noel D.
 " Eastwood, Eric R.
 " Grundy, John, M.A.
 " Heppelthwaite, Ernest
 " Newton, Alan H. V.
 " Rakena, Ruawai D.
 " Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D.
 " Tahere, Te Awa W.
 " Trebilco, David L.
 " Watson, Alexander C.
- 1955—Abbott, William K.
 " Bennett, Trevor L.
 " Boyd, Edward P.
 " Cable, Wilfred J.
 " Peart, Cuthbert F.
 " Rigg, Frank S.
 " Tauroa, Lane M., B.A.
 " Thorncroft, Neville
 " Wood, Ronald H.
- 1956—Andrews, Robert S.
 " Bennett, George L.
 " Grant, Ian D.
 " Kitchingham, Owen, B.A.
 " Nicholls, Trevor L.
 " Scammell, Bruce
 " Ziesler, John A., M.A. (Bristol)
 " B.D. (Lond.)
- 1957—Bell, G. Basil W.
 " Brough, Gordon D., B.A.
 " Fowler, Irwin J.
 " Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A.
 " Ph.D. (Camb.)
 " Kitchingman, Henry W.
 " Mabon, John C. F.
 " Reddihough, John W., F.R.G.S.
 " (Sup.)
 " Russell, Kenneth H.
 " Scarr, Geoffrey E.
 " Taylor, Phillip F.
 " Walker, Bryan, A., M.A.
- 1958—Clirno, Frederick J.
 " Gilbert, Wilfred S.
 " Hamlin, John R.
- 1959—Bowen, Lewis A.
 " Dine, Mervyn L.
 " Gibson, Roger M.
 " Goudge, Stanley R., B.A.
 " Greening, G. Kingsley
 " Griffith, Keith C.
 " Hosking, John S., M.A.,
 " Dip.Mus.
 " Morrison, William
 " Noble, Dorothea, B.A.
 " Salter, Lawrence E.
 " Widdup, Robert W.
- 1960—Brazendale, Graham
 " Grundy, Albert A., M.A.
 " Christian, Owen L.
 " Conway, James H.
 " Gust, Warwick, B.A.,
 " B.D. (Melb.)
 " Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A.,
 " B.D.
 " Henderson, W. John (Sup.)
 " Hornblow, Maxwell A.
 " Horrill, C. Seton
 " McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D.
 " Mullan, David S., B.A.
 " Peterson, Frederick D.
 " Reid, Andrew G.
 " Roke, Charles E. (Sup.)
- 1961—James, Russell E.
 " Langley, John E.
 " Marshall, C. Russell
 " Wallace, William L., B.A.
- 1962—Currie, John B., B.A.
 " Hawkey, Graham E.
 " Hight, Arnold C.
 " Hines, David L., B.A.
 " Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B.
 " Jones, Barry E., B.A.
 " Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A.,
 " B.D.
 " Robertson, Ian H.
 " Rutherford, Maynard G.
 " Waine, Frederick E.
 " Wakeling, W. J. Douglas
 " Woodley, Alan K.
- 1963—Ansell, David H.
 " Armstrong, David
 " Ball, Niven G.
 " Fields, Ronald E.
 " Garside, Paul A.
 " Laws, Derek G., F.R.A.N.Z.
 " Rowe, B. Keith, B.A.
 " Toomer, Kenneth L.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

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| <p>1964—Felderhof, Ludwig
 „ Gerritson, Hendrick, B.A.
 „ Major, Ronald G.
 „ Neal, Barry W.
 „ Olsen, Brian L.
 „ Roberts, John H.
 „ Slinn, Stuart G.</p> <p>1965—Browne, Wallis F., B.A.
 „ Chessum, William A., Mus.B.
 „ Clarke, Ian L.
 „ Clarke, Edwin B., B.A.
 „ Collingwood, Ronald C.
 „ Hayhurst, John G.
 „ Herbert, C. Brice
 „ Mackie, Bruce E.
 „ Waaka, Napi
 „ West, Norman J.</p> <p>1966—Alexander, Roy M.
 „ Bowden, A. Roy
 „ Ferguson, Ronald W.
 „ Harris, Daniel P.
 „ Hendry, Richard J.
 „ Manihera, John I.
 „ Pain, Alistair D.
 „ Pihama, Te Taotahi John
 „ Prince, Donald F.
 „ Taylor, Keith J.
 „ Te Whare, Robert
 „ West, Stanley J.</p> | <p>1967—Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D.
 „ Jamieson, Colin G.
 „ Michie, Laurie A.
 „ Pratt, David C.
 „ Williams, Alfred E.</p> <p>1968—Couch, Moke A. G.
 „ Curtis, Darrell R., B.A.
 „ Hay, J. Cedric
 „ Hey, Roger J. E.
 „ Hosking, Bruce L., B.A.,
 „ B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., S.T.M.
 „ (Union (N.Y.))
 „ Leadley, Alan J., B.A., B.D.
 „ Loader, William R. G., B.A.
 „ McIver, Graeme
 „ Malcouronne, Brian L.
 „ Meredith, John D.
 „ Norwell, Ian C.
 „ Phillipps, Donald J., B.A.
 „ Sanson, Roger G.
 „ Te Whare, Morehu</p> <p>1969—Alley, David R.
 „ Brookes, Norman E.
 „ Corlett, Ashley J.
 „ de Zoete, Pieter K. F.
 „ Eagle, Brian R. J.
 „ Harkness, Barry G., B.A.
 „ Rigby, Russell G.
 „ Stringer, Robert G.
 „ Turner, Brian H.</p> |
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Methodist Church of New Zealand

IN MEMORIAM

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

Who have laboured in New Zealand and were still in the Methodist Ministry at the date of their death.

The following list of our honoured dead has been compiled by direction of the Conference. In some particulars it is incomplete. Information concerning any errors or omissions should be sent to the Rev. W. R. Laws, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, 1, New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abbey, William H. E.	Melbourne	1883	1907	8th August, 1944	Fawkner, Melbourne
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, New Zealand	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6th December, 1955	Whangarei
Alley, Donald C.	Clinton	1906	1932	— June, 1942	Lost at Sea
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Ashcroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15th December, 1943	Palmerston North
Avery, William W.	Blenheim	1878	1906	15th March, 1954	Christchurch
Ayrton, Moses	Yorkshire, England	1879	1924	3rd October, 1950	Wellington
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1871	1901	27th October, 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bateup, Frank	Patea, New Zealand	1884	1924	29th November, 1962	Hamilton East
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew	Cumberland, England	1812	1831	1st May, 1893	Oxford, Nth. Canty.
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
Bellhouse, Harold E.	Leeds, Yorkshire, England	1869	1894	4th October, 1948	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesday, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouaiti
Benny, Henry	Broadfield	1888	1921	16th December, 1956	New Plymouth
Berry, Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9th July, 1907	Payneham, S. Aust.
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18th November, 1900	Auckland

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Binet, Vincent Le C.	Channel Islands	1883	1914	10th January, 1943	Auckland
Blamires, Edgar Percy	Melbourne, Australia	1878	1900	16th March, 1967	Auckland
Blamires, Ernest O.	Warrnabool, Victoria	1881	1904	6th June, 1963	Auckland
Blamires, Henry L.	Melbourne, Australia	1871	1896	18th August, 1965	Auckland
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria
Brasell, H. Maurice	Masterton, New Zealand	1910	1949	9th July, 1953	Napier
Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Brooks, Leslie A. G.	Christchurch	1894	1922	25th February, 1964	Hamilton
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August, 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd March, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Burnet, Oswald	Woodend, Nth. Canterbury	1888	1914	4th March, 1960	Christchurch
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, New Zealand	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chambers, Ernest Bernard	Northamptonshire, England	1892	1917	22nd February, 1967	Auckland
Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28th August, 1942	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clement, George	Yorkshire, England	1860	1887	4th October, 1948	Dunedin
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Coatsworth, Thomas	Durham, England	1877	1902	21st March, 1953	Palmerston North
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Collins, Alan F.	Kaipoi	1916	1942	2nd September, 1959	Dunedin
Cook, George S.	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1864	1901	23rd February, 1945	Otaki
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Cottom, Harry	Birmingham, England	1879	1909	10th February, 1963	Christchurch
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson

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Daglish, John Ainsley	Stanley, Durham	1907	1933	14th November, 1967	Wellington
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Divers, W. Lloyd	Dunedin	1921	1947	— 1966	Medford, Oregon, U.S.
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January 1948	Christchurch
Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Suva, Fiji	1904	1931	10th December, 1963	Napier
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
Featherston, Jacob	Weardale, England	1864	1901	24th June, 1951	Christchurch
Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1876	18th April, 1940	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker, W. Aust.
Fletcher, Joseph Horner	St. Vincent, West Indies	1823	1847	30th June, 1890	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Fletcher, William, B.A.	Granada, West Indies	1829	1856	20th June, 1881	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Ford, Herbert	Letchford, England	1882	1919	28th November, 1962	Christchurch
Foston, Charles A.	Lincolnshire	1870	1914	4th June, 1944	Levin
Fowles, Arthur H.	Davenham, England	1885	1911	7th April, 1963	Christchurch
Frost, George	Suffolk, England	1866	1893	29th March, 1944	Auckland
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J.	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27th August, 1917	Wellington
Gatman, William	Hull, England	1884	1919	21st September, 1960	Auckland
Ginger, Barton H.	Watford, England	1861	1885	27th January, 1914	Hutt

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Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26th May, 1916	Auckland
Goldie, John F.	Hobart	1870	1897	29th June, 1954	Melbourne
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington, M.A.	St. Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26th August, 1918	France
Gosnell, Robert B.	Sydney, N.S.W.	1882	1912	20th August, 1944	Ashburton
Gray, Joseph H.	Cornwall, England	1841	1878	3rd January, 1902	Greymouth
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19th August, 1931	Christchurch
Greenwood, Fred	England	1868	1897	18th October, 1956	Wellington
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	18th June, 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1853	1894	6th January, 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christchurch
Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Grigg, William	Cornwall, England	1862	1888	3rd October, 1951	Christchurch
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
Hall, James H.	Invercargill	1901	1926	5th November, 1963	Auckland
Hammond, Thomas Godfrey	Richmond, Nelson	1846	1874	15th December, 1926	Putaruru
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	—	1856	1857	Auckland
Handy, Francis J.	Birmingham, England	1900	1928	20th January, 1961	Otahuhu
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shropshire	1861	1887	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland
Harkness, Edwin S.	Bendigo, Victoria	1878	1916	21st April, 1966	Auckland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Archer O.	Christchurch	1885	1910	10th December, 1965	Christchurch
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, John	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Haylock, Donald C.	Bradford, England	1913	1946	30th July, 1954	Auckland
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	Whirinaki
Hinton, George B.	Durham, England	1884	1912	10th March, 1965	Auckland
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hoddinott, Ernest Sydney	Hawera	1911	1938	16th May, 1967	Wellington

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Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Otahuhu
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	—	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis	London	1855	1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Hunt, George P.	Rongotea	1875	1900	29th January, 1964	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
Jack, J. Francis	Palmerston South, N.Z.	1893	1922	8th September, 1961	Auckland
James, Benjamin J.	Victoria	1874	1903	20th July, 1955	Christchurch
Jamieson, Victor Roy	Lower Hutt	1904	1932	11th May, 1968	Hamilton
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jones, T. Francis	South Wales	1853	1882	16th May, 1943	Auckland
Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th October, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Kapa, Henare			1946	25th October, 1968	Pouto, Kaipara
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.			1880		Christchurch
Kings, Harry Stanley	England	1890	1924	19th June, 1968	Levin
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwood, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kukutai, Ngatete, M.B.E.	Te Kohanga	1878	1941	2nd August, 1966	Taupiri
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawrence, Frederick B.	London	1883	1912	16th July, 1959	Nelson
Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1867	1887	8th February, 1958	Auckland
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1885	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
Lawrie, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Paramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1851	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Leadley, Frank E.	Yorkshire, England	1876	1900	25th July, 1964	Auckland

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Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1848	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Liddell, Ralph J.	Ballarat, Australia	1876	1903	21st July, 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, England	1874	1898	31st December, 1948	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
McArthur, John D.	Christchurch	1880	1909	3rd March, 1961	Blenheim
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Martin, J. Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28th July, 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	14th August, 1956	Paeroa
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Metson, Basil	Temuka	1879	1905	8th February, 1952	Rangiora
Mitchell, Arthur	Truro, England	1866	1890	19th August, 1951	Auckland
Mitchell, John L.	Kent, England	1892	1933	12th July, 1950	Hutt
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th September, 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S.	Auckland	1886	1911	26th August, 1959	Auckland
Nelson, John R.	Cumberland, England	1883	1917	22nd February, 1951	Auckland
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin

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Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2nd March, 1947	New Plymouth
Odell, Henry J.	New South Wales	1888	1915	16th March, 1961	London
Olds, E. Thomas	Enfield, North Otago	1890	1915	25th August, 1966	Auckland
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5th March, 1950	Auckland
Orchard, Hector C.	Geelong, Australia	1884	1920	16th May, 1957	Dunedin
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch
Oxbrow, Walter	Ballarat, Victoria	1873	1902	29th June, 1956	Auckland
Parker, Frederick John	Dunedin	1892	1917	15th November, 1959	Auckland
Paris, Percy R.	Dunedin, N.Z.	1882	1906	29th March, 1942	Wellington
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patchett, Ernest D.	Styx, North Canterbury	1878	1902	13th September, 1958	Auckland
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei	—	1882	1910	Kaipara
Peat, Harold T.	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	Taumarunui
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Reefton
Pennay, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Wellington
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Christchurch
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Waikato
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Rotorua
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Wellington
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1876	30th July, 1933	Auckland
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1896	30th January, 1929	Christchurch
Pratt, M. A., Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6th March, 1946	Masterton, N.Z.
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Wellington
Prosser, Frederick O.	Blaenavon, Wales	1883	1897	26th March, 1963	Motueka
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1943	24th January, 1878	Port Chalmers
Pybus, T. Arthur	Yorkshire, England	1873	1875	28th August, 1957	Wellington
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Maneamuka
Rakena, Piripi	—	—	1882	25th March, 1934	Rapaki
Rakena, Rakena P.	Maungamuka, Northland	1890	1908	February, 1956	Germanv
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Lower Wairarapa
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	

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Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, England	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richard, Henry L.	Moonta, South Australia	1883	1911	14th August, 1961	Christchurch
Richards, James	Victoria, Australia	1883	1910	7th March, 1957	Christchurch
Richards, Raymond	Mooroopna, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodonga, Victoria	1867	1895	9th January, 1944	
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Rigg, Charles W.		—	1850	July, 1883	
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorkshire, England	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Roberts, Charles M.	Henderson, Auckland	1882	1906	17th May, 1958	New Plymouth
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11th September, 1924	Hamilton
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey	—	1893	4th January, 1902	Roxburgh
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Napier	1875	1900	8th October, 1955	Christchurch
Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G.	Tongala, Victoria	1877	1903	17th September, 1963	Auckland
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia	—	1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Harold A.	Christchurch	1885	1910	27th September, 1956	Christchurch
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Silvester, Archie W.	Ellesmere, Irwell, Canterbury	1899	1927	18th December, 1967	Auckland
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Sinclair, William A.	Christchurch	1868	1891	4th January, 1950	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
Skuse, Thomas	Wales	1890	1918	27th July, 1965	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Onehunga
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, G. Knowles	Yorkshire, England	1870	1892	1st June, 1951	Greytown
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
Speer, William H.	Bergalia, N.S.W.	1874	1908	18th February, 1954	Rotorua
Spence, George W. J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Spencer, Herbert	Lancashire, England	1881	1923	15th September, 1961	Wanganui
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George F.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Cecil R.	Shropshire, England	1892	1924	21st June, 1966	Christchurch
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Christchurch
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas, E., M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1887	2nd December, 1909	Auckland
Tinsley, Robert Borrows	Port Chalmers	1880	1908	4th April 1968	Hamilton
Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Tuhimata, Ngaweke	—	—	1936	1968	—
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Utting, Harry V.	Auckland	1904	1927	25th September, 1965	Christchurch
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingaroa (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland

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Werren, Samuel J.	Little River, Canterbury	1890	1914	10th September, 1965	Hamilton
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
Whitfield, Harris	Durham, England	1905	1938	13th May, 1967	Auckland
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga	—	1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Wills, William	Cornwell, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland
Woodward, William Coombs	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	2nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

IN MEMORIAM—DEACONESSES

Button, Edna Lenna	Scottsdale, Tasmania	1901	1930	30th August, 1940	Biggin Hill, Kent
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Place	Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight, B.A.	Sir Donald Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan, H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan, H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan, H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan, H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesley	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	F. Penn, N.D.H. (N.Z.)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G. H. B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.

Place	Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary
Auckland†	1944	Robert B. Tinsley	Charlie E. Bellringer	William G. Slade, M.A.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scrivin	William E. Burley, B.A.	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.	Gordon S. Gapper	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Christchurch	1948	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington‡	1949	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov.)	1949	Henry J. Odell	John B. Beeche	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Sidney E. Chappell	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I. Laurenson	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.	Hugh M. Patrick, M.V.O.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O. Hailwood	E. Laurence F. Buxton	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Sister Rita F. Snowden	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Palmerston North	1957	David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.	Philip A. LeBrun, J.P.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1958	Gordon R. H. Peterson	Allen A. Dingwall	Athol R. Penn
Wellington	1959	A. Everil Orr, M.B.E.	Magnus S. Hughson	Athol R. Penn
Invercargill	1960	Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.	Hubert de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.	Athol R. Penn
Auckland	1961	E. Clarence Leadley	Eric A. Humphries	Athol R. Penn
Christchurch	1962	Robert Thornley, M.A.	Frank M. Souster	Athol R. Penn
Wellington	1963	Athol R. Penn	G. Cyril Burton, M.A.	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Hamilton	1964	George H. Goodman	R. C. A. Marshall	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Christchurch	1965	Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.	Russell T. Garlick, LL.B.	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Auckland	1966	Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.	Huia W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip.Ed. (N.Z.)	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Dunedin	1967	John D. Grocott, B.A.	William E. Donnelly, M.B.E.	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
New Plymouth	1968	William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.	E. Alan Crothall	William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

*William Greenslade President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

†For Validating Regulations see 1944 Minutes, page 10.

‡February, Exec. Comm. of Conference.

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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Wednesday, 6th November, 1968, in the Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, by the retiring President, Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A., after which the Rev. William R. Francis, B.A., B.D., was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr E. Alan Crothall was inducted as Vice-President.

LECTIONARY: 1969-1970

(FOR THE OPTIONAL USE OF PREACHERS)

1969

APRIL

1st after Easter 13
2nd after Easter 20
3rd after Easter 27

MORNING

1 Kings 17:8-24
John 20:19-31
Deut. 4:1, 23-25
Luke 7:1-17
Deut. 6:4-9; 17-25
Luke 8:40-56

EVENING

Exodus 13:3-16
1 John 5:1-12
Exodus 13:17-22
John 15:1-11
Exodus 15:20-27
John 15:12-27

MAY

4th after Easter 4
(Bible Day in N.Z.)
5th after Easter 11
(Home and Family
Day: Rogation
Sunday).
6th after Easter 18
(Aldersgate and
Sunday after
Ascension)
Pentecost 25

Psalm 19 (No. 23)
2 Tim. 3:14-4:8
Deut. 11:13-28
Ephes. 5:22-6:4
2 Kings 2:1-15
Acts 1:1-14
Joel 2:21-32
Acts 2:1-12

Exodus 16:2-15
Romans 15:4-21
Deut. 8:11-20
Ephes. 2:1-10
Exodus 3:1-12
Ephes. 4:1-16
Judges 2:1-5
John 16:7-24

JUNE

Trinity or Next after
Pentecost 1
2nd after Pentecost 8
3rd after Pentecost
15
4th after Pentecost
22
5th after Pentecost
29

Exodus 6:2-9
John 14:1-24
Genesis 45:1-13
Luke 10:25-37
Daniel 5:1-12
Luke 14:12-24
Exodus 14:1-14
Matthew 16:1-12
Psalm 23 (No. 25)
Luke 15:1-10

Isaiah 58
1 John 4:7-21
Genesis 4:1-15
James 1:12-27
Nehemiah 5:1-13
2 Cor. 5:11-19
Deut. 4:1-10
Phil. 3:1-16
Numbers 21:4-9
1 Cor. 1:18-31

JULY

6th after Pentecost
6
7th after Pentecost
13
8th after Pentecost
(Youth Day) 20
9th after Pentecost
27

2 Sam. 15:1-12
Luke 15:11-37
Daniel 5:13-31
Luke 12:13-21
1 Sam. 3:1-10
Luke 18:18-30
Genesis 43:16-34
Luke 7:36-50

Isaiah 12
Phil. 2:1-18
Ezekiel 36:22-38
Col. 1:3-23
1 Sam. 17:33-51
Mark 10:35-45
Hosea 14
Romans 8:1-11

AUGUST

10th after Pentecost
3
11th after Pentecost
(L.P. Sunday) 10
12th after Pentecost
17
13th after Pentecost
24
14th after Pentecost
31

1 Sam. 4:1-11
Mark 12:1-12
Joshua 2:1-21
Luke 16:1-13
Judges 12:1-6
Matthew 25:1-13
Ezekiel 39:21-29
1 John 5:1-12
1 Kings 8:46-53
Hebrews 10:19-39

Isaiah 64
2 Cor. 1:1-14
Daniel 3:19-30
Romans 1:1-17
Hosea 2:14-23
Romans 8:12-30
2 Sam. 9:1-11
Luke 19:1-10
Genesis 41:25-45
John 4:43-54

SEPTEMBER	MORNING	EVENING
15th after Pentecost	Job 14	Isaiah 40:18-31
7	1 Cor. 15:12-28	Luke 8:26-39
16th after Pentecost	2 Chron. 15:1-15	Isaiah 61
14	James 2:1-13	Mark 2:1-12
17th after Pentecost	Isaiah 1:1-9	Psalms 146
21	1 Cor. 16:1-9	Luke 7:11-17
18th after Pentecost	Isaiah 32:1-8	1 Chron. 29:10-18
(Christian	1 Tim. 1:8-17, 2:1-7	Rev. 19:1, 4-10
Citizenship) 28		

OCTOBER

19th after Pentecost	Genesis 1:1-19	Judges 6:1-18
(World	Rev. 21:1-8	John 3:1-21
Communion) 5		
20th after Pentecost	Numbers 23:17-20	Numbers 24:15-25
12	James 3:1-12	John 5:1-15
21st after Pentecost	Psalms 1 (No. 15)	2 Kings 8:1-6
19	Matthew 5:1-12	John 11:1-11
22nd after Pentecost	Psalms 15 (No. 19)	Nehemiah 2:1-11, 17-18
*(Industrial	James 2:12-26	Luke 4:14-22
Sunday) 26		

* N.B: The Social Principles should be read on this day
(See MINUTES 1967, page 113)

NOVEMBER

23rd after Pentecost	Nehemiah 7:1-4	Joshua 1:1-9
2	Luke 12:35-48	Acts 27:9-26
24th after Pentecost	Joshua 4:1-9	Wisdom 3:1-19 (No. 74)
(Remembrance	Rev. 7:9-17	Romans 8:18-39
Day) 9		
25th after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-11	Ezra 3:8-13
16	Matthew 6:1-15	Phil. 4:4-20
Next before Advent	Joel 2:1-14	Isaiah 40:1-11
23	2 Thess. 1:3-12	John 1:15-34
1st in Advent 30	Jeremiah 23:1-8	Zeph. 3:8-17
	Luke 7:18-35	Rev. 1:1-8

DECEMBER

2nd in Advent	7	Psalms 119:97-112	2 Kings 22:8-20
		John 5:30-47	2 Cor. 3:1-11
3rd in Advent	14	Daniel 7:9-14	Jeremiah 24
		Matthew 25:31-46	1 Peter 4:12-19
4th in Advent	21	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 52:1-10
		Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 18:1-14

DECEMBER

Sunday after		Isaiah 62	Psalms 8 (No. 18)
Christmas) 28		1 John 1	John 1:1-14

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JANUARY

MORNING

EVENING

2nd after Christmas	4	Psalm 72 (No. 40)	Isaiah 60:1-7
1st after Epiphany	11	Matthew 2:1-12	Rev. 21:22-22:2
2nd after Epiphany	18	Exodus 13:17-22	Job 28 (No. 66)
Septuagesima or		Luke 2:25-40	1 Cor. 1:18-25
9th before Easter	25	Genesis 22:1-19	1 Sam. 2:1-11
		Luke 1:67-80 (No. 5)	Luke 1:46-56 (No. 7)
		Nehemiah 9:9-25	Job 42:7-17
		Matthew 20:1-16	Mark 9:14-29

FEBRUARY

Sexagesima or		Isaiah 6	2 Chron. 30:13-22
8th before Easter	1	Matthew 13:1-2, 18-23	2 Cor. 7:5-16
Quinquagesima or		Genesis 17:1-9	Judges 7:1-14
7th before Easter	8	Romans 12	Matthew 6:16-34
(Covenant Sunday)			
1st in Lent	15	Ruth 1:15-22	Proverbs 10:1-12
2nd in Lent	22	Matthew 11:20-30	1 Cor. 12:31-13:13
		Psalm 95 (No. 1)	2 Kings 5:20-27
		Hebrews 4	Matthew 4:1-11

MARCH

3rd in Lent	1	Ruth 2:8-23	Daniel 3:8-18
4th in Lent	8	Ephes. 5:1-14	Matthew 15:21-28
5th in Lent	15	1 Kings 19:1-18	Nehemiah 4:1-6; 21-23
(Passion Sunday)		John 6:1-14	Luke 11:14-26
Palm Sunday	22	1 Kings 1:41-53	2 Kings 6:8-23
Easter Day	29	Matthew 26:36-46	Hebrews 9:11-22
		Jeremiah 29:1-14	Zech. 9:9-17
		Matthew 24:1-14	Matthew 21:1-11
		Psalm 16 (No. 20)	Isaiah 60:15-22
		John 20:1-10	Mark 15:42-16:8

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES FOR SPECIAL DAYS

HOLY WEEK

Monday:	Job 19:1-9; 21-29	Mark 14:1-16
Tuesday:	Zechariah 13:1-9	Mark 14:32-52
Wednesday:	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Mark 14:53-72
Thursday:	Leviticus 16:3-10; 20-22	John 13:1-20
Good Friday:	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22:1-8; 15-18; 22-24
	John 19:16b-37	Mark 15:16-41
		Luke 23:26-49
Easter Even:	Hosea 6:1-6	Mark 15:42-47
Ascension Day:	2 Kings 2:1-15	Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14
	Luke 24:36-53	Acts 1:1-14

Church Anniversary: Gen. 28:10-22; 1 Kings 8:22-30; 1 Chron. 29:1-2, 10-20; Jer. 7:1-15; Col. 1:1-20; Matth. 16:13-28; Ephes. 3:8-21; 1 Peter 1:22-2:10.

Home and Overseas Missions: Isaiah 42:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-13; Jer. 10:1-16; Hosea 14; Jonah 3; Matth. 16:13-28; John 3:1-21; Roms. 9:30-10:15; Ephes. 3:1-11.

Harvest Thanksgiving: Gen. 8:15-9:3; Deut. 26:1-10, 16-19; Ruth 2:1-17; Matth. 13:24-33, 36-43; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 12:13-34; John 4:31-38; Gal. 6:6-10.

Spring or Flower Service: Psalm 65; Psalm 126; Genesis 1; Matthew 13:1-9; Matthew 13:24-30.

Lay Preachers' Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17; Isaiah 55; Psalm 111; Luke, 10:1-20; John 1:35-51; Romans 10:1-15.

A Dedication Service: Numbers 7:1-11; 1 Chronicles 28; Romans 12; Matthew 10:1-23.

Watchnight or End of Year: Psalm 90; Exodus 12:31-36; Eccles 3:1-15; Matth. 24:32-51; Luke 12:13-21.

New Year: Psalm 91; Psalm 103; Matthew 6:19-34; 1 Thess. 5; Ephes. 5:1-21.

Christmas Day: Isaiah 7:10-14; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:1-14; Luke 2:1-20; 1 John 3:1-9.

QUESTION 1.—Who are members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of Conference, pages 12 to 19 with such alterations as were reported through the Committees of Districts and duly recorded in the Journal of Conference.

QUESTION 2.—Who are now admitted as Ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference?

Roy M. Alexander	Colin G. Jamieson
Enid J. Bennett, M.A., B.D.	John I. Manihera
A. Roy Bowden	Donald F. Prince
Richard J. Hendry	Keith J. Taylor
C. Brice Herbert	Stanley J. West
Bruce L. Hosking,	
B.A., B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.	
S.T.M.	

QUESTION 3.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Robert Te Whare

Who has travelled three years.

Daniel P. Harris	Te Taotahi John Pihama
Laurie A. Michie	David C. Pratt
Alistair D. Pain	

Who have travelled two years.

Moke A. G. Couch	Graeme McIver
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A.	Brian L. Malcouronne
Ronald W. Ferguson	John D. Meredith
(See Question 5).	Ian C. Norwell
William D. Griffiths	Donald J. Phillipps, B.A.
J. Cedric Hay	Roger G. Sanson
Roger J. E. Hey	Brian H. Turner (see Question
Alan J. Leadley, B.A., B.D.	4a).
William R. G. Loader, B.A.	Morehu Te Whare

Who have travelled one year.

QUESTION 4—(a) What Preachers are now received on Probation?

David R. Alley	Barry G. Harkness, B.A.
Norman E. Brookes	Russell G. Rigby
Ashley J. Corlett	Robert G. Stringer
Pieter K. F. de Zoete	Brian H. Turner
Brian R. J. Eagle	

(b) Who have gained the Diploma of the School for Christian Workers?

Lemuelu Aotofaga	D. Ian MacLeod
Maureen J. Boal	P. Ruth Tattersall
Winston L. Larsen	Brian J. Woodd

QUESTION 5—What Students are to continue to have Theological Training?

Ronald W. Ferguson	Murray D. Munro
(See Question 3).	G. Clive Smith
Duncan R. Graham	
Rowan E. Smiley	
Also Elia Samueli (Samoan Conference Student)	
Who are continued for a third year.	

Warren H. Blundell
John B. Salmon

Ronald N. Simpson
Jack Wright

Who are continued for a second year.

QUESTION 6.—What Candidates are now received for Theological Training?

Russell J. Greenwood
D. Ian MacLeod

QUESTION 11.—(a) What Deaconesses are ordained at the Conference?

Eleanor Dobby, Margaret Waiata Nicholls, Ivy Hazel F. Jones, Olive Madeline Holland, Heeni Teteira Wharemaru, *Evelyn Betty Marriott, Dorothy M. Pointon, Annie Ellison Wilson, Jean Annette Miller, Rona Winifred Collins, Grace Margaret Clement, Betty Dorothy Yearbury, Beverley Taylor, Pamela Valerie Beaumont, Patricia Joan Wedding, Edna Joy Jenkin, Barbara Ida Miller, Shirley Alice Simpson, Shirley Vera Ungemutch, Constance Elizabeth Fell, Rebecca Atawhai W. George.

*Ordained May 26, 1968.

(b) **What Students are to be received on to Deaconess Probation?**
Patricia Ruth Tattersall.

(c) **What Students are to continue Deaconess Training?**
Norma Mary Graves (serving with the United Church of Papua, New Guinea and Solomon Islands).

(d) **What Candidates are received for Deaconess Training?**
Rhondda Mary Mason.

(e) **What Deaconesses are received from other Conferences?**
Sister Merle Fechner (for a third year from the Victoria-Tasmania Conference).
Sister Leslie Vinall (for two years from the South Australia Conference).

(f) **What Deaconesses are granted Leave of Absence?**

Sister Edna Jenkin
Sister Evelyn Marriott

(g) **What persons who were Deaconesses now cease to be recognized as Deaconesses?**
None.

QUESTION 12.—What Home Missionary Probationers are there, and have they passed their examinations in their respective years?
Russell J. Greenwood (First Year).

QUESTION 13.—What Ministers or Probationers have died since last Conference?

J. Ainsley Daglish
V. Roy Jamieson,
Harry S. Kings
A. Wharton E. Silvester
Robert B. Tinsley,
Henare Kapa,
Ngaweke Tuhimata

J. AINSLEY DAGLISH

John Ainsley Daglish was born on 9th June, 1908 in Stanley, Durham, England. His father, a coalminer, was a keen supporter of the Labour Party and an active worker in the Temperance cause.

Ainsley received the benefit of a good basic education and passed the matriculation examination, continuing his studies at night school.

Unable to find employment in England owing to depression in industry, he worked for some time as a bricklayer. In 1926 after meeting a N.Z. delegate at a Christian Endeavour Convention he decided to emigrate to New Zealand.

On arrival he took a job on a farm in North Auckland, later moving to Murchison. Always an active and interested worker in the Church he was accepted in 1928 by the Home Mission Department as a Home Missionary Probationer and served for two years on the West Coast. In 1930 he was received for theological training.

It was through Ainsley's love of music that he met his wife, Gwladys Payne, who was then a member of Pitt Street Church as were her parents and grandparents. Through the years both gave freely of their talents in this field in the service of the Church.

Ordained and married in 1937, both Ainsley and Gwladys Daglish have served the Church faithfully through the years, in the Milton, Carterton, Pukekohe, Paeroa, Dannevirke, Otorohanga and Marton Circuits. His final appointment in 1963 was to Miramar in the Wellington East Circuit, where he died after a short illness, on 14th November, 1967.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, James a journalist in London, and Christopher, a TV technician. Always a rather retiring, humble man, he dearly loved the Church he served over a long period of years. He was a keen reader and a thoughtful preacher, very concerned for the Church's Evangelical Ministry.

We extend to Mrs Daglish and her family the Church's deepest sympathy at the passing of a husband and father on the eve of retirement.

VICTOR ROY JAMIESON

Victor Roy Jamieson was born in Lower Hutt in 1904 and died in the Lower Hutt Hospital on 11th May, 1968, after a sudden attack while engaged on Connexional business as acting Chairman of the District.

In 1925 he was married to Miss Aileen Morrow at Matamata whose loyal support sustained him in many a difficulty throughout a strenuous life of Christian service. In 1927 he entered the Home Mission work of our Church serving at Mayfield, Nightcaps, Greendale, Kuripuni and Whangaroa, and then as an ordained Minister at Dargaville, Raglan Union Parish, Dominion Road, Fitzgerald Avenue in Christchurch East, and Te Aroha.

At Raglan he was the first Methodist appointment to this Union cause. During his long ministry of 13 years at the Fitzgerald Avenue Church, he served as superintendent of the large Christchurch East Circuit.

His chaplaincy services were meritorious. In 1939 he entered the Army as a Chaplain, and in the following year went overseas to serve with the Forces in the Middle East for three years.

He was awarded the M.B.E. for heroic service during the evacuation of our troops from Greece. From 1947 to 1962 he was senior Chaplain to the Armed Services and was instrumental in securing the entrance of Chaplains into units of the Air and Army Training. In this sphere he gave honourable representation to our Church, and received the Efficiency Decoration in recognition of his long and able service as a Chaplain.

He also occupied important positions in the Church serving on Connexional committees and was Chairman of District in both the North Canterbury and Waikato-Bay of Plenty Districts. While in Christchurch he initiated the move which brought the Christchurch

Central Mission into the care of Methodism. Again it was due to his initiative that the erection of Tamahere Eventide Home was expedited. From its inception until his death he was chairman of its Board of Trustees.

A straightforward and honest man, Roy Jamieson held no grudge against those who differed from him. As a preacher he was an eloquent expositor, as an administrator he was sound and practical. In his conduct of funerals he was gifted in being especially helpful to people unused to worship. He is an impressive record for a Minister who had not the benefit of college training. He was an untiring servant of the Church and a staunch advocate of the Gospel.

To Mrs Jamieson, his daughter and two sons, we extend the sympathy of the Church.

HARRY STANLEY KINGS

Harry S. Kings was born in England in 1890. After his conversion, and in obedience to a strong leading toward Christian work, he entered Cliff College for lay training. Those who knew him best testify to the lasting impression of the spiritual glow received in early college days.

He arrived in New Zealand in 1914 in response to an appeal for home missionaries but soon enlisted for active service in the First World War. He was wounded in France and was invalided home after being gassed twice.

He married Miss Lilian Lane of Rawene in 1920 and she remained one of the treasures of his life, ever a helpmeet, an encouragement and an ally in his work.

Mr Kings was accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1924, placed on probation at Paparoa and ordained in 1928. Since then he held appointments at Whangaroa (1927), Tua Marina, Blenheim (1930), Edgeware Rd, Christchurch (1934), Masterton (1940), Air Force Chaplain (1943), Levin (1946) and Otahuhu (1953). In every appointment his ministry was appreciated for the warm, rich relationship with Christ which he commended best by personal example as well as through the formal acts of his vocation. In his preaching he was positive, in his pastoral relationships, loved, and in his administration, attentive. An outstanding facility with which he won many friends was an infectious sense of humour which he often turned to good effect on all manner of occasions.

He took his full share of Connexional work, being secretary of two districts, an assistant secretary of Conference, Orphanage secretary in Christchurch and associate editor of the Methodist Times for much of his time in Levin.

After retirement to Levin in 1956 he continued to maintain an appreciated ministry to old and young alike. Always available as a counsellor and friend, he became something of an institution in his community, much in demand by people in and out of the organised life of the Church. His death occurred suddenly on June 19th, 1968.

Harry S. Kings was a "man for others" and those who knew him are the richer for his ministry.

A. WHARTON E. SILVESTER

The Rev. A. W. E. Silvester was born in November, 1899, and was accepted as a candidate from the St Kilda Circuit at the Conference in Dunedin.

He received his theological training at Dunholme, and in 1927 was appointed to Taihape. Then followed circuit appointments at Papatoetoe and Otorohanga. In 1935 he went to the Solomon Islands, and he gave 18 years in all in service to the church overseas. Almost

all of this was in the Vella Lavella Circuit. Returning to New Zealand he served at Ruawai, Kaikohe and New Brighton in the Christchurch East Circuit. During this latter ministry he was much appreciated as Chaplain to the Burwood Hospital. For a period he was Chairman of the Northland District.

An outstanding period in his ministry was during the war in the Pacific. For a time Mr Silvester was cut off by the Japanese invaders, and he continued to serve the mission behind enemy lines. He also rendered aid to many Americans, mainly Naval personnel from destroyed American ships. For his service he was awarded the American Medal of Merit and the citation is headed: "For extraordinary fidelity and exceptional meritorious conduct."

Mr Silvester was a man of warm personality, with a gay spirit and an infectious sense of humour. He was a devoted and enthusiastic Christian, minister and missionary. He was a greatly beloved brother, and used to the full all the talents he had.

We thank God for his faithful ministry, and commend his wife, formerly Moyna Haddock, and his daughter Ngairé, to the care and comfort of our Heavenly Father.

ROBERT BORROWS TINSLEY

Robert B. Tinsley was born in a Methodist Parsonage in 1880, the third son of the Rev. William Tinsley. His mother was a daughter of the Rev. John Moore, who entered the Primitive Methodist Ministry in England in 1828, retiring in 1869, the year in which his son-in-law, Rev. William Tinsley, entered the ministry. So, 121 years' continual ministerial service closed with his retirement in 1949.

R. B. Tinsley was converted in 1900 and began his work of teaching and preaching. He was accepted as a Candidate in 1905. In all his Circuits he is remembered as a forthright, able preacher, and understanding pastor, and a wise administrator.

His abilities marked him out for Connexional work. Seven years as a Synod Secretary, thirteen years on the Conference Secretarial staff, two years as Assistant Secretary, three years as Secretary of the Deaconess Institution, the same length of time as Minute Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Chairman of the (then) South Auckland District for four years, and of Hawke's Bay-Manawatu for two years, and President of Conference in 1941, a most impressive record and reveals his calibre.

He had a rare understanding of men, sound in judgment sharpened by respect for plain common sense; forthright in utterance, impatient of cant or humbug, devoid of sentimentality, he was a rocklike character upon whom men could utterly depend.

In 1913 he married Miss Jessie Kay, who in all his labours in the ministry graciously helped him and to whom he was indebted beyond his power to express. He had a fine family life. On the death of his wife, he went to live with his gifted daughter, Waveney, in Hamilton, and on her death moved to Morrinsville to reside at the home of his married daughter, Mrs Jessica Valler. Here he entered into the life of the Morrinsville Circuit, being loved by all. His Home Call on 4th April, 1968, completed a life of Service for Christ, His Church and His Kingdom.

HENARE KAPA

The Rev. Henare Kapa, Senior Honorary Maori Home Missionary, died at his home, Pouto, Kaipara, on October 25, 1968.

A descendant of a loyal, pioneering Methodist family, familiarly known as Kena's, Henare Kapa was appointed as an Honorary Home

Missionary in 1946. In spite of impacts made by various religious sects he stood firmly to what Methodism expounded and stands for in the Christian way of life. He took an active part in various Church projects and major Church gatherings and acted as Chairman and Secretary for local Church activities. His "mana" and strength of character impressed the Pakeha and Maori not only in his immediate neighbourhood but throughout the whole district. Confident as a preacher he was always ready, often at short notice, to assist in the services amongst his people in which he used his beautiful tenor voice with telling effect.

Henare Kapa was an outstanding leader taking a great interest in all that would promote the well-being of his people. He was a dignified gentleman, a good reliable citizen, and one of God's lovable sons.

Many people gathered to pay their respects at the hui and the funeral which took place at Pouto on October 28, 1968, the service being conducted by the Revs. E. Te Tuhi and Hamiora Toia.

To the bereaved widow, son and daughter, and his four grandchildren for whom he acted as guardian, the Church expresses its Arohanui and sincere sympathy.

NGAWEKE TUHIMATA

The Rev. Ngaweke Tuhimata, an Elder of the Waikato people, died at his home in Tuakau early this year.

In his youth he was brought up in the home of the late Mr E. T. Frost who encouraged his education and guided his personal development. He grew into a well-informed, steady young man, strong in the culture of his own people but also conversant with the Pakeha world.

He became a trusted leader in the Maori Mission of the Methodist Church. As a young man he became a lay preacher and in 1936 was given the status of honorary Home Missionary, continuing to serve amongst his own kinsmen in the name of the Church. In 1944 he was appointed for a two-year period as a supply at Ngaruawahia, returning to Tuakau as advancing years made their demands. Gradually failing health and strength caused his retirement from any active work, but he lived quietly at home till his death.

Mr Tuhimata was a gentle man with a strong faith, a much loved husband and father, highly respected as a leader amongst his people and one who gave himself to the service of his people and the Church and Kingdom. All who knew him honoured and respected him.

QUESTION 14.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Arthur Hopper
R. Purcell Keall
Jonathan H. Haslam
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
Henry Ryan
William Walker
Fred Copeland
Charles Blair
Albert Blakemore
Walter J. Enticott
William Rowe
Arthur A. Bensley
James W. Parker
William A. Burley, M.A.

Charles H. Olds, B.A.
Percy I. Cooke
Arthur H. Scrivin
Wallace S. Neal
John Dennis
Alfred E. Jefferson
Charles H. Kendon
Eraera Te Tuhi, O.B.E.
Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
Ernest E. Sage
John H. Bailey
George E. Brown
Robert E. Fordyce
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.

William M. Garner
 William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.
 A. Harry Voyce
 A. Francis Attwood
 Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
 Joseph C. Draper
 D. J. Donald Hickman
 L. Gordon Hanna
 W. John Henderson
 Eric W. Hames, M.A.
 Hubert G. Brown
 Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
 Walter Parker
 Ralph E. Patchett
 Thomas H. Carr
 G. Raymond Harris
 Arthur H. Ivory, L.L.B., B.Com.

Norman P. Larsen
 Athol R. Penn
 Ivo M. Raynor
 T. Ralph Benny
 Charles E. Dickens
 Herbert William Payne
 John W. Reddihough
 Idris J. Ruck
 Charles H. Bell, B.A.
 J. Montgomery Blight
 Reginald Day
 Reginald Grice
 Charlie O. Hailwood
 Leonard C. Horwood
 George I. Laurenson
 William E. Moore
 Gordon R. H. Peterson

QUESTION 15.—(a) What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

A. Peter Dorrian
 George H. Goodman
 John D. Grocott, B.A.
 William C. Jenkin

Arthur T. Kent
 Benjamin H. Riseley
 Charles E. Roke

(b) What Deaconesses are retained on the Retired List?

Ruth Fawcett
 Airini Hobbs
 Ivy Jones

Rita F. Snowden, F.I.A.L.
 Jean A. Miller
 Margaret Nicholls, M.B.E.

(c) What Deaconesses are now placed on the retired list?

None.

QUESTION 16.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?

None.

QUESTION 17.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

W. H. Wilson
 R. T. Alexander
 R. Coombridge
 W. J. Bryant
 T. Steele

D. I. Robertson
 H. Prowse
 H. A. Wright
 F. E. Trim
 A. E. Tardif

(b) Placed on Retired List?

None.

QUESTION 18.—(a) What Ministers or Probationers have permission to Serve with other Organisations during the year?

Leslie C. Clements (with permission to serve with W.C.C. at Geneva).

Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (with permission to serve with C.O.R.S.O.).

Wilf G. Eisner, B.A. (with permission to serve with Justice Dept.).

Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A. (with permission to serve as Chaplain to the Manapouri Project under the Southland Branch of the N.C.C.).

Ian W. Reid (with permission to serve with the Justice Dept.).
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A. (with permission to serve with the Justice Department).

QUESTION 18.—(b) What Ministers or Probationers have permission "To Rest" during the year?

Leslie C. Clements
Wilf G. Eisner, B.A.
R. Leslie George
Alan H. Hall, M.A. (Serving Overseas)
Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Leslie D. Hayman, B.Agric.Sc.
H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A.
Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A.
Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A. (with permission to serve under Victoria-Tasmania Conference)
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip. Ed.
Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D.
Ian W. Reid
John H. Roberts
Geoffrey E. Scarr
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.
John A. Zeisler, M.A., B.D. (with permission to serve at Wesley College, Cambridge)
William R. G. Loader, B.A. (with permission to study overseas for 3 years commencing 1970)

QUESTION 19.—What Ministers or Probationers are "left without Pastoral Charge?"

Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A.
Alister D. Pain

QUESTION 20.—Is any Minister or Probationer designated for Overseas Missions?

Federick J. K. Baker
Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
W. Geoffrey Tucker

QUESTION 21.—What Ministers or Probationers or Deaconesses is it agreed to Transfer to or receive from any other Conference?

Sister Lesley Vinall (from South Australia Conference)
Paul A. Garside, C. Seton Horrill and E. Clarence Leadley (from the United Church of Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands).

QUESTION 21A.—(a) What Ministers, who were formerly members of the Conference are now exercising their ministry in other churches overseas, such Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

Stanley G. Andrews	Brian W. Sides
James F. Cropp	A. Kerry Taylor
David L. Kitchingman, B.A.	

QUESTION 21A.—(b) What Ministers do the Conference now release to exercise their Ministry in other churches overseas with the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service in those churches?

(i) Ministers in full connexion with the New Zealand Conference:

Frederick J. K. Baker

W. Geoffrey Tucker

Maxwell L. Bruce

QUESTION 22.—Are there any Objections to any Minister, Probationer or Home Missionary?

No.

QUESTION 23.—What persons who were in Full Connexion now cease to be recognized as Ministers of the Conference?

Peter S. Barker (who has voluntarily resigned for health reasons)

Warren Green (who has voluntarily resigned)

Charles D. Shave (who has voluntarily resigned)

QUESTION 24.—What are the arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students, Candidates for the Ministry, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Lay Preachers?

A—Constitution of the Examination Committee

The 1967 Conference directed the Secretary and Ex-Secretary of the Board of Examiners to consider the Constitution of the Examination Committee in the light of changes in the system of examining and with a view to the reduction of membership, the increase of efficiency and greater participation of the laity. (1967 Minutes, Page 42, Res. 6). The present Examination Committee consists of over 100 members but those who examine Probationers' theses and extended essays do not necessarily have a seat. Thus the present Committee is unwieldy yet does not consist of all those engaged in the examining work of the Church. We envisage a Board of Examiners and Examination Committee of the Conference which, although greatly reduced in numbers, could adequately deal with all the reports concerning Probationers, Students, Candidates for the Ministry, Deaconesses, Home Missionary Probationers and Lay Preachers. Consultations with Superintendent Ministers and others would take place when necessary.

H. C. MATTHEWS

R. G. BELL, Secretary, Board of Examiners.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. (a) That a committee be appointed to consider and report to Synods and Conference on the constitution, function and purpose of the Board of Examiners and the Examination Committee in consultation with the Committee on Selection Procedures.

(b) That the Committee be: Revs. W. Gust (Convener), M. J. Campbell, Dr J. J. Lewis, and L. Greenslade; Messrs E. A. Crothall and J. Osborne. Corresponding members: Revs. R. G. Bell and D. S. Mullan.

B—Report of the Board of Studies

The Board of Studies has considered the matters submitted by Conference 1967 and reports as follows:

Wesley's Sermons and Notes on the New Testament: (Minutes 1967, p. 36, No. 8):

The Board of Studies sought the judgment of the Faith and Order Committee regarding the present requirement for Candidates for the Ministry to read Wesley's Sermons and Notes on the New Testament. The Board was happy to accept the recommendation that Candidates be required to study six selected sermons only, using as a guide Lawson's "Notes on Wesley's 44 Sermons". While the remaining standard sermons and the Notes on the New Testament should be studied at some point before ordination, this should not be required of Candidates.

The Diaconate: (Minutes 1967, p. 36, No. 7):

The Board of Studies recognised the importance of the issues involved in considering the possibility of establishing an ordained Diaconate within the Methodist Church of New Zealand and invited the Reverend M. Jackson Campbell to prepare a working paper on the subject. This statement has been sent to the Faith and Order Committee, the Deaconess Board and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners for comment. Since this is basically a Faith and Order matter, it has been agreed that comments should be channelled through the Convener of the Faith and Order Committee. Further study on this question will need to be undertaken during 1969. The possibility of ordaining Probationers (Min. p. 42, No. 9) will also be considered in this context.

Post Accreditation Studies: (Minutes 1967, pp. 75-76):

The Board of Studies invited the Reverend J. Silvester to draw up a list of books for the Lay Preachers' post-accreditation studies. This list was prepared and sent to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

Maori Candidates for the Ministry: (From the Examination Committee of Conference):

The Examination Committee of Conference 1967 requested that the Home Mission Board "prepare a report on the principles and procedures involved in the acceptance and training of Maori candidates for the Ministry" this report to "be presented to the Examination Committee through the Board of Studies". The Reverend B. M. Chrystall reports that investigations on this matter have begun and that the Circuits concerned have been invited to offer comment.

Selection Procedures: (Minutes 1967, p. 41):

In 1967 the Board of Studies co-opted the Reverend D. S. Mullan as convener of a sub-committee of the Board to consider selection procedures for candidates for the Ministry. This committee consists of the Board of Studies together with the following co-opted members the Revs. D. S. Mullan, J. D. Grocott, W. F. Ford, Messrs W. E. Donnelly, A. Alcorn, G. C. Burton (Minutes 1965, p. 41, No. 6; Minutes 1966, p. 39, No. 3). The sub-committee sent out as requested a statement for the consideration of March Ministerial Synods and Synod Standing Committees. Mr Mullan reports: "The Committee has prepared a background paper on selection procedures in which it was argued that the primary need is for better subjective evaluation

of the candidates rather than more highly sophisticated test instruments. This paper suggested two methods of enhancing the efficiency of evaluating candidates: (a) District Committees which might meet the candidates at some depth, and (b) a national retreat for candidates and some selectors.

The paper and its two major suggestions received general support from all but two March Synods (one of these, however, expressed interest in a trial retreat). There has been clear endorsement of the Committee's conviction that District Committees and a national Retreat would be significant improvements in our procedures.

In the discussion of the Board of Studies it was noted that good results have accrued from the work of at least one District Selection Committee which comprised qualified selectors. The Board does not propose any changes in the present selection procedures for 1969 but, in the light of the support given by the Synods, recommends that the Board of Studies be authorised to organise an additional trial Retreat for all candidates in June or July, 1969, the results to be reported to the Examination Committee of Conference only.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman.
J. J. LEWIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That paragraph 72 of the Law Book be amended to read:
"Each Candidate shall read the following six Standard Sermons of John Wesley:

- I Salvation by Faith
- IV Scriptural Christianity
- V Justification by Faith
- X The Witness of the Spirit
- XII The Means of Grace
- XXXIV The Catholic Spirit

and shall generally assent to their teaching. He shall read the Law Book and be prepared to accept the polity . . . enjoined."

3. That the Faith and Order Committee be authorised to continue study of the issues involved in the establishment of an ordained Diaconate within the Methodist Church of New Zealand and report to Synods and Conference.

4. That the Board of Studies be authorised to organise a Retreat for all Candidates for the Ministry in June or July, 1969, and to report directly to the Examination Committee of Conference.

5. That the following be referred to the Committee on Selection Procedures of the Board of Studies:

"That men not be encouraged to present themselves as candidates for the ministry during a year spent in the School for Christian Workers. However, if circumstances demand that a man should present himself during the year, then the Synod of his District should have before it a report from the College Principal relating to the abilities and progress of the candidate."

7. (a) That a special committee be appointed to prepare a memorandum on the points raised in the last paragraph on "The Curriculum" in the report of the Triennial Visitation Committee to Trinity College to be presented to the Church Council 1969 for their reports to Synods and Conference 1969.

(b) That the Committee be: The Secretary of the Board of Examiners, the Principal and Vice-Principal of Trinity College, the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, the Chairman of the Auckland District, Mr D. McCracken and Rev. M. J. Campbell. Convener: Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis.

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(A) Examiners for Probationers

Hebrew: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

Greek, N.T.—1st year: Rev. W. Gust, B.A., B.D.

2nd year: Rev. P. P. Rushton, B.A., B.D.

3rd year: Rev. W. Gust, B.A., B.D.

English Bible (O.T.)—Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.

English Bible (N.T.)—1st year: Rev. A. A. Grundy, M.A.

2nd year: Rev. J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus.

3rd year: Rev. L. Greenslade.

Theology. 1st Section: Rev. B. A. Walker, M.A.

2nd Section: Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.

3rd Section: Rev. W. S. Dawson, M.A.

Wesley's Sermons — Rev. R. F. Clement, M.A.

Methodism — Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

Christian Education — Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A.

Religion and Psychology — Rev. P. A. Stead, B.A.

Social Ethics—Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade, M.B.E.

Comparative Religion — Rev. J. B. Dawson, B.A.

Maori 1 and 2 — Rev. Ranginohora Rogers.

Pre-Collegiate Course—

N.T.: Rev. A. A. Grundy, M.A.

O.T. and Homiletics: Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A.

Theology (Clarke's Outline): Rev. J. A. Penman, B.A.

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3rd Section Rev. M. J. Campbell

Correspondence Tutor in Greek

Rev. Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.

(B) Examiners for Candidates

Bible Knowledge I (O.T.)	Rev. E. F. I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.
Bible Knowledge II (N.T.)	Rev. C. B. Oldfield.
Theology	Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

(C) Examiners for Home Missionaries

English	Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A.
Theology	Rev. J. H. Osborne, M.A.
Bible Knowledge	Rev. H. A. Darvill.
Church History	Rev. D. H. Burt.
Homiletics	Rev. E. B. Clarke, B.A.

(D) Tutors in Bible Knowledge (for Home Missionaries)

1st Year	Rev. K. H. Russell
2nd Year	Rev. B. H. Riseley.
3rd Year	Rev. L. T. Norwell.
4th Year	Rev. G. R. H. Peterson.

(E) Examiners for Lay Preachers

Old Testament	Rev. O. T. Woodfield, B.A.
New Testament	Rev. H. K. Brown.
Theology	Rev. D. S. Mullan, B.A.
Homiletics	Rev. B. K. Rowe, B.A.
The Church (History, Organization, and Mission)	Rev. C. D. Clark, M.A.

(F) Examiners for Deaconess Candidates

Theology	Rev. H. D. Besant, B.A., B.D
Old Testament	Rev. G. V. Thomas, B.A.
New Testament	Rev. J. H. Woolford, M.A.
English	Rev. D. G. Sherson, B.A.

(G) Tutors and Examiners for Maori Lay Preachers and Home Missionaries

Theology	Rev. R. D. Rakena (Tutor); Rev. H. A. Darvill (Examiner).
Bible Knowledge	Rev. W. Tahere (Tutor); Rev. R. Rogers (Examiner).
Homiletics	Rev. R. Rogers (Tutor); Rev. W. Tahere (Examiner).
The Church	Rev. H. A. Darvill (Tutor); Rev. R. D. Rakena (Examiner).

1—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS

The Course of Probation is designed—

- To consolidate the training and instruction given in College;
- To provide a wide area of practical training for the work of the ministry.

With this aim in mind, the course of study on Probation should be so arranged as to develop the basic Biblical and theological studies which have been pursued in College, Probationers shall present a thesis of 30,000 words on an approved subject, or normally four 5,000 word extended essays on specified subjects, or sit examinations, the decision in each case to be made by the Examination Committee of Conference, in consultation with the Board of Studies. Notice of this may be given at the end of the second College year.

Regulations:

1. The probationary examination course of study is retained, for those not pursuing a thesis or extended essay course and for non-Collegiate probationers.

2. Such Probationers, who in the judgement of the Board of Studies and of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners will benefit by such a course shall be required, on leaving College, to pursue individual courses related to their special interests and abilities, under the guidance of competent individual advisers leading to the production of a thesis before ordination. It shall be understood that the presentation of a satisfactory thesis is a prerequisite of ordination.

3. Each thesis shall have a satisfactory Biblical and theological basis.

4. The field of study shall be selected or confirmed at the conclusion of the College course by the Board of Studies in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and with the Probationer concerned.

5. The Probationer shall submit at the March Synod of his first year on Probation an outline of his course of study and, at the August Synod of the same year, a draft of his thesis together with a list of books and articles consulted, these to provide the ground for an oral examination.

6. In the case of a three-year probationary course, at the August Synod of the second year, the Probationer shall submit a record of the year's reading together with a report from his supervisor concerning the progress of the research.

7. The completed thesis shall be submitted by the end of June of the year of ordination together with a total list of the books and articles consulted during the period of research.

8. At the oral examination at Synod each ordinand shall be examined, *inter alia*, in the field indicated by his book list and at Conference all ordinands shall be examined as at present.

9. A sub-committee of the Board of Studies shall be appointed to examine theses.

10. Copies of theses judged to make a contribution to research to be retained in the College Library for reference and with a view to possible publication.

Note.—Supervision:

(i) The task of the Supervisor is not to produce the conclusions of the thesis, nor necessarily to be expert in the particular field of study.

His task is (a) to see that the work is being done; (b) to see that it is being done on lines of sound research; (c) to be a sounding board, to be available for discussion, to provide challenge, stimulus, correction, (d) to present annually a written report on the progress and state of the thesis to August Ministerial Committees and forward a copy to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

(ii) The Superintendent Minister of the Circuit to which a Probationer is attached shall be associated with the supervision of the thesis or other study course.

Alternative Examination Course of Study for Probationers:

The following is the alternative for Probationers not doing the Thesis Course:—

1. Either — A. Hebrew Old Testament.
1st year: Genesis 1-8.
2nd year: Genesis 27-32; 1 Kings 17-19.
3rd year: Exodus 1-7; Jonah.

Note: All Chapters are inclusive.

- 1st year: Translation, Grammar, Syntax, Exegesis.
- 2nd year: Translation, Easy retranslation, Parsing Textual notes, Exegesis.
- 3rd year: Translation, Parsing, Text, Exegesis, General questions on background.

OR — B. English Old Testament.

1st year: Deuteronomy and Hosea.

2nd year: Ezekiel.

3rd year: Job and Psalms (Selection).

Study and Reading to be directed by the Examiner.

2. A. GREEK NEW TESTAMENT. Section for 1969.

1st year: Matthew 4-6; Acts 14-15; 1 Corinthians 1.

2nd year: Matthew 4-7; Acts 14-16; 1 Corinthians 1-2.

3rd year: Matthew 3-7; Acts 13-16; 1 Corinthians 1-3.

Note: All Chapters are inclusive.

1st year: Translation, Grammar and Exegesis.

2nd year: As above with re-translation.

3rd year: As for second year, with greater emphasis on Exegesis.

OR — B. English New Testament.

1st year: St. John's Gospel (Moffat Commentary), and Wm. Temple's "Readings in St. John".

2nd year: Romans. C. H. Dodd (Moffat Commentary).

3rd year: Hebrews (Moffat Commentary).

3. THEOLOGY A. for 1969 Third Section. "The Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things".

1st Section: God, Man, Sin. "The Christian Idea of God"—H. M. Hughes (Duckworth). "Christian Doctrine of Man," H. Wheeler Robinson; "Christian Estimate of Man," Cave (Duckworth); "The World and God,"—H. H. Farmer (Nesbit); "Christian Doctrine", J. S. Whale. (Use relevant parts for each series).

2nd Section: The Person and Work of Christ. "The Person of Jesus Christ", H. R. Mackintosh, Books 1 and 3 only; "Doctrine and Work of Christ", S. Cave (London Theol. Lib.); "The Person of Christ"—Vincent Taylor; "Jesus and His Sacrifice"—V. Taylor (Macmillan).

3rd Section: The Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things.

"The Holy Spirit in the N.T."—Swete; "Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit"—H. Wheeler Robinson; "Jesus and His Church"—W. N. Flew; "The Christian Sacraments"—O. C. Quick; "World to Come and Final Destiny"—J. H. Leckie; "And the Life Everlasting"—J. Baillie

B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each Section to be co-ordinated with A. above). For 1969, Third Section (a two-hour paper).

1st SECTION—Sermons on:

"Salvation by Faith".

"The Almost Christian".

"Scriptural Christianity".

"Justification by Faith".

"The Righteousness of Faith".

"The Way to the Kingdom".

"The First-Fruits of the Spirit".

2nd SECTION—Sermons on:

"The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption".

"The Witness of the Spirit".

"The Witness of our Own Spirit".

"The Means of Grace".

"The Marks of the New Birth".

"The Great Privilege of Those that are Born of God".

"Sermon on the Mount (III)".

"The Original Nature, Property, and Use of the Law".

3rd SECTION—Sermons on:

- "The Nature of Enthusiasm".
- "A Caution Against Bigotry".
- "Catholic Spirit".
- "Christian Perfection".
- "Original Sin".
- "The New Birth".
- "Self-Denial".
- "The Use of Money".

4. GENERAL.

1st Year:

METHODISM. A general survey of the Evangelical Revival of the Eighteenth Century in its widest aspects; a detailed knowledge of the Wesleys and their closer associates; the origin and development of Methodism in England and America 1738-1800; the social impact of Methodism; Thomas Coke and the beginnings of Methodist Missions; outlines of New Zealand Methodism.

RECOMMENDED READING:

- "The Life of Wesley," by Telford (or any standard "Life").
- "The Methodist Heritage", by Henry Carter.
- "John Wesley and the Eighteenth Century", by Maldwyn Edwards.
- "Centenary Sketches of N.Z. Methodism", by W. J. Williams.

2nd Year:

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Religion and Psychology: "Psychology of Religion" by Paul E. Johnson (Abingdon)—Revised Edition.
- (2) Social Ethics: "Christian Ideal for Human Society" —A. E. Garvie; "The Relevance of Christianity", —F. R. Barry; "The Christian Way" S. Cave, D.D.; "The Problem of Right Conduct" Peter Green.
- (3) Comparative Religion: "Comparative Religion", A. C. Bouquet (Penguin); "History of Religions", E. O. James (Teach Yourself Series).
- (4) Christian Education: "The Teaching Ministry of the Church" by James D. Smart (Westminster Press), and "The Clue to Christian Education" by Randolph Crump Miller (Scribner).
- (5) Maori Language (for 2 years).

1st year: Principles of Maori Grammar, conversation, dictation and pronunciation. Translations—Maori into English, and English into Maori. Translation of unseen passages.

Text Books:—

"Teach yourself Maori" by Harawira. Special attention to graded lessons at the back of the book.

"First Lessons in Maori" by Williams.

The Bible (Authorised Version); Maori Bible ("Paipera Tapu"); Maori Service Book ("Nga Ihoi me nga Himene").

"He Konae Aranui" by Kohere.

Scriptural passages:— Psalms 1, 8, 23, 24, 95, 100 and 121. Matthew 5/1-16; 13/1-12; Luke 14/1-11; 15/1-24.

2nd year: Maori Language; History; Culture; Comparison with other Polynesian areas.

Text Books:—

St. John's Gospel, Psalms, Acts of the Apostles, Maori . . . for reading and translation at sight.

Grey's Mythology (Polynesian) Nga mahi a nga Tupuna, for reading and translation at sight.

Buck: "The Coming of the Maori", especially Book 3.

Keesing: "The Changing Maori".

Norman Smith: "The Maori People and Us".

J. G. Laughton's paper "Maoritanga" issued on request of R. Rogers).

Beaglehole: "Some Modern Maoris".

Piddington: "Introduction to Social Anthropology" (Chapts. 1-4, X and XI).

3rd year: One of the subjects for the second year not already taken, or taken to a further stage.

N.B.—Probationers on O.M. Field take in this section, "Methodism" and "Comparative Religion".

REGULATIONS

1. All Probationers who have completed the two-year Hebrew Course in Auckland University shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D., L.Th. or S.Th. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
2. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee, Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers pursuing the Examination Course who have been through College, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D., L.Th. or S.Th. Course, may substitute in lieu thereof the Greek prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
3. Probationers, to whom (1) and/or (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or Greek respectively.
4. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English O.T. and English N.T. shall be mainly on the exegesis of the sections specified.
5. (a) Greek and Theology shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors. Tutorial papers shall be done, marks being assessed as follows:—Correspondence work, 40; Examination, 60. Each Tutor appointed shall send out study papers for four consecutive months beginning in mid-January and mid-May respectively. He shall mark the work sent in, return the corrected work together with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10). Each Tutor shall keep full records of every individual case, and, on or before October 1, forward a complete report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. N.B. Tutorials are required from all Probationers by the due dates.
(b) Any Probationer taking a Theological subject for a B.D., L.Th. or S.Th. Course shall be permitted to substitute the same for that set down for his Probationary year.
6. Examinations, when not specifically limited to one particular text-book, shall be on the subject as a whole. Text-books are intended to provide a basis for wider and more thorough reading in the subject and Probationers are encouraged to pursue the more extensive study, rather than limit it to one or two works.
7. Any Probationer pursuing a University Course shall be entitled to exemption from subjects (1) and (4) for two years of his Probation, but such exemption shall not be granted in his ordina-

tion year. Examination results shall be reported immediately to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

8. Examinations in the subjects 2, (Greek or English New Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in May and in the subjects 1 (Hebrew or English Old Testament) and 3 (Theology) be conducted in September.
9. Each Probationer shall forward to his Chairman not later than the 15th August in each year a Book List embodying his reading based on the specified list for his year. The Chairman or a Minister of the District appointed by him shall conduct before a sub-committee of the District Ministerial Committee an oral examination thereon, except that in the Ordination year the examination shall be in Theology only. The name of the Examiner shall be announced at the March meeting of the District Ministerial Committee. (See also "Course of Study for Probationers", Regulations 5, 6, and 8 for Probationers pursuing the Thesis Course).
10. When University work is taken by a Probationer he shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the results as soon as they are known.
11. That in terms of the Law Book, paragraph 510 (8k), page 130, first year Probationers pursuing University studies be paid a grant from the Contingent Fund of up to \$20 per unit with a maximum of \$40.

II.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS

SYLLABUS FOR THE DIPLOMA OF LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY OLD TESTAMENT.

Paper 1: Old Testament Studies I

General introduction to O.T. studies, including geography of Middle East, historical background of the Ancient Middle East and contribution of archaeology to O.T. studies. History of Israel until 586 B.C.

Canon, Text and Versions of the O.T.

Introduction to the Pentateuch, the Former Prophets, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah 1-39, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Nahum, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, with special reference to the Pentateuchal traditions and the teaching of the prophets.

Paper 2: Old Testament Studies II

History of Israel from 586 to 63 B.C.

Introduction to Isaiah 40-66, Haggai, Zechariah, Joel, Malachi, Jonah, and the Writings with special reference to Hebrew poetry, Wisdom literature and apocalyptic literature.

The theology of the Old Testament.

Paper 3: Old Testament Set Books

EITHER (a) Translation and exegesis of prescribed texts from the Hebrew Bible, as set for Paper (b) of Old Testament Stage I of the B.D. examination in the University of Otago.

OR: (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the Old Testament from the R.S.V. The candidate will be expected to have an understanding of the theologically significant Hebrew words within the prescribed texts.

NEW TESTAMENT

Paper 4: New Testament Introduction

General introduction to N.T. studies, Jewish and Hellenistic background. Biblical history from 63 B.C.

Introduction to the books of the N.T. and the growth of the Canon.

Paper 5: New Testament Theology

The theology of the New Testament with special reference to the Apostolic Preaching, the Synoptic Gospels, Paul and John.

Paper 6: New Testament Set Books

EITHER: (a) Translation and exegesis of prescribed texts from the Greek New Testament as set for the Otago B.D. Stage I. Introduction to and application of the principles of Textual Criticism.

OR: (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the New Testament from the R.S.V.

The candidate will be expected to have an understanding of the theologically significant Greek words within the prescribed texts.

THE CHURCH IN HISTORY

Paper 7: The Church in history from Jesus to 500 A.D.

Paper 8: The Church in history from 500-1600 A.D.

Paper 9: The Church in history from 1600 to the present.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Paper 10: Philosophical Theology.

Paper 11: The Doctrine of God, Trinity, Creation, Revelation, Man.

Paper 12: The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ, Sin and Salvation.

Paper 13: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry, Sacraments, Eschatology.

Paper 14: Christian Ethics. Old and New Testament approaches to Ethics; Christian responses to ethical problems.

WORSHIP AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Paper 15: Liturgics

The Nature and Principles of Worship; Christian Worship in East and West up to and including the period of the Reformation.

The Modern Liturgical Movement both within the Reformed Traditions and within the Roman Catholic Communion.

The Development of Worship in the Reformed Traditions up to the present day, with special reference to EITHER (i) the developments with Anglicanism OR (ii) the developments within other Reformed traditions.

Paper 16: Pastoral Care

The theology of Pastoral Care and its applications in pastoral visitation, organisation and records. The pastoral interview.

Pastoral resources—Scripture, Prayer, Holy Communion, etc. Care of the sick and the dying, the bereaved, care of the family, the aged. Special cases—alcoholics, etc. Elements of pastoral counselling, assessment of verbatim records. Referrals, professional relationships.

Paper 17: Christian Education

- (i) Christian Education as a ministry of the Church—aims and objectives—relation to total life of the local Church—children and youth as part of the Church now, not just the Church of the future: their contribution to and participation in the life and mission of the Church—Christian Education and evangelism: preparation for Confirmation/Church membership.
- (ii) Educational Foundations of Christian Education—human growth and development from childhood through adulthood including psychological and physical development, personality development, concept development—religious development related to “human development”—how persons learn at different ages and stages of development.
- (iii) The Church Organizes for Christian Education—structures suitable for children, youth and adults. (Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, House Church, Short term studies, Interest groups, Camping, Vacation School, Week-day Church School, etc.)—principles guiding grouping and grading, allocation of space and equipment—administration and evaluation.
- (iv) Teaching Methods — methods related to ways persons learn at various stages of development—equipment for teaching—curriculum materials, books, pictures, maps, workbooks, audio-visual aids etc.—group process—especially its value in youth and adult work but recognising it as an integral part of the teaching-learning process for all ages.

Paper 18: Christian Communication

Basic principles of Communication. Communicating the Gospel to large groups. Sermon types and sermon construction. Selection of relevant topics. The art of illustration. Modern Experiments in the use of the preaching situation—introduction of dialogue and group methods. Seminars, panels, theology schools, religious films, etc. Mass media and the use of Radio and Television.

ELECTIVE PAPERS (one of)

Paper 19: Intertestamental Literature

History of the Jewish People in Palestine from 333 B.C. to A.D. 70; Hellenism and its characteristics; the rise of the sects. Judaism of the Dispersion.

Introduction to the Apocrypha of the Old Testament and to selected books of the Pseudepigrapha, especially the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, the Book of Jubilees, the Psalms of Solomon, the Book of Enoch, the Assumption of Moses, the Apocalypse of Baruch.

Paper 20: Comparative Study of Religion

Definition and Origins.

A comparison of world Faiths, including Christianity.

A specialist study of one of the major world Faiths.

Paper 21: South Pacific Studies

History of missionary impact upon the South Pacific.

Introduction to anthropology, sociology, Polynesian and Melanesian religions.

III.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES

1. OLD TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "A Guide to the Old Testament" G. Gilbert Yates (Epworth Press). A general knowledge of the text of the O.T., particularly the sections dealt with in Cleaver.

2. NEW TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "A Guide to the New Testament" A. W. Wainwright (Epworth Press). A general knowledge of the text of the N.T., particularly the sections dealt with in Wainwright.

3. THEOLOGY.

Text Book: "An Approach to Christian Doctrine", edited by G. P. Lewis, B.A., B.D. (Epworth Press); Methodist Catechism; and selected passages from "Wesley's Notes on the N.T.". (At least one question on the passages and Wesley's Notes thereon will be compulsory).

SELECTED PASSAGES:

Matthew, chapters 5-7.

Luke, chapters 14-16.

John, chapters 14-17.

Romans, chapters, 5, 8, 12, 14.

Galatians, chapter 5.

Ephesians, chapter 2 and 4.

Hebrews, chapter 11.

1 John, chapters 3 and 4.

(Attention is drawn to "Selections from John Wesley's Notes on the New Testament" by John Lawson).

N.B.—In addition, Candidates are required by Conference to read carefully selected Sermons from John Wesley's Forty-four Sermons and generally assent to their teaching, and the New Zealand "Book of Laws".

Selected Sermons:

I Salvation by Faith

IV Scriptural Christianity

V Justification by Faith

X The Witness of the Spirit

XII The Means of Grace

XXXIV The Catholic Spirit

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES

(Three Hour Papers).

FIRST YEAR

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chapters 1-6.
2. Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why?" Hunter. (Whole Book.)
3. Bible Knowledge—"The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament". Adam Welch.
4. Homiletics—"Manual for Preachers". W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. "The Craft of Sermon Construction". W. E. Sangster.

SECOND YEAR

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chapters 7-12.

2. Theology—"An Outline of Christian Theology". W. N. Clarke. Pp. 1-181.
3. Bible Knowledge—"The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." J. S. Stewart.
4. Church History—"The Story of the Church". Church of Scotland Series.
5. Homiletics—"Heralds of God". J. S. Stewart. "The Craft of Sermon Illustration". W. E. Sangster.

THIRD YEAR

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chapters 1-6.
2. Theology—"An Outline of Christian Theology". W. N. Clarke. Pp. 182-368.
3. Bible Knowledge—"The Religious Ideas of the Old Testament". H. Wheeler Robinson.
4. Homiletics—"A Preacher's Handbook". Lewis. Book 1. (Epworth Press).

FOURTH YEAR

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chapters 7-11.
2. Theology—"An Outline of Christian Theology". W. N. Clarke. Pp. 369-427. "Christian Doctrine". J. S. Whale.
3. Bible Knowledge—"Introducing the New Testament". A. M. Hunter. (S.C.M. Press).
4. Homiletics—"A Preacher's Handbook". Book 2. Lewis. (Epworth Press).
5. Church History—"Household of God". Newbigin.

Bible Knowledge shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors marks being assessed as follows: Correspondence work, 50; Examination 50. Each tutor appointed shall send out study papers for five consecutive months beginning in mid-March. He shall mark the work sent in and return the corrected work with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10.) Each tutor shall keep full records of each individual case, and on or before 1st September shall forward a complete report to the Assistant-Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

V.—COURSE OF STUDIES — DEACONESSSES

(a) ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Old Testament, New Testament and Theology, as prescribed in the Course of Studies for Lay Preachers, with the addition of English for Candidates who have not passed a Fifth Form examination in English. (Textbook: "Everyday English," (Part 2) by Smyth).

(b) STUDENTS.

Old Testament—

1st Year: The O.T. A record of progressive Divine relevation, unfolded through the chosen people Israel. Origin and development of the O.T. writings. The Pre-Historic period. (Genesis 1-11). Moses, the Exodus, the Settlement in the Promised Land. The three kings of United Israel. The Prophets of Northern Israel.

2nd Year: The Prophets of Southern Israel. The Exile and Restoration. The "Writings". The Four Centuries before Christ.

New Testament—

1st Year: Language, Text, Canon and Contents of the N.T.

Introduction to the four Gospels, with special emphasis on Mark's Gospel, its contents and teaching.

2nd Year: The Early Church and St. Paul. The writings of the other apostolic men. The unity of the N.T.

Theology—

1st Year: Introduction to Theology and its relation to kindred studies. Revelation. The Bible. Inspiration. Faith. Reason. God. Man. Sin. Salvation. The Work of Christ.

2nd Year: The Person of Christ. The Holy Spirit. The Trinity. The Church, Ministry and Sacraments. The Last Things.

Church History—

1st Year: A survey of the development of the Christian Church with special reference to the first five centuries, the Middle Ages, the Reformation to the Evangelical Revival.

2nd Year: The rise and spread of Methodism. Methodism in New Zealand, and its overseas missions, Christianity from 1815. The Ecumenical Movement.

Homiletics (1 Year)—

"The Craft of Sermon Construction" (Sangster).

Christian Ethics—

1st Year: The Basis of Christian Ethics. "The Problem of Right Conduct" (Green). Chapters 1-9.

2nd Year: "The Problem of Right Conduct", Chapters 10-11, together with Conference declarations on Public Questions and Social Issues.

Pastoral Practice—

1st Year: Organizing Systematic Visitation—Characteristics of areas—Making Pastoral Calls—Ministering to the Sick, Bereaved etc.

2nd Year: Pastoral Counselling.

Christian Education—

(This course is in process of reorganisation).

The Devotional Life (1 Year)—

1. Deaconess work in the early Church, and its re-emergence in modern times.
2. A detailed study of the Means of Grace.

Maori (2 years)—

As for W.E.A. Course.

Post-Examination Studies—

1. Lectures are given on such subjects as Social Security Regulations, Methodist Organisation, Social Services, Car Maintenance, Home Nursing, etc.
2. Field work as determined by the Board of Studies.

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LAY PREACHERS

1. Old Testament: "A Guide to the Old Testament," G. Gilbert Yates (Epworth Press).
2. New Testament: "A Guide to the New Testament", A. W. Wainwright (Epworth Press).
3. Theology: "An Approach to Christian Doctrine", Ed. by G. P. Lewis (Epworth Press).

4. Homilectics: "Worship and Preaching", T. W. Morrow.
5. The Church: History, Organisation and Mission: "Teaching the Faith", E. W. Hames (pp. 105-141); "The Furtherance of the Gospel", R. W. Moore; Notes on "The Church" available from the Department of Christian Education. (These notes are essential for this subject).

Note:

1. That the examination time for each subject is two hours.
2. In addition to the Written Examinations, a Lay Preacher must conduct not less than 10 Services and a Trial Service.
3. In every Synodal district, the Synod Standing Committee shall appoint one or more committees, consisting in each case of two Ministers and two lay preachers. The duties of such committees shall be to orally examine any candidates for accreditation, hear their trial services, assess and decide on the fitness of such candidates to be accredited. The decision of the committees shall be reported for final decision to Preachers' and Quarterly Meetings and for information to the Dominion Executive of the Lay Preachers' Association.
4. Text books and Study Courses are available from the Department of Christian Education, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, C3.

VII.—SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

A. Curriculum—

OLD TESTAMENT—

Subject	Hours Weekly
1. History and Faith of Israel	2
2. Elementary Hebrew	1

NEW TESTAMENT—

3. N.T. Introduction and Teaching	1
4. N.T. Exegesis	1
5. Elementary N.T. Greek	2

THEOLOGY—

6. Elementary Theology	1
7. Wesley's Sermons and Notes	1

HISTORY AND POLITY OF THE CHURCH—

8. Elementary Church History	1
9. Practising the Faith (How Methodism Works, Membership and Ethics)	1

TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP—

10. Worship and Preaching	1
11. Understanding People (Training for Pastoral Care, Visitation, Evangelism, etc.)	1
12. Elementary Christian Education Course	1

ENGLISH—

13. Grammar and Composition	1
14. Literature	1

Students who will be candidates for the ministry must take the full course. For the diploma course, under "Training for Leadership", at least one of 10, 11, 12 must be taken.

The school year will run from late February to mid-October, with the usual University vacations.

The course is designed so that including (10) it will give a thorough preparation for the written Examination for L.P. status.

Including (12) it will prepare amply for the Certificate of Proficiency in Religious Knowledge of the N.C.C.

Those who expect to come forward as candidates for the ministry must give full time to the school. Work for the diploma may reasonably be combined with part-time employment, but students are advised to take a full course if possible. The core subjects for the diploma will if possible be taken in the evening. Individual evening lectures will be open to suitable people on application to the Principal.

B. Regulations—

Applications: Applications for admission to the school shall be made to the Principal, with the support and approval of the Superintendent and the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit to which the applicant belongs. Applicants shall be members of the Methodist Church. A satisfactory medical certificate shall be presented. The Board of Studies shall have the right to refuse any applicant considered unsuitable or insufficiently prepared.

Accommodation: The student is responsible for the cost of his board and lodging. Hostel fees are for the term and should be paid to the Resident Tutor in advance, unless otherwise arranged. Residents are expected to conform to the standards of the College. Application for admission to the school shall be made if possible at the September Quarterly Meeting, but in any case not later than the December meeting. Earlier notice is essential if the applicant wishes to live in the Hostel.

Membership: Students shall be encouraged to retain their membership in their home circuit. If candidates, they shall come forward in the usual way with the support of their local Quarterly Meetings.

Diploma: A suitable diploma shall be issued to all students who complete the course to the satisfaction of the Board of Studies.

C. Terms for 1969—

The terms for the School will be the same as University terms.

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDIES FOR MAORI LAY PREACHERS AND HOME MISSIONARIES

(Res. 12 Mins. of Conference 1963, page 38).

The objectives of the proposed Course are:

- i. To raise the general standard of Maori workers;
- ii. To help promising workers qualify in the normal way;
- iii. To provide a criterion for the granting of Home Missionary status.

First Year.

A Preliminary Course of Study.

Theology:	Te Katikihama (Catechism)	Maori Service Book
	I Believe In	Norman Snaith
	(with selected chapters and supplementary material)	
Bible Knowledge:	How your Bible Grew Up	Roy L. Smith
	St. Mark	T. M. Morrow
Homiletics:	Worship and Preaching	Paul S. Minear
	(Chaps. 1, 4, 5 and 10)	
The Church:	A People Prepared	John Banks

B Preparatory Lay Preacher's Course of Study.

Theology:	An Approach to Christian Doctrine (pages 1-114)	G. P. Lewis
Bible Knowledge:	An Introduction to the N.T.G. (pages 1-153)	P. Lewis
Homiletics:	An Introduction to the O.T. H. Cleaver Worship and Preaching (Chap. 2, 3, 6-9)	T. M. Morrow
The Church:	Teaching the Faith (pages 85-141)	E. W. Hames

Additional Reading: "A Manual for Preachers".

"In the Beginning".

"Visitation Evangelism".

"Some Distortions of the Christian Faith".

Second Year, Course of Study for Lay Preachers (as set in the Mins. of Conf.).

Third Year, Course of Study for Home Missionaries.

As set in the Mins. of Conference or a Preparatory Course if considered desirable, comprising selected chapters only of text books set.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for 1969 shall be required on the following dates:
Probationers—May 13th and 14th. September 9th and 10th.

Probationers' Thesis Course—The completed thesis must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners by June 30th in the Ordination year. See Regulations in the Minutes of Conference, "Course of Study for Probationers" for preliminary years.

Probationers' Extended Essay Course—Essays must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners by May 31st and September 20th when two essays are required in any year and by July 31st when one essay is required.

Candidates for the Ministry—July 15th, 16th and 17th.

Home Missionary Probationers—September 9th and 10th.

Bible Knowledge for Home Missionary Probationers—Tutorials to commence on March 11th.

Candidates for the Diaconess Order—July 15th, 16th and 17th.

Lay Preachers—First week in June and December.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1969 be the Rev. John Grundy, M.A.

2. That the following ministers and probationers be congratulated on gaining degrees during the year and that these be printed in the Minutes of Conference:

B.D. Degree—Revs. E. J. Bennett, M.A.; W. Gust, B.A.; E. F. I. Hanson, B.A.; A. J. Leadley, B.A.; H. C. Pomeroy, B.A.

B.A. Degree—Rev. H. Gerritsen.

3. That the Law Book, paragraph 403, page 81, concerning Probationers' Studies be amended to read: "A Probationer taking a theological subject for a B.D., L.Th. or S.Th. Course, may substitute the same for that set down for his year".

4. That the Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., Secretary, and the Revs. J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus., and R. D. Rakena, Assistant Secretaries, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

QUESTION 25.—(a) Do we sanction the amalgamation, alteration or division of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station or do we originate any proposal having reference thereto?

(a) Northland:

1. **Ruawai:** That the agreement forming a Union Parish comprising the Ruawai Circuit and the Ruawai Presbyterian Parish and which commenced on the 1st February, 1968, with the first minister a Methodist, be confirmed.
2. **Hikurangi:** That the agreement forming a Union Parish comprising the Hikurangi Circuit and the Whakapara-Hikurangi Presbyterian Parish and which commenced on the 1st February, 1968, with the first minister a Presbyterian, be confirmed.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Pahiatua: That as from the 1st February, 1969, a Union Parish be formed by uniting the Pahiatua Circuit with the Pahiatua Presbyterian Parish, the boundaries for the present to be those of the Pahiatua Methodist Circuit, the first minister to be the Presbyterian Parish minister. The agreement when finally completed is to be lodged with the Conference records.

South Canterbury:

- i. **Gleniti, Timaru:** That the Agreement for the Joint Use of Buildings between the St Paul's Presbyterian Church, the Anglican Parish of Highfield and the combined Bank Street/Woodlands Street Methodist Circuits, whereby the churches pledge themselves to use the Hall, Church and Manse vested in the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, and other buildings which may be erected in the area in accordance with the principles of Joint Use, be approved, and the agreement filed in the Conference Journal.
- ii. **Allenton, Ashburton:** That the agreement between the Trinity Presbyterian Church, and the Ashburton Quarterly Meeting, whereby the Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Allenton Methodist Circuit agree to build and use a new church at Allenton on Presbyterian property, according to the principles of Joint Use, with the congregations retaining their separate identity but co-operating wherever possible, be approved, and the agreement filed in the Conference Journal.

Otago-Southland:

Invercargill Central and St Peter's: That the Invercargill Central and Invercargill St Peter's Circuits be amalgamated to form one Circuit known as the Invercargill Circuit, and the staffing be three Ordained Ministers and one Probationer.

Dunedin West and Dunedin Central Mission: That as from 1st February, 1969, the Maori Hill Church be part of the Dunedin Central Mission Circuit.

Mornington: That the Dunedin West Circuit be now known as the Mornington Circuit.

QUESTION 25.—(b) What new Districts, Circuits or Home Mission Stations are constituted?

Ruawai Union Parish, Hikurangi Union Parish, Pahiatua Union Parish, Mornington Circuit, Invercargill Circuit.

QUESTION 26.—(a) Do we sanction any change in the status or staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station?

NORTHLAND

North Hokianga:

That North Hokianga receive an ordained appointment.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Ohura:

That as from the end of the present appointment at Ohura the staffing be an ordained minister.

NELSON

Waimea:

A Probationary Appointment to be stationed at Wakefield.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Christchurch East:

That the staffing be four Ordained Ministers.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

Woodlands Street:

That the staffing of Timaru, Woodlands St., be one ordained minister.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Mornington:

That the staffing of the Mornington Circuit be an ordained minister.

QUESTION 26.—(b) To what Circuit are additional preachers appointed?

Taita Union Parish, Ruawai Union Parish, Westport Union Parish.

QUESTION 26.—(c) From what Circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?

Port Albert, Pahiatua, Christchurch East, Timaru (Woodlands Street), Dunedin West (Circuit has new name of Mornington).

QUESTION 27.—What new Circuits or Home Mission Stations are now constituted?

See Question 25 (b).

QUESTION 28.—What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for a Married Minister?

Rotorua is due but has been relieved for another year.

Levin 2nd and is ready to fulfil its obligations.

St Kilda 2nd is due.

QUESTION 29.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

LIST OF STATIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President—REV. WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, B.A., B.D.

Vice-President—Mr E. ALLEN CROTHALL

Secretary—REV. WILLIAM R. LAWS, M.A., B.D.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1969

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 139 and [1] to [5] for Maori Circuits is a Circuit. The Minister first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a Probationer, in which instance the Chairman of the District is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively during the current connexional year, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference).

I. NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1. **Mangonui**—
Cuthbert F. Peart (who shall supervise the North Hokianga Circuit).
2. **Kaikohe-Bay of Islands**—
Gordon A. R. Cornwell
David G. Pratt.
3. **Whangaroa**—
Bruce E. Mackie.
4. **North Hokianga**—
Ashley J. Corlett.
5. **Hokianga**—
Alan K. Woodley.
- 5a **Hikurangi**—Union Parish
Presbyterian Appointment (Ian McDonald).
6. **Whangarei**—
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D. (President of the Methodist Church of N.Z.).
E. Clarence Leadley (President's Supply).
Andrew G. Reid.
7. **Dargaville**—
Gordon D. Brough, B.A.
One wanted.
- 7a **Ruawai**—Union Parish
Wilfred S. Gilbert.

8. **Paparoa**—
One wanted.
9. **Port Albert**—
David L. Hines, B.A.
One wanted.

Maori Mission—

[1] Northland—

One wanted (Acting—Ruawai D. Rakena from Auckland).
Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup.).
6 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses
GORDON D. BROUGH, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
W. J. COURT (Financial Secretary).

II. AUCKLAND DISTRICT

The Home Mission Department—

Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Gen. Sup.).
Ruawai D. Rakena (Associate Sup.).
Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary)
Ranginohooa Rogers (Senior Maori Supt.)—residing at Hamilton.

The Overseas Mission Department—

George G. Carter, M.A., Dip. Ed. (Gen. Sec.).

Trinity Theological College—

David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. (Tutor in Pastoral Theology),
Principal.
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. (Tutor in O.T. Languages,
Literature and Teaching), Vice-Principal.
John A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D. (Overseas—Cambridge University).
John Silvester, M.A. (Tutor in Systematic Theology).
Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (Appointed for 2 years as Tutor in N.T.
Language, Literature and Teaching).

Auckland Hospital Chaplain—

Francis H. Parker.

10. Auckland Central—

R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
J. C. Aldwyn Williams (Kingsland).
Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A. (St Jude's, Richmond Road).
David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.
John A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D. (Overseas).
John Silvester, M.A.
Francis H. Parker (Hospital Chaplain).
Brian A. Walker, M.A.
Benjamin H. Riseley (Sup.).
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.).
G. Raymond Harris (Sup.).
William E. Moore (Sup.).
A Deaconess.

11. Auckland Central Mission—

A. Everill Orr, M.B.E. (Joint Chaplains to Astley House and
Tyler House).
One wanted.
Albert Blakemore (Sup.).
Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.).
William Walker, E.D. (Sup.).
Two Deaconesses.

12. **Auckland South—**
 Harry Moore
 Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B. (Roskill-Sandringham)
 W. J. Douglas Wakeling.
 Children's Home Joint Chaplains, Harry Moore and Edgar R. Hornblow.
13. **Auckland West—**
 Clifford J. Keightley.
14. **Auckland East—**
 M. Jackson Campbell
 John H. Osborne, M.A.
 Stanley R. Goudge, B.A.
 Alfred E. Williams
 Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Home Mission Department).
 George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Overseas Missions Dept.).
 George I. Laurenson, C.B.E. (Sup.).
 Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
 Walter Parker (Sup.).
15. **Orakei—**
 Lawrence Greenslade (Chaplain to Winstone Lodge and Joint Chaplain to Seamer House).
 Edmund D. Grounds.
 Brian H. Turner.
 Eric W. Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.).
 Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
 James W. Parker (Sup.).
16. **Avondale—**
 Percy P. Rushton, B.A., B.D. (Joint Chaplains to Astley House and Tyler House).
 Albert Jolly (Avondale-New Lynn).
 One wanted.
 Rua D. Rakena (Home Mission Department).
 Ernest E. Sage (Sup.).
 Percy I. Cooke (Sup.).
 Fred Copeland (Sup.).
 Athol R. Penn (Sup.).
 John Dennis (Sup.).
 Leonard C. Horwood (Sup.).
 Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
17. **Henderson—**
 Alan J. Handyside (who shall supervise the Kaipara Circuit).
 Ludwig Felderhof (Glen Eden).
 One wanted—Supply—(John H. Vickery—Associated Churches of Christ).
 Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).
18. **Devonport—**
 David L. Trebilco
19. **Takapuna—**
 Robert Thornley, M.A.
 Warwick Gust, B.A., B.D. (Who shall supervise the Whangaparoa Circuit).
 William R. G. Loader, B.A.
 J. Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D. (Resting).
 John H. Roberts (Resting).
 A. Henry Voyce (Sup.).
 Joseph C. Draper (Sup.).
 Herbert W. Payne (Sup.).

20. **Birkenhead**—
J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
Donald G. Sherson, B.A. (Northcote).
Frederick D. Peterson (Beach Haven).
21. **Onehunga**—
David Armstrong.
Philip F. Taylor.
22. **Otahuhu**—
John Churchill
23. **Papatoetoe**—
Henry W. Kitchingman.
One wanted.
A Deaconess
L. Gordon Hanna (Sup.).
24. **Papakura**—
Clarence T. J. Luxton.
Harry W. Toothill.
One wanted.
Mervyn L. Dine, C.F.
25. **Pukekohe**—
Ian D. Grant.
Thomas H. Carr (Sup.).
Wesley Training College, Paerata. Teacher-Chaplain, Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D.
26. **Bombay-Tuakau**—
Edward Baker.
One wanted.
27. **Waiuku**—
Douglas H. Burt.
28. **Kaipara**—
One wanted.
29. **Whangaparoa**—
Roger G. Sanson.
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed. (resting).
30. **Mahurangi**—
D. I. Alister McDonald.
- [2] **Auckland**—
Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary and Superintendent, Joint Chaplain to Seamer House).
Morehu Te Whare.
One wanted.
5 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.
R. FREDERICK CLEMENT, M.A. (Chairman of the District).
C. T. J. LUXTON (Deputy Chairman—South Auckland Sub-District).
R. THORNLEY, M.A. (Deputy Chairman—North Shore).
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).
- III. **WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT**
31. **Thames**—
Bruce L. Hosking, B.A., B.Com., S.T.M.
Reginald Day (Sup.).
- 31a **Hauraki Plains Union Parish**—
Presbyterian appointment (Rev. J. N. Lea Andrew).

32. **Paeroa**—
Alexander C. Watson (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
33. **Waihi**—
Frederick J. Climo.
34. **Te Aroha**—
Trevor L. Bennett.
35. **Morrinsville**—
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
Robert G. Stringer.
36. **Cambridge**—
Leonard Shapcott.
Reginald Grice (Sup.).
37. **Hamilton**—
Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
Alan H. V. Newton.
Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.
Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.).
- 37a **Raglan Union Parish**—
C. Seton Horrill.
38. **Hamilton East**—
Trevor Shepherd.
Wilfred J. Cable.
William J. Morrison, M.A. (Chaplain to Tamahere Eventide Home).
William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.).
John H. Bailey (Sup.).
George E. Brown (Sup.).
39. **Ngaruawahia**—
Barry W. Neal.
40. **Huntly**—
Eric R. Eastwood.
41. **Matamata**—
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
J. Montgomery Blight (Sup.).
42. **Putaruru**—
Roy M. Alexander.
43. **Tokoroa**—
Brian L. Olsen.
William M. Garner (Sup.).
44. **Rotorua**—
William H. Greenslade, M.B.E.
One wanted.
George H. Goodman (Sup.).
45. **Taupo**—
Trevor L. Nicholls.
46. **Tauranga**—
Ivan J. Clucas.
Irwin J. Fowler.
James H. Conway.
Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
A. Francis Attwood (Sup.).
Arthur T. Kent (Sup.).

47. **Te Puke**—
Graham Brazendale.
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (Sup.).
 48. **Whakatane-Kawerau**—
G. Basil W. Bell.
 49. **Opotiki**—
John G. Hayhurst.
 50. **Te Awamutu**—
David H. Ansell.
One wanted.
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A. (with Justice Department).
 51. **Otorohanga**—
William K. Abbott.
 52. **Te Kuiti**—
Brian R. J. Eagle.
A Home Missionary.
 53. **Taumarunui**—
David S. Mullan, B.A. (who shall supervise Ohura Circuit).
 - 53a **Turangi Union Parish**—
Presbyterian appointments (B. McN. Patterson and P. Biddle).
 54. **Ohura**—
Laurie A. Michie.
 - [3] **Waikato**—
Ranginohora Rogers.
Robert Te Whare.
E. Taotahi John Pihama.
10 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.
 - [4] **King Country**—
Te Awha W. Tahere.
One wanted.
Daniel P. Harris.
12 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
- KAWHIA**—
A Home Missionary.
- COROMANDEL**—
A Home Missionary.
ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
W. W. H. GREENSLADE, M.B.E. (Deputy Chairman).
C. R. SHOOSMITH, A.P.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

IV. TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

55. **New Plymouth**—
Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D. (Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea Hostel).
Hughan M. Craig.
Arnold C. Hight.
Robert E. Fordyce, S.B.St.J. (Sup.).
Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
56. **Waitara**—
Richard J. Hendry.
57. **Stratford**—
B. Keith Rowe, B.A.
58. **Eltham-Kaponga**—
Leslie T. Norwell.

59. **Hawera—**
Alan Newman.
60. **Manaia—**
Niven G. Ball.
61. **Opunake—**
Sydney J. Spindler.
Amos W. Burrough.
62. **Wanganui Central—**
Alan O. Jones (who shall supervise Wanganui North Circuit).
Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.).
63. **Wanganui North—**
Barry G. Harkness, B.A.
Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D. (Resting).
64. **Wanganui West—**
Frederick E. Waive.
65. **Taihape—**
Keith J. Taylor.
Harry I. Shaw (C.F.)
66. **Inglewood—**
One wanted.
- [5] **Taranaki-Waimarino—**
Naapi Waaka (Hawera), Circuit Superintendent.
Moke A. G. Couch (New Plymouth).
(Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea).
6 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
LEONARD P. SCHROEDER, M.A., B.D., Chairman of the District).
ALAN O. JONES (Deputy Chairman).
G. PRENTICE (Financial Secretary).

V. HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

67. **Napier—**
Leslie F. Bycroft (who shall supervise the Wairoa Circuit).
Roger J. Hey.
One wanted.
68. **Hastings—**
John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus.
Basil J. Hilder.
Arthur Hopper (Sup.).
69. **Gisborne—**
O. McLellan Olds.
- 69a **Mangapapa Union Parish—**
Norman J. West.
70. **Wairoa—**
Graeme McIver.
71. **Dannevirke-Norsewood—**
Edward P. Boyd (who shall supervise the Woodville Circuit).
72. **Woodville—**
Pieter K. F. de Zoete.
William C. Jenkin (Sup.).
- 72a **Pahiatua Union Parish—**
(Presbyterian appointment L. Usmar).

73. **Palmerston North (St Paul's)**—
Peter A. Stead, B.A.
Enid J. Bennett, M.A., B.D.
74. **Palmerston North (Trinity)**—
Loyal J. Gibson.
One wanted.
75. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—
C. Brice Herbert.
76. **Feilding**—
Bruce Scammell
A. Peter Dorrian (Sup.).
A Deaconess.
77. **Marton**—
Clifford G. Brown.
78. **Sanson-Rongotea**—
John R. Hall.
79. **Apiti**—
One wanted.
80. **Waipawa-Waipukurau**—
Neville Thornicroft.
W. J. Henderson (Sup.).
81. **Foxton**—
Maynard G. Rutherford.
R. Leslie George (Resting).
PETER A. STEAD, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
LESLIE F. BYCROFT (Deputy Chairman).
RONALD INGRAM, B.A., B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

VI. WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Department of Christian Education—

Director: John Grundy, M.A.
Associate Directors: See Question 30.

82. **Wellington Central**—
John A. Penman, B.A.
Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.
A Deaconess
Leslie C. Clements (with World Council of Churches at Geneva).
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Ag.Sc. (resting). (Serving with the British Conference).
Wilf. G. Eisner, B.A. (Chaplain with Justice Department).
Edward H. Moody (a minister of the British Conference, serving as N.Z. Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society).
83. **Wellington West**—
Charles B. Oldfield.
Wallis F. Browne, B.A.
Henry Ryan (Sup.).
Gordon R. H. Peterson (Sup.).
84. **Wellington South**—
Colin D. Clark, M.A.
85. **Wellington East**—
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
Keith C. Griffith.
86. **Wellington North**—
George R. Thompson, E.D.
Robert S. Andrews.

- 86a **Newlands Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Rev. J. C. Doig).
87. **Porirua—**
Barry E. Jones, B.A.
Graham E. Hawkey.
Paul A. Garside.
John Grundy, M.A. (Director of Christian Education).
William Rowe (Sup.).
Porirua Hospital Chaplain (Presbyterian Appointment—W. B. Glassey).
88. **Lower Hutt—**
Leonard V. Willing.
Ernest Heppelthwaite.
Lewis A. Bowen.
One wanted.
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (without pastoral charge).
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A. (without pastoral charge).
R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
- 88a **Taita Union Parish—**
Ian H. Robertson.
89. **Upper Hutt—**
J. Stanley Olds.
One wanted.
Ian W. Reid (Chaplain with Justice Department).
R. John Hamlin, C.F.
Idris J. Ruck (Sup.).
90. **Petone—**
Frank H. Woodfield.
- 90a **Wainuiomata Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (one wanted).
Laurie E. Salter (Associate).
91. **Greytown-Featherston—**
Frank S. Rigg.
92. **Carterton—**
Ian L. Clarke, A.R.A.N.Z.
93. **Masterton—**
C. Russell Marshall (who shall supervise Eketahuna Circuit).
Ian C. Norwell.
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, C. Russell Marshall.
94. **Eketahuna—**
One wanted.
95. **Levin—**
Kenneth H. Russell
Herbert J. Thompson (who shall reside at Otaki and supervise Otaki Circuit).
Norman P. Larsen (Sup.).
Ivo M. Raynor (Sup.).
96. **Otaki—**
One wanted.
Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Sup.).
97. **Paraparaumu—**
George L. Bennett.
WILFRED F. FORD, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
T. M. PACEY, F.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

VII. NELSON DISTRICT

98. **Nelson—**
W. E. Allon Carr (who shall supervise the Murchison Circuit).
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.
Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.).
Charles Blair (Sup.).
- 98a **Nelson St Luke's Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Robert T. Murphy, B.A.).
99. **Waimea—**
David G. Stubbs.
One wanted.
100. **Motueka—**
Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A.
101. **Murchison—**
J. Cedric Hay.
102. **Blenheim—**
Robert H. Allen, B.A.
William Morrison.
One wanted.
103. **Reefton—**
Harold C. Pomeroy, B.A., B.D.
- 103a **Westport Union Parish—**
Colin G. Jamieson.
104. **Greymouth—**
Ronald G. Major.
One wanted.
105. **Hokitika—**
Ronald C. Collingwood.
ROBERT H. ALLEN, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
H. HOLLAND, F.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

VIII. NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

GENERAL AND CONFERENCE SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

GENERAL TREASURER—See Question 30.

METHODIST DEACONESS ORDER—Acting Warden: Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.

106. **Christchurch (Durham Street)—**
W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
John E. Langley.
One wanted—Supply—George L. Sweet—Associated Churches of Christ).
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (General and Conference Secretary)
H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (resting).
Geoffrey E. Scarr (Resting).
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Sup.).
Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (Sup.).
Ralph E. Patchett (Sup.).
107. **Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church—**
Wilfred E. Falkingham.
A. Roy Bowden.
A Deaconess.

108. **Christchurch East**—
 Harold K. Brown.
 Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
 John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
 Owen L. Christian.
 Wallace S. Neal (Sup.).
 Alistair D. Pain (without Pastoral Charge).
109. **Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)**—
 M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.
 G. Kingsley Greening.
 Norman E. Brookes.
110. **Christchurch (Sydenham)**—
 George R. Trebilco.
111. **Christchurch (Spreydon)**—
 Robert W. Widdup.
 Kenneth L. Toomer.
 Hubert G. Brown (Sup.).
112. **Christchurch (Riccarton)**—
 Wesley A. Chambers, M.A. (Acting Warden of Deaconess Order).
 Edwin B. Clarke, B.A.
 One wanted.
 John D. Grocott, B.A. (Sup.).
113. **Christchurch (St Albans)**—
 R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M.
 John B. Dawson, B.A.
 Owen T. Woodfield, B.A.
 Alan J. Leadley, B.A., B.D.
 Charles E. Dickens (Sup.).
114. **Christchurch (Papanui)**—
 Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
 South Island Orphanage—Chaplain: Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
115. **Springston**—
 John B. Currie, B.A.
 One wanted.
116. **Leeston**—
 George W. Cramond.
117. **Kaiapoi**—
 Herbert A. Cochrane.
118. **Rangiora**—
 Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.
 John I. Manihera.
119. **Greendale**—
 Noel D. Billingham.
120. **Oxford**—
 Ronald E. Fields.
 HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, B.A. (Chairman).
 D. A. WHITE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

IX. SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

121. **Timaru (Banks Street)**—
 Norman W. Olds.
122. **Timaru (Woodlands Street)**—
 Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
- 122a **St David's Marchweil Union Parish**—
 Presbyterian appointment (Alan Simpson).

123. **Waimate—**
Phillip D. Ramsay.
Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
 124. **Geraldine-Temuka—**
Archibald W. McKay.
 125. **Ashburton—**
E. Raymond Le Couteur (who shall supervise the Willowby Circuit).
John R. Meredith.
D. J. Donald Hickman (Sup.).
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.).
 126. **Willowby—**
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A.
 127. **Oamaru—**
Clifford L. Duder.
NORMAN W. OLDS (Chairman of the District).
E. RAY LE COUTEUR (Deputy Chairman).
A. MARSHALL, A.P.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).
- X. OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT**
128. **Central Methodist Mission (Dunedin)—**
D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.
Stanley J. West.
A Deaconess.
William G. Slade, M.A., D.D. (Sup.).
John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S. (Sup.).
 129. **North Dunedin—**
Ronald H. Wood.
 130. **Mornington—**
Andrew J. Johnston.
 - 130a. **West Dunedin Special Union Parish—**
William L. Wallace, B.A.
Presbyterian Appointments:
Ewing C. Stevens, B.A.
Ross K. J. Clark, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.
J. Douglas Criglington.
 131. **Dunedin South—**
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.
Russell G. Rigby.
One wanted.
 - 131a. **Corstorphine Union Parish—**
(Presbyterian appointment). (R. Wilson).
 132. **Dunedin (St Kilda)—**
Roger M. Gibson.
One wanted.
 133. **Milton-Lawrence—**
Donald J. Phillipps, B.A.
 134. **Balclutha—**
Maxwell A. Hornblow (who shall supervise Milton-Lawrence Circuit).
 135. **Gore—**
Russell E. James.
 136. **Invercargill—**
John C. F. Mabon.
Derek G. Laws, F.R.A.N.Z. (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit).
Stuart G. Slinn.
One wanted.
Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A. (N.C.C. Chaplain, Manapouri).

137. **Western Southland—**
William A. Chessum, Mus.B.
David R. Alley.
138. **Bluff—**
Brian J. Malcouronne.
139. **Central Otago—**
Donald F. Prince.
D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A. (Chairman of the District).
F. W. E. PITCHER (Financial Secretary).
H. H. Chick (a Minister from the British Methodist Conference resident in New Zealand).

XI. SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

XII. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

These Districts are now in the United Church in Papua-New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands and the names of the Ministers and Deaconesses from the Methodist Church of New Zealand now serving in these Churches overseas are recorded in the Conference Journal.

QUESTION 30.—How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

(a) Home Missionaries

NORTHLAND DISTRICT—

Dargaville (2nd) Supply—Wallace C. Chapman.
Paparoa—F. L. Johnson.

Maori Mission:

Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.
Kaikohe—Hotai Mita Hohepa
Waima—Here Here Maihi Maaka (full-time).
Waioio—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.
Pokere—Para Piripi Livingstone.
Totara North—Robert Taka.
Whananaki—Himiona Waata.
Onerahi—Hohepa Hemara.
Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka and Hamiora Toia.
Rangitane—Henare Kapa.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Auckland Central Mission (2nd) Supply—Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D.
Devonport—W. H. Wilson (Retired).
Birkenhead—D. I. Robertson (Retired).
Avondale (3rd)—One wanted.
Henderson (Te Atatu)—Supply. John H. Vickery (Associated Churches of Christ).
Papatoetoe (2nd) Supply—Sister Lesley Vinall.
Papakura (3rd)—Supply (Ronald N. Simpson, Non-resident student).
Pukekohe (2nd) Supply—T. H. Carr (Sup.)—One wanted.
Bombay-Tuakau (2nd)—One wanted.
Kaipara—Supply: William D. Griffiths (non-resident student).

Maori Mission:

Manurewa—Matu Makiha (full-time).
Rewiti—Supply.
Point Chevalier—Hone Wilcox.
Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT—

Whakatane-Kawerau—W. J. Bryant (retired).
Coromandel—Supply (Clarence R. Russ).
Te Awamutu (2nd)—One wanted.
Otorohonga—R. Coombridge (retired).
Rotorua (2nd)—One wanted.
Kawhia—One wanted.
Te Kuiti—A Home Missionary wanted.

Maori Mission—(a) Waikato:

Hamilton—Wiremu Tonga.
Rangiriri—Matene Hori de Thierry.
Ngaruawahia—Te Orahia Tonga (full-time).
Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama and Hoera Whakaari
Hakopa.
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.
Tokoroa—Wiremu Huirama Te Hiko.
Hamilton—Tuteao Manihera.
Raglan—Supply.
Aotearoa—Pukerau Rangitutia.

Maori Mission—(b) King Country:

Makomako—Tumu Te Huia (retired).
Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
Kawhia—Paahi Moke (retired).
Rakaunui—Supply.
Taharoa—Taipua Te Uira and Philip Te Uira.
Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei.
Mokau—Supply.
Taumarunui—Supply.
Bennydale—Supply.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

New Plymouth—H. R. Wright (retired).
Hawera (Patea)—Presbyterian-Methodist co-operation.
Inglewood—Supply: H. H. Chick (British Conference).

Maori Mission—

Urenui—One wanted.
Rahotu—Whaterau Ira Wharekoha.
Nukumaru—Supply.
Whenuakura—Supply.
Pariroa Pa—John Hoani Heremaia.
Wanganui—Supply.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Palmerston North (Trinity)—Mr I. G. Baber, Director, Manawatu Social Service Centre.
Napier (3rd)—One wanted.
Marton—H. Prowse (retired).
Apiti—Supply: Rev. A. P. Dorrian.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Lower Hutt (4th)—One wanted.
Upper Hutt (2nd)—One wanted.
Eketahuna—One wanted.
Otaki—One wanted; Supply arrangement with Levin.

NELSON DISTRICT—

Nelson—R. T. Alexander (retired).
Blenheim (3rd)—One wanted.
Greymouth (2nd) Runanga—One wanted.
Waimea (2nd)—One wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Durham Street (3rd)—One wanted. George L. Sweet, Associated Churches of Christ.
Riccarton (3rd)—One wanted.
Rangiora—F. E. Trim (retired).
T. Steele (retired).
Springston (2nd)—One wanted.

Maori Mission:

Rapaki—Wera Couch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

North Dunedin—A. E. Tardif (Retired).
Dunedin South (3rd)—One wanted.
St Kilda (2nd)—One wanted.
Invercargill (4th)—One wanted.

(b) Lay Workers:

Department of Christian Education, Associate Directors—Miss H. M. Ashtley and Mr Clifford H. Couch.
Finance and Stewardship Committee, Director of Stewardship and Executive Officer—Mr E. C. Flyger.
Connexional Board of Management, General Treasurer—Mr C. R. Hasseldine, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Board of the New Zealand Methodist, Editor—Mr I. W. Harris, M.A.

QUESTION 31.—(a) How are the Deaconesses employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

1. HOME WORK

(a) In Circuits:

Auckland Central—Sister Beverley Taylor.
Papatoetoe—Sister Lesley Vinall.
Feilding—One wanted.
Upper Hutt—One wanted.

(b) In Institutions and City Missions:

Auckland Central Mission—Two wanted (Sister Olive Holland, Tyler House).
Central Mission, Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch — One wanted.
South Island Children's Home, Christchurch—Sister Rona Collins.
Central Mission, Dunedin—Sister Shirley Ungemuth.

2. MAORI WORK

(a) In Circuits:

Northland Maori Circuit—
Sister Barbara Miller, Taheke, Hokianga.
One wanted (Supply—Miss Hanna Hauraki—Dargaville).
Sister Atawhai George, Bay of Islands.

Auckland Maori Circuit—

Sister Grace Clement, Auckland.

Sister Constance Fell, Auckland.

One wanted (Supply: Miss Beth Sutton).

Waikato Maori Circuit—

Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton.

Probationer Ruth Tattersall, Waikato.

Sister Merle Fechner, Waikato.

One wanted (Hamilton).

King Country Maori Circuit—

Sister Betty Yearbury, Te Kuiti.

Sister Shirley Simpson, Otorohanga.

Taranaki Maori Circuit—

One wanted (Supply: Miss Wayatt-Spratt, Opunake).

One wanted.

South Island—

Sister Eleanor Dobby.

(b) In Maori Hostels:

Seamer House, Auckland—

Sister Anne Wilson, Matron.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, New Plymouth—

Sister Evelyn Marriott (leave of absence).

Sister Joan Wedding.

Te Rahui, Tane, Hamilton—

Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Matron.

3. OVERSEAS WORK

The names are recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Sister Edna Jenkin.

5. WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

Sister Dorothy Pointon (with permission to serve with the British and Foreign Bible Society).

6. IN TRAINING

Norma Mary Graves (2nd year).

Rhondda Mary Mason (1st year).

7. RETIRED DEACONESSES

Sister Ruth Fawcett

Sister Eleanor Dobby

Sister Ivy Jones, M.B.E., J.P.

Sister Airini Hobbs

Sister Rita Snowden, F.I.A.L.

Sister Jean Miller.

Sister Margaret W. Nicholls, M.B.E.

QUESTION 31.—(b) How are the Overseas Missionary Sisters stationed for the ensuing year?

The names are recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

LIST OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

The following List will be a guide to those wishing to notify ministers in the cities in particular of those from other areas who are patients in the various city hospitals. The List is not exclusive. It refers only to the main public institutions. In smaller centres not listed, those concerned should write to the resident Minister.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT—

Whangarei Base—Rev. A. G. Reid.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Auckland and Mater—Rev. F. H. Parker.

Middlemore—Rev. J. G. Drummond (Presbyterian).

Wesley-Geriatric—Rev. A. R. Penn.

National Women's and Greenlane (Presbyterian appointment).

Oakley Hospital—Rev. E. Baker.

Kingseat Psychiatric Hospital and Cornwall—Rev. T. H. Carr.

Ravensthorpe Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. E. Baker.

Cornwall Geriatric—Rev. G. R. Harris.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT—

Waikato Hospital—Rev. Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.

Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua)—Rev. W. H. Greenslade, M.B.E.

Tokanui Psychiatric—Rev. D. H. Ansell.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

New Plymouth—Rev. A. C. Hight.

Wanganui—Rev. F. E. Waime.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Napier—Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

Hastings—Rev. B. J. Hilder.

Palmerston North—Rev. C. B. Herbert.

Lake Alice—Rev. C. G. Brown.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington Public Hospital—Rev. C. D. Clark, M.A.

Lower Hutt Public Hospital—Rev. L. A. Bowen.

Silverstream—Rev. L. A. Bowen.

Porirua—Rev. W. S. Glassey, B.A. (Presbyterian-Methodist).

NELSON DISTRICT—

Nelson Public Hospital—Rev. W. E. A. Carr.

Ngawhatu Psychiatric—Rev. E. F. I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.

Seaview Psychiatric (Hokitika)—Rev. R. C. Collingwood.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch Hospital—Rev. H. G. Brown.

Princess Margaret Hospital—Rev. J. Langley.

Coronation Hospital—Rev. G. R. Trebilco.

Burwood Hospital—Rev. O. L. Christian.

Sunnyside Hospital—Revs. E. B. Clarke, B.A., and K. L. Toomer.

Templeton Hospital—Rev. J. B. Currie, B.A.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Timaru Hospital—Revs. N. W. Olds and G. T. Gilbert.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Dunedin Public, and Private Hospitals—Rev. A. J. Johnston.

Cherry Farm Psychiatric Hospital—Mr W. Green.

Kew Hospital, Invercargill—Rev. J. C. F. Mabon.

QUESTION 32.—(a) Authority to Administer the Sacraments.

(1)—What Probationers are Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

David G. Pratt
Moke A. G. Couch
Morehu Te Whare
Roger G. Sanson
William R. G. Loader, B.A.
Laurie A. Michie
Graeme McIver
Roger J. E. Hey
Ian C. Norwell
J. Cedric Hay
Alan J. Leadley, B.A.
Brian J. Malcouronne
Donald J. Philipps, B.A.

E. Taotahi Pihama
David R. Alley
Norman E. Brookes
Pieter K. F. de Zoete
Brian R. J. Eagle
Barry G. Harkness, B.A.
Russell G. Rigby
Robert G. Stringer
Brian H. Turner
William D. Griffiths
John D. Meredith
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A.
Ashley J. Corlett

(2)—What Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Laymen are Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

All Senior Home Missionaries
F. L. Johnson
Sister Barbara Miller
Matu Makiha
Sister Atawhai

Ronald N. Simpson
Wera Couch
Wallace C. Chapman
H. M. Maaka
Te Orahi Tonga

QUESTION 32.—(b) Who are elected as Chairmen and Secretaries of Districts and Statistical Secretaries for the ensuing year?

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS

Northland—Gordon D. Brough, B.A.
Auckland—R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Peter A. Stead, B.A.
Wellington—Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.
Nelson—Robert H. Allen, B.A.
North Canterbury—Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
South Canterbury—Norman W. Olds.
Otago-Southland—D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES

General Statistical Secretary—John G. Hayhurst.
Northland—David L. Hines, B.A.
Auckland—Edmund D. Grounds.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty—Alan H. V. Newton.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Alan Newman.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—John R. Hall.
Wellington—Robert S. Andrews.
Nelson—E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.
North Canterbury—Harold K. Brown.
South Canterbury—Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
Otago-Southland—Roger M. Gibson.

QUESTION 33.—(i) Who are elected as President and Vice-President of the Conference for 1969?

President—John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.
Vice-President—H. Clifford Vince.

(ii) Have adequate arrangements been made for the President's Supply?

E. Clarence Leadley will give part time assistance.

QUESTION 34.—What is the Report of the General Statistical Secretary?

Report of the General Statistical Secretary

One of our respected senior ministers asserted at the last Conference that he was only interested in vital statistics. So am I. I have taken up this office in the conviction that all statistics are vital. They represent people and what they are doing. They reflect the missionary effectiveness of the church. I shall seek, therefore, in analysing the facts and figures laid before the Conference, to bring out the personal factors and to expose the elements of missionary weakness. If the figures are to have any value it will not arise because of any inherent mystique but because of their personal and evangelical reference. I shall seek to be an interpreter of human situations rather than merely a high priest of mathematics.

Neither task will be possible if the figures presented are not both accurate and early. Delay means embarrassment for the Connexional Office and for the printer. Inaccuracy means a confused picture and an inadequate assessment for the Conference and the church. The present position is quite serious in this respect. One District's returns were held up for over two weeks because one circuit's returns had not come to hand over two months after the 30th June. Such delays should not be necessary if records are properly kept and promptly declared to the District Secretaries. Several Circuit returns have had to be questioned for accuracy in relation to 1967 or because of an obvious gap in the return. This should not be necessary if circuit records are kept adequately up to date. It is evident that many are not.

This year's returns reveal for the first time an area of considerable confusion. The rapid proliferation of Union Parishes without clear lines of procedure has given rise to a wide variety of interpretation and, indeed, to a chaotic jumble in the returns. Some parishes have returned only Methodist Members to the Conference; some have returned all members of all participating denominations. The same confusion appears to have arisen in the return of financial items and of Christian education rolls. It is clear that uniform lines of procedure must be laid down. With that in view I propose to consult with my opposite numbers in the other participating churches during 1969, so that ministers and governing bodies in Union Parishes may be appraised of appropriate procedures.

Buildings:

In spite of the confusion arising from Union Parish returns, there continues to be an evident drop in the number of Churches and other Preaching Places. During the year we have closed 9 churches and discontinued 11 Other Preaching Places. This may reflect simply a rationalisation and concentration of our evangelical witness but it is significant that during the five-year period since 1963 the number of churches returned has remained stable (449 in 1963 — 437 today) whilst the number of Other Preaching Places has been reduced very substantially from 258 to 176. The number of schoolrooms has remained stable at 352 (328 in 1963). We now have a total of 241 Personages in use.

Staff:

The number of Ministers and Probationers has again risen from 294 to 301 but this appears to be more due to the longevity of our superannuitants than to any influx of candidates for the ministry.

Sixty-five ministers were on the retired list last year. The number of ministers in the active work is, therefore, 236.

There has been a fall in the number of Home Missionaries from 17 to 13 but it should be borne in mind that a number of these men have retired. On the other hand there has been a considerable rise in the number of Deaconesses returned from 6 to 13. Where did they come from? It is obvious that the present blanket returns hide critical features necessary to a sensible appreciation of the real situation. I shall seek means to remedy this so that future conferences will be able to have a clearer picture of the deployment of our human resources.

An alarming aspect of the reports is the continuing and substantial fall in the number of Lay Preachers and the incidence of their distribution. 621 were declared this year compared with 660 last year and 697 in 1963. A large number of lay preachers is concentrated in the great conurbations where the need for their services is limited whilst there is a dearth in the country districts where the need is greatest for their services. 362 Lay Preachers are returned from the substantial urban circuits (58% of the total) where the balance of ministry in relation to the number of pulpits to be supplied is fairly even. If this trend continues, districts might consider a redeployment of Lay Preachers on a team basis from city into country areas.

Membership:

The decrease continues and appears to be accelerating. The drop this year has been 296—nearly 1%. Whilst this drop is, as yet, minimal, it is clear that radical evangelical steps are necessary. It should be noted that there is a discrepancy between the number of members returned for 30/6/67 last year and this year. Except for one circuit, this is entirely due to confusion in Union Parish returns. The movement of members is not affected and the drop in membership would not be varied.

Transfers continue to be a source of difficulty. The steady drain in this area is cause for serious concern. The net loss this year has been 102 people. If this is the position with respect to Members, the position with respect to adherents and their families must be even more serious. In five years 433 persons have been lost to the church in this way. Transfers beyond New Zealand continue stable, 115 emigrating and 114 immigrating. We are, however, losing ground to other denominations—this year the net loss is 77. Losses by death were 499 or 1½%. This appears to be the steady trend.

New Members admitted by confirmation totalled 728 (436 under 20 and 292 adults). This is the lowest number of confirmations for at least 20 years. It is notable that the numbers have been dropping steadily for the last 10 years but that during the preceding 10 years there was some rise. Nevertheless the decrease of over 50% in the past 5 years should give us pause. Fifty-two Circuits did not achieve any confirmations.

The company of those who have "Ceased to Attend" continues to grow alarmingly. 345 this year—a total of 1899 in the past five years.

Those who are left represent 27.6% of our pastoral rolls after deducting education rolls for all those below Senior Bible Class level. That is approximately 1 in 4 of our adherents is a communicant member. This represents a slight fall compared with immediately previous years. Until now the ratio has been stable at 1 in 3.

In spite of this drop the number of baptisms remains fairly constant. This year 2635 infants and 103 adults were baptized.

Christian Education:

Amongst our children and youth at all levels we claim 33,139 as involved in our educational processes. This represents a bare 22% of our total pastoral rolls (150,178). When we remember that, according to the latest Government Statistical analyses, 41.75% of the total population is under 19 years of age, the very limited extent of our outreach is clear. We reach only slightly more than one half of the young people under our care.

Turning to the various categories and age groups, during 1967-68 we lost 356 in the Nursery, 208 in the Kindergarten, 197 in the Intermediate Children and 290 at Senior Bible Class level. We gained 56 in the primary, 93 in the junior children, 267 in junior Bible Class and 47 at intermediate Bible Class level.

Our Adult Education work continues marginal. There are 2337 persons in adult groups. This is a drop of 91 on 1967. Trends in this field are difficult to assess since returns were not made until four years ago. Nevertheless, the total number of persons in groups represents only an infinitesimal fraction of our membership rolls (1/15th) and considerably less in relation to our adult pastoral roll (based on the Government Statistician's population analyses).

Pastoral Care:

In spite of the downward trends in our Membership and Education rolls, the numbers under pastoral care continue to increase substantially. This year we have added 1,292 families and 6,017 persons to our rolls. The totals are 50,027 families and 150,178 persons. Whilst our numbers are increasing absolutely they are decreasing relatively. Our proportion of the population as given at 31st December, 1967, is now only 5.47%. Two years after the National Census, we only locate 80% of declared Methodists. This is in spite of substantial increases in known Methodists in the two year period.

Stipends:

Stipends paid totalled \$424,294 after allowing an adjustment to the Northland District returns (one circuit failed to return its stipend payment). This represents an increase of \$10,244 over 1967. A number of circuits have not succeeded in paying the minimum stipends including some who apparently have not had recourse to the Winstone Trust Fund! Bonus Payments to Ministers, on the other hand, increased to \$4981 from \$4614. Travelling Allowances have increased from \$81,832 to \$85,489, an overall increase of \$3657.

Circuit Cars stand at 12 this year whilst 221 cars are owned by ministers.

Finances:

The general situation is stable with no great rises or falls. The only significant variation is the fall in Trust Debit Balances from \$114,556 to \$64,173. Trust Credit Balances show a slight fall also from \$255,230 to \$232,474. Circuit Balances have hardly varied. Credit Balances stand at \$39,413, a fall of \$1376. Debit Balances stand at \$40,550, a rise of \$318.

Maori Mission Returns:

It is not possible to assess the overall position at this point since only three of the five returns are to hand, namely Waikato, King Country and Taranaki Maori Circuits. Auckland and Northland returns are outstanding.

Solomon Islands and New Guinea Highlands:

With the inauguration of the United Church in January, 1968, statistical returns are now no longer officially tabled for the

Conference. However, the Synods, where our Missions Department formerly operated, have forwarded copies of their returns. These show that existing trends continue. There is a tremendous surge of growth in enquiries for baptism and a continuing desperate shortage of staff and money. Logistic support from our people in New Zealand remains very necessary.

1966 National Census:

The Secretary is engaged in preparing a detailed study of the material contained in the Census Religious Affiliation reports and intends to present a detailed study to Synods and Conference 1969.

JOHN G. HAYHURST, General Statistical Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Statistical Returns be received and adopted.

2. That the Secretary be authorised to consult with his counterparts in other churches for the purpose of formulating agreed procedures relating to Union Parish Returns.

3. That a detailed analysis of the relevant sections of the 1966 National Census be prepared for presentation to Synods and Conference 1969.

4. That the Secretary be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

5. That the Statistical Secretary consult with the Department of Christian Education with a view to inclusion in the returns presented to Conference, of Statistics of Uniformed Groups connected with the Churches, and leaders in youth and Christian Education work.

QUESTION 35—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on:—

A—Welfare of the Church Committee

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LECTIONARY

The Lectionary for 1969-70 has been prepared and is recommended for optional use by Preachers.

PASTORAL RESOLUTIONS

(1965 Minutes, P. 103, Resolution 35)

In 1965 the Conference asked the Church Council to consider and refer to an appropriate committee the matter of the preparation of a suitable set of Pastoral Resolutions more in keeping with the present situation confronting the Church. In 1967 this was referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee. This year the work was completed and the following revised resolutions have been approved of by Church Council. (For the appropriate resolution see Church Council Report).

REVISED PASTORAL RESOLUTIONS

Our Ordination:

On this occasion we commit ourselves afresh to God, acknowledging our inadequacy and determining by God's Grace to press on towards the goal of our high calling in Jesus Christ. We recall that

at our ordination we received, under the hand of the church, the promise of God's Spirit and were commissioned to proclaim the Gospel, maintain the Faith, build up the Body of Christ, and equip God's people for their work of mission. In humble obedience we now renew our ordination vows, place ourselves again at the disposal of Christ and accept the discipline of His Church.

The Kingdom:

The world we live in is one of hope and fear, love and hatred, unity and division. Yet for all its confusion this world is God's world, Christ is Lord and His love will prevail. Therefore we pledge ourselves to the task of breaking down all racial, political and religious barriers, and of confronting all mankind with that fullness of life which is to be found only in Jesus Christ.

The Living Word:

At the heart of the Gospel there stands Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. We therefore resolve in all our preaching, teaching and administering of the Sacraments to place ourselves at the disposal of the Holy Spirit so that the living Word may speak through us and confront men and women with the Risen Christ. To this end we submit to the discipline of study and accept the challenge to wrestle with contemporary thought so that we may discover a Word from the Lord for this age.

Pastoral Responsibilities and Administration:

Remembering our Lord's infinite love and respect for people we resolve to give our pastoral responsibilities a central place in our ministry. We are determined to be careful in administration, sensitive in our conduct of meetings and constantly on the alert to the particular needs of each person. Not only will we counsel people as need arises but we will endeavour to give adequate preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Relationships with other Ministers:

In a unique way we are brothers in Christ to all Ordained Ministers. With shame we admit that this fellowship has at times been broken by misunderstanding and rivalry. We resolve to build up the brotherhood and to promote friendship and understanding between all the People of God.

Stewardship:

We are determined to exercise a wise and disciplined stewardship of our time, abilities, possessions, friendships and health. We resolve to remember our responsibilities to home and family as well as to our pastorate.

Our Devotional Life:

We remind ourselves that all our efforts are of little consequence unless they spring out of a lively relationship with Jesus Christ. We confess that we have neither devoted sufficient time to prayer and meditation, nor been eager enough to discover God in the people we meet and the situations in which we find ourselves. We now offer ourselves to God in love and for the work of the Ministry.

Response:

All that we have is Yours, O Lord; We give You but Your own. In Your great love take us, recreate and use us for the fulfilment of Your eternal purpose, the uniting of all things in Christ our Lord.

Now to Him who by His power within us is able to do far more than we ever dare to ask or imagine—to Him be glory in the Church through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

FURNISHED PARSONAGES AND CHURCH UNION

(1967 Minutes, P. 73, Resolution 6)

The Committee felt that this issue should not be discussed unilaterally but properly falls within the purview of the J.C.C.U. Church Government Committee. The Committee has therefore written to the J.C.C.U. Church Government Committee requesting that it survey the various systems operating within the negotiating Churches and indicate how the divergent systems can be unified within one Church. Until this information is available the Welfare of the Church Committee sees no point in pursuing its discussion.

D. B. GORDON, Chairman
W. L. WALLACE, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Lectionary be adopted for optional use and printed in the Minutes of Conference.
3. That each year a Lectionary be produced by the Welfare of the Church Committee for optional use and printed in the Minutes of Conference.
4. That the Welfare of the Church Committee consult with the Stipend Committee and the Board of Management of the Connexional Office and report on the adjustments to stipends and regulations that would be necessitated should ministers be required to own their own furniture and to report back to Synods and Conference 1969.
5. That the Committee for 1969 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 35—B

N.Z. Lay Preachers' Association

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Regular meetings of the Executive have been held in Christchurch during the year.

EXAMINATIONS

The following are the results of examinations held in June and December, 1968, with last year's figures in parenthesis:—

	Passed	Failed	Total
Theology	5 (6)	2 (2)	7 (8)
Old Testament	9 (5)	6 (2)	15 (7)
New Testament	5 (14)	3 (1)	8 (15)
Homiletics	7 (9)	2 (1)	9 (10)
The Church	5 (9)	2 (1)	7 (10)
	31 (43)	15 (7)	46 (50)

ACCREDITATIONS

380 Mrs E. Reynolds, 381 Miss Rae Couch, 382 Mrs J. Redhead, 383 E. C. D. Watson, 384 J. Best, 385 B. A. Bowden, 386 C. C. Ayres, 387 A. Bailey, 388 J. Hornblow, 389 A. Bee, 390 G. Tootill, 391 W. H. Barnett, 392 F. Tugia.

'THE PREACHER'

This quarterly newsletter continues to be published and some 900 copies are regularly forwarded to District Secretaries for distribution to all members.

We thank Dr P. J. Moss for the great care taken in selecting suitable reading matter.

POST ACCREDITATION STUDIES

In 1963, Conference approved a Post Accreditation Study course for Lay Preachers. Subsequent enquiries produced many difficulties regarding the form this should take and who should set and conduct such a course.

Preliminary work by the previous Executive and much research by the present one resulted in a form which it is felt will suit the needs of most who feel the need for this course. The Board of Examiners have agreed to supply us with an annual list of paper backed books from which 12 may be chosen for study purposes.

The first list has been received and published both in 'The Preacher' and 'The N.Z. Methodist'.

It is later hoped to forward questionnaires to members in order to gain impressions of the readings.

We tender our thanks to the Board of Examiners and in particular to Rev. R. G. Bell who has devoted so much time to this in our interests.

LONG SERVICE DIPLOMAS

We have not been asked to issue any of these certificates during the year.

Conference 1929 approved the issuing of these Diplomas to Preachers who have been on 'full plan' for over 25 years. The first Diploma was issued on 29/4/30 to W. Harris, Hamilton, for 54 years' service. The total issued to date is 364. Requests for these usually reach us from Superintendent Ministers through Quarterly Meetings.

We wonder if any Lay Preachers have been denied this honour through lack of information on procedure by ministers or Quarterly Meetings.

A revised Order of Service for the Public Recognition of a Lay Preacher has been completed and forwarded to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration. This has been a prolonged but much thought out project.

This year should see the end of the term of office for this Executive and Wellington District, whose turn it is to take office are having a look at the matter, but at the time of issuing this report, no definite word has reached us.

In accordance with Resolution 4, page 75, Minutes of Conference 1967, we have had a long look at the agenda and purpose of Preachers' Meetings with a view to revision and feel that all members should be circularised with the idea of collating opinions from all Districts as a basis for a final draft.

ALLEN A. DINGWALL, President

HAROLD E. HOSKING, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

Spiritual Advance Committee

A.—General

Study of Evangelism:

Early in the year the committee accepted the work of the Auckland sub-group, considered their report conveyed much of vital insight, and warmly commends it to the Church as worthy of study and action. It is the basis for the set of studies prepared for the Church and being used at the Conference.

Board of Evangelism:

A Board of Evangelism is to replace the Spiritual Advance Committee next year and we have made representations concerning its siting and order of reference.

Membership:

It has not been possible to hold a meeting with the Faith and Order Committee about this. We remain concerned about the continuing uncertainty as to what is meant by membership and the proposed new procedures for the keeping of rolls.

Leaflets:

The Advent Leaflet 1968 is being written by the Rev. J. B. Dawson and the Lenten Leaflet 1969 by the Rev. L. M. Tauroa. We believe the Board of Evangelism ought to give serious early consideration to the purpose and use of these publications.

Schools of Devotion:

At Rotorua 28th-30th June a further School of Devotion on 'Prayer' was attended by 30 people appointed from throughout the Waikato-Bay of Plenty district and including two representatives each from Auckland and Hawke's Bay. The weekend followed the same pattern as that initiated at the 'pilot' school held by the committee last year and reported to last Conference.

The people at Rotorua, who represent a cross section of the membership of the Church, agreed that the kind of insights gained should be carried further into the Church's life. They requested that material should be prepared to help in the forming of local Church groups. It is considered that such material should only be used where it is possible to have a person in the group who has first shared in a full weekend school. Those present at both schools have been eager to encourage the Church to continue work of this kind.

The committee intends to hold a pilot school on 'The Use of the Bible' later this year under the leadership of the Rev. J. Grundy.

Missions:

There have been few requests for guidance in the holding of missions from circuits this year, and very few reports of any missions or similar efforts being held. The committee is concerned about this apparent lack of interest and activity and has circulated districts for information.

Visitors:

The visit of the President-General of the Australasian Conference, the Rev. C. F. Gribble, was well received. Approval has been given to the Auckland Central Mission to invite and use Dr Stanley Jones if he can come to N.Z. The committee has agreed to arrange a suitable short itinerary if he does come. Concern is felt

that there is a lack of communication with the U.S.A. Church so that prominent men from that church who are on official visits to this part of the world often call into N.Z. without us knowing beforehand and so we miss the opportunity of planning for them and using them to the best advantage. It is hoped that this can be remedied.

Conclusion:

The committee thanks the Church for the opportunity that has been given it to serve over the years and wishes the new Board of Evangelism well as it accepts the task of spearheading the evangelistic drive of the Conference.

L. F. BYCROFT, Chairman.

A. A. GRUNDY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the financial statements be received and adopted.
3. That the General Fund be transferred to the Board of Evangelism.
4. That the Overseas Visitors' Fund be transferred to the Home Missions Department.
5. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the Spiritual Advance Committee over the years and in particular of the work of the Convener, Rev. A. A. Grundy.
6. That Methodist people be invited to pray for the Billy Graham Crusade to be held in New Zealand in February/March 1969.
7. That Conference re-affirms Res. 5 (page 78, 1967 Minutes), urging Circuits to co-operate with the Billy Graham Crusade.
8. That early in each year the Secretary of Conference, in consultation with the Departments and Committees concerned, distribute a broadsheet bringing together all matters referred by Conference to local churches for study and/or action.

B.—Report on Evangelism

Evangelism needs more than just a better technique to make it more effective today, it needs a reform of the whole life of the Church. While evangelism communicates a faith and a hope the worldly aspect of what it offers is the life of the Church itself. Increasing numbers of Christians believe the visible life of the churches today is the biggest stumbling block in the path of evangelism. Many are impeded or completely prevented from evangelising just because of the too great imperfections of the Church which is necessarily offered at the same time as the Gospel. A reformed Church life must give a new impetus and certainty to individual witness.

This report sets out the background to these contentions and suggests paths along which they seem to point.

The necessity of evangelism:

'Evangelism' is more than 'witness'. It is bringing people to awareness of, and obedience to, God's rule in their lives and in His world. It inevitably creates and builds up Christian Community.

No individual or community is self-sufficient; man can find no ultimate stability without God. "All men need to be saved."

Every individual and every community is either **complacent, or in crisis, or obedient to God.**

In Crisis the individual or group faces a challenge for which its experience or its previous working philosophy affords it no direct answer. The crisis need not be a tragedy or even misery over personal sin or frustration. It may come as much in a revelation of beauty as in a revelation of sin; as much in a recognition of the inadequacy of social structures as of personal capabilities; in a demand for a basis of hope as much for mankind as for personal survival. The 'Gospel', while it may not provide immediate answers to the problem, can point to the potential fruitfulness of a new obedience and can bring hope and new moral and spiritual resources.

Crisis therefore implies openness to evangelism which brings the person or group into obedience to God, while **complacency**, with the individual or group feeling self-sufficient and in command of destiny, is not propitious for evangelism. As long as there remain individuals and social structures unresponsive to God, the Church must evangelise. But Christians must appreciate that situations where complacency reigns will not be easily changed, and the Church must cultivate sensitivity to situations of crisis and develop skill in ministering to them.

The Church's failure:

The Church is acutely aware of its failure to evangelise effectively. Concentration on techniques could be a major mistake if it assumes that the life of the churches is irrelevant to the narrow concern of developing more effective evangelism.

Criticisms directed against the common life of the churches include: (a) an inflexibility of organisation often seriously inhibiting efforts to meet the needs of modern man and society; (b) much congregational life revolving around trivial concerns; (c) much Church life ingrown and avoiding real issues raised by the life of the community around it; (d) many churches trying to make do with an out-of-date intellectual apparatus whose short-comings grow ever clearer to outsiders; (e) the tendency to make absolute particular creeds and dogmas, and the denial of the propriety of criticisms of the Scriptures, of tradition and of the Church, lay many Christians open to charges of rational incompetence and even of idolatry; (f) when Church members remain confused as to what lies at the heart of the faith and what the religious life consists of, they tend to set up something peripheral and present it as being of ultimate significance. Once again, the possibility of hidden idolatry arises, and a basically correct instinct leads men to reject Christianity when it is infected with idolatrous elements.

While these and other criticisms continue to be applicable to the churches there is little likelihood of significant progress in evangelism.

The Church's true life:

It is not easy to state criteria for the Church's true life without arbitrarily limiting the shapes which the Church may take.

However, the Biblical figure of the Church as the **body of Christ** is useful. It reminds us that the Church is a living organism and not just a collection of individuals, that it has a centre of decision or "head" in Christ, that it should show the adaptability and creativity of a personality rather than the stereotyped responses and inflexibility of a machine. In presenting the Church as continuing Christ's work in the world, this figure also gives us a criterion by which to judge the life of the churches.

St Paul's picture of a **universal salvation**, with all things reconciled to God in Christ, is also relevant when we think of the Church as the nucleus, which, by adding to itself and continually

purifying itself, must at last become co-extensive with the perfected unity and totality of all creation.

However much the Church may change its shape, at least the following three elements must persist in it—caring of the members for one another in deep fellowship (*koinonia*); declaration of and attention to the Word of God (*kerygma*); and loving service of individuals and the community (*diakonia*). The mutual commitment and caring for one another must go far deeper than what has generally come to be understood by fellowship. And under no change of pattern can the Church be allowed to become a loose aggregation of individuals. Attention must be given to the working of Christian groups.

As to the Word of God, any serving group, for instance, which becomes too busy to listen for it, and to worship, will soon lose all specifically Christian character. As to service, every need of man is a matter of concern for the Church, which should constantly be seeking to adapt itself so as to better supply these needs.

A community in which any of these three elements is neglected is crippled. In particular, its evangelistic power will be diminished. But of course these three elements may receive a full expression through forms far removed from standard church patterns.

Current Evangelism:

The standard Methodist programme of evangelism comprises Sunday worship, Christian education (especially of the young) and the pastoral ministry (including lay visitation). The effectiveness of this pattern hitherto should not be underestimated, but there are signs that it will be less in the future. Young people today are not so easily persuaded to live by the faith of their fathers.

Our programme of "service" is defective in that we are very limited in the types of ministry we contemplate as well as in the efficiency with which we carry them through. We are not notably efficient in finding out the real needs even of the people on our pastoral rolls. A great deal of the impulse that ought to be expended in true ministry is in fact absorbed in the effort needed to provide finance to keep the churches going. Service to the community is mostly left to the initiative of individuals. Our church is especially poorly organised to give service in the political realm, though such service is of ever increasing importance.

Our programme is also defective in "fellowship" because we succeed in giving only a small proportion of our people any conception of what Christian fellowship ought to mean. To many of our people today it means little more than enjoying singing together in the choir, or working together on fund raising projects.

Insofar as we fall short in service and fellowship, our ministry of the Word, though faithful, often seems to lack depth and relevance.

Other, more conservative denominations may merit higher marks for "fellowship" than we do. They usually make a point of encouraging or training their members to be sensitive to other people's crises and to be alert to offer a Christian resolution of them, and by such means more new members are won from outside than is typical with us. But they still delimit the sphere of "service" very narrowly and ultra-conservative attitudes to the interpretation of Scripture must make it hard for the Word to be proclaimed and heard in its fullness and up-to-date relevancy. Also, it is unfortunate that the Gospel is often offered at times of human crisis in such a way as to draw men out of the world and into the Church conceived as a fortress against the world. Man must find his salvation within the context of the

secular world, and indeed his salvation should be an aspect of the healing of that world.

In mass evangelism, when emotional pressures are applied with little regard to their relevance to the Gospel or to the life of the Church, it is insufficient justification to say they have been found to "work". The question is whether the "Word" can be truly heard. The legitimacy of inducing crisis so as to be able to resolve it, is questionable. Any attempt to get people at a psychological disadvantage and so to outflank their intellectual defences is inconsistent with the Christian respect for persons. Every challenge to mature commitment to Christ should see a balanced intellectual and emotional response.

Evangelism of this kind, however, involves many ordinary Christian people in concerned activity for others, and this personal ministry does bring permanent results. At a time when few, if any, sections of the Church appear to hold a key to effective evangelism, no one is in a strong position to utterly condemn the current practice of mass evangelism, even though many may feel they have good cause to be dissatisfied with it.

No answer lies in the presentation of some better-worked-out statement of the faith to which assent might be required. Theological clarification is an important adjunct to the task of declaring the Word and discovering the Church's calling, but it cannot of itself become the spearhead of an evangelistic drive. It is better to allow the Scriptures to be a well of living truth and ever-new inspiration than to compress them into a few dessicated doctrinal propositions.

"Getting out into the world" sums up the programme of many who have become disillusioned with the structures of the institutional Church. But the problem is not to get away from the Church and out into the world. It is to get the Church out into the world so it can serve with maximum effectiveness. Even out there, it still must display all its basic characteristics. If "service" becomes everything, and "fellowship" and the "Word" be lost, service may indeed be performed, but no evangelistic breakthrough will follow.

Yet it is probably true that failure to "serve" in any adequate form is the most serious criticism to be made of the churches of our experience. The Church fails in its ministry just because it is too separate from the world.

Counselling is sometimes presented as the new method of evangelism. It certainly improves our efficiency in ministering to one area of need. Yet counselling in which there is no Word, is not in itself evangelism. In evangelism there is a response to the declaration that only Christ can make men whole.

Rediscovering the Church's true life:

The rediscovery of the Church's true life begins with penitence. A group of Christians realises how far its common life falls short of God's intention and offers itself to Him for reformation. What sparks this off may be the challenge of an immediate task normally beyond the range of the church's capabilities but which the group discovers it has the potential to carry through if it is willing to commit itself and adapt itself. The nature of the task will suggest changes to be made and action to be taken. A worthwhile common ministry ought to bring deepened fellowship within the Christian community, and to add meaning to worship, preaching and Bible study.

But the Christian group may be in crisis just because it discovers that its common life is shallow, but without being able to see just what is God's intention for it and what changes it ought to make. Such a group should begin with confession, penitence and commitment

to whatever future God will make known to it. It should then take all possible steps to discover God's mind. It will set out to discover what God intends a true church to be. It may make a frank inventory of its present life, its resources for service and how they are being used, misused or left idle. It may also be led to survey the community around it to discover points at which it should be involved. It should remember, too, its responsibilities to the entire world community.

The group should then seek inspiration from the ways in which **other groups have responded** to the challenge to reformation. The "Official Report of the World Conference on Church and Society" may repay study. It gives much detailed analysis of the relation of the Church to specific areas of need, and also offers such general observations as this: "To be a serving community we must be ingenious and imaginative in adopting a variety of organisational patterns. Moreover, we must abandon the idea that some forms of church organisation are in themselves superior structures of ministry because they have longer histories. The test of the ministries should be faithfulness to the needs of men". (C.6).

Christian groups, in this context, include of course all local churches, but others may come into being which are not related to particular local congregations. Individual Christians may find it impossible to move their churches out of inadequate attitudes, and may come together to form new working groups of their own. Or a challenge to Christian service may come in an area where no local church moves, as in industry, the professions, or the political sphere.

Such groups must take care to be loyal to the catholic and ecumenical nature of the Church. Members should not withdraw from the institutional Church or regard themselves as above it. They will still need it to keep them within the fellowship and unity of the Church universal, to provide a part of their worship and education, to act as a reservoir of the wisdom the Church has gathered over the centuries and to make up the inevitable deficiencies of the small group. They will also need to keep open channels for contributing to the Church the fruit of their special experience.

Conclusion:

Effective evangelism will come only when a Christian community discovers what God intends it to be and do and actively conforms to that vocation. **The Church's true life is the Church's true evangelism.**

We have been led to put forward the group, rather than the individual, as the **fundamental unit** of Christian life and work since it is only in the group that the essential characteristics of the Church can be adequately expressed.

The churches must seek **the life God intends** for them whether this brings immediate numerical increase or not. Yet since the life of the Church is an essential part of what is offered in evangelism, the reform of the life of the churches must increase their attraction for outsiders.

The importance of **person-to-person encounter** in evangelism is taken for granted. It will inevitably be individuals who serve individuals in trying to bring them into the group, to involve them in its work of serving and in all its life. It will be individuals who help individuals to see the implications of Christian faith. **But** an individual can be an evangelist only on the strength of his involvement in a live Christian community, and his evangelism involves offering others a place in that community.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and commended for individual study and groups.
2. That the Board of Evangelism study this material and give urgent consideration as to how the studies prepared from it should best be used in the life of the Church.
3. That the Board of Evangelism give consideration to other ways of airing the issues raised in the report.

QUESTION 35—D

Methodist Men's Fellowship

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

During the past year contact has been made with most of the Methodist Churches in the country regarding the position of Men's fellowship activities. It has been clear from replies received to date that men's fellowship activities cover a very wide field. There are a number of fellowships which meet for social activities, some meet for specific work projects, others have monthly meetings with speakers, some have tea meetings either during the week or on Sunday afternoons before Church and there are a number of other activities. We intend to maintain the contacts already made by correspondence and personal visitation especially with the existing fellowships and those churches which have shown an interest in commencing men's fellowship activities.

The Auckland District continues to supply the main support to the National Movement and activities in the Auckland area have catered adequately for the local membership. During the Annual Retreat held by the Auckland District at Campbells Bay in March this year a meeting was held to discuss the place of men in the Church. This meeting was sponsored by the Auckland Synod Standing Committee and was open to all men of the Methodist Church. Most of the men present spoke of their concern on the place of men in the Church; the need for revival of basic reliefs; the need for opportunity for confession of faith and witness; the lack of understanding and optimum co-operation between minister and layman, to name but a few of the points raised.

This gathering disclosed the feeling of men who are not in the main concerned in that part of our church life which places them on any of our committees, meetings or legislative bodies—these men came from out of the body of the congregation and disclosed their feelings of concern, indignation, or approval, as appropriate to their personal situation. From the meeting came four motions which were forwarded to the Synod Standing Committee—two of these were motions affecting directly the Men's Fellowship while the others are pertinent to the Church corporate thus:—

1. Interchange of visits between Men's Fellowship groups be arranged to assist the weaker fellowships.
2. Each local church form a group of men to build each other up in the faith of Christ with the object of fitting themselves for the work of the Church.
3. That the S.S.C. be asked to take action to ensure that the whole concern of lay visitation and stewardship promotion be a priority matter for Circuit Finance and Stewardship Committees as in the minutes of Conference page 219.

4. That the S.S.C. recommend to the ministry that greater emphasis be placed on the spiritual welfare of each individual Christian. These motions went on to Synod Standing Committee together with a further one from the District Executive.

"That this executive was disappointed with the numbers who attended the meeting at Campbells Bay and therefore ask the S.S.C. to spend a special day for a conference of ministers and laymen in the Auckland district to discuss ways and means of furthering the work of Christ among men."

There is a noticeable demand for a fellowship which is capable of building its members up in the faith and where an emphasis on personal religion is maintained, and it is expected that this will increase as time goes by. The emphasis over many years on service has sometimes been at the expense of personal religion which is also important. This has caused a number of men at least to feel the need to emphasise this part of our Christian heritage by the return to a fellowship similar to the Methodist Class Meeting. The importance the class meeting placed on personal religion and one's present experience in Jesus Christ could have a new appeal in modern times. John Wesley has been recorded as maintaining that attendance at the Class Meeting was the test of membership, and those who did not attend a Class Meeting were not counted as true members in his estimation. Although it is not our intention to become involved in any argument as to the respective merits, or otherwise, of the Class Meeting it is quite obvious that it provided a great strength to Methodism in the past. We are willing to assist in the promotion of class meetings for any present day Methodists who feel inclined to try them out. It is possible that a demand for fellowship of this nature could exist to a much greater extent than is generally believed.

Events of the past few years which have caused theological controversies have obviously been a disturbing influence to many Christians both within and outside our own denomination. There is definitely a need today for each Christian to know what he believes, and we should not be found wanting in this respect. Greater stress on the Methodist doctrine of assurance is certainly not out of place today. Although differing views on theology and doctrine are held by our members, the Men's Fellowship is quite prepared to co-operate with any movement or organisation that brings men to a saving knowledge of our Lord. In particular we strongly support the campaign to be held in this country by Dr Billy Graham and his team and commend this to the support of all Methodists.

The Auckland District Executive is to lend its support to an investigation of the waning support of men in the Church. This will be a major investigation and will draw on overseas experience. It is hoped that the findings should be of some assistance in coming to grips with the present unsatisfactory situation. The National Executive is currently investigating the possibilities of putting forward a missionary project which will involve Methodist Men on a national basis.

J. G. RUSSELL, President

E. JEFFS, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That in the light of the 1967 Conference Report on the integration of Men's and Women's work, the National Executive of the Men's Fellowship consult with the Department of Christian

Education in order to determine the best ways and means whereby the essential purposes of the Men's Fellowship Movement may be better integrated into the total life of the Church, and report to the 1969 meeting of the Methodist Council of Christian Education.

3. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION 35—E

Methodist Women's Fellowship

REPORT TO SYNOD, AUGUST, 1968

We have pleasure in presenting a report of the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

St Paul's Church, Hamilton, in the heart of the Waikato, proved an ideal venue for Convention, 1967, which was attended by 116 representatives of whom 56 were first-timers. Additional members of the Convention were the President of Conference, Rev. A. K. Petch and Mrs Petch, the Heads of the various Church Departments and representatives of the Deaconess Order, the Overseas Sisters, the Maori Women's Fellowship and the World Federation of Methodist Women. Also present were observers from the Association of Presbyterian Women, the Anglican Mothers' Union and the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Associated Churches of Christ.

The Convention opened with the Communion Service conducted by the President of Conference assisted by Mrs L. G. White, National President and Mrs P. Rushton, President of Waikato District Council. The inspiration of this service was maintained throughout Convention by Rev. Dr Phyllis Guthardt who led the opening devotional period each day. Other highlights were:

(a) **Overseas Mission Evening**, when several past and present missionary workers participated, and short addresses were given by both Rev. Leslie and Mrs Hazel Boseto.

(b) **Home Mission Evening**, with items by the Maori Girls' Choir and Hillcrest Ladies' Choir interspersed between addresses on Methodist Maori Missions, and Australian Deaconess work.

(c) **Gifted Speakers** giving valuable information on "Hospital Chaplaincy and Hospital Visiting"; "Vocational Guidance", "Inter-church Aid", "Conference Reporting", "Methodist Women in America", "World Federation of Methodist Women".

Membership figures and important decisions of Hamilton Convention were given verbally to Conference at Dunedin, 1967. This information was received. The financial statement as found on pages 358-361, Minutes of Conference 1967, was adopted.

Resolution 2, page 81, "That the National Executive be asked to consider ways of making their current report available to Conference".

In response to this resolution the National Executive plans to have this year's report (from Convention in October) included in the supplementary reports issued to members prior to Conference, November, 1968. It is hoped that this report will include decisions on important changes in policy, namely:—

1. Proposed alterations to the M.W.F. Constitution necessitated by the resolution of 1967, "That Convention be held bi-ennially".

2. Suggested plan of action whereby the M.W.F. Commitments to Mission Boards could be gradually included in the Connexional Budget.
3. Recommendations from the Kurahuna Hostel Commission of Inquiry.

At this Convention also, the Incoming National Executive, under the Presidency of Mrs N. Williams of Wellington, will be inducted into office.

Women's Groups in Union Causes:

In 1965 the National Executives of the Presbyterian and Methodist Women's organisations agreed on a broad policy which could serve as a guide for women's groups in Uniting Churches. It is becoming obvious that this agreement must be enlarged to incorporate women's groups from other negotiating churches. Despite provision for affiliation with the District Courts, the liaison is a divided one and groups tend to have a sense of detachment. It is felt that this situation should be watched at local and district levels to avoid the apparent isolation of these groups, until such time as the Joint Commission's Sub-Committee on Women's Organisations presents its recommendations.

The National Executive expresses appreciation of the co-operation and the willing assistance received throughout the year from the Officers of the Church and the Heads of the various Church Departments.

D. WHITE, President.

J. TRATHEN, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

Methodist Women's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT

We have pleasure in presenting the fifth Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Fellowship, as adopted by the Convention at Timaru, October, 1968. This report, to be taken in conjunction with that presented to Annual Synods in August, 1968, answers the request in Resolution 2, page 81 of the Minutes of Conference, 1967; "That the National Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship be asked to consider ways of making their current report available to Conference."

Convention this year, held at Woodlands Street Church, Timaru, was attended by 107 representatives of whom 43 were first-timers. Also present as members of Convention were Rev. J. D. Grocott, President of Conference, and Mrs Grocott; Mr W. E. Donnelly, Vice-President of Conference; Revs. G. Carter, R. Rakena, W. Ford, W. Chambers; Sisters Rona Collins and Pamela Beaumont; Mrs I. G. Baber, Area Vice-President of W.F.M.W.; Mesdames M. Rogers and W. Bidois of Waikato representing the Maori Women's Fellowship; also Mesdames N. C. Williams and B. C. Armstrong, National President and National Secretary elect. Included as observers were representatives of the Association of Presbyterian Women, the Mothers' Union and of the Associated Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship. The programme was planned to give a comprehensive coverage of the work undertaken by the various Departments of the Church with the view of encouraging closer co-operation on the part of the Women's Fellowship.

Membership, as at 30/6/68: Members, 8928; Fellowships, 332; Gleaners, 404; District Councils, 19.

Finance: Missionary Contributions through the National Treasurer, \$34,655.03. Allocations were made as follows:— \$8200 to each of the two Mission Boards; \$5000 towards alterations and additions to Te Rahui (taane) Hostel at Hamilton; \$78 to each Deaconess Trainee; \$3000 to combined Medical and Educational Grants to Overseas Workers; \$4564.91 Stamp Allocation. (a) divided among Home and Overseas and Fraternal Workers; (b) towards cost of renovations of Maori Centres; (c) towards cost of Overseas freight; (d) towards Memorial to Miss Rishworth; (e) purchase of a watch for Mrs L. Boseto.

Amount raised for purposes other than Missionary, \$36,561. It is estimated that 75% of this amount was paid to Trusts and Circuits.

A Constitution Handbook approved at Convention 1967, was printed and despatched early in the year.

Church Union, Union Causes:

There is a commendable trend towards closer co-operation between women's organisations of various denominations. There are now 21 Women's Groups within Union Causes. At both District and Local level M.W.F. Executives are endeavouring to establish links with such groups, with or without affiliation.

World Federation of Methodist Women and National Council of Women:

Affiliation with these two organisations provides reciprocal opportunity for enlargement of vision.

Kurahuna:

The Commission of Enquiry set up by Rev. B. M. Chrystall at the request of the M.W.F. met five times between June 1967 and June 1968. Members brought to these meetings the results of intense research covering all aspects of the welfare and education of Maori girls. The final recommendations of the Commission were accepted by the National Executive for presentation to District Councils, thence to Convention. Resolutions were passed as follows—

(1) "That the Kurahuna Hostel be closed at the end of this year." (1968).

(2) "That the property not be sold in the immediate future. That Rev. B. M. Chrystall be asked to form a committee to investigate possible uses to which Kurahuna property could be of service to the Methodist Church; that this committee from the Home Mission Board, in consultation with the National Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Church Building and Loan Fund, be given power to act, thus enabling the property to be made available without waiting for another Convention, or alternatively, to be put on the market if it is found inadvisable to retain it."

(3) "That the Kurahuna management committee in Auckland make discreet enquiries as to how the closing of the Hostel will affect the present girls in residence, and make appropriate recommendations, should financial assistance be required for any to continue their education, to the Methodist Women's Fellowship."

(4) "That Fellowships be urged to continue their support to the Kurahuna Fund for present and future requirements."

(5) "That in the event of a sale of the property, a properly organised "Award" or "Bursary" scheme be established, to provide financial assistance to Maori girls for further education."

This complete alteration of policy could be a forerunner of other changes. It is obvious that in many areas our M.W.F. leaders and members are awake to the advisability of moving away from orthodox forms and times of meetings. As new structures develop within the life of the church, it is envisaged that the contribution of the women could undergo change and integration.

The concept of different approaches and widening vision was emphasised by the President of Conference, Rev. J. D. Grocott, in his address during the Communion Service as he related his remarks to his recent observations and experiences overseas. At this service too Mrs N. C. Williams and the incoming National Executive were dedicated to office.

Thus another phase in the history of the M.W.F. has been reached. We give thanks for evidences of constructive thinking and devoted application throughout the Fellowships. We acknowledge the co-operation of the Departments with whom we have been privileged to work and from whom we have received assistance, and advice. As the responsibility of leadership moves to the new Executive in Wellington we can go forward in faith, confident that fresh impetus will be given under God's guidance and that the M.W.F. will continue to take its place in the witness and the life of the Church.

D. WHITE, National President

J. TRATHEN, National Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. Ref. Page 296 Minutes of Conference 1967:

That the amendment to District Synod Constitution sub-section (m) be amended to read:— "Two Representatives of the N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship who shall be appointed by the District Council of the Fellowship, provided always where there are more than one District Council in the Synodal District each District Council may elect one representative."

3. To implement the Resolution of Convention 1967, "That Convention become biennial"; that the following amendments to the Constitution be approved. Ref. page 339, 340, Minutes, 1965.

1. Delete the word "annual" wherever it appears before the word "Convention" in the Constitution.

2. At the end of Clause 1, add the words "of the Methodist Church of New Zealand".

3. REPEAL Clause 12 and substitute therefor the following:—

12. There shall be a Convention of the Women's Fellowship which shall determine and direct the general policy of the Fellowship. It shall consider the work of the Fellowship and consider its financial position. It shall meet every other year.

4. Add at the end of Clause 15, the following:— "It shall prepare each year a report and financial statement, which shall be duly audited. The report and financial statements shall be reported to either the Convention or the National Council.

5. Add new clause—

15a. In any year in which no Convention is held there shall be a meeting of the National Council. The Council shall consist of the Executive Committee and the President of each District Council or her duly appointed substitute. It shall consider

the annual report and financial statements, and any other matters referred to it by the Executive Committee or by the Convention.

6. Add new clause—

15b. Each year a report and financial statements, duly audited, shall be submitted to the Conference.

Reference, pages 339, 340 Minutes of Conference, 1965.

4. This Conference expresses its deep appreciation of the leadership and initiative of the National Executive during its two years based at Nelson, and commends the Executive for its part in the consolidation of the work of Methodist women.

Question 35—F

F.—Church Council

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1968

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on May 6 to 8, 1968. The President, the Rev. John D. Grocott, B.A., presided over all sessions.

CONNEXIONAL STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

Report of the Committee on Structure

The Structure Committee reported that it had given lengthy and careful consideration to the many matters remitted to it by Conference. It had consulted groups of Ministers and Laymen in seven different centres of the Dominion in an endeavour to ascertain the general consensus of opinion on the major matters submitted.

(1967 Conference Minutes—Pages 82 ff.).

(a) **Department of Mission:**

The Home Mission Board submitted its views on the proposals to the Structure Committee. The Maori Mission Department indicated that it desired further time in order to secure the views of the Maori membership through the Maori Policy Committee. Overseas Mission Department representatives were overseas when the Structure Committee met. The Structure Committee recommended that the matter be given further consideration and the Church Council concurred.

(b) **Board of Evangelism** (1967 Minutes, page 78 Res. page 83, Res. 3).

The location of this new Board was carefully considered by the Structure Committee which recommended that the Board of Evangelism be situated in the Manawatu and suggested a method whereby nomination for its composition might be made. The Church Council concurred.

(c) **Advent and Lenten Leaflets:**

The Spiritual Advance Committee having sought guidance as to future responsibility for these, the Structure Committee recommended that the responsibility for this literature be undertaken by the Board of Evangelism. The Church Council concurred.

(d) **Overseas Visitors:**

The Spiritual Advance Committee having asked that the future responsibility for this part of its work be determined, the Structure Committee recommended that the responsibility for initiating visits, and the mechanics of planning and carrying through such visits, be with the Home Mission Department. The Church Council concurred.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Department of Mission:** That the Church Council through the Structure Committee continue its examination of the proposal to establish a Department of Mission and report to Synods and Conference, 1969.

2. **Board of Evangelism:**

(a) That the Board of Evangelism be located in the Manawatu.

(b) That the Board be as printed on page 8 herein.

3. **Advent and Lenten Leaflets:** That the Advent and Lenten Leaflets be the responsibility of the Board of Evangelism.

4. **Overseas Visitors:** That the responsibility for co-ordinating, initiating and carrying through of visits of the kind previously organized by the Spiritual Advance Committee become the duty of the Home and Maori Mission Department.

SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

(1967 Minutes pages 85, 86)

THE NATURE AND FUNCTION OF THE CONFERENCE

The following statement prepared by the Structure Committee was approved by the Church Council for submission to Synods and Conference for approval.

The Nature of Conference:

Conference is the supreme consultative and legislative body of the Church. Through it ministers and laymen discharge their responsibility individually and corporately of interpreting and guarding the faith; ensuring that pastoral care and rule is exercised according to the accepted doctrines and disciplines of the Connexion; and giving oversight to the whole life of the Church.

Historically, Conference was so constituted that its nature is not 'democratic' in the ordinary sense of the term, for it is composed of ministers who belong as of right, and an equal number of lay representatives who are elected by the Circuits. The ministers are given 'rights, privileges and obligations' at every level—local, district, and national—because they have been selected, trained and accepted as 'ministers in full connexion', to be Ministers of Word and Sacrament. The lay representatives are called to represent the life of the Circuits so that they may share in the decisions which shape the mind of the Church, and affect the working of the Circuits in witness and service.

The principle of the Ministry and the Laity sharing in the Government of the Church in equal numbers is common throughout modern Methodism and could not be set aside without a major upheaval. (This is not to say that it should remain a principle for all time—modern thought on "The Ministry of the People of God" may force change).

The Function of Conference:

These are set out in the Law Book, Page 71f, Paragraphs 368 and 369. These clauses show that the Conference is the supreme authority of the Methodist Church, with legislative, administrative and judicial powers which are limited only by the provisions listed under Para. 369. It alone has the power of ordaining men and women to the Ministry, of appointment to Circuits, etc., of altering Circuit and Synod boundaries. But these 'powers' and 'functions' must not be thought of as 'independent' of the churches and circuits and organizations and members which make up the whole, they are to be exercised for the 'health of the whole', and for the promotion of the ends for which 'Methodism was raised up'.

The picture is not of a body at the top ordering people around, but rather of the whole Church engaged in a consideration of its ministry and mission, and seeking to engage all its parts in the Mission.

Conference business should be ordered so as to facilitate the making of responsible policy decisions. There is 'inspiration' in work well done and business adequately handled, and 'promotion and information' should be integral with the business being handled by the Conference.

This Committee believes that much of the 'frustration' at Conferences stems from inadequate briefing of representatives as to their part in Conference, and also because major questions seemed to be pushed to one side because too much time is spent on minor matters which could be handled in other ways.

RESOLUTION

That the statement on the nature and function of the Conference be adopted.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SYNOD TO CONFERENCE

Church Council agreed with the finding of the Structure Committee that the Annual District Synod and the Synod Standing Committee should be merged. This would enable the reconstituted Synod to become a more effective working group with more continuity than the present Annual Synod and more responsibility than the present Synod Standing Committee.

Factors prompting a review of the District Synod include:

- (a) Greatly improved transport now making possible more than an annual meeting of the Synod in most, if not all, Districts.
- (b) In all Districts there are now Synod Standing Committees. They vary in constitution and effectiveness, yet it is clear that they will continue in the future. They tend to make the Annual District Synod redundant except for consideration of pre-Conference business, and this is proving a cumbersome process.
- (c) Improved communications and business procedures make increasing numbers dissatisfied with a system whereby annual reports of Standing Committees of Conference are prepared in June or earlier, considered by Synods in August and Conference in November, and published in the Minutes of Conference the following February.
- (d) A growing number of able laymen are unwilling or unable to leave work and home for several days in August and again in November to work through the same reports.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the District Synod be reconstituted, replacing the Synod Standing Committee and the Annual Synod, by a Synod which shall meet at least Quarterly and which may make any desired provision for additional meetings or sub-committees.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD

The present basis of Membership (all Ministers and Probationers) plus two lay representatives for the first Minister and one for each additional Minister could mean too large a Synod in some Districts for frequent meetings. One Lay representative for each minister

should be sufficient. The Synod needs to be reduced in size. There could always be power to co-opt. It is desirable that there should be at least as many lay representatives in the total as Ministers.

RESOLUTION

That Paragraph 323(D) Law Book page 60 be amended to read: one (1) lay representative for the first Minister (instead of two (2) as at present).

THE SYNOD AGENDA

The Agenda of the Synod should be revised to give it more authority over District domestic matters.

Synods should give special consideration to:

- (a) Changes in Circuit boundaries } in consultation with Home
- (b) Changes in Circuit staffing } Mission Board.
- (c) Social Service work in that District or M.S.S.A. area (in consultation with N.Z.M.S.S.A.).
- (d) Property transactions } In consultation with Church
- (e) Buildings — erections, alterations, additions } Building & Loan Fund and/or Home Mission Board.
- (f) Union parishes and other forms of co-operation (In consultation with Home Mission Board and Church Union Committee).

NOTE: All the above matters would be reported to Conference through the Conference Standing Committee.

In property and building matters, and Circuit boundaries and staffing, the role of the Conference Standing Committee would be to formulate connexional policy, principles and standards, and to be a consultative, advisory committee.

The following should be added to the Synod Agenda:

- (g) Election of representatives to the Stationing Committee.
- (h) Election of representatives to the Church Council.
- (i) Preparation of list of recipients for Conference greetings.

RESOLUTION

That the Agenda of the Synod be revised as set out in the report.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS FROM CONFERENCE STANDING COMMITTEES:

The present schedule of reports being prepared by June for Synods and Conference could well be replaced as follows:

- (a) All Standing Committees to be responsible to Conference as at present.
- (b) Standing Committees to keep Synods informed of their activities and proposals by regular reports on matters on which Synod reactions are necessary.
- (c) These reports and/or recommendations from Conference Standing Committees may be referred to Synods at any time during the year. The Secretary of the Conference to indicate a month in which each Committee has priority.
- (d) On all matters of policy, future developments and those affecting the Connexional Budget they shall submit their report and recommendations to Synods before taking them to Conference. The report and recommendations may be revised by the Conference Standing Committee in the light of reactions from the Synods before reporting to Conference.

In the above matters of policy, etc., the Synods' reactions are to be reported to Conference.

Wherever possible Conference should be offered alternative recommendations for its decision.

- (e) Reports and recommendations for Conference are to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Conference by August 31.
- (f) Certain Standing Committees (e.g. Trusts such as Probert, Grey Institute, etc.) to report direct to Conference.
Church Council commends these procedures to the Church.

Subsequent to Church Council the Christchurch members of the Committee on Structure met with Mr H. de R. Flesher and prepared the following outline:—

- 1. Certain questions would need to be considered at the August Meeting of the District Synod (as at present). These questions relate to the Ministry, Circuits, Connexional Budget and other District matters. (Questions 2-19, 23-32, 36-38, 44-47A).
- 2. Standing Committees, desirous of obtaining an expression of opinion from Districts, would have priority in the following Quarters:

Quarter ending March 31:

Faith and Order Committee, Trinity Theological College, Deaconess Board.

Quarter ending June 30:

Department of Christian Education; Welfare of the Church; Board of Evangelism. Public Questions; International Affairs; Temperance; Publications; New Zealand Methodist; Radio and TV.

Quarter ending September 30:

Home and Maori Missions and Church Extension; Overseas Missions; Ecumenical; Chaplaincy; Church Council; Property and Funds; Finance and Stewardship; N.Z.M.S.S.A.

N.B. Standing Committee MUST report to Conference; it is recommended that they submit matters to Synods for consideration—preferably in the Quarters in which they have been given priority.

- 3. ALL Reports of Standing Committees must be in the hands of the General Secretary BY AUGUST 31 for publication in the Conference Agenda.

N.B. There will be no Synod Agenda as we know it at present.

- 4. Conference in referring matters to Standing Committees will need to name the Quarter in which the Standing Committee MUST report to Synods and the date by which the recommendations of Synods must be in the hands of the Convener(s) of the Standing Committee(s) concerned and the General Secretary.
- 5. The Quarter in which a Standing Committee has the priority to raise matters with District Synods could be left open for discussion but the decision of the General Secretary in consultation with the President would be final.
- 6. Materials would need to be forwarded by Conveners of Standing Committees to Secretaries of District Synods and a copy to the General Secretary by the following dates:—
 - by January 31 for March quarter
 - by March 31 for June quarter
 - by June 30 for September quarter.

N.B. A Standing Committee may approach District Synods in a Quarter other than the one assigned to it but it will have priority only in the Quarter named.

7. All Reports—including recommendations of District Synods on any matters referred to them—must be in the hands of the General Secretary by August 31.
8. To ensure reasonable consideration of all Reports of Standing Committees at the Conference itself, the number of Conference Committees of detail would be increased.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the revised procedures for consideration of matters from Conference Standing Committee be given general approval.
2. That the Church Council consider and report on the place of Supernumerary Ministers on Connexional Committees.

SIZE OF CONFERENCE

There is a widespread desire that the size of the Conference be reduced and its work streamlined. Church Council recommends that the size of Conference be reduced by approximately one third or 33½%.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL RECOMMENDS

- (a) That Law Book, Page 69, Para. 356 (a) and (b), and Paras 358-361 be repealed.
- (b) That the following replace the above:

PREAMBLE

The principle of equal ministerial and lay representation is to be preserved.

- (i) In Circuits or City Missions to which one Minister is appointed, it shall be represented in alternate years by the Minister (and in the intervening years) by a layman elected by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting (or Board of Management).
- (ii) The same alternation shall apply in the case of the 2nd . . . 3rd or other additional Minister appointed to a Circuit or City Mission.
- (iii) The ANNUAL DISTRICT SYNOD shall determine the Ministerial-Lay representation for each Circuit, annually. (This is to ensure correct balance from the district, and also the position of representation of Circuits to which ex-officio Conference member Ministers are appointed, etc.).
- (iv) The following Ministers shall be ex-officio members of the Conference:
 - The President
 - The Ex-President
 - The General Secretary
 - All District Chairmen
 - The General Secretary of Overseas Missions Department
 - The General and Associate Superintendents of the Home and Maori Mission Department
 - The Principal and teaching staff of the Theological College
 - The Secretary of the Board of Examiners
 - The Director of Christian Education
 - The Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
 - The Warden of the Deaconess Order
- (v) The following Laymen shall be ex-officio members of the Conference:
 - The Vice-President
 - The ex-Vice-President

The President's Legal Adviser
 The General Treasurer
 The Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Dept
 One Lay representative of Welsey Training College Board
 One Lay representative of the Overseas Mission Department
 One Lay representative of the Home and Maori Mission Dept
 A Lay Field Director of the Dept of Christian Education
 A Lay representative of the Dept of Christian Education
 The President (or one representative) of the C.Y.M.M.
 The National President of the N.Z.M. Women's Fellowship
 The National President of the N.Z.M. Men's Fellowship
 A representative of the Lay Preachers' Association
 One of either the District Property Secretary or the District
 Financial Secretary of each District.

AND Lay representatives elected by Boards/Committees (names to be determined later).

(N.B. Synods to be given opportunity to make suggestions).

- (vi) One Home Missionary, elected by the Home Missionaries in the Dominion.
- (vii) Two Deaconesses, elected by the members of the Deaconess Order.
- (viii) Nine Ministers and nine Laymen appointed by Conference on the nomination of the General Purposes Committee, for a term of three years—3 Ministers and 3 Laymen to retire each year.
- (ix) Such Supernumerary or other Ministers in sufficient number to make an equal number with the Laymen appointed to be representatives at the Conference, these to be appointed by the District Synods as requested by the President and Secretary of Conference.
- (x) The Secretary of the Conference shall inform each District of the number of Ministerial and Lay representatives it is entitled to appoint, for the guidance of the Annual District Synod.

RESOLUTION

That Conference give general approval to the reduction of the size of Conference by approximately one third, but asks the Church Council to recommend to Synods and Conference 1969 how provision can be made for adequate Circuit representation.

OCTOBER COMMITTEES (Preparatory Committees of Conference)

Conference could with profit take advantage of the present timing of the Budget Committee in October, when all District Chairmen are present, to take certain questions relating to Staffing and Stationing at the same period in October, thus enabling a preliminary Draft of Stations to be prepared and circulated prior to Conference. Church Council suggests that Chairmen share information regarding invitations and Circuit needs at the May Church Council meeting; that in October the Budget Committee of detail meet as at present; that the Chairmen, Conference officials, Superintendent of Home Missions, Principal of the Theological College to be joined by laymen (one from each District—selected by the District Synod from nominations received from the Circuits . . . this need not necessarily be the same layman as represents the District at the Budget Committee of Detail, although it could be). Such a Committee would handle the General Purposes Committee business regarding the Ministry—

all matters which affect Stationing—Conference Home Mission business relating to changes of staffing needs, alterations in appointments, etc., which will be reported on by the Home Mission Board after it has considered the recommendations from the Synods. The Committee would then proceed to draw up the Preliminary (or "First") Draft of Stations, leaving appointments for the Students due to come from College as probationers as "One Wanted". This draft of Stations would be circulated by the Chairmen to the Circuits and Ministers concerned, and afterwards released in the District. This "Draft of Stations" would provide the agenda for the consideration of the Stationing Committee at Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That in October, following the meeting of the Budget Committee of Detail, a Committee be set up and meet for the purpose of doing some work of the General Purposes Committee; Home Mission Committee (affecting staffing); and to prepare a first Draft of Stations; the Committee to comprise of: the President of Conference, the Vice-President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, the President-Elect, the Vice-President-Elect, all District Chairmen, the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, and the Principal of the Theological College and one layman from each District, appointed by the District Synod after nomination by the Circuits of the District.

2. That the Church Council be authorised to prepare the provisions for the enactment of the foregoing resolution on an experimental basis in 1969.

3. That the Secretary of Conference be asked to bring a report on this experiment to Conference, 1969.

PROGRAMME AND LENGTH OF TIME OF CONFERENCE

This was carefully scrutinised in an endeavour to reduce the time so that Laymen would only be required to be absent from their homes and work for one week. Such a programme is submitted providing for alternatives on the Sunday. The suggested programme allows more time for business, and enables "streamlining" to be effective, thus increasing the efficiency of the Conference. Conference teas and social functions could continue as at present except that the Garden Party would be replaced by a Presidential Reception.

RESOLUTION

That the programme and timing be as follows:

Saturday Evening:

Official Opening of Conference, with President's Address, etc.; this to be followed immediately by A **PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION AND SUPPER** (a social occasion). **Note:** The Examination Committee would meet on the Friday, and some of its preliminary work could have been carried out in October.

Sunday:

Either of the TWO following alternatives:

Morning: Services in various Churches	) OR (Services in various Churches
Afternoon: Ordination Service	) OR (Conf. Session & Committees
Evening: People's Night	) OR (Ordination Service

Monday:

Morning and Afternoon: Committees of Detail (there should be a larger number than at present so that more adequate time could be given to the work).

Stationing Committee (Constituted as at present, lay reps. being appointed by Synods or Synod Standing Committees) to meet at 9 a.m.

4 p.m. Full Conference meets to receive report of the Stationing Committee. This would be the "Second" Reading.

Evening: Full session of the Conference.

Tuesday:

Morning: 9-9.30: Devotions. 9.30-12.30 Full Conf. Session.

Afternoon: Full session of Conference 2-4 p.m.

Evening: 7.30-9.30 Full session of Conference (**Note: Stationing Committee** to meet at 4 p.m. if necessary, until 7 p.m. if required and with tea provided, in order to finalize the Station sheet).

Wednesday:

Morning: Commence with HOLY COMMUNION (instead of devotions), this to include TRIBUTES TO DECEASED MINISTERS). **Then as for Tuesday.** (An alternative could be to have this on Tuesday if desired or preferred).

Evening: 7.30-9.30 Full Conference Session.

Thursday:

As for Tuesday.

Friday:

Conference to close during the Morning with the COVENANT Service. Prior to this, tributes to Supernumeraries to be taken.

N.B. The principle of flexibility is to be permitted to President, Secretary and Conference Arrangements Committee for the programme including devotions year by year.

RESOLUTION

That the Revised Programme and Length of Time of Conference be given general approval.

READING OF CONFERENCE JOURNAL

A small Committee should be appointed for this purpose. This Committee should be nominated prior to Conference. The Reading could take place from time to time whilst Conference is in session, or at the close of the Conference.

RESOLUTION

That a small Committee, nominated prior to Conference, be set up to undertake the duty of reading the Conference Journal on behalf of the whole Conference.

ORDERING OF THE CONFERENCE

A "Guide to Conference business" needs to be prepared, indicating Conference procedures and what is expected of a representative. This could be in the Conference Handbook or in some special booklet, and the Conference Secretary responsible for preparing the material. There should be an AGENDA AND STEERING COMMITTEE (with Secretary of Conference as Convener). Adjourned debates, etc., would be re-arranged by such a Committee. Times for various matters could then be indicated in advance, and such times would

need to be strictly adhered to. Before the plenary sessions of Conference, the Conveners of the Committees of Detail should indicate to the Secretary the reports that went through the Committee stage unanimously and without recommendations, these to be listed on a Conference paper with an indication that they would be received and adopted "en bloc" unless any member of Conference wished to raise any point on any one of them. If members indicate they wish to speak to any on the list, these shall be excluded and placed on the Agenda, the remainder then being taken "en bloc". Recommendations from Standing Committees, Departments and Boards, concerning financial votes should be processed through the Budget Committee, the Committee or Board having the right to raise the issue if not satisfied with the provisions made by the Budget Committee for its work. Representatives should have the right to state a preference for the Committee of Detail on which they desire to serve. Reports to Conference should in the main deal with policy matters, rather than in recitals of past events. Instructions should go out to Boards and Committees outlining this and suggesting a maximum length for reports. The Steering Committee should carefully "vett" all visiting speakers who should be introduced and thanked in two or three sentences, and informed of our procedures beforehand.

RESOLUTIONS

In an endeavour to improve the ordering of the Conference the following procedures be approved:

- (a) That a Guide to Conference members be prepared by the Secretary of the Conference and sent out regularly to all Conference members.
- (b) That an Agenda and Steering Committee be set up annually to arrange, and where necessary to re-arrange, the timetable of Conference. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.
- (c) That where Reports are unanimously agreed to in Committees, the procedure of taking them "en bloc" be adopted.
- (d) That all recommendations concerning financial votes be processed through the October Meeting of the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail (Budget Committee).
- (e) That Conference representatives be invited to indicate their preference for the Conference Committee of Detail on which they desire to serve but the decision of the Secretary of the Conference shall be final.
- (f) That, in the main, reports to Conference concentrate upon policy matters and that advice and suggestions go to Boards and Committees concerned from the Secretary of Conference.

CONFERENCE STATIONING COMMITTEE

Some consideration was given to the constitution of the Stationing Committee but it was agreed that it should remain as at present, except for the October meeting.

RESOLUTION

That the constitution of the Stationing Committee remain as at present for the preparation of the Second and Final Reading of Stations (i.e. except for the October meeting).

CONFERENCE DEVOTIONS

The Church Council considers that devotional periods at Conference should be limited to:

- (a) half an hour at the commencement of each morning session (except when it is Holy Communion)
- (b) fifteen minutes "Close of Day" at the conclusion of the evening session.

Variety in the conduct of devotions should be encouraged.

The President Elect should have access to a Committee to assist him in planning for the Conference. There should be a President's Chaplain responsible for the Devotional side of the Conference.

RESOLUTION

That a President's Chaplain, ministerial or lay, nominated by the President-elect, be appointed.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF DISTRICTS AT CONFERENCE

It is felt that this can be dispensed with, the duties of such a Committee being done at the District Synod. If a special meeting is required to nominate a Chairman after Stationing is finalised, it can be specially called.

RESOLUTION

That the Meetings of Committees of Districts at Conference be dispensed with, unless a special meeting is required when it can be called.

ELECTION OF LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO STATIONING COMMITTEE

It is felt that this could be done at the annual meeting of the Synod. One lay representative would need to be elected to attend the Budget Committee; and one for the Stationing Committee (this need not be the same person as appointed for the Committee meetings in November).

RESOLUTION

That the election of lay representatives to the meetings of the Stationing Committee in October and at Conference in November take place at the District Synods.

TIMING OF THE CONFERENCE

The Church Council does not recommend any change.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROCEDURES

The Church Council would like to see the new procedures for Synods and Conference implemented as soon as possible but realizes that the Church must have full opportunity to discuss and assess the necessity or otherwise, for the changes in structure and procedure recommended in this Report.

RESOLUTION

That the new procedures (excluding the programme and timing of Conference, and the October Committee of Detail but including the size and constitution of Conference), be referred to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1969 with a view to their implementation in 1970.

COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE FOR 1969

The President of the Conference, Revs. H. C. Matthews, J. A. Penman, L. J. Gibson.

Messrs D. A. White, E. A. Crothall, E. G. Heggie, W. E. Donnelly, F. W. G. Claridge.

Consultants: The General Secretary, the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department, the General Secretary of the Overseas Missions Department, the Director of Christian Education, Revs. R. D. Rakena and G. R. H. Peterson.

Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

The President thanked the Committee and especially the Convener for his faithful work.

RESOLUTION

That Conference expresses its appreciation of the Structure Committee and Church Council for the far sighted and radical reshaping of Synods and Conference in such way that both will better fulfil their proper functions and serve the needs of the Church.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

(1967 Minutes, page 83, resolution 4)

A report was received from Rev. M. J. Campbell (Convener) and Conveners of Standing Committees of Conference involved.

RESOLUTION

That the proposal to set up a Council of Christian Citizenship be postponed for one year and that, in the meantime, the Standing Committees on Public Questions, International Affairs and Temperance consider the proposals including the cost of operation and report to Church Council 1969.

CENTRALISATION OF ACCOUNTING

Mr E. A. Crothall, Convener, reported that, with the appointment of Mr C. Roy Hasseldine, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., as General Treasurer, it was considered that the sub-committee should not meet for at least twelve months and then its role would be that of standing in as a supporting committee.

RESOLUTION

- (a) That the sub-committee continue its investigations and report to Church Council 1969.
- (b) That the General Treasurer be added to the sub-committee appointed by Conference 1967.

STAFFING NEEDS FOR 1969

A Memorandum prepared by Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A., Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department, was received and Rev. B. M. Chrystall thanked for his careful preparation.

ROLE OF PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND AND NEED OR OTHERWISE OF A FULL-TIME SUPPLY

(1967 Minutes Resolutions 2, 3, p. 8).

- (a) The General Secretary presented a Memorandum prepared by the Sub-Committee appointed by Conference 1967. The Memorandum was received.

The following conclusions were reached for submission to Synods and Conference:

- (A) That Conference must make adequate arrangements for Supply for the President. (N.B., This does not necessarily involve a full-time Supply. But in every case there is need for adequate paid secretarial assistance).
Lawbook page 33, paragraph 88, will need suitable amendment.
- (B) The role of the President does not depend upon carrying out certain functions or particular programmes. He is the President. It is not necessary that a President's year should have a special emphasis.
- (C) Where the President comes from a sole charge Circuit the Supply should be an ordained Minister.
- (D) When Circuits or other groups invite the President or any other church official and his wife to attend any function, it should be understood that the Circuit or group will meet in full the travelling expenses of the President's wife and, if possible, contribute towards the expenses of the President or other official.
- (E) When a President is elected there should be a meeting immediately after the Conference at which he is elected, of the President and the Vice-President, President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect, immediate past President and immediate past Vice-President, General Secretary, the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department, the Chairman of the President-Elect's District (or his deputy) and one other layman, to prepare arrangements for Supply for the President and adequate Secretarial assistance and report to Church Council (Convener: General Secretary).

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Church Council give further consideration to a more positive definition of the role of the President and the possibility of his term being extended beyond 12 months.

(b) PRESIDENT'S SUPPLY FOR 1969

It was reported that Rev. E. C. Leadley would be returning from the Solomon Islands towards the end of 1968 and was willing to act as part-time supply for the President.

DATES OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP (Budget Committee) FOR 1968

Monday, September 30, 1968, at 2 p.m. to Tuesday, October 1 at 5 p.m.

It was agreed that, in future, the dates for the meeting of the Committee for the following year, should be fixed at the meeting of the Committee itself.

ALLOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT FUND (1969-70)

It was reported that Conference 1967 had approved of the 1967 Church Council's recommendation that 50% of the Development Fund (1969-70) should be available for direct grants for Church Extension projects.

Applications for a share in the Development Fund were received from the following:

- (a) Church Building and Loan Fund to build up the capital of the Fund.

- (b) Transport Trust Board to build up the capital of the Fund.
 - (c) Trinity Theological College (a) to complete renovation of first floor and (b) to assist with urgent improvements to the kitchen (c) to assist with the erection of a new house for the Third Tutor.
 - (d) Department of Christian Education to assist with costs of erection of new buildings for the Department of Christian Education and the new officers of Finance and Stewardship and Epworth Bookroom (Wellington).
- The Memoranda were received.

RESOLUTION

That the total amount of \$16,000 provided for the Development Fund on the 1969-1970 Budget be available for direct Church Extension grants.

REWORDING OF PASTORAL RESOLUTIONS

(1965 Minutes, p. 103, Resolution 25)

The Pastoral Resolutions as reworded by the Welfare of the Church Committee were considered and slightly amended before being approved by the Council.

RESOLUTION

That the revised Pastoral Resolutions be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for its comments and report through the Welfare of the Church Committee.

USE OF VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1969

The report of the sub-committee was presented by Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.

It was stated that the emphasis of the year would be on the Local Church and the slogan: "Living in 1969".

DESIGNATION OF GENERAL SECRETARY AT CONFERENCE 1968 FOR REAPPOINTMENT AT CONFERENCE 1969 FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS

On behalf of the Board of Management of the Connexional Office, Rev. H. C. Matthews indicated that it was the Board's intention to nominate Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., to Synods and Conference 1968 for designation as General Secretary to be appointed at Conference 1969 for a term of six years as from February 1, 1970. Mr Matthews spoke in support of the nomination.

It was unanimously agreed to support the Board's nomination.

TREATMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION AT CONFERENCE

(Report of Welfare of Church Committee—Postscript, 1967 Minutes page 73)

A memorandum prepared by the President's Legal Adviser, Mr H. de R. Flesher, was received.

RADIO AND TV COMMITTEE—METHODIST DIRECTOR

(1967 Minutes, page 265, Res. 6)

A letter was received from Rev. R. S. Andrews, Convener of the Radio and TV Committee to the effect that the Board was considering

the wisdom of the establishment of a Religious Department of the N.Z.B.C.

Rev. W. F. Ford reported that, subsequent to the Convener's writing to the General Secretary, the Radio and TV Committee had come to the conclusion that our Church should not at this time proceed with the appointment of a Radio and TV Director on a denominational basis.

The report was received.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS WHEREBY MINISTERS MAY BE ENABLED ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS TO RETIRE AT LESS THAN 40 YEARS' SERVICE OR 65 YEARS OF AGE

(1967 Minutes, page 157, resolution 2)

It was decided to recommend to Conference that the Standing Committee on Stipends be the representative committee envisaged in the resolution with the following consultants: All District Chairmen, the General Secretary and the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department.

It was agreed that the Standing Committee on Stipends forward its report on the matter to the Supernumerary Fund Board for its comments and that the Standing Committee on Stipends be requested to report to Church Council 1969.

RESOLUTION

That the Standing Committee on Stipends consider ways and means whereby ministers may be enabled on compassionate grounds to retire at less than 40 years' service or 65 years of age and report to Church Council 1969. Consultants: All District Chairmen, the General Secretary and the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE—PERSONNEL AND PROCEDURES

(1967 Minutes, page 90)

The General Secretary reported that the Pastoral Committee had met on two occasions and had given some thought to the work entrusted to it by Conference, the personnel of the Committee itself and the procedures it should follow.

RESOLUTION

That the Pastoral Committee be: President of the Conference, President-elect and two Ministers, and four laymen to be appointed by the President. Consultants: General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, General Secretary. Convener: The General Secretary.

GENERAL

It was resolved to recommend that a Memorandum be cyclo-styled and distributed to Circuits annually setting out the requirements of the connexion from circuits.

(N.B., It was felt that this would be of benefit to Circuit Stewards as well as Superintendent Ministers).

CONSTITUTION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

(1967 Minutes, page 87, resolution 4)

The Church Council gave consideration to ways in which there might be provision for a representative range of age groups to be appointed to the Church Council while retaining its necessary continuity as a consultative body of the Conference.

It was agreed that the Committee on Structure and two representatives appointed by the C.Y.M.M. should meet in Wellington (at an evening session) and review the constitution of the Church Council and report to Church Council 1969.

STRATEGY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND

Arising out of a discussion on matters like church extension and staffing needs, the following resolution was carried:

RESOLUTION

That the Home Mission Department and the Department of Christian Education prepare a report for the next Church Council on the strategy, outreach and pastoral effectiveness of the Church within New Zealand taking cognizance of the use of funds the following to be corresponding members: Revs. C. B. Oldfield, W. F. Ford, W. R. Laws, P. A. Stead, D. B. Gordon; Messrs C. R. Hasseldine, T. M. Pacey, W. A. Mullan, E. A. Crothall, E. C. Flyger, Dr C. A. Gibson. Convener: Rev. B. M. Chrystall.

DATES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL 1969

Monday, May 12, 1969, (at 3 p.m.) to Wednesday, May 14, 1969 (at 3 p.m.), at Wallis House, Lower Hutt.

JOHN D. GROCOTT

President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

WILLIAM R. LAWS, General Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 35—

G.—Report of the Committee on Healing

The Committee has taken up with the National Council of Churches the matter of a national commission in terms of Resolution No. 2 (1967 Minutes of Conference, page 92) and understands that a preliminary approach has been made to the Ecumenical Committee of the Roman Catholic Church.

With regard to the possibility of setting up a Society for Medical and Pastoral Psychology (Res. No. 3, 1967 Minutes of Conference, page 92), an approach has been made direct to the other four negotiating churches, but there is nothing further to report at this stage.

The Committee is also in touch with a Medico-Clerical Society in process of formation in the Auckland area on an inter-church basis.

IAN C. E. RAMAGE, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be re-appointed and given leave to proceed with its work in terms of the 1967 report.
3. That a grant of ten dollars be made from the Contingent Fund towards the expenses of the Committee.

QUESTION 36—

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Methodist Council of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT 1968

The Council met at Wallis House, 8 May, 1968, following the Church Council.

1—SUPPLEMENT TO HYMNAL

(1967 Minutes, P. 93)

The Council adopted a report prepared by Dr C. A. Gibson and the Rev. W. A. Chambers which outlined a procedure for handling this project. Recognising that the publication was of an interim nature, the importance of speed as well as quality of publication was emphasised.

The following decisions were made:

- (i) Dr C. A. Gibson and Rev. W. A. Chambers to be co-editors. They will work through the specialist committees but will have final authority in selecting material for inclusion in the supplement.
- (ii) Financial support to be sought from the Board of Christian Education, Board of Publications and various Trusts.
- (iii) Musical Committee appointed: N. A. Carson, W. R. Hawkey, W. Woodley, W. A. Chambers, W. H. Price, M. Anderson (Convener); Consultants: R. E. Perks, M. Rickard, M. J. Wallace, W. A. Chessum, J. Knox, R. Dellow, M. Rosser.
- (iv) Literary Committee appointed: P. M. Guthardt, L. G. Hanna, E. Bennett, M. A. Berry, C. A. Gibson (Convener).
- (v) That the Faith and Order Committee act as the Theological Committee.
- (vi) That the Convener of the Council inform the Joint Commission on Church Union, the other negotiating churches, the Australian and British Methodist Churches and the United Church of Papua New Guinea and British Solomon Islands of the project, and invite whatever co-operation they wish to give.
- (vii) The co-editors were thanked for the good lead they were giving in this project.

2—"TOWARDS A MORE ADEQUATE MINISTRY WITH YOUTH THROUGH THE C.Y.M.M."

A working paper designed to help various groups evaluate our present ministry with youth and consider possible developments was submitted for the Council's reaction.

The paper recognised that new insights and circumstances call for a review of the C.Y.M.M. and Church's way of working with youth. Any new framework should be flexible enough:

- ☆ to adapt to a variety of local conditions;
- ☆ to allow future developments to take place.

The "Guidelines" in the paper indicated possible lines of change. They were not firm recommendations. They were to prompt discussion. The main lines of change suggested were:

- ☆ Making the C.Y.M.M. more of a movement for adolescents.
- ☆ Simplifying the C.Y.M.M. organisation and making it more flexible—local, district and national. This is to encourage youth groups to develop a variety of programmes more suited to their needs.

These changes recognised that the Department of Christian Education will be helping churches develop a more adequate ministry with young adults.

The Council agreed that the paper was raising some very significant issues and that it should be referred to D.E.C.'s and District C.Y.M.M. Councils for their comment. Any changes in policy arising from this paper and discussion will be referred to Synods and Conference at a later date.

3—"TOWARDS A MORE ADEQUATE MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS"

A working paper to help the Church understand young adult culture and attitudes and to develop a more effective ministry with them was submitted to the Council for its reaction.

At district and national level, at least, the C.Y.M.M. has been largely a young adult movement. The suggestion that the C.Y.M.M. be redesigned to make it more of a movement for adolescents presupposes that some alternative ministry with young adults will be developed.

The Church in New Zealand has been lacking in an effective programme for young adults. Those who survived the old Sunday School and Bible Class activities were expected to continue as leaders of that same programme (Sunday School teachers, etc.). Little thought was given to meeting their needs as persons in their own right. They were seen as a labour-force to be used by a hard-pressed local Church.

Church Conference 1966 resolved "We draw attention to the need in our Church to develop a more effective ministry with young adults and couples; and that the Department (Christian Education) help and advise local Churches in developing this ministry".

No age description of this group is possible but to give some indication the paper was thinking of people in the late teens and early 20s.

In indicating directions which the Church should take in working with young adults these were two basic attitudes:

- (a) That young adults are capable, responsible people now.
- (b) And—that programmes designed (however carefully) by an adult church are likely to be rejected by them, rightly. Young adults are overdue for self-determination.

The approach of the paper therefore was away from organisation and structure. It suggested ways of helping young adults to devise their own activities and programmes.

The Council approved the direction taken by the paper and agreed that it should be sent to D.E.C.s and District C.Y.M.M. Councils for consideration and comment and that it could also be available to local churches which were working in this area.

4—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CHANGE

The Council considered a paper adapted from one prepared by the Rev. Duncan White, Director of the New Zealand Presbyterian Department of Christian Education (Mr White was involved in preparing and promoting the new curriculum of the United Church of Canada).

Christian Education is concerned with training and equipping lay people for worship and mission in the world. Christian Educators have become aware of the need for change in the life of the Church, if this purpose is to be achieved. Much of this thinking is expressed in the various New Curriculum projects which have taken place in many denominations in North America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, South Pacific, and which are now taking place in Britain, Australia and New Zealand and various other countries.

The New Curriculum is more than simply the provision of new books. Curriculum is concerned with three vital areas:

- (a) The content—the message that is to be communicated.
- (b) The setting in which the content is communicated.
- (c) The method is process by which the content is communicated.

The New Curriculum requires new appreciation of the Gospel, in the light of modern Biblical and theological studies. The New Curriculum requires renewal in the life of the Church if the setting is to be at one with the message communicated. The New Curriculum requires renewal in our means of communication if the tools (materials) of the New Curriculum are to be used creatively and constructively.

Our Joint Board, through its team of editors and writers will be producing new tools (materials), to be introduced in 1970, for use in a total plan of education.

The additional task which falls upon the Church is two-fold:

- (a) To train and equip leaders and teachers of adults, youth and children to use the new materials.
- (b) To help the Church recognise that without renewal in the setting, i.e. in the life of the local congregation, the New Curriculum may be a pretty superficial affair.

The New Curriculum is offered to the Church as a means of renewal, and as an essential part of our overall programme or plan for renewal in the Church.

Department staff gave a progress report on preparing the way for the new curriculum.

5—METHODIST CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COURSE AND CANDIDATES FOR LAY PREACHING

It was noted that the Lay Preaching text books for Old and New Testaments were being changed as from 1969. The Council agreed that the present practise should be continued by which tutors' notes were supplied by the Department for those leading a local course or for a candidate preparing for the examination alone. The Department was asked to prepare new notes for the new text books.

6—REPORT ON EVANGELISM—Spiritual Advance Committee

The Council suggested to the Spiritual Advance Committee how the report on Evangelism could be used throughout the Church.

7—AGENDA FOR 1969

It was decided to review adult education and lay training. A paper describing sample overseas lay training courses was circulated.

J. D. GROCOTT, President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

W. F. FORD, Director of Christian Education.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the action taken to produce supplement to the Hymnal be approved.
3. That consideration be given in the printing of the new supplementary Hymnal, that a copy of the Lord's Prayer in Modern English be included for general use of congregations.
4. That the Department of Christian Education consider the possibility of the work of the D.E.C.s being carried out primarily by Joint Regional Committees on Education (for the five negotiating Churches) with specifically denominational matters being handled by the appropriate District Court (for Methodists by 2 or 3 appointed members of the Synod Standing Committee).

QUESTION 36—

B.—Board of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT 1968

1—NEW CURRICULUM TRAINING

The Christian Education Departments of the Five Negotiating Churches are combining their resources to provide an extensive training programme in every district during 1969. There are several new features in this programme.

- It is the first time such an extensive training programme has been organised on a joint basis. It will provide for closer co-operation on national, district and local levels.
- It is a programme that is designed to make use of skilled persons within each district and each denomination. The leaders are being involved in training this year to prepare them for leadership next year. By the end of 1968 there will be a team of trainers in each region ready to lead training courses within their districts.
- A new dimension is being introduced into the training with the emphasis on learning by experiencing. This will include actually working with children, youth and adults.

This programme will not only help teachers and leaders in their work now, but will give them an understanding of the programme of the new curriculum, and training in the skills needed to make the best use of the new curriculum when it is introduced.

2—ACE PROGRAMME

The ACE Programme is a programme of interpretation to L.E.C.'s or Leaders' Meetings, of the principles underlying "The

Christian Life Curriculum", and the organisation and planning needed for a good Christian Education programme in the local church. Plans are under way for each local church to be visited for this purpose during 1969.

Seventy-three persons, specially selected, have been enlisted for this programme. This year they are preparing themselves for their task by engaging in a reading programme and also by attending a seminar to train them for this work.

In addition, ninety-one persons, including ministers and L.E.C.s have enrolled in the Curriculum Information Programme which provides them with selected literature and up-to-date information on developments in the new curriculum.

3—"INTERVIEW 1969"

The success of the National Council of Churches sponsored "Cost of Living" studies in 1967 has encouraged the churches to repeat and extend a programme of ecumenical studies in 1969 with a joint National Council of Churches Roman Catholic Committee. There will be five studies for use in Pentecost—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity period. The theme will be preparing for life in the 1970s and how we can maintain human values in our changing society.

Local inter-church committees should be set up to plan their programme (and National Council of Churches advised). Training for leaders will be arranged by the Departments of Christian Education. This will be linked with training of leaders of adults for the new curriculum.

4—HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

In an endeavour to ascertain the actual strength of our Home Sunday School and Bible Class, this year parents were asked to re-enrol their children. Membership now stands at 76 children in the Sunday School, and two in the Bible Class, representing 35 families. This is about $\frac{1}{3}$ of our previous membership.

This is an important ministry offered by the Church to families who are isolated, or have sick or handicapped children not able to attend Sunday School. The Department depends on circuits to notify them of families who may be helped by this programme.

In the past this programme has been financed by the Department of Christian Education at a cost of several hundred dollars a year with minimal financial support from families. To put it on a better financial basis, parents have been invited to share in the cost of the materials by paying one dollar per child, or three dollars per family annually.

Over the years a number of laymen and women in the Church have assisted in this correspondence ministry as Home Sunday School teachers and Bible Class leaders. The Church is grateful for their service.

5—MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

New Developments:

The main concern of the Board's Youth Committee and the National C.Y.M.M. Council has been the review of the C.Y.M.M. and the Church's way of working with youth (see Report of Methodist Council of Christian Education). Discussions in the Board on the age of maturity and recent public utterances (e.g. by the Duke of Edinburgh) concerning the responsibility of society to help young people become responsible and independent as persons, indicate that the proposed lines of change are sound and necessary. Some local churches are already exercising much needed flexibility in adapting

programme and structure to local needs, e.g., through more flexible use of the Bible Class meeting hour; better use of Sunday evenings for study, worship and fellowship; more variety in activities to cater for varying needs and interests; special activities for juniors and young adults; elective study programmes; experimentation with youth services; modified C.Y.M.M. Council structures.

Training of Adult Counsellors:

In view of the critical role of the Adult Counsellor in C.Y.M.M. affairs, it is a matter of urgency that adults be specially trained for this task. A pilot course has been developed and tried in co-operation with the North Canterbury D.E.C. and it is hoped that other districts will sponsor courses of this kind.

C.Y.M.M. Projects:

The C.Y.M.M. raised \$3500 and sent 10 short-term volunteers and one long-term volunteer to New Guinea as its contribution towards the "Go-New Guinea" project shared with Methodist Youth of Australia. The current project "Focus on Children" involves education and practical service as well as money raising. The National C.Y.M.M. Council is giving special attention this year to youth evangelism, youth and stewardship, and volunteer service.

Youth Conferences:

The Negotiating Churches are to hold joint youth conferences for the first time this year, in Auckland and Masterton. Contingents are also to attend a Joint National Christian Youth Convention in Sydney, a work project in Indonesia, and a Methodist South Pacific Youth Conference in Samoa.

6—ORDER OF ST STEPHEN

During the year twelve young people have been received into the Order having satisfactorily completed their year of service. They are Eric and Sally Harney, Eileen Schick, Jean Zale, Keith and Valerie Masters, John Siana all of whom served in the Solomon Islands District; Janette Schnell who served in Fiji, Len Daniell in the New Guinea Highlands, Judith Layton in Arnhemland, North Australia; Patricia Wall and Gladys McKenzie both of whom served in New Zealand. There are now eighty-five members of the Order.

Nine candidates are at present serving. In the Solomon Islands Keith Elliott is doing building, Esther Powell is teaching, Carol Crabtree and Diane Bellamy are nursing, Ula Quilanoba is doing pastoral work. In the New Guinea Highlands Colin Oates works as a mechanic, Christine Lowe as a teacher, Beverley Baker as a nurse. In New Zealand Irene Blake serves in a hostel.

The Board has revised and improved its selection procedures for candidates.

7—RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES

Attention is drawn to these new publications:

- "Creative Listening", the revision of the "Helping Conversation" lay training course.
- "Local Church Family Camping", a memo to help churches plan a Family Camp.
- "Small Youth Groups"—detailed guide notes for the development of an adequate youth ministry in small churches.
- "Faith and Doubt", "Getting the Message" (understanding the Bible), and "Panorama of the Bible" (for juniors)—new camp studies.

- **Junior and Senior Easter Kits**—comprehensive planning resources for Easter Camps and other camps.
- **“Moment”**—joint youth magazine, being well received but deserving a stronger Methodist support.
- **“Sharing”**—manual of resources for all youth leaders, published by Presbyterian Bible Class Movement.
- **“Report on Citizenship Training 1967”**—a significant document recommending citizenship training as a core subject in post-primary schools—published by National Youth Council.

8—CAMPING

Several districts have reviewed their camping policy in the light of “New Horizons”, the Report of the Joint Commission on Camps, Conferences and Retreats, which is also strongly commended to local churches for study. Camping activities are being diversified and extended, with a growing small-group emphasis and a marked trend towards joint camps with other Negotiating Churches. The National Council of Churches Christian Education Commission has established a National Committee on Camping.

9—FINANCES

The Department’s financial position has been made very difficult and confused by the effects of devaluation.

Our policy has been to make adjustments to our programme so that the results of devaluation can be absorbed as much as possible without recourse to the Connexional Budget. We hope this has not affected our service to the church.

It would seem that devaluation will end the substantial grants from the Bookroom.

10—AGE OF MATURITY—CHANGING TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Stimulated and informed by an education psychologist the Board has discussed ways in which the church, home, school and community encourage dependent or rebellious behaviour from young people by failing to recognise their development. Responsible behaviour is encouraged when young people are given responsibility.

In the course of this discussion the issue arose as to whether New Zealand’s laws on maturity are satisfactory when a person can drive a car at 15; fight for his country at 18; vote and enter a hotel bar at 21.

The Board is to make suggestions to local churches so that they can assist adults better to understand and help youth grow in self-maturity and responsibility.

It is proposed this be a special emphasis in September 1969 and that a series of articles in the “N.Z. Methodist” be used as background resource for a variety of activities which may be planned locally.

11—NEW BUILDING

The Board completed a very satisfactory contract for the new building at a price of \$24,800 (two floors of approx. 1600 sq. ft each). The prospect of a grant from the Development Fund of the Connexional Budget enables us to restore some essential items such as heating and floor coverings.

The building will house the Bookroom on ground floor, all Department staff and Finance and Stewardship offices on 1st floor.

This will improve efficiency and release Wesley Church buildings for their use.

We are grateful for generous grant and loan assistance from the Connexional Office and Home Mission Department.

12—CONSTITUTION OF L.E.C. and QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

Paragraph 503 (13e) provides that Christian Education activities other than the regular departments of the church school are to be represented on the L.E.C. on the approval of the Board of Christian Education.

See resolution No. 2.

The revised agenda for the Quarterly Meeting is inadequate to ensure the reporting to and oversight by the meeting which is needed. In particular there should be regular reports on the general state of the church's Christian Education programme.

See resolution No. 3.

13—OFFICE STAFF

The Church has been very well served by the Office and Book-room staff. Miss Evelyn Studholme left for Australia after 18 months as Administrative Assistant. Her place is taken by Miss Rae King.

14—N.Z. COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The following extracts from the Council's Annual report summarise the main features of the Council's work.

Primary Schools and Religious Instruction:

Improvement of the present system is dependent on a more child-centred inductive approach, more guidance on suitable teaching aids, on class control and teacher/pupil relationships. Paramount is the encouragement of younger women to take up this work and to teach more than one class per week.

Intermediate Schools:

These continue to be a major matter of concern to the Council. We feel that religious teaching on a class basis is the only possible way in which children of this age group may come to see the relevance of the Bible and the Christian faith to life and learning today.

Secondary Schools:

We continue to send periodic newsletters to Secondary Schools regarding resources:

Worship in the School Assembly;

Topics and materials for senior discussions on social and religious questions;

and books and other aids on a comparative study of religions.

Universities:

Otago University offers its first courses in Religious Studies in 1968 under its newly appointed lecturer.

The Religious Studies' section of the Department of Philosophy at Canterbury University is well established and Biblical History and Literature under the Classics Department at Auckland University continues to draw a steady stream of students.

The Church and Public Education:

A start has been made on finding ways to encourage greater action on the recommendation of the Currie Commission on Education:—

“That the term secular be not interpreted to exclude reference to religion and religious history in the primary and secondary syllabuses of social studies, particularly in the sections upon the contribution of civilisations, material and non-material, of different peoples and periods, and that the limitations of treatment be carefully explained”.

Dr E. L. French, a Reader in Education at the University of Melbourne, who visited New Zealand at the conclusion of a study tour of several countries expressed the view that there are three main tasks in the Church's responsibility for education: the provision of direct Christian teaching and having a continuing concern for the welfare and development of education as a whole.

School Committees:

Ministers' Associations and District Committees should be in regular (at least annual) touch with their School Committees regarding renewal of approval to enter the schools and submissions of names of accredited teachers for School Committee acceptance.

Rev. J. D. Grocott:

This year concludes our ex-President's long association with the work of this Council—as the foundation Secretary of the N.Z.C.C.E. and later as its President. The whole Church is grateful for his vision and forthright leadership given to this work.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Director.

Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A.:

The Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A., this year completes 12 years of Connexional leadership in the Department of Christian Education and at his own request is now relinquishing the position.

When Mr Ford was appointed at Conference 1956, the confidence of the then Youth Department and the Church was expressed thus: “Mr Ford possesses to a marked degree the necessary scholastic, theological, administrative and practical qualifications which will enable him to give sustained and creative leadership to the Department”.

Twelve years later the Church has cause to be grateful for the nomination. The confidence of the Church has been more than justified. Mr Ford has led the church in the formative years of the Department of Christian Education from the Youth Department. The change has been significant for every congregation as the Director has enabled them to grasp the concept and the significance of a comprehensive programme of education.

He has fostered co-operation between the churches and the ecumenical spirit which characterises the relationships between Departments of Christian Education cannot be matched in any other facet of the Churches work. The contribution made through the Joint Board of Graded Lessons leading now to the new curriculum has been invaluable and Mr Ford is held in high regard across the Tasman.

Throughout the years Mr Ford has been able to bridge the generations. From Senior Youth Director to Director of Christian Education he has always held the confidence of young and old. He has championed the rights of the younger generation and claimed for

them their rightful place in every sphere of the Churches life and work.

It is no wish of the Church that Mr Ford now relinquishes this important post. The confidence of the Church in Mr Ford has never been higher. He has rendered outstanding service and we pay our tribute by affirming—

he has helped us to accept one another as we are
to listen and respond to each other as persons
to discuss and probe into the faith and life
and to act together in the world as responsible and maturing
people who owe prime allegiance to Jesus as Lord.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.

2. Constitution of L.E.C: That the groups referred to in paragraph 503 (13c) include the M.W.F., Young Adult group, any uniformed group such as Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Scouts or Guides.

3. Quarterly Meeting Agenda: That the Agenda questions for section C "Christian Education" be: (a) What are the reports of the Leaders' Meetings on significant trends or developments in their programme with children, youth and adults? (b) In what way is the Church participating in public education in the circuit area? (First quarter only).

4. That the Rev. J. Grundy, M.A., be appointed Director of Christian Education as from 1st February, 1969, for a term of six years.

5. Conference records its sincere appreciation of the outstanding service of the Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A., as he now completes 12 years of Connexional leadership in the Department of Christian Education and at his own request is now relinquishing the position.

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6. That the question of any further representation, with full participating rights, of the C.Y.M.M. as a Youth Movement at all levels of Church government be referred to the Board for consideration and action.

7. That Conference warmly commends our new "Christian Life Curriculum" to all our Churches. Quarterly Meetings and Local Education Committees are urged to take full advantage of the opportunities which this curriculum presents of making significant improvements in their Christian Education programme. And in particular, churches are strongly recommended to:

(a) Accept and use the Associates in Christian Education who will be visiting each circuit, as planned by the D.E.C.

(b) To order the curriculum materials and aids.

8. That Conference expresses its appreciation to the Directors of the Joint Board for the very thorough and competent way in which the Christian life curriculum is being prepared.

9. That our Church's representatives on the N.Z.C.C.E. be: Miss H. M. Astley, Rev. I. H. McKenzie, Messrs R. W. Sage and G. Forster.

10. That the Department of Christian Education in conjunction with the Finance and Stewardship Committee investigate and report on the possibility of appointing a full-time journalist and/or photographer to publicise the work of all Departments of the church, and to investigate whether such a person could be employed in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church's publicity staff.

11. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page 5 herein.

District Education Council Secretaries, 1969:

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Miss W. Hall, 12 Seaview Avenue, Northcote, Auckland.

Auckland D.E.C.—

Mr W. J. Patterson, 9 Lyndhurst Road, Te Atatu.

South Auckland D.E.C.—

Mr B. Chamberlain, Ararimu, Ramarama.

Waikato D.E.C.—

Mr R. L. Shepherd, Rotokauri, R.D. 9, Frankton.

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South Canterbury D.E.C.—

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Mr N. Stanton, 102 McMaster Street, Invercargill.

QUESTION 36—C

C.—Commission on Family Life

The Commission has held two meetings during the year but feels that it is difficult to come to grips with the full range of subjects that concern family life, in a way that can make any practical contribution to the life of the Church. A Commission needs to call evidence and sponsor research in a way that is quite beyond the resources of time or money for a body set up by Conference in this way. We feel that rather than trying to make independent and inadequate statements on issues that are already being dealt with by other social service agencies much better equipped to do this work, the Commission should be re-constituted as a standing sub-committee of the Department of Christian Education, to consider from time to time any specific questions submitted to it by Conference or the Department. Such a committee could also maintain any helpful liaison with the World Methodist Family Life movement and collect relevant source material to be made available to circuits on request.

The period between Mother's Day and Youth Sunday in our Church's calendar could be profitably used in some circuits for terminal groups meeting over a period from four to six weeks to discuss specific topics relating to Christian family life, with the guidance of some suitably qualified person. The resources of such community organisations as Marriage Guidance Councils, Child Welfare Department, Plunket Society, Health Department, Consumer

Council, University Extension Department, etc., could be drawn on, and any useful findings or experiments reported to the Department of Christian Education.

The one specific topic to which the Commission has been able to give much attention this year has been that of the place and needs of single adults in the Church and the community. Census figures show that one out of every five adults over the age of twenty-five in New Zealand is single—i.e. either unmarried, widowed, legally separated or divorced. A large proportion of these tend to gravitate to the cities to find employment, and the ratio of single people in urban communities is therefore probably quite high. Both Church and society have a long way to go in accepting single persons and recognizing them as individuals of value. Because there are comparatively few of them in a local congregation, their needs are often overlooked.

While outward circumstances vary, there are certain problems which many single adults have in common—e.g. establishing a home without the financial assistance available to married people, coping with the entire work connected with a home property single-handed, making important decisions and planning leisure activities without the support of a partner. Satisfying social relationships are needed to replace the intimate companionship found in marriage, and friendly work relationships become particularly important because they are often the only consistent contacts with others. Friendships with married people can be enriching but they can also give rise to feelings of inferiority. Companionship with other single adults of both sexes should be sought, and in all these relationships there is a need to find the acceptance that will offset the devaluation of the single person which our culture so often implies. Sexual desires and energies need to be recognized and consciously re-directed into other means of fulfilment which, though admittedly other than the ideal, may yet provide some form of healthy and constructive satisfaction. Semi-permanent means of sublimation should be sought, since too many short-term ventures of this kind can leave a sense of emptiness and frustration.

It is suggested that the Church could do something to help meet some of these needs, by establishing groups at district level, specifically for single adults, or a short series of meetings to enable them to share common concerns, companionship and a better acceptance of their situation. Study by adult groups including both single and married people could consider these matters, and they could be specifically considered by pastoral committees of local Leaders' Meetings.

The Commission also has on its files copies of a 'Teen-Age Code' worked out in Australia a few years ago, and of various addresses and papers on the effects of advertising and mass media on family life, responsible parenthood, social change and the education of women. Copies of these can be supplied to groups wishing to use them for study.

L. C. CLEMENTS, Chairman
I. C. E. RAMAGE, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Department of Christian Education prepare material from the above report for use in Leaders' Meetings.
3. That the continuing work of the Commission be referred to the Department of Christian Education and that Revs. D. O. Williams

I. C. E. Ramage, M. A. G. Couch, Mr and Mrs R. T. Garlick, Mrs Marie Griffin, Mrs J. Wikiriwhi, Drs Alice Bush and L. Scrivin be consultants to the Department in family life matters.

4. That Conference extends its congratulations to the Rev. L. C. Clements on his appointment as Executive Secretary of the W.C.C. Department on the Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society at Geneva, and sends our greetings to him and his wife.

QUESTION 37—A

Public Questions Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1968

1—FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE RIGHT OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY IN NEW ZEALAND

(See Minutes 1967, Res. 7, p. 114)

Freedom of Speech:

As far as the Law in New Zealand is concerned freedom of speech is accepted as a basic human right. The only legislation relating to any restriction concerns seditious offences.

No one is considered to have a seditious intention only because he intends in good faith to show that Her Majesty has been misled or mistaken or to point out errors or defects, with a view to their removal, in her measures.

Comment: Citizens have the right of freedom of speech and have protection where their criticism of the Constitution, laws, or Government is made in good faith. However, considerations of public order are additional qualification to this protection.

Breach of the Peace:

A breach of the peace is any act which tends to attract a crowd and interfere with the public convenience and "to arouse and influence the passions of the crowd".

Unlawful Assemblies:

Any assembly of three or more persons who cause persons in the neighbourhood to fear that they will, or provoke others to disturb the peace tumultuously.

Comment: There must be common purpose among the persons assembled and their conduct must give reasonable fears that they will disturb the peace tumultuously or provoke others to do so. It does not matter that the original purpose of the assembly was lawful. The words "needlessly and without reasonable cause" are intended to provide a balance between freedom of action and public order.

SUMMARY OF LEGAL PROVISIONS

Seditious Offences:

- (a) To bring into hatred or contempt or excite dissatisfaction against Her Majesty or the Government of New Zealand or the administration of Justice.
- (b) To incite the public or any persons or any class of persons to attempt to procure otherwise than by lawful means the alteration of any matter affecting the Constitution, laws, or Government of New Zealand.
- (c) To incite, procure or encourage violence, lawlessness or disorder.

- (d) To incite, procure or encourage the commission of any offence that is prejudicial to the public safety or to the maintenance of public order.
- (e) To excite such hostility or ill-will between different classes of persons as may endanger the public safety.

Note: No one shall be deemed to have a seditious intention only because he intends in good faith:

- (a) To show that Her Majesty has been misled or mistaken in Her measures.
- (b) To point out errors or defects in the Government or Constitution of New Zealand or to incite the public to attempt to procure by lawful means the alteration of any matter affecting the Constitution, laws or Government of New Zealand.
- (c) To point out with a view to their removal matters producing or tending to produce feelings of hostility or ill-will between different classes of persons.

Crimes Act 1961 Section 81.

Unlawful Assemblies:

Any assembly of three or more persons who, with intent to carry out any common purpose, cause persons in the neighbourhood of the assembly to fear on reasonable grounds that the persons so assembled

- (a) will disturb the peace tumultuously
- (b) will needlessly and without reasonable cause provoke other persons to disturb the peace tumultuously.

Crimes Act 1961 Section 86.

POLICING THE LAW

The Police are instruments of the law in dealing with civil disturbances.

1. They represent the government of laws not men.
2. They have a sworn duty to enforce the laws impartially and objectively.
3. They recognise the right of people to express their views on matters of public concern.
4. They will protect the rights of all to peaceful assembly and protest.
5. They will protect the rights of people to pursue their lives and lawful occupations free from illegal interference.
6. They will take appropriate action under the law when the rights of anyone are obstructed.
7. They will serve the public peace by all lawful means and expect public co-operation, compliance and understanding.

Comment:

The grave decision facing the Police Officer is to determine at what stage a person, using his rights of freedom of speech and lawful assembly as a base, extends his activities until they become a breach of the peace or the violation of a specific law. In general the police will aim at maintaining the status quo.

The police have the monopoly of legitimate coercion in the community. It is legitimate because the use of this power is consistent with the community and acceptable to the major portion of citizens as binding on their behaviour. Ultimately effective use of coercion by the police depends on what the community will support

as proper. If the law and its enforcement is too restrictive, individuals have a democratic right and responsibility to press for a change by legitimate and lawful means. Meantime they have a responsibility to live within the framework of the law.

2—UNEMPLOYMENT AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

(See Minutes 1967, Res. 8, p. 114)

The second affirmation of the Methodist Social Creed calls for "adequate opportunity of employment for all those willing and able to work". This affirmation stems from a basic concern for the welfare of men, and the Christian belief that through work, men can carry out the purpose of God in this world.

Articles 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights drawn up by the United Nations states "Everyone has the right to work, to the free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment."

Unemployment and more particularly seasonal unemployment, has from time to time been a problem in New Zealand and from the early days. The most serious unemployment occurred in the early 1930s. The number of unemployed and persons on relief work reached a maximum of 73,000 in September 1932 when the total population of New Zealand was of the order of 1,430,000. During the war years (1939-45) unemployment disappeared as a significant problem and the position remained that way in the post war period until June 1967. In this month the number of registered unemployed exceeded the number of notified vacancies. At the end of August 1967, 6509 were registered as unemployed and 2539 were employed on Government winter works, and the combined totals in these two categories reached its maximum for the year. Seasonal employment reduced the combined total over the summer months, but the total has again increased in 1968 and the maximum combined figure for 1968 up to the time of this report was 8130 when 10,555 were registered as unemployed, and 2425 were employed on Government work.

The recent change from a shortage of labour to significant unemployment has followed on the restraining measures taken by the Government during the first half of 1967.

These measures had become necessary because spending within New Zealand had been allowed to expand, especially 1964 to 1966, at a much faster rate than that which could be matched by our own production, plus the imports that we could afford to buy with our exports. The result had been a tendency for prices and costs to rise and for more imports to be wanted than we could afford. To allow in more imports would moderate the rise of costs but only at the expense of making our balance of payments worse, and increasing our dependence upon overseas borrowing. We were in fact living, and still trying to keep on living nationally, beyond our income.

This had to stop, not suddenly, but quite definitely. The necessary measures could not help making us all a little poorer since we had been trying to be better off than we could really afford. It is quite inevitable that, in the process of adjustment, some men should become unemployed. The Church needs first to realise how unemployment has come about and then lend its weight to responsible management of the economy so that the unbalanced situation does not arise in the first place and therefore does not call for unpleasant readjustments.

This should be urged by the Church. In addition the Church has a duty to ask that the economy should be so managed that the unemployment caused by readjustments that make for the greater health of the economy should not fall on individuals as long-term

unemployment, and that much of the social costs that fall on the temporarily unemployed should be borne by the community through adequate unemployment benefit.

The management of the economy is inevitably in the hands of Government. Only the Government has the power and has (or should have) the overall viewpoint to attempt this task. A responsible Government will therefore make it a major aim to restrain tendencies towards inflation—however popular they appear to the electorate—since this involves some painful adjustments that may cause major unemployment.

Responsible citizens cannot ask that unemployment be kept at the lowest possible level without being willing to support Government in steady management of the economy. It is not enough that the Church should voice its concern. It must serve God with its mind as well as its heart by bringing to unemployment and related problems an understanding of how they arise. Then a real cure may be in sight.

It is likely that there will always be a few whose unemployment cannot be cured by moving, re-training, increasing expenditure or any of the usual economic remedies. It is much more reasonable to look after these as a social service, rather than try to have such a pressure of spending in the economy that they are apparently worth employing on a commercial basis. Such action could only succeed by risking vast disturbances of inflation in the economy generally.

It is the business of good government to avoid a repetition of the present situation.

New Zealand has depended for its overseas earnings largely on the sale of primary produce and will do so for some years yet. History has shown that the prices of such commodities can fluctuate widely and good government therefore lies in saving in the good years to provide for the lean, rather than spending all in good years and attempting to borrow in the lean. Such a policy of government may now be as popular short-term but the long-term consequences of the second course of action can be disastrous.

To meet changing world conditions changes in the New Zealand economy are and will be required. These changes may cause hardship, e.g., temporary unemployment, to some, but we believe that proper action by government would ensure that this is minimised. As such changes will benefit the community as a whole, the costs should be borne by the community and not just those thrown out of employment.

In particular, we would endorse the recommendations set out below, from the Monetary and Economic Council's report No. 14 of February 1968:

4. Government should consider the establishment of centres for the retraining of workers whose skills are in lesser demand at a rate of pay sufficiently above the unemployment benefits to provide an incentive to undergo training. Industry should be invited to co-operate in setting up and staffing such centres. The possibility of establishing training centres for employees in service industries such as the tourist industry and the agricultural contracting industry should be investigated. Other measures to encourage and assist labour mobility should be examined, e.g., the payment of transfer costs in appropriate cases and the purchase by Government and withdrawal from use of houses which may have little resale possibilities in designated areas where future employment opportunities are judged to be limited.
5. In the Council's view the adequacy of unemployment benefits should be looked at afresh. It may be inadvisable to raise the

flat rate of benefits as such because of its present relation to the award wages of unskilled workers. The existence of supplementary allowances to meet cases of hardship should be given wide publicity. These already permit all except minor income loss to be avoided in appropriate cases. A system of income-related benefits with a view to reducing some at least of the relative loss caused by unemployment to those above the unskilled wage level should be investigated.

6. Where necessary to increase employment in particular industries or areas, activities consistent with the required structural changes in the economy should be stimulated, e.g., erection of educational and research buildings, factories for leasing, the provision of tourist accommodation and other facilities, and essential transport links.

3—CONDITIONS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS AND POLICY OF TREATMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS

(See Minutes 1967, Res. 9, p. 114)

The Committee is aware of the criticism which has been levelled at the conditions in some mental hospitals, and some aspects of Mental Hygiene Department policy. These merit objective consideration. The new Mental Health Bill is to come before Parliament this session. This Committee seeks the opportunity for further consultation and consideration, and requests the sanction of Conference to delay its report on this Resolution until Synods and Conference 1969.

4—INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- (a) The new Secretary of the Inter-Church Council is the Rev. G. R. H. Peterson. The Chairman is the Rt Rev. G. M. McKenzie, B.A.
- (b) The Council has spent considerable time discussing the wording of a new Ballot paper for the Tri-annual liquor poll, and made submissions with regard to this matter to the appropriate legislative authorities. In essence, the Council's point of view is in line with recent changes in the policy of the New Zealand Alliance, aiming at choice between Continuance and Trust Control (under a National Trust), the Prohibition option to be voted on at less frequent intervals than hitherto.
- (c) The Council has supported the use of breathalyser and blood tests before the Parliamentary sub-committee dealing with Road Safety and Liquor Consumption.
- (d) The Council is to sponsor a Seminar on "The Law and Homosexuality" in August 1968, having heard addresses by the Commissioner of Police and a member of the Committee advocating changes in present legislation on this topic.
- (e) The Council initiated a National Conference on "The Church, the Elderly and the Welfare Society". Copies of its report are available and merit careful study.
- (f) The Council was unable to come to anything like a unanimously acceptable Statement on the War in Vietnam.
- (g) The Council is at present preparing to study resolutions of some of its constituent bodies relating to the use of land and urban development.
- (h) Other matters before the Council have included a consideration of the functions and decisions of the Indecent Publications Tribunal, (the Council has received representations from various quarters concerning the ready availability of pornographic paperbacks and similar material), film censorship, broadcasters'

pronunciation of Maori place names, taxation change proposals and the possible effect on Charitable Institutions and Church activities, and social security benefits for New Zealand medical and other non-clerical Church workers overseas.

C. D. CLARK, Chairman.

W. G. EISNER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be Received and Adopted.
2. That the Committee be asked to continue its study in respect of the Care of Psychiatric Patients, and report to Synods and Conference, 1969.
3. That the Methodist Representatives on the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs be: Rev. Colin Clark, Rev. Ernest Heppelthwaite, and Mr Ian Crabtree.
4. That Conference thanks the Public Questions Committee for its statement on the present position re Freedom of Speech, and asks the Committee to continue its investigation, with particular reference to legislation which may still restrict freedom of speech and which sets the responsibility on the person demonstrating to keep the peace.
5. On unemployment and Christian Responsibility: That Conference affirms the principle of "adequate opportunity of employment for all those willing and able to work" and endorses the following recommendations from the Monetary and Economic Council's report No. 14 of February, 1968, and commends them to Government for implementation.

(1) Re-Training

1. That Government consider the establishment of centres for retraining of workers whose skills are in lesser demands at a rate of pay sufficiently above the unemployment benefits to provide an incentive to undergo training. Industry should be invited to co-operate in setting up and staffing such centres.

The possibility of establishing training centres for employees in service industries such as the tourist industry and the agricultural contracting industry should be investigated.

2. That Government examine measures to encourage and assist labour mobility, e.g., the payment of transfer costs in appropriate cases and the purchase by Government and withdrawal from use of houses which may have little resale possibilities in designated areas where future employment opportunities are judged to be limited.

(2) Unemployment Benefits

1. That Government give wide publicity to the supplementary allowances which already permit all except minor income loss to be avoided in appropriate cases.

2. That Government investigate a system of income-related benefits with a view to reducing some at least of the relative loss caused by unemployment to those above the unskilled level.

(3) Increasing Employment

1. That where it is necessary to increase employment in particular industries or areas, Government should stimulate activities consistent with the required structural changes in the economy, e.g., erection of educational and research buildings, factories for leasing, the provision of tourist accommodation and other facilities and essential transport links.

6. That the Public Questions Committee be requested in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, to formulate a Christian Doctrine of Wealth, having due regard to both the Biblical foundations of the Christian faith and the contemporary social and political realities.

7. That the whole question of the age of responsibility (voting age in General Elections, etc.) be studied by the Public Questions Committee and reported on to Synods and Conference.

8. That in view of the radical changes presented in the report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Compensation of Personal injury in N.Z. the Public Questions Committee be requested to study the issues raised and makes such representations to the Government as are deemed to be appropriate.

9. That the Public Questions Committee be asked to study the present position of Maoris in our society, with particular reference to unemployment, average family income and educational opportunity and to consider ways in which the Church can help with any problems which may emerge.

10. That the Public Questions Committee study the greater use of appropriate Government funds for work with such people as handicapped children, the blind and deaf and to make such representations as deemed appropriate.

Note: Those looking after these people should not have the added physical burden of seeking public financial support.

11. That the Public Questions Committee investigate the adequacy of psychological services in the community especially in the field of education.

12. The Public Questions Committee be asked to consider the legitimacy of protesting by both violent and non-violent means by Church members on racial, and other political and sociological issues.

13. That in preparation for the next General Election the Public Questions Committee prepare a list of questions which might be asked

(a) of congregations

(b) of candidates

and that it suggest the different kinds of meetings which can be held with candidates and the best procedure in planning for them.

14. (a) Conference expresses its regret that Parliament did not assent to the petition for the amendment of the Crimes Act, 1961, to provide that Sections 141 and 142 shall no longer apply to consenting adult males who perform homosexual acts in private.

(b) Conference reaffirms its report first adopted in 1961 and reaffirmed in 1967 (1967 Minutes, pages 111-113) in which it stated inter alia "To say that in certain circumstances homosexual behaviours should not be a criminal offence is not to condone or encourage immorality". Conference "believes that while the legal toleration of homosexual acts between consenting adults would do little to assist in a positive solution, it would be the first step towards such an objective by removal of injustices and anomalies and by opening the way to a more constructive treatment of a hidden problem".

(c) Conference urges Government to set up a Commission of Enquiry to study this matter in greater depth.

(d) That the material of the 1961 report be made available to congregations in a suitable form by the Board of Publications in consultation with the Department of Christian Education.

15. (a) Conference, believing it is the right of every child to be born into a stable family, recognises that many of New Zealand's future citizens will be greatly hampered because they have been born out of wedlock.

(b) Conference, believing that the sex act is the ultimate expression of personal commitment of one to the other in marriage and thus far more than a physical act for emotional self-indulgence, would persuade young people not to settle for anything less.

(c) Conference recommends for wide circulation in the Church the pamphlet prepared by the National C.Y.M.M. Council, "Standard of Sexual Behaviour".

C.Y.M.M. STANDARD OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

What is Our Standard?

Our standard is that sexual intercourse belongs to marriage, as an expression of the mutual love between a man and a woman living together in a permanent relationship.

Why is this Our Standard?

Christ showed us in His teaching that the welfare of persons is of primary importance and that anything which tends to use another person for our sexual satisfaction is contrary to Christian love.

Only within marriage is it possible to find the true meaning and purpose of sexual intercourse, as there is full commitment and dedication to each other and a deep sense of responsibility. It is virtually inevitable that apart from this setting, sexual relations do not provide a good basis for a happy and successful marriage later on.

Our aim in friendships is not only to enjoy each other but also to test the worth of each other. There is an increase of respect both for oneself and for the other person when self-discipline is shown, and if we love another person we should not want them to take the risks involved in intercourse before marriage.

How Do We Maintain this Standard?

The crux of the matter is self-control and self-discipline for both the boy and the girl. The girl must realise that self-control is easier for her initially than for the boy, as women's emotions become aroused more slowly than men's and thus she should restrain him from too much petting.

Indulging in heavy petting for long periods makes it very hard for each one of us to maintain self-control and our standard of Christian love.

The Challenge

As young people trying to follow Christ, we are called and challenged to live by the highest possible standards.

16. That the Public Questions Committee be asked to prepare a report on the subject of the unmarried mother.

17. That the members of the Committee for 1969 be as printed on page 8 herein.

B.—International Affairs Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1968

General:

Critical situations continue in the Vietnam War and in the attempted Biafran secession from Nigeria; Arab-Israeli relations continue to threaten the peace of the Middle East; and grave racial problems exist in Southern Africa, the United States of America, and elsewhere.

The ranks of the world's refugees have increased dramatically in the past two years, and in spite of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign and the efforts of a multiplicity of regional co-operative organisations the gap between the majority of poor and underfed people and the minority of wealthy, fast developing peoples is widening.

1—VIETNAM WAR

While we welcome the restriction of the bombing of North Vietnam and the opening of talks between representatives of the United States and North Vietnam at Paris on May 10, the apparent intransigence of the negotiating parties, the increased ferocity of the fighting and mounting death toll, and the failure to recognise that in any negotiations the present South Vietnamese regime, the National Liberation Front and the South Vietnamese people who support neither of these two groups all need to be represented, do not give hope of an early cease-fire or a lasting peaceful settlement.

We continue to express concern about the suffering of civilians in the increased attacks on cities in South Vietnam, and we regret that the bombing of North Vietnam was not completely stopped.

2—OVERSEAS AID

The Conference on New Zealand's International Aid, held in Wellington in December 1967 makes the following recommendations in its Report (pages 14 and 15):

- (a) In addition to a clear moral imperative it is a matter of national self-interest that New Zealand extend aid to the less developed countries, especially those of South East Asia and the Pacific. This needs to be accepted clearly by the public as well as the Government as a long-term commitment for public expenditure.
- (b) New Zealand official aid is much less than it ought to be. The real value of aid to countries other than the Cook Islands has declined over the past decade although needs are much greater. New Zealand's performance is certainly much less than that of other wealthy societies. Official aid by New Zealand is only about 0.25 per cent. of national income compared with an average of 0.66 per cent. for Western European countries and the United States.
- (c) While the objective of 1 per cent. of national income could only be a rough guide, the Government should over the next three to five years expand the level of official aid so that the private and official aid together might more closely approach this target. Aid should be seen primarily from the point of view of the value to recipients, but that aid which is relatively less costly to New Zealand may prove to be the most effective.

- (d) The sacrifice involved in providing such a large increase whether by way of a diversion of Government expenditure in New Zealand from other programmes or increased taxes or both, is necessary as a matter of national duty, not only for humanitarian reasons but also in the long-term interests of our national security.
- (e) The expanded programme should provide for:
 - (i) additional aid for New Zealand's own Pacific territories and for Western Samoa;
 - (ii) a programme of official aid for other South Pacific territories such as Fiji and Tonga;
 - (iii) increased support for the South Pacific Commission;
 - (iv) a substantial increase in allocations under the Colombo Plan;
 - (v) additional assistance under the special Commonwealth Aid to Africa Plan and the Commonwealth Education Scheme;
 - (vi) increased support for multilateral aid programmes, especially the United Nations Development Programme;
 - (vii) the expansion of training and educational facilities within New Zealand to cater especially for the needs of a larger number of trainees from the developing countries of South East Asia and the Pacific.
- (f) An increased aid programme of this order would call for reconsideration of the administrative machinery for aid. The possibility of establishing a career service both for administrative and for technical and field personnel should be carefully examined. Consideration should also be given to the establishment of an External Aid Board. There should be regular and organised liaison between the Government external aid authorities and the private aid-giving organisations.
- (g) Co-ordination of activities of private organisations and Government could be assisted by an annual conference, sponsored by the Department of External Affairs or the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs, for the exchange of information and views on existing and proposed activities.
- (h) This report and proceedings should be printed and given wide circulation, and brought to the attention of the Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and the Leader of the Opposition.

The Committee reaffirms the urgency of increasing international aid. While the Committee is appreciative of the increased support many of our churches are giving to the N.C.C. Interchurch Aid Christmas Appeal and to objectives introduced under the Freedom From Hunger Appeal and C.O.R.S.O., the overall impact of human need on the New Zealand conscience appears very slight compared with the present and future plight of many peoples. The Committee would like to see the Conference take a determined stand, similar to that taken by the delegates at the Young World Assembly meeting in Rome, October 1965, when they formulated the following:

YOUNG WORLD MANIFESTO

"Half the world does not have enough to eat. Each year, as a result, many millions die young, as surely as if shot by the guns of a tyrant. Many more are maimed for life by hunger, in body or in spirit.

"We say to you, this suffering can and must be stopped. When all of us, whether we live with it or far away in the rich, well-fed countries, make up our minds to end this hunger, we can do it.

"The earth is ruled mainly by people out of touch with the young world. They know that men starve and die in millions. But they think it more important to make guns, bombs, warships, rockets, to send us to fight one another, than to provide seed and water, schools and hospitals, so that we might feed and serve one another.

"Twenty years ago men of foresight set up the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, to lead the attack on hunger. Many eat better than they would have done without it. Yet, after 20 years, there are more hungry people than ever before. In another 20 years' time, if we do not act, there will be yet more, famine will haunt many lands and we shall be fighting one another again. We must prevent such an outcome through the mobilization of the young world.

"Know your power and know what you must do.

"If you live in a rich country, you have wealth to share. Tell young fellow countrymen about the hunger in other lands. Demand of your governments that much more of the nations' wealth—very many billions of dollars' worth—should go to world development.

"If you live in a poor country, demand adequate food for your fellows. Do not turn your backs on the land and people who provide the food; instead work with them for rural development. Plan with them, so that starting with what little they have, they themselves can develop in body and in spirit.

"If you are educated in special knowledge and skills, do not accept the old priorities. Know that science and technology, that can send men into space, need only to be released into the poor lands to work even greater miracles. See that your skills are used to help the needy.

"If you are a young parent, resolve to end the suffering of children. Know, too, how to plan the size of your family, so that the progress of all is not compromised.

"Let us all make plain to the rulers that the division of the world into rich and poor must end and that we know that efforts equivalent to the many billions of dollars wasted on armaments are needed to develop the world. Let them know, too, that if political or financial systems prevent a just distribution of food and wealth, those systems must be replaced.

"Above all we must show our willingness to work for world development, and demand that we be given the opportunity to do so. Mankind is one family in which each of us has the duty to help the other.

"We who are meeting at the Young World Assembly have pledged ourselves to this struggle as countless other young people all over the world have done. Our generation has power and knowledge that no previous generation has ever had. With these we must create a world in which the human spirit is set free from hunger and want, for ever."

The Committee presented proposals for increasing awareness and commitment among New Zealand Methodists to increased overseas aid with the July Christian Education Handbook, and needs in this field have been covered in excellent articles in The New Zealand Methodist.

3—SELECTIVE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

(1967 Minutes Page 120 (6))

Recently the Committee has made representation to the Department of Labour through the Secretary of Conference, urging recognition of selective conscientious objectors. No reply had been received at the time of writing this report.

4—HUMAN RIGHTS YEAR

"Since the adoption twenty years ago of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document which one of my colleagues called the 'greatest challenge of our time', the United Nations with the active support of the spiritual leaders of mankind, has appealed to governments, statesmen, organisations and groups in positions of influence to engage in effective steps to bring about conditions in which human beings would be assured of life in the kind of dignity which our civilisation can afford to provide and which men and women everywhere richly deserve . . .

"The future task of the international community is to consider how it can improve its methods of encouraging, assisting and reviewing those national and local efforts and how it can bring its influence to bear in the improvement of specific situations constituting gross violations of human rights."

—U Thant

"The designation of 1968 as the International Year for Human Rights reflects the active concern of the United Nations in the promotion of human rights and protection of human dignity for all and the conviction that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is one of the main foundations of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

—U Thant

New Zealand's Position:

New Zealand has ratified the following Human Rights Conventions:

1. Refugees
2. Nationality of Married Women
3. Marriage
4. Slavery (and 5 [Supplementary])
6. Discrimination in Education

and has signed the following as a step to ratification:

7. Genocide
8. Racial Discrimination

Other conventions are:

9. Stateless Persons
10. Statelessness
11. Political Rights of Women
12. Right of Correction
13. Forced Labour (I.L.O.)
14. Equal Remuneration (I.L.O.)
15. Employment and Occupational Discrimination (I.L.O.)
16. Freedom of Association (I.L.O.)
17. Economic Social and Cultural Rights
18. Civil and Political Rights
19. Civil and Political Rights Protocol.

The Covenants on (a) Economic Social and Cultural Rights and (b) Civil and Political Rights were adopted by the U.N. General Assembly only at the end of 1966 after eighteen years' preparation. They embody in treaty form the very generalised statements set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. New Zealand played a considerable role in the whole process of preparing the drafts since 1948 and is examining the texts to see if they can be undertaken as treaty obligations.

The Personal Level:

The Committee in its 1967 Report pointed out that, despite international and legal acknowledgments, there can be widespread erosion and denial of personal expression of rights.

To deny human beings their rights is to set the stage for political and social unrest—wars, hostility between nations, and between groups within a nation. Human rights, far from being an abstract subject for philosophers and lawyers affect the lives of everyone—man, woman and child.

Fundamental freedoms include freedom of thought, conscience and religion, freedom of opinion and expression, and the freedom to join with others in peaceful assembly and association.

Human rights are to be enjoyed by all persons without discrimination as to race, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

They concern every person in every town in personal relationships.

The technique of brainwashing is practised in countries with differing ideologies from our own; but we do not always recognise the unfortunate readiness among some people in New Zealand to group dissenters together and label them as an irresponsible and ill-informed minority and hence denigrate their opinions. The discouragement of debate on controversial matters, suppression or distortion of information, intimidation by uniformed or security forces, smearing, and other subtle pressures to procure conformity to official policies indicate dangerous trends in any society.

Practical Steps:

Responsibility begins among the people around us, for it is in our local communities that we have the most influence. Acting on our own or in concert with others, we can remedy human rights violations and promote respect for rights.

We can discuss the subject with our family, friends and associates.

We can stimulate newspapers and magazines to write about the subject.

We can encourage the Government to ratify human rights conventions.

We can plan for or join in local observation of:

- (i) Human Rights Year Prisoner of Conscience Week 17-23 November (being arranged by Amnesty International to draw attention to the plight of political prisoners through services, meetings, etc.).
- (ii) Human Rights Day, December 10, the twentieth anniversary of the adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- (iii) International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, commemorating the killing of sixty-seven and wound-

ing of 180 peaceful African demonstrators in Sharpeville, South Africa, in 1960. A minute of silence was observed at United Nations Headquarters this year, in memory of all victims of racism.

5—(a) POSSIBLE FORMS OF NON-MILITARY SERVICE
(b) ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

The Committee is not in a position to report on these issues at present.

6—PEACE, POWER AND POLITICS IN ASIA CONFERENCE
March 30-April 2

Attracting support from 1300 delegates this Conference examined New Zealand's foreign policy in Asia, including the role and aim of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation, reviewed the causes of political instability in the area, and discussed possible alternative policies. Membership was broadly based with representatives from all parts of New Zealand, a number from Australia, and some from the United States, and a wide range of age and organisations (churches, universities, trade unions, associations).

The programme consisted mainly of lectures by eminent speakers from New Zealand and overseas, of panels, and questions from the conference members answered from those on the platform. The International Affairs Committee members present were impressed by the quality of much of the material presented and the responsible nature of the whole conference. A final communique called for an independent foreign policy for New Zealand, withdrawal from S.E.A.T.O., military withdrawal from Vietnam and increased civil aid; and the fullest support for the United Nations as a forum for all people.

The Committee considers this to have been a valuable and significant conference.

7—NON-ALIGNMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO NEW
ZEALAND'S PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY

One of the results of New Zealand's involvement in the Vietnam War is that many people have begun to study this and other aspects of our treaty arrangements and Western alignment. Articles by Professor David McIntyre ("New Zealand and the International Alliance Net") in *Landfall*, December, 1967, and reprinted in the *Peace, Power and Politics in Asia Conference Handbook*, and Mr Jack K. Hunn "Constructive Defence", *N.Z. Listener* May 31, 1968, the *Peace, Power and Politics Conference*, and the screening of "The War Game" have stimulated interest and promoted discussion of these topics. It would appear that the implications of a policy of positive non-alignment should be considered seriously. They appear to include:

- increased co-operation with Asian nations;
- increased trade, aid, and support for economic development with necessary social change;
- review of such alliance as S.E.A.T.O.;
- reappraisal of New Zealand's involvement in Vietnam.

8—CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO COMMUNISM AND ANTI-COMMUNISM

Material produced by a Sub-committee is being used as a basis for experimental study in a local church, and after modification will be made available for use in other groups. The dialogue between Christians and Communists beginning in Germany, Italy, and other European countries may prove to be a break-through, but it is too early to assess its ultimate effects.

The Committee feels that time could be set aside to discuss last year's Statement on a Christian Approach to Communism and Anti-Communism during the 1969 Conference, and in the meantime local groups can discuss the material available from the Committee.

Appendix:

ADDRESSES OF OVERSEAS AID AND HUMANITARIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMENDED:

C.O.R.S.O. National Headquarters, P.O. Box 2500, Wellington.

N.C.C. Interchurch Aid, P.O. Box 297, Christchurch.

Volunteer Service Abroad, P.O. Box 3564, Wellington.

Amnesty International, P.O. Box 3597, Wellington.

Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa, 2 Amen Court, London, E.C.2.

G. H. BRAITHWAITE, Chairman.

E. HEPPELTHWAITE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. **Vietnam.** (A) That Conference commends the W.C.C. statement on Vietnam and urges Methodist people to implement it in all relevant ways.

(1) RESOLUTION ON VIETNAM

1. We who are gathered in the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches declare that the mortal suffering of the Vietnamese people should at once be ended. The restoration of peace in Vietnam is of paramount importance to all our member churches, concerned as they are that mankind shall live reconciled in justice and peace.
2. We are thankful that it has at least been possible for both sides to come to a conference table. The first priority now is that the Paris conversations should be successfully concluded. We believe that each party to them should take risks for peace, and be prepared if necessary to modify its original position. During the conversations, we urge all parties to refrain from building up their military strength.
3. Meanwhile the United States bombing of North Vietnam, the military infiltration of the south by the north, and all use of weapons of mass destruction, should cease immediately and unconditionally. We call on all parties to stop military activities in South Vietnam.
4. A political solution, so urgently needed in Vietnam, cannot be achieved by military victory, but must in the final analysis be dependent upon the choice of the Vietnamese people themselves. The appalling situation of the Vietnamese people today offers

an example of the tragedy to which unilateral intervention of a great power can lead. Moreover, such intervention creates rather than solves political, social and economic problems. The achievement and guarantee of peace should be the responsibility of international organizations. We therefore ask all governments to heed the bitter lesson of South-East Asia and to strengthen the United Nations both in its political authority and in its material strength.

5. It is intolerable that Vietnam should still remain the symbol for our time of the misery of a developing people caught in world conflict. Christians today have an obligation to support both **short-term relief and long-term development.**
6. These considerations make it all the more timely to begin immediately the preparation for post-war aid; These problems, particularly as they relate to the homeless may well be of unprecedented proportions. The planning by the churches for programmes expressing their concern must be pushed forward as quickly as possible.
7. Voluntary programmes, however, will only be ancillary to the massive programme of inter-governmental aid that will be required. It is therefore important to bring this matter to the attention of governments and the United Nations family, and to seek by all means possible to ensure that plans which are adequate and acceptable to the Vietnamese people are prepared now by the international community to be acted upon without delay when the opportunity arises.

(b) That Conference support every effort of Government and voluntary Agencies to make available N.Z. resources and manpower for short term relief and long term development in Vietnam.

3. BIAFRA

That Conference express its deep concern at the continued suffering in Nigeria/Biafra, and warmly commends the actions of the voluntary agencies in sending aid, and urges stronger Community and Church support for the appeals.

Conference also urges the Government (a) to continue to use all available diplomatic channels to bring about a negotiated settlement. (b) To give, as a matter of extreme urgency, financial and material aid to the International and Governmental agencies seeking to relieve the distress in Nigeria/Biafra.

See Miscellaneous Resolutions page 319 herein.

4. OVERSEAS AID

In view of the fact N.Z. is by world standards an affluent nation and that millions of people are in desperate need of aid, and that Science and technology now make it increasingly possible for all men to have the necessities of life, and for the causes of poverty and the resulting injustice and violence to be removed, Conference—

- A. (1) Calls on Church members to commit themselves to give a definite and increasing percentage at least up to one per cent. of their personal income, to overseas aid. This can be done through approved voluntary organisations, e.g., Corso, N.C.C. Appeal.
- (2) Commends to members a Form of Commitment, to be prepared by the International Affairs Committee.
- (3) Asks Leaders' Meetings to report to the International Affairs Committee by 30th June, upon action taken.

- B. Calls on Government to provide for a contribution through international agencies and bilateral arrangements, one per cent. of national income to the developing countries by 1970.
- C. Requests the International Affairs Committee to make submission to the National Development Conference that consideration be given to including the concept of One Per Cent. of the National Income for overseas development aid, and suggesting ways in which the Overseas Funds content of such aid could be kept to a minimum.
- D. That the "Young World Manifesto" be printed and distributed to all ministers for distribution.
- E. That the Conference calls on Methodist people in exercising their votes at the 1969 election to take into account the position of the various parties on the issue of Overseas Aid.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

That the International Affairs Committee be asked to report to Synod and Conference on the present stage of New Zealand's relationship to Human Rights, Conventions.

6. NON-ALIGNMENT

- A. That Conference request the New Zealand Commission of the Church on International Affairs to consider the implication of a policy of positive non-alignment and report to the Churches.
- B. That the International Affairs Committee be requested to make a preliminary study on the implications involved in non-alignment and report to Synod and Conference, 1969.
- C. That this subject be given priority over other matters on the Agenda of the International Affairs Committee.

7. ADMISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

- A. That Conference request the Government:—
 - (a) to explore with increased urgency all the possibilities that would facilitate the admission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, and to recognise the People's Republic of China.
 - (b) to affirm and maintain its recognition of the place of the Government of Taiwan within the United Nations.
- B. That in support of this motion Conference reaffirm and forward to the Government paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the statement in 1966 Minutes, p. 119.

8. FRENCH ATOMIC TESTS

That Conference support the Prime Minister in his opposition to the French tests of atomic devices in the Pacific and asks that New Zealand's representative at the United Nations Assembly urge the Assembly to condemn all such tests, having special regard to the total well being of both local Polynesian people, and also the South Pacific as a whole.

- 9. That the Committee for 1969 be as printed on page 7 herein.

Report of Temperance Committee to Synods and Conference 1968

Conference 1967 requested the Temperance Committee to consider the matter of unlawful access to liquor by minors and the enforcement of the law at this point. (See Minutes of Conference 1967, page 124, Res. 3).

We offer the following points for consideration:

During the course of the year we have considered the following source material to assist us in our enquiry:

1. The Queensland Scheme for education in schools.
2. Material from corresponding members.
3. A report on the problem from a Stipendiary Magistrate.
4. A report on the Pilot scheme of "Plan for Living" instituted in some High Schools.

We have also interviewed:

- (a) Representatives from Sports Bodies
- (b) A member of the Police Force
- (c) A District Child Welfare Officer

The Problem:

It is clear that most teenagers want to drink; for many this is part of our way of life, e.g., the cocktail party for the business executive, a jug with the boys for the working man; and the special occasion at a licensed restaurant. For those under 21 years of age these privileges are legally denied.

A—Medical Grounds:

There are sound medical grounds for the denial of these privileges. The young adult while maturing does not have the same control over emotions; he has greater difficulty over decisions, and is more easily led by others. He does not have the same body weight, and consequently is unable to absorb the same quantity of alcohol as an adult. The young tend to look outside themselves for a "spiritual" satisfaction; hence the demand for "Kicks", which, unfortunately can lead to alcoholism and drug addiction.

B—Economic and Moral Grounds:

Youth generally has considerable earning power. This is due to factors such as: high salaries commanded by University Graduates; the shortening of some apprenticeship contracts, and the raising of hourly rates for male and female workers in an effort to attract school leavers.

Because of the availability of money, and general disrespect of the present law, a fine is no hardship. Morally they see little wrong with drinking: the only stigma seems to arise through a newspaper publicity of the names of those unfortunate enough to be caught.

C—Incidence of Trouble:

Only a small percentage of those who drink cause trouble. However, there is an increasing frequency of offences where alcohol is a contributing factor.

Examples:

1. The ready availability of money to young people tempts some to misuse their intelligence, spend an inordinate amount on drink and thus become trouble makers.

2. Others having irregular hours of employment, or no interest in organised recreation, have little else to do with their leisure time but drink.

3. Those who rebel against society find great delight in "gate-crashing" parties, where at all possible.

The abuse of alcohol must be coupled with the increase of other crimes, especially the increase of accidents on the roads and with wilful destruction of private and public property.

SOME SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS:

(a) Lowering of legal age:

By lowering the legal age to 19 the law may (?) become respected; such a change could encourage drinking in public, instead of in private and often uncontrolled parties.

However, the police have considerable difficulty in enforcing the present law; and it could be that, before long, 16-year-olds would be frequenting public houses.

Also, it is doubtful if the change in law would affect the few who create most of the trouble as they seem to have little difficulty in obtaining liquor at any time.

(b) Education in Schools:

At least two Australian states have implemented courses on "Social Living" in their curricula. Education is given on sex, alcohol and drugs. This type of programme is now receiving favourable attention from education authorities in New Zealand. One of the problems to be faced is to find the suitable personnel for giving such instruction.

As this is an addition to subjects normally taught at school, covering ground which was previously the sole responsibility of parents, it is important that parents should understand and complement what is being taught in the schools.

Conclusion:

We have just had sweeping changes in the liquor laws and we feel it unwise to press for further changes until a clearer pattern emerges. We, therefore, recommend that no change in the legal age for drinking should be considered at present.

The most urgent need is for more education at all levels.

1. The education authorities should be encouraged to implement as soon as possible a "Plan for Living" series of lessons in which the subject of alcohol is included.
2. It should be made clear to parents that they have no right to abdicate from their responsibility in this field. At present, schools have not accepted responsibility for this type of education. Where such lessons are given, however, parents should make themselves conversant with the syllabus, and be prepared to supplement it. It would be far better for children to be informed about liquor by their parents, than to be drinking on the sly at parties. Parents cannot afford to abdicate responsibility for education in such ethical matters as affect the growth and character of their children.

It must be recognised that whatever reforms come about through education, there will always be those who need the patient care of the Church, and of society. Concern for these people should unite all who have the welfare of their fellow men at heart, remembering our Lord's reputation as friend of sinners, there should be a united effort

by those who believe in total abstinence, and those who practice temperance in all things, including the use of alcoholic liquor.

Drug Addiction:

The Committee was asked "to consider the matter of the incidence of drug addiction, and advise the Church as to whether there are any organisations dealing with this problem in New Zealand" (Minutes of Conference 1967, page 125, res. 9). A Member of Parliament was interviewed on the subject and he advised us to await investigations which are being conducted by the Health Department. The Minister of Health (Hon. D. McKay), commended to our attention articles in the New Zealand Women's Weekly dealing with this subject. (Dated March 18th and 25th, 1968 and August 14th, 1967). An excellent film, which is a documentary on a forum of ex-drug addicts, is available from the Department of Health. Title: "Hooked". The "Auckland Alcoholism Trust Board" has published two pamphlets: "Facts about Addictive Drugs", and "It could never happen here". Copies of these are obtained from Auckland Alcoholism Trust Board, 140 Symonds Street, Auckland.

Advertising of Liquor on Radio and Television:

A telegram of protest was sent to the Chairman of the Broadcasting Corporation on its decisions to allow advertisements for alcoholic liquors on radio and TV. The Minister of Broadcasting replied to a letter of protest, saying that "this is a matter completely within the authority of the Corporation which is an independent body".

The Chairman of the Broadcasting Corporation replied as follows: "It is evident that the attitude of the New Zealand community towards the moderate consumption of alcohol has become more liberal over the past twenty years. Later closing has been carried by referendum . . . As a responsible organisation, the Corporation must obviously attempt to reflect the generally accepted standards of the community, in advertising as well as in programme policies.

"Provision for limited broadcast advertising for liquor has existed for many years in other countries of similar traditions and attitudes, such as England and Australia. In New Zealand liquor advertisements in newspapers and forms of advertising have long been accepted.

"The restraints the Corporation has introduced are designed to ensure that undesirable types of advertisements will not be allowed. These restrictions prevent the urging of people to commence drinking or to increase their present consumption. The content or style of the advertisements cannot be designed to appeal particularly to young people, nor can they be broadcast in time bands, or in programmes directed to youth. No suggestion that drinking is an essential part of an enjoyable or successful life will be permitted, nor will any suggestion that alcohol has any medicinal or tonic properties.

"In effect, advertising for liquor is restricted to directing the attention of those people who are already consumers, to particular brands, hotels, restaurants, wholesalers and the like.

"While I understand your concern, I assure you that the corporation has a full sense of its responsibility to all sections of the community and I am confident that its action is consistent with the attitudes of the majority of our community."

In the light of these communications, the Temperance Committee feels that Conference has the right to ask the following questions:

Has the Minister of Broadcasting no authority at all with the Corporation? Is it not a fact that though he cannot instruct he can advise on certain matters?

Many people, voted for extension of hours of sales so that there could be more effective control over the liquor traffic. In view of this is not the Chairman's reference to the referendum vote irrelevant?

Are there not already in existence ample opportunities for the advertising of alcoholic liquors?

These facts are obvious. There is no evening TV slot when a considerable number of teenagers would not be among the viewers.

Business men do not spend money on expensive advertising unless they anticipate a greater demand for their products.

Liquor on Trains and Aeroplanes:

Details of the suggested proposals were sought from the Minister of Transport, who replied that all interested parties would have opportunity to record their views when the legislation is being considered. The Committee will give attention to these proposals in the coming year.

Alteration to Ballot Paper:

The report of this committee last year (see Minutes of Conference 1967, pages 121-122) suggested that the most effective reform of the liquor trade would be the promotion of Trust control on a Dominion-wide basis. It also pointed out the financial cost of such a change. We feel that we should commend the New Zealand Alliance in its new proposals to the Government that the ballot paper should provide the opportunity to decide between a form of National Trust Control and the present control through the Licensed Liquor Trade.

The North Canterbury Synod Standing Committee asked us to investigate the reasons for the reluctance of a Licensing Control Commission to create a new licence in areas where a hotel licence is being sought in a new housing area. By transferring a licence from another area, the local residents have been denied the opportunity to have a referendum on the possibility of a Local Trust being established. The Committee has been making enquiries, and has found that in many cases it has been impossible to raise the necessary finance to form Local Trusts, and this may well be a factor in the reluctance of the Local Licensing Commissions. It is the opinion of this committee that the most effective pressure can be exerted by the local residents, but we will do our best to obtain further information which may assist the people concerned.

Effect of 10 o'clock Closing:

The full effects of the change in hours for legalised drinking cannot be gauged yet. But from authoritative sources the following facts seem clear: there has been no sudden increase in the consumption of liquors following the extended hours. The sale of liquors for home consumption has dropped by 50%. The sale of whisky has declined, but this may be due to increased taxation. Trade has fallen off in the oldest type of bars and has increased where lounge facilities are available. More young people are patronising the public bars than formerly, but this may mean that the drinking is being done more openly than before. More women are to be found in the public bars, but it is noticed that they frequently exercise a restraining influence on their men folk. The police find that the changing hours has made it easier to exercise supervision of the hotels and observe the standards of driving from hotels. The peak of car accidents has significantly altered from six o'clock to a later hour at night.

In some places the police report that hoodlum activity has been less pronounced at long weekends than previously, and, guardedly, suggest that this may be due to the change of hours and more leisurely consumption of liquor. On the other hand there has been an increase in minor infringements of the law particularly in the early teen years. (Could this be due to lack of supervision while parents are at the hotels?).

School of Alcohol Studies:

Rev. A. C. Hight represented this committee at the third School on Alcohol Studies at Massey College early in the year.

Rev. Richard Hendry represented this committee at the annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Chairman

A. T. KENT, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference commend the Education Department on its "Family Life Education" programmes and urge that these be extended as widely and quickly as possible.
3. That Conference believes that radio and TV stations should not be permitted to advertise alcoholic beverages, coming as they do into the privacy of the home. Such advertisements are a powerful means of accentuating social problems, especially among young people, who by the Law are forbidden to purchase such beverages. Liquor advertisements are offensive to a considerable portion of the community (including many alcoholics) who have equal rights with others to enjoy acceptable radio and TV programmes.
4. That Synod express its support of the New Zealand Alliance in urging the Government to alter the form of the referendum on liquor to become a vote on a form of National Trust Control, or a continuation of the present system of control of the licensed liquor trade.
5. That the Temperance Committee be urged to continue its investigations regarding the apparent difficulties in setting up a Local Licensing Trust, and report to Synods and Conference.
6. That a grant of \$70 be made to the Temperance Committee from the Contingent Fund.
7. That the Temperance Committee be asked to give further consideration to Drug Addiction and report back to District Synods and Conference, 1969. Emphasis of consideration to be placed upon (a) the extent, causes, means of cure and prevention of drug abuse (b) Organisations endeavouring to meet the problem (c) the role of the Church in this situation.
8. That the Temperance Committee be asked to consider the matter of requesting the N.Z. Alliance, in association with its participating churches, to launch (as soon as possible after the appointment of a new General Secretary) a National Campaign for Trust Control, irrespective of the possibility of a revision of the National Ballot paper for the next referendum.
9. That the Committee for 1969 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 38.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other properties?

A—General Report on Church Property

The financial operations of Church Trusts for the year ended 30 June, 1968 are summarised herein.

I. TRUST ACCOUNTS

Receipts

					\$	c
Credit Balance—General Funds	*****	*****	*****	*****	252,961.07	
(a) Special Funds	*****	*****	*****	*****	672,645.90	
(b)	*****	*****	*****	*****	282,094.87	
(c)	*****	*****	*****	*****	41,667.85	
Total Loans Received	*****	*****	*****	*****	187,701.54	
Extraordinary Receipts: Bequests	*****	*****	*****	*****	114,760.34	
Sale of Buildings	*****	*****	*****	*****	76,794.30	
Grants — non Circuit	*****	*****	*****	*****	49,439.90	
Transfers from Trusts	*****	*****	*****	*****	69,093.38	
Special Efforts	*****	*****	*****	*****	56,248.82	
Grants from Circuit Budget	*****	*****	*****	*****	239,304.23	
Rents, Interest, etc.	*****	*****	*****	*****	306,604.95	
All other Special Receipts	*****	*****	*****	*****	439,359.71	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	*****	*****	*****	*****	2,788,676.86	
Debit Balance General Fund	*****	*****	*****	*****	65,930.50	
Carried Forward	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,574.79	
GRAND TOTAL	*****	*****	*****	*****	2,856,182.15	

Payments

Debit Balance last year	*****	*****	*****	*****	85,661.08	
Loan Repayments	*****	*****	*****	*****	214,750.28	
Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	*****	*****	*****	*****	60,841.42	
Purchase of Land	*****	*****	*****	*****	445,865.19	
Transfers to other Trusts	*****	*****	*****	*****	84,695.31	
All other general payments	*****	*****	*****	*****	351,999.87	
All other special payments	*****	*****	*****	*****	88,611.34	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,332,424.49	
Credit Balances — General Funds	*****	*****	*****	*****	242,462.81	
(a) Special	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,142,735.42	
(b)	*****	*****	*****	*****	95,682.86	
(c)	*****	*****	*****	*****	42,876.59	
GRAND TOTAL	*****	*****	*****	*****	2,856,182.17	

Debt Position

A. RECEIPTS						
Balance from last year	*****	*****	*****	*****		
Church Building and Loan Fund	*****	*****	*****	*****	313,122.03	
Home Mission	*****	*****	*****	*****	228,946.11	
Commercial	*****	*****	*****	*****	1,814,685.41	
Private	*****	*****	*****	*****	262,499.19	
TOTAL	*****	*****	*****	*****	2,619,252.74	

B. New Loans Received:						
Church Building and Loan Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61,118.70
Home Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,365.00
Commercial	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68,051.16
Private	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37,868.63
TOTAL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,807,656.23
C. Less Loan Repayments:						
Church Building and Loan Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51,099.74
Home Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22,912.44
Commercial	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77,179.23
Private	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67,075.09
TOTAL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218,266.48
D. Balance at Present:						
Church Building and Loan Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	330,528.19
Home Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218,936.24
Commercial	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,805,552.59
Private	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	234,372.73
TOTAL A, B & C	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,589,389.75
TOTAL OF FIRE INSURANCES	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$13,368,578.28

The above schedule should be read in conjunction with the Report from the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee where details are given of individual property undertakings.

W. R. LAWS,

General Secretary for Church Property.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
 2. That the District Property Secretaries be thanked for their services and that appointments for 1969 be as under:—
- Northland:**
Mr A. G. Kelly, 6 Nixon Street, Whangarei.
- Auckland:**
Mr F. M. Souster, 408 Richardson Road, Auckland.
- Waikato-Bay of Plenty:**
Mr K. W. Dey, 65 Nixon Street, Hamilton.
- Taranaki-Wanganui:**
Mr J. P. Harding, 13 Lorne Street, Kaponga.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:**
Mr C. B. Radcliffe, 220 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.
- Wellington:**
Mr G. F. Whitlock, 17 Pinney Avenue, Lower Hutt.
- Nelson:**
Mr A. C. Barrington, Riverside Community, R.D., 2 Upper Moutere.
- North Canterbury:**
Mr N. G. Hillary, P.O. Box 552, Christchurch.

South Canterbury:

Mr P. G. Woodnorth, P.O. Box 254, Timaru.

Otago-Southland:

Mr H. C. Vince, 218A Musselburgh Rise, Dunedin.

DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

That District Advisory Committees be as named, together with the District Property Secretary and District Chairman in each case. Convener: Chairman of the District.

Northland:

Mr W. J. Court.

Auckland:

Revs. L. Greenslade, E. W. Hames, E. D. Grounds, P. P. Rushton, Messrs K. J. Rosser, A. M. McKerras, L. O'Donnell, R. Ravenhall.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Secretary of the District, the District Financial Secretary and Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade, M.B.E., Messrs W. B. Young and A. A. Lilley.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Rev. A. O. Jones, Messrs A. L. Fox and W. P. Thrush.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Chairman of Hawke's Bay Sub-District and Mr A. H. Fisher.

Wellington:

Rev. C. B. Oldfield, Messrs T. M. Pacey and L. E. M. Grace.

Nelson:

Rev. E. F. Hanson, Messrs V. Smart, R. R. Wardrop, H. R. Holland, D. H. Williams.

North Canterbury:

Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

South Canterbury:

Rev. P. D. Ramsay, Messrs R. E. Littler and A. J. Marett.

Otago-Southland:

Synod Standing Committee acts in this capacity.

B—Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

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SALE OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of properties as under. If not acted on by January 31, 1970, the sanction expires. In some cases final sale price has not been determined (*).

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Te Aroha West (Church and 2 roods, 7 perches) \$700; Ngatea (Parsonage and 1 rood, 34 perches) \$6000.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Ohawe (20.16 perches) \$180.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Cheltenham (Church and 34 perches) \$350.

Wellington:

Porirua (Parsonage and 2 roods, 25.7 perches) *

Nelson:

Hope (Church and 1 acre) *

North Canterbury:

Bryndwr (Parsonage) \$14,500; Clarkville (Church and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre) \$600; Durham Street South (Church Building) *

South Canterbury:

Kensington (Church and 1 rood 26.8 perches) \$5220.

PURCHASES

The following purchases of land have been approved:—

Auckland:

Mission Bay (House and 33.3 perches) \$9680; Devonport-Muriwai 34 perches (Gifted); Auckland Central Mission (1) 6 acres (Kamo); (2) Property and 30 perches c/r Allendale and McLean Streets \$25,000; Home Mission Investment Funds Board—House and 1 rood 38.7 perches (Mangere) \$13,700.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Robert Gibson Trust (Pukearuhe) 190 acres, \$95,800.

Nelson:

Greymouth (1) 1 rood \$2500; (2) Dwelling and 40 perches \$2400; Nelson Campsite 3 acres 2 roods 33 perches (additional) \$300.

North Canterbury:

South Island Children's Home—Dwelling and 1 rood 25.4 perches, \$7000.

Otago-Southland:

Mosguel 31.7 perches \$1700; Dunedin Central Mission—Company Bay Eventide Home (1) Cottage and 37 perches \$1400; (2) 38 perches \$670.

BUILDINGS

Purchases (P), Erections (E), Additions and Alterations (A)

* Final costs not known

Auckland:

Mission Bay Parsonage (A) \$4000; Devonport (1) Parsonage (E) \$16,000; (2) Church and Centre (E) *; Remuera Church (A) \$19,893; Hall (A) \$15,000; Camp Morley—Caretaker's Residence (E) \$8653; Auckland Central Mission 65 Allendale Road (A) *; Wesley College, Paerata—Principal's Residence (E) \$28,358.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Fencourt (A) \$1100; Tamahere Eventide Home (A) \$4425; Waitoa (A) \$2107; Home and Maori Mission Department—Maori Boys' Hostel, Hamilton (A) \$25,696; Hauraki Plains Union Parish, Manse (E) \$15,000; Maeroa, Hamilton, Parsonage (A) *; Tauranga Extensions (E) *.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Taihapa Parsonage (A) \$3256; Waiouru Interdenominational Chapel (E) \$24,200.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Napier Parsonage (A) \$2800, Bunnythorpe Hall (E).

Wellington:

Department of Christian Education, Offices and Bookroom (E) \$25,500; Tawa Extensions (E) \$17,500.

North Canterbury:

Leeston—Classroom and Vestry (E) \$5246; Kaiapoi Parsonage (E) *; Woolston Hall (E) *; Christchurch Central Mission—Wesley Lodge and Hospital (A) * Lincoln Road Church (A) \$463; Christchurch Central Mission—Eventide Home, Harewood Road (E) *; Epworth Chambers (A) \$8500.

Otago-Southland:

Dunedin Central Mission (1) Wesley Manor (A) \$8000; (2) Company Bay Eventide Home \$16,000 and \$2300.

LOANS

Loans (interest free)—Current (A): As at May 31st, 1968, there were 247 loans amounting to \$339,837.32.

New Loans (B) amounting to \$72,528.00 have been advanced to 32 Trusts as under:

Northland:

Kaeo \$1000; Omapere (Additional) \$1000; Keri Keri \$600.

Auckland:

New Lynn \$3000; Pitt Street \$3000; Mission Bay \$2000; Devonport \$3000; Waiake \$2000; Pakuranga (Additional) \$1404; \$4000 (Special); \$1850 (Additional).

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Tokoroa \$3000; Waitoa \$500; Home Mission Investment Funds Board \$3000; Camp Epworth \$2000; Hamilton East \$2000.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Taihape \$600; Waiouru Chapel Committee \$500.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Greenmeadows \$3000.

Wellington:

Raumati Beach \$3000; Island Bay \$3000; Newlands Union Parish \$3000; Tawa (Additional) \$1800; Porirua East (Additional) \$1600; Department of Christian Education \$3000.

Nelson:

Stoke (Additional) \$1750 and \$900.

North Canterbury:

Sockburn (Additional) \$1424; Papanui \$3000; Linwood \$3000; Bryndwr \$2000; Woolston \$2000.

South Canterbury:

Oamaru (Additional) \$1600; Tinwald \$1000.

Otago-Southland:

Balclutha \$3000.

LOANS PROMISED

At May 31st, 1968, 18 Trusts had been promised loans amounting to \$37,400. Where new buildings are involved, these loans will be made available to the Trusts concerned as soon as work is proceeded with.

SITES FUND

The following Trusts have received grants for the purchase of new sites:

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Chartwell, Hamilton \$500.

GRANTS FOR NEW CAUSES (CHURCH EXTENSION)

The amount carried forward from last year was \$39.40. The sum of \$14,985.50 was received from the Connexional Budget, and this together with a refund of \$400 from Broad Bay brought the amount up to \$15,424.00. Grants totalling \$10,500.00 have been made as under, leaving a Balance of \$4924.90.

Auckland:

Pakuranga \$3000.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Hillcrest \$1400; Turangi \$3000.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Waiouru \$500.

Wellington:

Newlands Union Parish \$1000; Paekakariki \$1000; Trentham \$600.

ADDITIONAL REPORT BUILDING PROGRAMMES

The Committee is grateful for the detailed information that Trust Secretaries have furnished regarding Trust programmes. It is always an assistance to the Committee when it is informed as to the uses to which the local Church proposes to put its new buildings or the purposes lying behind the proposed alterations and additions.

In this regard, simple preliminary sketch plans give the Committee the opportunity to make comments and suggestions before local planning has become too far advanced or an architect has prepared detailed drawings. It should be remembered, however, that general approval of such sketch plans does not free a Trust from the necessity of obtaining the Committee's approval of final plans and specifications before going to tender. Failure to do this can be embarrassing for both Trust and Committee.

For the information of Trustees, it should be known that the Loan Fund Committee meets regularly on the third Friday evening in each month. The full meeting is usually preceded by a meeting of the building sub-committee responsible for the examination of plans and specifications. It helps to ensure proper consideration of all aspects of a building project if plans and specifications are in the hands of the General Secretary at least ten days before the monthly meeting.

BUILDING MATERIALS

The Committee acknowledges that climatic and other conditions vary from one part of the country to another. The Committee realises that such factors can affect choice of building materials as well as the design of buildings. The Committee endeavours to take these factors into consideration when commenting on plans and specifications.

Long years of experience in dealing with Trusts all over the country, however, has convinced the Committee that it is possible to exaggerate these differences and their effects on building in a country like New Zealand. Trustees need to resist the temptation to use materials that are cheaper on the grounds that, in their particular locality, the climate is such that no problems will arise from their use. To give but one example: The Committee feels bound to draw the attention of Trusts to the possibility of dampness that can easily arise—in all parts of New Zealand—from the use of 8in. concrete block walls instead of a true cavity wall. The Committee has on occasions given permission for 8in. concrete block walls and lived to

regret it. Even when treated, dampness penetrates. As the additional cost of erecting a wall using 16in. x 8in. x 4in. blocks with a true 2in. cavity between is really comparatively small, the Committee has come to the conclusion that it is bad stewardship of church moneys not to erect a true cavity wall.

INSURANCE

The Committee would draw the attention of Trusts to the reference in the report of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund to the advisability of arranging Builder's Risk Cover with the Insurance Company holding the Insurance cover on the original building, when alterations and additions are being carried out.

LOANS

At present the maximum loan on any one project is \$3000 for a term of 10 or 15 years. The Committee is well aware of the inadequacy of this maximum and has sought already to give assistance to some Trusts in various ways:

- (a) by treating a particular project as a special case and making a loan of \$4000 available for a term of 20 years
- (b) by advancing additional loans when the original loan has been partly repaid and extending the period of the loan
- (c) by making another loan available for debt reduction as soon as the original loan has been fully repaid. Such loans have been much appreciated by Trusts with substantial interest bearing debt.

The Committee has asked for a memorandum to be prepared in September when the Secretary has had time to study the Annual Property Returns. It is hoped then to make additional loans available to Trusts in most obvious need of relief from heavy interest charges.

The desire of the Committee is to raise the maximum loan for any one project to at least \$5000 as soon as funds permit.

TIDINESS OF CHURCH PROPERTIES AND GROUNDS

Members of the Committee have been impressed this year by the obvious care and attention that a good many of our properties are receiving from conscientious Trustees and other members of local churches. The Committee commends the good example set to all Trustees and congregations.

REPORT ON THE ADVISABILITY OF AMENDING SECTION 14 OF MODEL DEED SO AS TO PERMIT TRUSTEES TO INVEST IN LAND

Section 14 of the Model Deed deals with the appropriation of surplus moneys, either capital or income by trustees. Any of their funds remaining after payment of all normal expenses, including repayment of mortgages, may be applied to the support of Methodist Ministers, either of the circuit in which their property is situated or some other Methodist circuit, also towards the purchase of sites for any church buildings or finally towards any of the general funds, objects or charities of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, subject to the following proviso:—

"Provided always and it is hereby declared that it shall be lawful for trustees or the major part of them to invest any such surplus in any manner authorised by law for the investment of trust funds".

Section 4 of the Trustee Act 1956 sets out the investments a trustee may invest any trust funds. These include New Zealand Government securities, securities of most local bodies, deposits at banks and first mortgages of land.

Therefore, unless otherwise provided in the document creating a trust, the purchase of land is not an authorised investment.

Although purchase of land is not an authorised investment, the Trustee Act 1956 Section 14 (2) and (2a) gives limited powers to a trustee. He may expend up to \$2000 of trust monies in the purchase of land adjoining other land which he has power to retain and which is held on the same trusts as the money spent. He can buy a dwellinghouse for occupation by the person entitled to the income of the money being spent, provided the whole of the money comes from the sale of another house which the trustee had power to retain. Further, a trustee may purchase land and build a dwellinghouse thereon for the same purpose if the whole of the money comes from the sale of a house which the trustee has power to retain.

In England, under the Trustee Act 1925, the purchase of land is not an authorised investment for trust funds. There have been some variations of the type of investments which may be made, but as yet the investment in land has not been made an authorised investment.

A recent amendment to the Trustee Act has authorised trustees to place funds on deposit with certain Building Societies. Of all the Building Societies in New Zealand, only nine have been authorised to receive such deposits as trustee investments. This shows the care taken by the Government in regard to authorised Trustee investments.

A Trustee must remember that he is handling the money affairs of the Church. Many a skilled man of business will take, and is entitled to take risks in the investment of his own money, that he would not take in the investment of money belonging to another. It is the standard such a man would adopt in regard to the money of another, that forms the test.

Trustees must remember that their investments have two purposes, first to provide income, and second to preserve the capital. Trustees should as conveniently as possible, invest all capital monies coming into their hands and also all income not required for immediate distribution.

The meaning of the words "invest" or "investment", when referring to trusts, has been considered by the Courts. It has been held that "invest" means to apply money in the purchase of some asset from which interest or profit is expected, and which asset is purchased in order to be held for the sake of the income which it will yield. It also has been held that the purchase of freehold land for some purpose other than the receipt of income is not an investment.

Trustees under the Model Deed have power to purchase land when the land is required as a site for some church project. The only investments they can make are those authorised by the Trustee Act.

Only two Church Boards have power to invest in land, the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society.

Other Church Boards have power to purchase land only for the purposes of their trusts.

It is interesting to note that in 1963, the Presbyterian Church sought an amendment to its Church Property Act whereby it obtained wider powers of investment of its Beneficiary Fund. Amongst these wider powers, was power to purchase land. These

wider powers apply only to the Beneficiary Fund and not to the general trust funds of the Church.

In 1962 the Christchurch Diocese of the Anglican Church sought and obtained statutory authority giving it wider powers of investment in the purchase of land.

It is well known that carefully selected men from all over New Zealand are appointed by the Presbyterian Church to its Church Property Trustees. The same can be said in cases of the Church Property Trustees of the various Anglican Dioceses.

Similar care is taken in the Methodist Church in the appointment of various Connexional Boards.

In every day life, to protect beneficiaries in estates and under trusts, it has been necessary to specify and authorise certain investments.

CONCLUSION

The Loan Fund Committee does not recommend the granting of the right to Trusts to invest in land.

The Committee does so for the following basic reasons:

- (a) the obvious care taken by Government in regard to authorised Trustee investments
- (b) the great necessity of Church Trustees to act as faithful stewards of the Church's moneys (It is difficult to say when the purchase of land is an investment and when it is speculation).
- (c) the need for monies raised for new buildings to be invested in securities which are readily realisable without loss (It could be when money invested in land is required that it is a most inopportune time to sell).

The Committee considers that, if a particular Trust wishes to invest in land, that Trust should seek the permission of Conference to create an incorporated Body for investment purposes.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman
W. R. LAWS, Secretary
C. R. HASSELDINE, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That adequate publicity be given in the "N.Z. Methodist" or by any other means, to the details of help provided by the various Trusts held by the Church.
3. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee investigate the possibility of the appointment of Trustees for a specific term with power of reappointment.
4. That the General Secretary be asked to forward to all Circuits (including Superintendents, Trust Treasurers, Circuit Treasurers) information regarding:
 - (a) Trustee investments and use of moneys;
 - (b) The necessity of recording separately all amounts held for special purposes.
5. That the Committee for 1969 be as printed on page 5 herein.

Custodian of Deeds

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1. TITLES

For the year ended June 30, 1968, the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:—

Auckland:

Mt Eden (House and Section); Mission Bay (Parsonage); Devonport (Parsonage); Waiuku (Church); Snells Beach (Section).

North Canterbury:

Avonhead (Section); Masham, Christchurch (Section); Fendalton (Church and Parsonage); South Island Children's Home Papanui (House and Section); Islington (House and Section); Rangiora (Church Cemetery).

2. NEW TRUSTS

New Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:

Auckland:

Snells Beach, Mahurangi Circuit; Otahuhu Circuit Parsonage Trust.

3. TRUSTEES

Changes in the personnel of Trustees have been registered under and certificates issued:

Districts	Trusts	Deletions	Registrations
Northland	5	5	7
Auckland	29	74	85
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	10	28	14
Taranaki-Wanganui	6	37	10
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	4	10	9
Wellington	11	20	20
Nelson	7	21	10
North Canterbury	19	73	30
South Canterbury	6	4	16
Otago-Southland	20	42	19
	<u>117</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>220</u>

Resolution of Conference 1967

Conference 1967 requested the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to take steps to have all Trust rolls revised and brought up-to-date, so as to prepare the way for Church Union and to ensure that younger minds were given the opportunity to make their contribution to Trust policy and that Trustees generally possess adequate qualifications.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee instructed the General Secretary to forward a suitable communication to all Chairmen of Trusts and particularly to Chairmen of Trusts that had not been revised of recent years. This is being attended to.

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 39.—What is the condition of the various Mission Education and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

2—Prince Albert College Trust Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1968

All assets held by the Trust have again been fully let during the year past. Shop rentals have been increased and fresh lease agreements negotiated with the lessees of 16 of the shops. Fifteen of these are let on a five-year lease agreement, and one on a monthly tenancy.

The car parks have been extended to provide space for a further nine cars. Rentals have been held to \$1 per week and on this basis there is usually a waiting list for spaces.

The I.B.M. Building and the Rembrandt Hotel are as previously reported leased on agreements which expire in 1972.

Details of the Trust's administration is as follows:

1. Property Development:

The Auckland City Council has recently published its proposed town plan. Under this plan our frontage to Turner Street has been classified as commercial 4, while the remainder of the block has been classified as commercial 5 with the requirement that the C.5 area be developed as a block.

The opposite side of Turner Street has been classified as M.1. Due to the commercial type of development which the Trust is providing for in its plan, we are seeking the reclassification of the neighbouring M.1 area to C.4.

As previously reported, the Trust is considering carefully the next step of development. The proposal is to erect a commercial type building on the Turner Street frontage. This scheme is still very much in the investigation and planning stage at this time.

2. Property Maintenance:

Heavy maintenance expenditure has been necessary on both the shop block and the private hotel buildings. Plumbing costs are a consistent charge in respect of the shops, with replacement of entire sections of roofs often required.

The City Council required extensive upgrading work on the private hotel. The cost of this was shared by the Trust and tenant.

A drainage system and planting has been carried out on newly formed battered bank to prevent erosion. The cost of this has also been included in maintenance.

3. Income:

Rental and other income this year exceeded \$51,000 as compared with \$47,196 for 1967.

Expenses were however, higher than for the previous year, principally for maintenance as detailed above, negotiation and leasing costs in respect of the shops and the I.B.M. Building extension. In addition we have this year charged depreciation \$5719, which has been transferred to a reserve account. This is charged at normally taxation rates.

After providing for these expenses, net income before making grants was \$26,449, \$3545 below the 1967 total. This surplus has been applied in reducing mortgage liability and providing funds for the next stage of development.

4. Grants:

Grants were made by the Trustees during the year amounting to \$600.

5. Funds:

With very little capital expenditure taking place during the year, funds have been invested at satisfactory interest rates in Trustee investment. With the proposed next stage of development in the planning stage, the Trust must shepherd its resources with care to provide as much Liquid funds as possible when the scheme is commenced.

Mortgages are being reduced in line with the respective agreements. Sinking funds are also being accumulated to meet the balances due on mortgages as required by the agreements.

6. The Future:

This property has been administered since its first acquirement by early Methodists in 1848, first as a school and later with the intention of providing an income to be used for educational purposes.

The present Trustees are endeavouring to meet this wish by developing the property as a modern commercial centre in Auckland's inner city business area. The principle requirements of this scheme are:

- (a) Prospective tenants requiring commercial space of reasonable standard in this area of the city at competitive rentals.
- (b) First mortgage funds to assist in the financing of schemes to provide the accommodation required.

The land is available and well situated.

We do ask all Methodists to be interested in this property and to feel free to discuss its possibilities with Trustees.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman

R. A. BARFOOTE, Secretary

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 39.—

6—The Grey Institute Trust

Annual Report 1968

Trustees:

Rev. L. P. Schroeder (Chairman), Rev. L. M. Tauroa, Messrs M. S. Hughson, M. H. Burn, K. M. Okey, E. H. White, F. H. Barnitt, Alan M. Moss and H. Clement.

Secretary: W. P. Okey.

Solicitors: Moss & Co.

Auditors: Duff & Duff, Public Accountants.

Eight meetings of Trustees have been held during the year. Eleven transfers of leases have been consented to and matters relating to subdivisions, approval of buildings, control of leases, and the ordinary business of the Trust have been attended to.

Finances:

The sum received from rentals during the year amounted to \$12,836. The surplus of Income after making provision for various

grants, renovating and improving the Mission Hill dwelling occupied by Rev. L. M. Tauroa, and the usual annual outgoings amounted to \$6208. The credit balance at the close of the financial year amounted to \$10,505. Details of the various items of Income and Expenditure are supplied in the Financial Statement presented with this report.

Use of Surplus Funds:

There has been a divergence of opinion between the Trust and the Home Mission Department as to the disposal of the annual surplus of Income which due to the recent renewal of Leases at a higher rental, has increased substantially.

The Trustees while reserving to the Trust the discretion imposed on them of responsibly discharging their duty as Trustees, are desirous of ascertaining the widest views of the Church authorities for their future guidance. Toward this end, the Trustees join in a request to Conference that a small commission may be appointed to give an independent view regarding the future use of the Trust's Income.

For the Trustees,

L. P. SCHROEDER,

Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Commission to report to Synods and Conference 1969 on the future use of the income of the Grey Institute Trust be:—

President Rev. W. R. Francis, Chairman Rev. G. H. Goodman, Messrs R. T. Garlick, V. R. Jamieson, A. C. Barrington and Rev. W. J. Cable, as Secretary.

QUESTION 39.—8

The Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Board

Annual Report

A major advance in consolidating the position of the Trust has taken place in this, the third year of its operation.

By the expansion of its farm holdings we will, in the coming year double its production figures.

This may not, and on present dairy produce prices in fact cannot, at any early date, double the income of the Trust, but the Board in consultation with the Building and Loan Fund Committee is satisfied that the investment of the \$40,000 reserve monies in farm property is realistic as it concerns the diminishing value of money through inflationary trends.

The investment covers the purchase of a farm of 190 acres at Pukearuhe for the sum of \$69,000 and the taking over of an accompanying lease of 186 acres, these now being developed as two separate sharemilking dairy units.

It is the intention of the Board that all income from these new units shall be used, firstly to pay off the \$30,000 mortgage necessary to the completion of the purchase, and thereafter to rebuild reserves as may be deemed necessary. No call on the income from these units will be entertained until these objectives are achieved.

It will be of interest to members of Conference to note that it was over these properties that the Rev. John Whiteley walked to his death, the spot on which he was killed and on which his monument now stands being some little distance closer to the end of the road at White Cliffs, Pukearuru.

The immediate financial position of the Trust, resulting from the operation of the prior two farm units, follows much the same pattern as previously.

Besides the expenditure necessary to the completion of a new farm residence, cow shed, and the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall a total of \$5866 was awarded in educational bursaries and \$2600 in grants to Church organisations.

Subject to further consideration by the Board it should be possible to again expend an amount similar to the above during the 1968-69 year.

Our policy will be, as previously, to assist those who for financial or disability reasons find it impossible to secure a deserved education, and to make grants in accordance with the earlier Conference directives.

The Board has to report the resignation of Mr Owen Parry who, for some forty years, has acted as a trustee for the Gibson Estate, latterly having been a Board member and farm supervisor. A very splendid record of service.

The Public Trustee continues to act as Secretary-Administrator and correspondence regarding bursaries and grants should be addressed to him at Hawera prior to November 1st next.

MAGNUS HUGHSON, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and financial statements be received and adopted.

2. That the members of the Board be: The General Secretary, the Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, the Superintendent Ministers of the Manaia, Hawera, Stratford and New Plymouth Circuits, and Messrs S. W. Bailey, H. J. R. Donald, J. P. Harding, M. Hughson, A. M. Moss, R. J. Thomas.

3. That Conference record its appreciation of the work of Mr Owen Parry as Supervisor of the farms under the care of the Robert Gibson Trust over a long period.

4. That Conference record its thanks to Mr Magnus Hughson for his devoted work as Chairman of the Robert Gibson Trust and for his concern that the assets of the trust be invested in such a way that the trust's service to young people may be extended.

QUESTION 40.—What is the Report of the Board and Connexional Insurance?

A.—Methodist Connexional Fire Insurance Fund

ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCES

The annual financial statements for the year ended 31st May, 1968 will be presented to Conference with this Report.

The year has been a good one, in terms of the volume of business

transacted. The amount available for grants is \$10,500 which is \$2300 less than for last year, but this is almost entirely due to the fact that, for the first time in five years, a substantial amount has been written off for arrears of premiums (\$2464). Administration costs have increased by \$325 due largely to the initial expenses involved in conversion to a machine accounting system.

The usual transfer of \$2800 authorised by the Conference has been made to Accumulated Funds. Careful investigation by the General Treasurer led the Board to approve of the writing off of the War and Earthquake Damage Account of \$4748.12, as this was clearly shown to be a fictitious asset. This asset was introduced into the books of the Fund through incorrect accounting principles. No sinister implications are to be inferred. This has resulted in a reduction in the Accumulated Funds to \$158,451.

The Investment Contingency Fund Reserve now stands at \$8109.20. The Natural Calamities Fund is stable at \$3117.88.

UNPAID PREMIUMS

The Board was concerned at the amount of premiums written off during the year.

Of the total of \$2464 written off, more than 50 per cent. was for premiums on church buildings (\$1300). While the Connexional Office must accept some responsibility for not having instituted more rigorous follow-up procedures, we would urge Trust Treasurers and Auditors of Trust accounts to be more careful in this whole matter of insurance payments.

A portion (\$487) was made up of unpaid Public Liability Premiums, reflecting a measure of opposition at first on the part of some Trusts to the introduction of this Dominion-wide Public Liability Insurance policy. The Board is glad that almost all our Trusts have now come to see the wisdom of this type of insurance—and a very cheap one at that!

The remainder was largely made up of unpaid Employers' Liability Insurance Premiums (\$498). It could be that some Trusts have felt that they were being too highly charged. But it has to be remembered that premiums have to be based on the estimates provided by the Trust Treasurers themselves. This class of insurance is administered in accordance with the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act. Trust Treasurers sometimes have difficulty in furnishing reasonably accurate details because of insufficient records but without these premiums cannot be assessed satisfactorily.

CLAIMS

Our reinsuring agents have paid out claims totalling \$3647.17 (Fire), \$101.08 (Employers' Liability), \$143.58 (Plate Glass), \$10.00 (All Risks), \$135.00 (Burglary), \$12.70 (Car Insurance).

EARTHQUAKE AND WAR DAMAGE

During the year, several of our church properties were damaged by storm and earthquake, although no serious losses were sustained. In the majority of cases, claims were met by the Earthquake and War Damage Commission.

The Board would draw the attention of Trusts to the desirability of the extraneous risk extension for church property and house-owner and householder for Parsonages and contents.

Extraneous Risk extension includes the following in addition to fire cover: explosion, storm, impact, aircraft and malicious damage.

The cost is only 10c% extra on fire rate with a minimum of \$5 for each situation.

Householder (contents) includes fire, burglary, storm, burst pipes, glass, although articles of special value like jewellery, furs, cameras, etc., should be covered under All Risk conditions.

Houseowner (Buildings) is similar cover to householder. Where special risks are involved, Trustees are well advised to seek an inspection of properties with a view to revision of cover.

BUILDER'S RISK COVER

In those cases where contracts have been arranged for alterations and additions to an existing Building every effort should be made to ensure that the Builder's Risk cover is placed with the present Insurer which in most cases would be the Connexional Office. If two separate Insurance Companies were interested in the same Building during additions and alterations there could well be room for confusion as regards liability in the event of damage by fire to that portion of the building which is undergoing re-building work.

Should for any reason there be difficulty in having both the "Annual" and the Builder's Risk Covers in the same Insurance Office it is most essential that each Company should be informed in writing that their respective insurance is concurrent with the other.

REPORT OF COMMISSION

The Fire Insurance Fund Board appreciated the friendly manner in which the Commission went about its work. This is the subject of a separate Report by the Commission itself.

The Fire Insurance Fund Board notes that the recommendation of the Commission is that \$90,000 of the Board's assets be made available as loan monies. This is a considerable increase on the Board's recommendation in its own special report to last year's Conference. The Board is not in disagreement with the Commission's recommendation but the Conference must bear in mind the substantial reduction in annual grants that would inevitably follow, should this Recommendation be approved.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman
W. R. LAWS, Secretary
C. R. HASSELDINE, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the following grants be approved:

Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund	\$2,400
Sites Fund	\$1,600
Trinity Theological College	\$2,500
N.Z.M.S.S.A.	\$4,000

\$10,500

3. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page 6 herein.

B.—Report of Commission

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund

(See Minutes 1967, Pages 139-142)

The Commission has considered the position of the Fund and submits the following comments and recommendations. Two consult-

ations with the Board have been held, and the Commission and Board agree on the matters of principle raised.

The Board is the body appointed by and responsible to Conference for the administration of Insurance matters and has behind it a wealth of experience built up over the years.

1. In 1964 the Board was able to negotiate the present contract for 10 years whereby the Fund is not required to carry any risk under the numerous policies involved. Previous contracts had involved the Board in carrying some risk. The present amount of the Capital Fund (\$182,000) is quite inadequate to underwrite much of the risk which, today, totals approximately \$13,100,000 for Fire only, and by 1974 will be much higher. The Board considers that as there is no guarantee of a renewal of the contract in 1974 the Capital Fund built up over the years should continue to be increased and to be available to it. The Commission agrees and in its recommendations has taken this into account, although it is of the opinion that the present type of contract is the only practical one for the church.

2. The Board has been able to distribute each year approximately \$9000 for mainly Capital projects throughout the Connexion. This has supplemented or replaced other fund raising efforts particularly those outside the ability or scope of the Connexional Budget.

The three priorities set by Conference have been—

(a) Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund—Granted \$2400 in 1967.

(b) Sites Fund—Granted \$1600 in 1967.

(c) Increase in Fire Insurance Capital Fund—Transferred \$2800 in 1967.

Additional Sundry Grants recommended in the last few years and approved by Conference have been—

1967	Department Christian Education (new building)	\$2,000
	Trinity College (Ranston House)	\$2,000
	N.Z.M.S.S.A. (Capital Expenditure)	\$2,800
	C.B. & L. Fund	\$2,000
1966	N.Z. Methodist	\$8,000
	N.Z.M.S.S.A. (Canty District)	\$1,000
	C.B. & L. Fund	\$960
1965	Trinity College	\$1,000
	N.Z. Methodist	\$8,000
	C.B. & L. Fund	\$936
1964	Church Extension Fund	\$2,000
	Trinity College	\$1,000
	Tamahere Eventide Home	\$1,000
	C.B. & L. Fund	\$1,000
1963	Overseas Missions	\$2,000
	Church Extension Fund	\$2,000
	Wesley Social Services Trust	\$1,000
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		\$38,696

The valuable contribution over the years to the Church should be continued in some way and in order to do this the Board must have some income, hence the recommendation that \$90,000 only be transferred from the Income producing investments. It should also be borne in mind that the Fund will have to carry its share of any alteration in the appropriations for Administration Charges made for the Connexional Office.

3. In 1967 Income from Investments yielded \$9230 (an average return of 5.44%) and premiums and commission a further \$10,061. The Commission considers that it would be impracticable to further reduce the competitive premium rates especially when it is the Board's policy to make Capital Grants and loans (through the C.B. and L. Fund) to trusts who, of course, provide the premium income.
4. The possibility of the Capital Fund and/or its income being transferred to the Connexional Budget was considered but rejected for three main reasons:—
 - (a) The grants are usually made for Capital projects not able to be included in the Budget.
 - (b) Grants are made to the M.S.S.A. which receives only a token amount from the Budget.
 - (c) It is most valuable for the Connexion to have a source of funds outside the Budget, thus providing a backstop in case of need. The Commission considers the Board could well take into account emergency situations facing the Church, such that in October, 1966, when the Connexional Budget, already facing substantial increases because of the new super-annuation rates, had the further increase occasioned by a General Wage Order.

Also, the Commission is strongly of the opinion that the Capital Fund should be retained intact and not dissipated.

5. The ability of the Connexion to build new projects and replace existing plant is being hampered by the necessarily low amounts available from the C.B. and L. Fund with its maximum loan figure to Trusts of \$3000 at $\frac{1}{2}$ % service charge and the time lag in having funds available. This has been recognised by the Board over the years and in 1967 a further grant of \$2000 was made.

The maximum loan figure needs to be increased substantially and the time lag reduced if Trusts are to be given a really worthwhile start in their loan requirements. C.B. and L. Fund loans available to such Connexional Projects as the new building for the Christian Education Department are necessarily very small compared with the need and the Commission has this in mind in making Recommendation (c) 1.

6. The Commission is recommending that \$90,000 of the Capital Fund be made available to the C.B. and L. Fund and Transport Trust Board which is hampered by a lack of working Capital. As the Transport Board Capital is interest bearing one way is suggested whereby the value of the capital sum can be preserved.
7. The recommendations are framed so that the valuable Capital Fund built up will not be dissipated but will be further increased by an annual amount and continue to work for the benefit of the Connexion and the Church generally.

Furthermore, should it become necessary at any future date the whole process could, over a period of time, be reversed, and the capital loaned within the Church again made available to the Fire Insurance Fund Board. This covers the eventuality that any future contract may require some risk to be borne by the Board.

8. The Board would have approximately \$10,000 surplus available annually which would more than cover the two mandatory grants (\$4000 in 1967), an annual Capital reserve, and leave some for other worthwhile projects.

9. With the normal maturing of investments, amounts coming to hand over the next five years are estimated to be:—

1969	\$10,000
1970	\$35,000
1971	\$20,000
1972	\$20,000
1973	\$5,000
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RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the following be referred to the Commission for further consideration in consultation with the Fire Insurance Board and report to Synods and Conference 1969.
 - (a) That as Capital Fund Investment—Mortgages and Government Stock—up to the value of \$90,000 mature, they be not reinvested, but see recommendation (d) and (e).
 - (b) 1. That an Interest Free Loan of \$15,000 with an initial maturity date of May 1974 be made available to the Transport Trust Board for building up its Working Capital.
 2. That the Transport Trust Board add an amount annually to this loan equal to 1% of the monies uplifted.
 - (c) That an Interest Free Loan of \$75,000 be made available to the Church Building and Loan Fund to be used in the following ways:—
 1. For loans for Connexional Projects, with or without an interest rate and not necessarily limited to the normal maximum, nor to the usual terms and conditions as approved by the Conference on the recommendation of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
 2. For loans to Trusts, both interest free or at reduced interest rates.
 - (d) That there be regular consultations with the Transport Trust Board, the Church Building and Loan Fund and the Fire Board on the need for loan monies and the possibility of repayment to the Fire Insurance Board in 1974 or other mutually convenient dates.
 - (e) That should the Transport Trust Board and/or the Church Building and Loan Fund have insufficient applications to use all the monies thus becoming available, the excess shall be invested by the Fire Insurance Board.
 - (f) That nett premium and commission income, after meeting administration charges be used both for grants and increasing the Capital Fund.
 - (g) That Conference require the Fire Insurance Fund Board to make provision for the Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund, the Sites Fund, and additions to capital in recommending to Synods and Conference, the distribution of the surplus available.
 - (h) The above to operate as soon as practicable from the date of Conference approval.
 - (i) That the whole position be reviewed in 1974 when the present contract expires.
3. That the Commission be reappointed for a further year.

QUESTION 41.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

Report of the Board of Management of the Connexional Office

The newly constituted Board of Management has met Quarterly and has taken a keen interest in the work of the Connexional Office. Mr E. C. Flyger, Executive Officer of Finance and Stewardship, was appointed to the Board by the President.

The annual financial statements will be presented to Conference with this Report.

THE GENERAL TREASURER

Mr C. Roy Hasseldine, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., took up his duties on February 1, 1968 and has brought to the newly created office of the Church great competence, energy and enthusiasm.

The General Secretary and the General Treasurer are working in well together. The Board has been confirmed in its judgment that the policy approved by Conference is right and that it is in the interest of the Church that the General Secretary be a Minister in Full Connexion and the General Treasurer a Methodist layman with accountancy qualifications.

Under the guidance of the General Treasurer, the process of mechanising and modernising the accounting systems at the office is continuing. While the manual systems of the past were satisfactory, the new methods will make for speed and greater efficiency, resulting in an increase of goodwill.

With the appointment of the General Treasurer, the treasurer-ship of the Connexional Budget (April) and the Contingent Fund (March) were transferred to the Connexional Office. At July 1, 1968, the Children's Fund and the Removal Expenses Fund were taken over. The Office Staff and the Board are most appreciative of the ready assistance they have received from the existing Treasurers of these Funds and for the amount of useful information furnished to the General Treasurer.

The General Treasurer has given much time to acquainting himself with the background to all the Funds administered at the Connexional Office.

THE OFFICE AND ITS STAFF

The arrangements made for the appointment of the General Treasurer seem to have worked out quite satisfactorily. The General Treasurer has an office alongside that of the General Secretary. Each has reasonable typist and book-keeper assistance. The Board-room is serving a dual purpose—that of a meeting place for all the Boards and Committees connected with the Office and room for the operation of the accounting machine and other tasks. The purchase of additional equipment is in mind.

FEES FOR REGISTRATION OF TRUSTEES

The Board has acted on the instruction of the 1967 Conference to consider the abolition of fees in connection with the Registration of new Trustees. (Minutes, p. 142, Resolution 4). The Board acknowledges that the amount of money collected has been small—seldom more than \$100 per annum—and doubts very much whether

the return has warranted the costs of collecting involved. The Board is recommending to Synods and Conference that the fees be abolished.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman
W. R. LAWS, Secretary

ADDENDUM

Designation of Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., for a further term as General Secretary:

The Board of Management wishes to nominate to Synods and Conference: That the Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., be designated at Conference 1968 for appointment at Conference 1969 for a further term of six years.

The Board has consulted with the Church Council and the Pastoral Committee and has their unanimous support.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the appropriations for the year ended 30th June, 1970, be:— Supernumerary and Allied Funds (\$4000); Fire Insurance Fund (\$4700), Church Building and Loan Fund (\$3100); General Purposes Trust Board (\$2400), Transport Trust Board \$300.

3. That Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., be designated for appointment as General Secretary for a further term of six years as from February 1, 1970.

4. (a) That, as from July 1, 1969, the fees for the Registration of Trusts and Trustees and Certified Lists of Trustees be abolished.

(b) That Paragraph 307 Law Book (1950) p. 57 be amended.

5. That the Board of Management for 1969 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 42.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College and Hostel?

Trinity Methodist Theological College

A.—Report of College Council

The Council has met bi-monthly. We are indebted to our members who faithfully serve the College and the Church through their attendance and interest.

Property:

For some years the window in the front wall of the chapel has given trouble. This has now been attended to and a recessed central section has been built. The indirect lighting allowed for in this section of the wall and the new cross, gives a most pleasing and worshipful atmosphere to the chapel. Renovation and refurnishing has been attended to in three of the staff houses. Two very fine magazine cabinets were donated by Mr F. Parker. A television set was provided for the students by Mr and Mrs W. F. Winstone. A generous gift was made by Mr C. B. Radcliffe for panelling to the chapel organ. The students have renovated the common room by their own efforts and helped provide new furnishings. Ten rooms on the first floor remain to be renovated and when this is done the Church

will own a property which is in the condition set out to achieve. We are most grateful to all who in many ways are showing interest in these building matters.

Teaching Staff:

The Council shares with the Church a very real satisfaction in the quality and hard work of the staff. Each member gives himself not only to the training of our students but also to a great many outside calls.

News from England indicates that Mr Ziesler is pursuing his studies and serving the British Church with great acceptance. He is President's Supply during the presidency of Dr Gordon Rupp. The Council greatly appreciates the contribution being made to the life and work of the College by Mr Walker.

Domestic Staff:

The domestic oversight of the college has been undertaken by the Principal. It is characteristic of him that he sees this as a way of further serving. Two outstanding housekeepers have attended to this side of college life during the year. Our hostel has the name of providing the best table in any Auckland student residence.

The College is providing accommodation for Inter-Church meetings and conferences. This year a School of Linguistics and the annual consultation of the J.C.C.U. were held at Trinity for periods during the summer vacation.

Halls of Residence:

At the time of writing this report, word has been received that the Government is now ready to support the commencement of work on the Halls of Residence. It is expected that work will begin in October. This will mean the carrying through of the first phase of a scheme to provide for 304 students. The first building will be an eight storey one to house 152.

General:

Matters relating to the student life will be reported on by the Principal. As Council members we would simply comment that new situations in the life of the College appear to be handled capably. The acceptance of a Deaconess trainee, the introducing of the L.Th. course, the training of three Congregational students are all factors which they have handled this year. The fact that of twenty students twelve live outside the College does not help to build the life of the community. In spite of this the life of the college would seem to be a suitable one for the training of our men.

The Council awaits the report of the Tri-ennial Visitation team with interest. It is fully expected that their recommendations will help us in the work the Church has given us.

A bequest of \$5000 has been received from the estate of the late Mr G. H. Harrison. This provides a capital fund and the interest from this fund will be available for the training of students with the intention of serving in the mission fields of the Church. The Council wishes to express appreciation of this gift.

Appointment of Principal:

Conference accepted and approved the mind of the Council expressed in the report of last year regarding the designation of the Principal. (Minutes 1967, Page 144). We are sure that the whole Church will wish to support the resolution appended. We believe that this will be done with great gratitude to Dr Williams for his service to our Church and particularly his leadership of the College team.

Designation of Resident Tutor in Theology:

The Rev. John Silvester, M.A., has now served the Church in his present position for five years. He is a much valued member of the staff. In recommending his reappointment the Council expresses to him our appreciation of his work and our confidence in his future service.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman
L. GREENSLADE, Secretary.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

Supplementary Report

In August the Principal requested that he be allowed to terminate his appointment in January, 1971. The Council received this request with regret. After careful consideration it was agreed that Conference be asked to agree to this request. Suitable reference to the work of Dr Williams will be made at the appropriate time.

The Council now wishes to advise the Conference of the steps already taken and the future intentions of the Council in meeting the staffing situation in the College. This can best be done by setting out the resolutions passed at a recent meeting.

- (1) That a statement of the teaching needs of the College be prepared for submission to Conference through the Examination Committee.
- (2) That the College Council recommend to Conference through the Examination Committee the appointment of a Tutor in Pastoral Theology for designation in 1969 and appointment in 1970.
- (3) That the Council inform Conference that it intends to advertise the position in the "New Zealand Methodist" and elsewhere in accordance with Conference direction.
- (4) That the Council inform Conference that it intends to advise the President of the Church, the General Secretary and all Chairmen of Districts, of negotiations entered into and progress made.
- (5) That the Council advise the Examination Committee of our intention to nominate the Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., for designation as Principal of the College at Conference, 1969, and appointment by Conference 1970.

At a meeting just prior to Conference the Council received the resignation of our senior and much loved member the Rev. Wm Walker. A suitable resolution of recognition is appended and the Council asks that this be sent to Mr Walker from the Conference.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.
L. GREENSLADE, Secretary.

B.—Principal's Report, 1968

In 1967 we reported a College Roll of 26. Since then we have graduated 12 third-year men and have received four first-year men. If present forecasts are reliable the present roll of 18 will shrink to 13 in 1969. The creation of Union Parishes has somewhat reduced our need for ministerial staff but this should not be allowed to conceal the fact that candidates are becoming fewer.

All four first-year men are married and consequently live out of College. Four of the third-year men married at the end of their second year and two of the second-year men were accepted as married candidates.

At present we have the unusual situation that more students (10) live out than are resident in Trinity.

On behalf of the Samoan Conference we are training two students—one in his second year and one in his first. In addition we have in the first year three Congregational Students who were members of last year's School for Christian Workers.

School for Christian Workers:

There are six members of the School this year including one Deaconess Student, one Congregational Student and four New Zealand Methodists one of whom is a woman. The four men live in Buttle House, Miss Tattersall resides at Seamer House and Miss M. Boal attends by the day.

Mr Brian Turner who spent last year in Malaysia is taking the third-year course and resides in Trinity. Mr Brian Wood who was an accepted Candidate in 1956 but withdrew in his first year because of ill-health has attended the School this year as a test of his readiness to resume theological training.

Mr Russell Rigby has served acceptably and efficiently as Senior Student and has been ably supported by Mr Barry Harkness the Vice Senior Student. Our thanks are due to both for their dedicated service to the College.

Curriculum:

The event of the year has been the inauguration of the Joint Syllabus of Theological Training. Examinations will be held in six subjects in October of this year and quite a number of our students will present themselves for some or all of the papers. The subjects will be: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Systematic Theology, Liturgics and Religious Education.

Staff:

The introduction of the new curriculum has entailed extensive changes in the teaching programme but as these were anticipated the staff has been able to make the adjustments gradually over a number of years. A new subject, Philosophical Theology, has been added and the Rev. J. Silvester has conducted a two-hour-a-week course thus filling up completely Monday morning on the Timetable. The Rev. B. A. Walker in taking over the New Testament work has had to shoulder not only the full programme of Mr Ziesler's lectures but also to manage the final stage of adjustment to the new curriculum. He has managed this heavy task very successfully. The Rev. E. W. Hames has continued to help us by lecturing in Church History and Liturgics and the Rev. H. A. Darvill has taken a course in Maori Culture. The Rev. L. C. Horwood, on his retirement, was unable to take the course for First Year Students and Schoolers in Sermon Construction and this has been continued by the Principal.

Letters from Mr Ziesler tell of good progress in his doctoral studies and of his happy relations in English Methodism. He expects to complete his thesis in time and to be ready to return to New Zealand for the 1970 academic year.

Triennial Visitation:

The Revs. W. R. Laws and W. R. Francis with Mr D. McCracken conducted the triennial visitation of the College. They came for a week April 22-27 and surveyed every aspect of the life and work

at Trinity. We were impressed by their thoroughness and courtesy and look forward to their report.

Student Activities:

Many of the Students are linked with local Churches for practical experience and are valuable helpers in Youth Activities.

The devotional life of the College is sustained by the regular sessions of morning prayer in the Chapel and by the weekly Communion Services. They also meet on alternate Wednesday evenings usually with an outside speaker. The annual Retreat was held at Camp Morley when we were again the guests of the Waiuku Methodists. The Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis conducted the Retreat and led us in a fruitful time of meditation, discussion and prayer.

Chapel Renovation:

The east window of the Chapel has always been a problem as the glare of the sun made curtaining necessary with consequent darkening of the Chancel and loss of focus for Worship. Mr Kelvin Grant submitted to the Council a plan for indirect daylight illumination and this has been implemented with great success. The white cross, floor mounted behind the Table and in front of the white panel which replaces the east window is illuminated obliquely by the narrow glass segments which link the solid panel to the exterior wall. The ceiling of the Chancel has been lowered by about two feet by the building of a wooden canopy finished in light varnish. The total effect is of a Chancel well proportioned, focussed on the Cross and all made interesting by the changing patterns of light and shadow created by the oblique entrance of the daylight.

We have had a good year in the College with the students working well and in harmonious relations. The Hostel and Buttle House have been full throughout the year and hostel men and divinity students and schoolers have combined to create a good family spirit.

I am greatly indebted to the staff for their consistent work during the year and for their cheerful shouldering of many extra tasks especially those entailed by the new curriculum.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Principal

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

The Trinity College Council has received the following gifts to the Library and Museum:

"Greytown Glimpses 1857-1967", from Mrs A. J. Ordish; Books from the Library from Mr H. H. Marshall; from the collection of the late Rev. T. Walker; from Miss M. Blackwell; Rev. L. C. Horwood (a large and valuable collection); Rev. D. S. Mullan; from collection of the late Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, the late Rev. J. A. Daglish, Rev. W. A. Burley, Rev. Roy Alley; from Revs. J. G. Hayhurst, B. H. Riseley, A. E. Orr; from the Wesley Historical Society through Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore; from the library of the Rev. W. Walker. Mr Walker also presented a Membership Ticket marking the Centenary of Primitive Methodism 1907-10. Several booklets on the Western Text were given by Rev. G. E. Scarr. Review copy "God's Chosen People" from N.Z. Methodist; "Walter Lawry", from Mrs L. C. Marshall; "Church and State in Tonga", from Dr Sione Latukefu; Missing numbers of the Expository Times from Rev. B. M. Chrystall's own collection; "The Documents of Vatican II", from Rev. B. Malcournne; 1967 issues and subscription for 1968 issues of "National Christian Council Review" (India) from Rev. A. W. McMillan; Handwoven cloth formerly belonging to Rev. Shirley Baker; Auckland Circuit Plan from Rev. W. E. Moore; Wesley Centenary Medal from

Mr Raybould Snr; Cash donations from Rev. Enid Bennett, Rev. D. Glenny, Rev. J. D. Meredith (for Old Testament section of Library—together with book "The Glory of Man").

Two Magazine Rack/Cabinets in Japanese oak from Mr F. Parker.

The College Council is greatly indebted to the many donors for these valuable gifts.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Supplementary Report of the College Council and the Principal's report be received and adopted.

2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3. That the Rev. David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., be appointed Principal of Trinity Theological College for a further term of two years.

4. That the Rev. John Silvester, M.A., be designated for reappointment as Resident Tutor in Theology, the appointment to be made at Conference, 1969.

5. That in recognition of the outstanding services to the College of the Rev. Wm Walker, the following resolution be agreed to and sent from the Conference:

"In learning of the resignation of the Rev. William Walker from the College Council after an unbroken membership of 40 years, Conference wishes to express its gratitude to God for his devoted service to the younger ministry of our Church. Called to preach in England at an early age, Mr Walker had his own plans for candidature, but was forced to lay them aside and become the family breadwinner. Later, when free, he came to New Zealand where the way into the ministry opened to him through the Home Mission service. His lack of college education did not prevent him from fulfilling a most useful ministry and reaching the highest places in the Connexion; but it made him all the more determined that others should enjoy what he had been denied. He was a consistent friend and advocate of the College and one of those ministers who win the instinctive trust of the laity. To a generation of younger men he has become the symbol of integrity and faithfulness".

6. That the College Council examine the possibility of joint Theological training.

7. That the Examination Committee enquire into the possibility of securing the services of a lecturer in Maori culture and language, who could give more time to the subject than the Superintendent of the Auckland Maori Circuit.

8. That the following be referred to the Board of Studies.

(a) That Group Life Laboratories be included in the College course (c.f. Knox College).

(b) That an annual interview be held between each Student and the Staff regarding the Student's progress.

9. That the College Council be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 43.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Colleges and Hostels?

A.—Wesley College, Paerata

REPORT OF THE BOARD 1968

It is with gratitude that we report a further year of progress in improving the facilities at Wesley College and in the general raising of the standards of education.

Academic successes in outside examinations continued at a very high level, whilst achievements in a variety of sporting activities were far in excess of that which could be normally expected from a school with a comparable roll. In the current year this level of attainment is being continued under the leadership of the new Principal, Mr E. TeR. Tauroa, who was appointed Principal as from 1st February, 1968, upon his selection from 38 completed applications for the position. The Board is very pleased with his performance to date and feels that he and his staff are applying themselves with enthusiasm to their individual tasks. Mr J. Horsman was appointed Vice-Principal of the College at the same time as the Principal and the confidence between these two men gives the guidance so necessary in the successful advancement of a school catering for over 200 full time boarders.

Reference to the annexed Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1967, will show a most satisfactory revenue result for the year and the Board was pleased with the very close approximation to the budget forecast for the year. Continued buoyant income from the quarrying operations at Maurice Harding Park again contributed largely to this result. The uncertainty of this form of revenue has been brought forward on occasions in the past, but although the present economic conditions indicate a falling off of revenue from this source, receipts for the current year are expected to continue at a high level. The review of rentals charged under leases has given the Board a decided up-turn in revenue from this source, but future increases will be at a slower rate because of the reduced number of leases terminating.

The Board has utilised the funds becoming available to it in increasing the amenities provided at Wesley College and during the course of the year the new Classroom block was completed and occupied, a house for the Domestic Manager was erected and other staff housing was up-graded while at the same time funds were put aside for the construction of a new Principal's residence, which is due to be started immediately.

At the commencement of the current calendar year it was decided to change the farm policy by ceasing the farming of sheep and to concentrate on dairy production. A recent report from the Agriculture Department confirmed the steps taken and endorsed the forward development programme adopted by the Farm Committee to increase production and the return on the investment. Changes in the curriculum for the agricultural course over recent years has decreased the practical requirements thereunder as a result of which the attached farm can now be treated as a separate entity for income purposes without the restriction of providing practical instruction to pupils.

With a view to obtaining a blue print for the future development of the College, the Board's Architects were instructed to present plans and a report on the suggested development of the College in stages to an eventual roll of 350 boarders. The Architects' sub-

missions have just been received by the Board and are currently being examined in detail, but the initial reaction is one of enthusiasm and stimulation as it appears that the Board has an opportunity to provide a College which should rank with the very best in the country.

A severe loss was suffered by the College with the passing of Mr M. B. (Snow) Knott, who had devoted himself to the College unselfishly and extremely well over his 41 years of service. His efforts and personality are fondly remembered by the Board and a large number of ex-pupils. During his time at the College, Mrs Knott contributed in a measure only slightly less than Snow, and it is pleasing to report that Mrs Knott has now decided to continue her employment at the College. The late Mr Knott is to be remembered by the creation of a Scholarship Fund by the Old Boys' Association who continue to give invaluable support to all College activities.

It is also recorded with regret that Mr C. Darby has resigned from Membership of the Board, which he served for a period of 19 years, during which time he was a most valued member of the Farm Committee.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Staff:

A major change in College staffing has come with the resignation of Mr C. A. Neate, M.A., Dip.Tchg. to take up the principalship of Pukekohe High School. His place as Principal of Wesley College has been filled by Mr E. TeR. Tauroa, B.Ag.Sc., the past Vice Principal. The new Vice Principal is Mr J. I. Horsman, M.A.

There have been no other changes in teaching staff and this stability has been reflected in marked progress and success on the academic side.

A grievous loss to the College was felt with the death of Mr "Snowy" Knott, Maintenance Supervisor for many years. He has been sadly missed by boys and staff alike.

Roll:

There is still a strong demand for places in the College and several applicants have had to be placed on a waiting list. As a result, accommodation and dining resources are stretched to the limit by a record roll of 227 boarders and 9 day boys. Of this number 32 are Maoris, 8 are Islanders and 3 are Malaysians.

The Intermediate Department continues to grow and at present has 29 pupils. At the other end of the school I am pleased to report a growth of numbers in the Upper Sixth Form which now totals eight.

Examination Successes:

University Bursaries: One A pass and one B pass was obtained in these examinations.

University Entrance: Twenty pupils passed this examination out of a class of twenty-six giving the greatest number of U.E. passes in the College's history. All these pupils also gained their Endorsed School Certificate.

School Certificate: Thirty-two boys passed the examination, giving the highest percentage pass rate over the past three years.

R.L.S.S. Awards: These ranged from the Distinction Award and the Senior Instructor's Certificate to the Intermediate Certificates and numbered 52.

Music: Music examinations at various stages have been passed by one pupil.

Gymnastics: Courses have been held resulting in 60 pupils passing tests for the iron badge, bronze and silver bars, and leaders' badges.

Courses:

The traditional organisation of Professional, General and Agricultural Courses has been maintained with one minor change, the introduction of Maori as an alternative to French at Third Form level. The new Language course will be available to Fourth Form level in 1969 and for School Certificate in 1970.

A new course on Citizenship has been introduced this year at all levels and under the general supervision of the Rev. I. McKenzie, M.Sc. Guest speakers have been arranged to lecture on special topics related to the course.

In accordance with College policy class size averages 22 pupils. To achieve this with increased numbers it has been necessary to cater for three entirely separate fifth forms and to split Form 4 into three units for many of their subjects.

Music:

College boys played a vital part in the South Auckland Secondary Schools' music festival and the choir has also provided entertainment at local church functions. The band has developed steadily in both number and musical skill.

Religious Instruction:

The Rev. I. McKenzie, M.Sc., has continued his work in this respect and has also fulfilled general teaching duties, in addition to superintending the new Citizenship course.

The College and the Community:

As in the past, the College has continued the policy of extending its activities into the outside community. In line with this aim, the College has been host to numerous organisations and groups from time to time, and has also supplied volunteers for charity collections in the Pukekohe area.

Recreational Activity:

The College this year has placed more than usual emphasis on hobbies and activities of a non-sporting nature with the aim of catering to a greater degree for boys who are inclined in this way. These clubs function during school time but also provide an outlet for boys' interests during free time.

Socials are held each term and have become a regular feature of the College programme.

Inter-form and inter-school speech contests are held annually. The College was placed second in the inter-school contest embracing schools in the South Auckland area.

Sport:

The College competes regularly in inter-school competition—swimming, cricket and tennis in summer; Rugby and hockey in winter. In addition, the 1st Rugby XV and two softball teams play in outside competitions. In athletics and swimming pupils have made a name for themselves and for the College as very successful performers in these inter-school competitions. Malaysian students also engage in table tennis and indoor basketball on a non-competitive basis—a further feature of the College's sporting life.

E. Te R. TAUROA, Principal

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Board and the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. It is with the deepest regret that the Conference notes the resignation of Mr A. C. A. Sexton after continuous service since February, 1934. During this time Arthur Sexton served enthusiastically on both the Farm Committee and the Board until, for health reasons, these activities had to be curtailed. Increasing difficulty in attending Meetings and other Board functions brought Mr Sexton to his decision to make way for a younger and more active man. The Conference wishes to place on record its appreciation of the long and valuable service to Wesley College given by Mr A. C. A. Sexton.
4. That Conference expresses appreciation of the work of the staff and board of the College, with a special greeting to Mr E. Te R. Tauroa in his appointment as Principal.
5. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page ? herein.

QUESTION 43—

2.—Rangiatea Maori College Trust

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

This year has seen considerable changes in the Hostel with Sister E. B. Marriott leaving for study at the Richmond Fellowship in the United Kingdom. We have been most fortunate in obtaining the services of Sister P. J. Wedding as matron in her place.

We have 64 girls in residence and they have settled in to the new year and taken an interest in activities beyond the school studies.

The Junior Choir at the Whiteley Memorial Church is now composed of a large percentage of Rangiatea girls. This is a valuable contribution to the life of the Church.

The poi party has performed at such occasions as the Nurses' Graduation Ceremony, the Alpine Club, the Methodist (Waitara) Maori-Pakeha Service and has given a concert for the Children's Fund both at the Spotswood College and the Girls' High School. These activities extend the influence of the Hostel and provide the girls with an opportunity for a real service to the Community.

Many of the girls have enrolled for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to take their Bronze and Silver Awards.

In the Academic examinations conducted last year two girls were accredited University Entrance one of whom went to Dunedin to do Physiotherapy while the other returned to school for a year in the Upper Sixth. Of those who left, some have gone Nursing, two have gone for training as Teachers while others have returned to Colleges in other districts.

In this year for the first time we have a sufficient number of Sixth form girls for them to be recognised as a group. Girls of Sixth form age are young women rather than older girls and their attitudes to their environment is no longer that of a school child. This has necessitated considering them as a separate part of the Boarders and the adoption of a different approach to them.

In order to meet constantly rising costs it has been necessary to increase the fees and these are effective from the second term of 1968. The increase amounted to \$7 per head per term so that the annual fees for the Hostel are now \$261 for Maori girls and \$341 for girls of other races. This maintains a differential which has applied for many years.

At this time when the present building is now more than 10 years old the cost of maintenance is beginning to make itself felt. While the increasing expenses can to some degree be met from the charitable grants received from the trusts supporting this Hostel it is nevertheless believed that those who seek to take advantage of the environment of Rangiatea will be prepared to contribute in some measure for what they receive.

The Board records its thanks to the permanent staff for their loyal and devoted service during the past year and to those professional teachers who have voluntarily given up their evenings to assist our girls with their homework and give them extra coaching where needed. We are also indebted to the Federation of University Women who make a point of taking a practical interest in our girls thereby adding an extra human touch to their life.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board be as printed on page ? herein.

QUESTION 44.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

Supernumerary Fund Board

(A) ANNUAL REPORT, 1968

The following report is in the form of a Movement of Funds statement. The statement is a representation of the aggregate movement in resources for the Supernumerary and Allied Funds for the year.

SOURCES OF FUNDS:

(a) External Sources:

	\$	\$
Subscriptions	22,081	
Circuit & Departmental Subsidies	33,710	
Fire subsidies less forfeitures	1,833	
Interest earned	20,727	
Dividends	868	
Property income less expenses	11,467	
Commissions	185	
Donations	144	
	<hr/>	91,015

(b) Internal Changes in Resources:

Reduction in Working Capital	28,933
Local Body Stocks Matured	10,099
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	<u>\$130,047</u>

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS:

(c) Costs:

Administration Charges	3,300
Other expenses	861
	<hr/> 4,161

(d) Fund Disbursements:

Annuities (Quarterly)	27,194
Annuities (Compounded)	39,828
Furniture Grants	7,818
Refunds of Contributions	15,310
Benevolent Fund Grants	400
	<hr/> 90,550

(e) Investments:

Additional Investment on First Mortgages	35,336
	<hr/> \$130,047

INTEREST EARNINGS

The yield (net of interest allowed to Allied Funds) on the average funds held for the year was 6.26% (1967 6.29%).

The interest rate allowed to the Allied Funds has been increased which in turn affects the net earnings of the Supernumerary Fund itself.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman

W. R. LAWS, Secretary

C. R. HASSELDINE, Treasurer

(B) REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1968

Renovations of Epworth Chambers:

As reported to last Conference, the Board has proceeded with the policy of upgrading. A contract has been let for reducing the space of the main Hereford Street entrance and making it more attractive. This includes walls modernisation, false ceiling, good ceiling lighting of the ground floor through to the Manchester Street entrance. The area saved has been leased.

Portions of the basement areas are being redecorated, for which increased rents are being obtained.

The Board considers that the extensive renovations of the last five years have greatly improved the value and the appearance of Epworth Chambers.

It is a source of encouragement to the Board that, despite a large amount of vacant office space in the city, Epworth Chambers continues to be fully tenanted.

Investments:

The Board has pursued its inquiries for suitable properties for purchase as an investment of its moneys. A good number of propositions have been examined by it. Two of them—in centres outside Christchurch—appealed greatly to the Board, but unfortunately the firms concerned decided to postpone further advance in the light of the prevailing difficult economic conditions.

The Board has now received the approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to purchase a property in Christchurch at an approximate cost of \$80,000 to be leased at a satisfactory rental with all normal outgoings met by the tenant. The Board has decided to raise a mortgage of up to 60% of the cost of the property, thus leaving more of its moneys available for the purchase of another

property of at least comparable size and similar financial return. A detailed statement will be presented to Conference Committee of Detail.

In the meanwhile, moneys from stock maturing, etc., are being reinvested for short terms only.

Benefits to Superannuitants and other Beneficiaries:

In accordance with the decision of Conference 1965, all benefits were increased by 28% from February 1, 1968.

The Board was gratified to be informed that the terms of the Winstone Memorial Fund were being varied to permit any surplus income—after arrears of stipends have been met—to be used to relieve need among beneficiaries of the Supernumerary and Allied Funds. A circular acquainting Supernumeraries and Ministers' Widows of this fact and inviting applications for grants has been forwarded to all beneficiaries. The assistance of District Chairmen is being sought in the administration of this Fund.

The Board finds pleasure in all this but would remind Synods and the Conference that the increased cost of living continues to fall heavily on a section of our beneficiaries, especially those who have had to commute their interest in the Fund to finance the purchase of a home for their retirement. Recent increases in benefits—and the prospect of some special grants—have helped but need remains. The Board will continue to do its best to assist individuals to the extent that its funds permit.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman

W. R. LAWS, Secretary

C. R. HASSELDINE, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference expresses its thanks to the Trustees of the Winstone Memorial Fund for their willingness to make the Fund more flexible in order to care for the needs of some Supernumerary ministers and widows.

3. That the Supernumerary Fund Board gather expert information to help Ministers in the active work to make realistic financial preparations for retirement and arrange for its distribution.

4. That Ministers becoming Supernumeraries be permitted to commute their holdings in the Supernumerary Fund at any time during the year before the actual date of Retirement, in order to acquire a home. That this be received and referred to the Supernumerary Fund Board for report to Synods and Conference, 1969.

5. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 45.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust Fund?

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.)

Annual Report, 1968

The audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1968, are presented to Conference with this Report.

Interest was paid to Depositors at the rate of 4%. In view of the improved position of the Fund, it is intended to increase the rate of interest to 4½% as from July 1, 1968. It needs to be remembered that all Deposits are at call.

The substantial amount held in the Bank and on fixed deposit is due to the decision of the Supernumerary Fund Board to acquire

property. The Supernumerary Fund Board are exploring the possibility of obtaining external finance but it was thought prudent to retain some monies in the General Purposes Trust Board to help to meet any further monies required. This is being doubly necessary because of the heavy calls for annuities commuted and withdrawals from the Allied Funds during the year.

Winstone Memorial Fund:

Grants totalling \$3648 were made to ministers to meet arrears of stipends and grants amounting to \$410 were made to Supernumeraries. It is expected that a substantial amount will have been paid out to supernumeraries and widows prior to Conference.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

C. R. HASSELDINE, Treasurer

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 46—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

Methodist Children's Fund

BIENNIAL REPORT

Pursuant to the Conference decision that this Fund should report only every second year, this Report covers the years ended 30th June, 1967 and 1968.

The 1966 Conference resolved that the benefits of the Fund be extended to include the children of Probationers and children of Ordained Ministers up to the age of 18 years, provided they were not full-time wage-earners. Formerly sons did not participate after reaching age 16. This extension of benefits has naturally imposed a greater financial strain on the resources of the Fund and involves a greater call on the Connexional Budget. For the year 1966 the total of allowances provided for was 430½. For the two years now under review and being the first years of the extended benefits, the total provision of benefits has been 1967 — 460½, and 1968 — 508½. The allowance for child has been maintained at \$20 each.

The Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 1968 now submitted, shows that the Cash Balance in the Fund was reduced from \$1,300.36 to \$863.63 and this will be further depleted by the time the 1968 allowances are all paid. The 1968/9 Budget reduced the provision for the Children's Fund to \$8,500. With the increased demand this will be inadequate and it will be necessary to request the re-instatement of at least the earlier figure of \$9,500.

On a personal note and following on the re-organisation of administration of various Connexional Funds, the Lay-Treasurer now hands over, after 21 years, the administration of this Fund to General Treasurer. For him it has been a great privilege to have been so closely associated with the Ministry in this way and he records his sincere appreciation of the courtesy, assistance and friendship received throughout.

During the whole of this term also, Mr J. A. Kellow has acted as Honorary Auditor. It will be recalled that his father, the late Mr

Ernest Kellow was Lay-Treasurer of the Fund before that for a period of approximately 40 years. The sincere thanks of the Church are due to Mr J. A. Kellow.

J. A. PENMAN,
T. M. PACEY,
Hon. Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the sincere thanks of the Conference be expressed to the retiring Lay Treasurer, Mr T. M. Pacey and the retiring Honorary Auditor, Mr J. A. Kellow for their efficient and gracious service over 21 years to the ministers and their wives and families.

QUESTION 47—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

Methodist Conference Contingent Fund

ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

The Financial Statements for the year are presented to Conference with this report.

As was forecast by Mr Winstone in his report to Conference 1967, a deficiency in the Fund at 30th June, 1968 has risen. The deficit for the year (\$1,187) extinguished the very small balance of \$9 brought forward from 1967.

Supply:

The cost of supply (general and Presidential) was shared by the Fund and the Home and Maori Mission Department up to 31st January, 1968 — from which date the Home and Maori Mission Department assumed full responsibility. Nevertheless the expenditure for the part year (\$638) substantially exceeded that for the whole of the preceding year (\$254).

Committee Travel and Expenses:

The accounts appear to reflect a reduction from \$2,841 to \$2,193. However, this gain is more apparent than real insofar as some Districts have not separated Committee expenses from General District Expenses.

It will be necessary to obtain more uniformity in treatment in the District Accounts as well as more uniformity in the decisions as to what are appropriate expenses for Districts to meet. The Board of Management of the Connexional Office will be considering the matter of allowable expenditure in the light of the 1967 Conference Resolutions. (Minutes Resolution 4 p. 161).

In view of the deficit at 30th June, 1968 it will probably be necessary to seek accommodation from the Bank or another Fund as envisaged by the 1967 Resolution No. 5 (p. 161). However, the Fund has no assets to pledge and a loan to the Fund would not be an authorised trustee investment. Furthermore an overdraft or loan (unless temporary) is not in accord with the expressed intention to hold a working balance of at least \$2,000.

Connexional Printing:

Apart from the annual commitments for Synod and Conference

Agendas and Conference Minutes, printing costs have been kept to a minimum.

The Fund will shortly be faced with expenditure for a new Law Book. This expenditure should ultimately be offset to a substantial extent by recoveries from sales but the liquidity of the Fund will be under pressure for some time to come.

Location of the Fund:

During the year Mr A. H. Winstone arranged the transfer of the Fund to the Connexional Office.

Mr Winstone has completed nearly twenty years of service as Lay Treasurer of the Fund.

Mr J. C. Wigglesworth has also acted as Honorary Auditor of the Fund for a similiar period.

The thanks of the Church are due to Mr Winstone, Rev. L. Greenslade the Ministerial Treasurer and Mr Wigglesworth for their fine service.

C. R. HASSELDINE,
General Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Mr A. H. Winstone be thanked for his service as Lay Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

3. That Rev. L. Greenslade be thanked for his service as Ministerial Treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

4. That Mr J. C. Wigglesworth, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., be thanked for his services as Auditor of the Contingent Fund.

QUESTION 48.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

Removal Expenses Fund Committee

BI-ANNUAL REPORT 1968

The report from the Removal Expenses Fund Committee covers the removals authorised by the Conferences of 1966 and 1967 and is the last report of this Committee, whose responsibilities have now been taken over by the Connexional Office through the Board of Management of that office.

The Fund paid for 61 removals in 1966/1967 at an average cost of \$184 and 51 removals in 1967/1968 at an average cost of \$209. This compared with an average cost of \$174 in 1964/65 and \$196 in 1965/66.

The financial report of the Committee shows an excess of expenditure over income of \$1611 for 1967/68, while 1966/67 showed an excess of income over expenditure of \$1744.

The increase in costs of removals envisaged in the 1966 report is borne out by the above figures. Further increases must be budgeted for but it is hoped that the Budget allocation of \$11,000 for the 1968/69 year will be sufficient to cover removal costs.

W. R. LAWS
W. E. CLOTHIER, Treasurers

ADDENDUM

The Removal Expenses Fund Committee wishes Conference to place on record the deep appreciation of the whole Church to Mr William E. Clothier for his 14 years of dedicated service as Lay Treasurer of the Removal Expenses Fund.

Mr Clothier has been most sympathetic and approachable in his dealings with ministers moving from one Circuit to another and has made their interests and that of the Connexion his own. In 30 years the Fund has had two lay treasurers only and its administration has benefited from the continuity in office. Mr Clothier has been a worthy successor to Mr Chapman.

The thanks of the Church must be extended also to the retiring Auditor, Mr H. E. Thomas, A.R.A.N.Z.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Mr W. E. Clothier, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S. be heartily thanked for his 14 years' service as Lay Treasurer of the Removal Expenses Fund.

3. That Mr H. E. Thomas, A.R.A.N.Z., be thanked for his services as Auditor.

QUESTION 49.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Overseas Missions?

Overseas Missions Department

ANNUAL REPORT

The year 1967-68 marks a turning point in the mission overseas entrusted to the Methodist Church of New Zealand. From 1822 onwards, New Zealand was a staging area for the evangelisation of Tonga, Fiji and Samoa. As the New Zealand church grew in maturity it began to make its own special contribution to the mission fields of the South Pacific. Working through an Australasian Mission Board centred in Sydney, we sent out a fine band of men and women, among them some of the outstanding figures of the era, e.g. George Brown, John W. Burton, Matthew K. Gilmour. Following the 1913 Conference when a united New Zealand Methodism became independent of Australia, the desire grew to set up our own mission board and have our own mission field. These moves came to fruition in 1922, when the N.Z. Methodist Foreign Mission Society became solely responsible for the Solomon Islands Mission District. While this was a natural and in some ways an advantageous development, in that it gave very clear focus to the missionary task of the Church, it did tend to have the effect of a narrowing of vision. New Zealanders have continued to serve in many fields, notably in Fiji, but they have been, by and large, officially disregarded by the church.

This narrowing of vision could not last in a healthy church. The appointment of the Rev. S. G. Andrews, an ex-Fiji missionary, as General Secretary in 1952, was shortly afterwards followed by the challenge to join Australia, and the Islands mission districts in the New Guinea Highlands. We began to widen our official horizons again. In this year of grace 1968, our children, having grown to adulthood in the Lord, have been given the "key of the door" and entered into a "marriage" with other churches to form the United

Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Though our relationship has changed from parenthood to partnership, our obligations in terms of money and manpower have grown rather more than less. Thus for a long time to come, all our resources are likely to be used in the territory of the United Church. However, the very fact that the United Church has come into being, is a challenge to us to lift our sights, and an opportunity to enlarge our hearts and our interests with a deeper concern for more churches overseas. Perhaps never again will we have a "mission field" in the old sense, but we shall surely want to encourage our people, young and old, to commitment and service wherever the church needs them.

The critical nature of the last year has also been underlined by the challenge of devaluation, which has brought into sharp focus the need to look again at our stewardship of the moneys entrusted to us by individual and corporate donors and by the church as a whole through its connexional budget.

In the name of the whole church, the Mission Board has sought to face up to the challenge of the times, and to respond to the vision of a new and more fruitful era in mission as 'partners in the Gospel' (Philippians 1/5) with the churches God is calling into being. Just as the United Church grew from a dream to reality, because we were sure that this was God's doing not ours, so we believe that He is at work in us and through us, however imperfectly we interpret what He is saying to us.

The Purpose of the Board:

The present statement in paragraph 504 (4) of the Law Book has been outmoded by the passage of time and the development of Christian understanding. We now propose the following statement as more in keeping with the realities of our time:

The objects of the Department shall be:—

- (a) To promote within the Methodist Church of New Zealand, continuing interest, education and support for the missionary enterprise in other lands, in particular those to which it has sent personnel, and
- (b) To make provision for the adequate preparation and equipment of those sent by the Methodist Church of New Zealand to other lands; and to assist them in their rehabilitation when they finally return, and
- (c) To co-operate with other churches in maintaining and extending the missionary enterprise in countries to which New Zealand Methodist personnel have been sent.

Implementation:

To carry out this policy adequately some changes are necessary.

We propose the following:

(a) The Board:

The Board needs to draw on a wealth of experience and knowledge of the Church both at home and overseas. At the same time it needs to be small enough in numbers to act effectively whenever the need arises. To achieve this end we seek permission to reconstitute the Board by reducing it to twenty-one (21) members, all resident in the Auckland area. We expect that this Board would use a small executive as a steering committee and to meet emergency situations.

Instead of the non-resident members we have at present, we desire to have a number of correspondents who would be invited to comment as necessary. This would include the heads of major Church

departments and committees and some ex-missionaries during the first five years after their return to New Zealand. Detailed proposals will be presented direct to Conference after consultation with the Law Revision Committee.

(b) The Office:

It is recognised that more staff is needed to meet the demands the Church is making on the department. How this can best be provided within the financial limitations of the department is being investigated.

(c) Finance:

Our Financial Resources:

Recurrent expenditure is met, primarily, from the giving of the New Zealand Methodist people to the Connexional Budget, and through the Methodist Women's Fellowship. Smaller amounts come from investments of trust funds and from donations. The Board also acts as agent in passing on the considerable sums that come for medical work in the Solomons from the Lepers' Trust Board.

Capital expenditure and extension work is met from legacies and from special appeals that may be authorised from time to time by Conference.

Some alterations in our financial arrangements are planned. For the last time the 1967-68 accounts will incorporate the accounts from the Islands Districts; at the same time we will have to write out of our books assets and liabilities which are now the property of the United Church. As this is done we hope to continue to review all our resources and the method of presenting our accounts. As part of this overall change we are to close our financial year on the 30th June instead of the 31st August.

Devaluation:

Due to the generosity of the Church during the recent special appeal, and because the Board is drawing on its available reserves, we expect to be able to meet some of the problems of devaluation until June 1970 without asking the Connexional Budget for any more than we are due to receive in 1968-69. We expect 'o be able to provide the Church overseas with the same number of staff and with the same grants for the regional budgets as at present. There is, of course, no way in which we can augment the money from legacies or the gifts from the Lepers' Trust Board. The first provides money for capital expenditure and the second the major part of the finance for the medical work in the Solomon Islands Region.

Accounting:

We propose to examine the possibility of a mechanised system, in collaboration with other Church organisations which have their headquarters in and around Auckland. We shall also re-examine our funds and investments to make sure that we are fulfilling our stewardship in the best possible way.

The Future:

We recognise that as the United Church develops it will continue to take an increasing amount of financial responsibility for its own work. We do not expect, however, that their claims on us will lessen while the present rapid development continues. Should the time come when they need less money from us, the Board believes it would be the wish of the Church to assist other areas in need.

(d) Missionary Education:

We desire to be more effective in the missionary education of the Church, and we hope to use any increase in office staff and a larger share of our financial appropriation for this purpose.

(e) Missionaries:

The Board adopted a lengthy series of statements which sum up its policies, in relation to recruitment, training and financing of staff for churches overseas. We have a continuing responsibility to recruit staff within New Zealand for the United Church, and to maintain at least as many workers as at present. Workers supported in this way will be paid a stipend related to the cost of living in the area where they serve. It is most probable that in the future these rates will be determined in consultation with the church of which the missionary is a part. In addition, financial provision is made for the rehabilitation of the missionary when he finally returns, and for his adequate support during periods of furlough. Following our practice, stipends and allowances will be reviewed at least every three years.

The need for specific missionary training increases every year, and it is expected that more and more permanent appointees to the church overseas will have training at All Saints' College, School for Ecumenical Mission, in Sydney.

The Inauguration of the New Church:

On the 19th January, 1968, in a ceremony in Port Moresby, the United Church of Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands came into being. The New Zealand Church was represented by the President of Conference, the Rev. J. D. Grocott (who signed the documents on our behalf), the Vice-President, the General Secretary and the Rev. C. J. Keightley. The service was conducted by the Rev. Ravu Henao of Papua and the Rev. Dr A. H. Wood, a former President-General of Australian Methodism preached the sermon.

The weekend celebrations culminated in a very moving covenant service conducted by the Rev. Saimon Gaius of New Britain and the Rev. D. E. Duncan of the New Zealand Presbyterian Overseas Missions Committee.

The General Secretary was present at the meetings of the Interim Committee which met after the inauguration to consider the matters necessary to keep the church functioning until the first Assembly in December. He then travelled through the areas of the new Church where New Zealand staff are stationed and where our money is largely spent—the Highlands, New Britain, Bougainville and the British Solomon Islands. This was followed by discussions in Australia with the Australian Board officers, the Missionary Aviation Fellowship Council and the Director of the Inter-church Trade and Industrial Mission (I.T.I.M.).

Staff:

While the rate of recruitment of permanent staff is rising, this is being more than offset by the rapid turnover that is a feature of the times. In the more exacting situations of modern missionary work, in the face of the growing discrepancy between New Zealand's affluent society and the developing countries, and in the theological and intellectual ferment of the modern world, this is perhaps not surprising, but it also stresses the need for adequate preparation of missionaries for the task and situation to which they are sent.

The Revs. C. J. Keightley, C. S. Horrill and P. A. Garside have all resigned during the year. The Rev. C. J. Keightley's 14 years of service (six of them as Chairman of the Highlands District) have been outstanding. Mr Rodney Fleury returned to New Zealand after ten years of association with the Solomons as builder and plantation supervisor. Mr W. D. Griffiths came back from the Highlands as a candidate for the ministry and we congratulate him on his acceptance for training. Mr G. L. Pavey retired after an outstanding term as

business manager in Bougainville. The unexpected retirement of Mr T. R. Kehely (engineer) at the end of January was a serious blow. Sisters Mary Addison and Pat Hulks retired during the year and Misses Judith Milne and Beverley Withers will be leaving us shortly. The staff has been strengthened, however, by volunteers serving under the "Go New Guinea" scheme. There are five young Australians working in the Solomon Islands region and a number in the Highlands for a full year. In addition, volunteers under the Order of St Stephen, V.S.A., etc., are helping. Long term appointments have included Mr D. A. Moor (engineer), Messrs McKerras and Pentelow (builders), McKenzie and Munro (school teachers) and Miss Joan Amesbury, secretary to the Highlands region. There is an acute shortage of ministers, and of the five appointments vacant in June, one will be filled in 1969 by the Rev. F. J. K. Baker of Mosgiel. Other serious needs include a business secretary for Bougainville and several teachers' appointments.

The Life of the United Church:

The outstanding impression formed by the General Secretary on his recent visit to the territory of the United Church, was the growth in maturity of Melanesian Christians. One expected to be impressed with the growth of the leaders, and was not disappointed, but it was the way in which ordinary folk are coming to Christian maturity that made the deepest impression. This augurs well for the future of the church and its mission. This young Church, however, like David of old, must choose its own weapons against the Goliaths of our time. We, the partner churches, and the missionaries we send, must take care that we do not, like Saul, seek to burden it with an armour that does not fit. The challenge of the times is very great—half a million children without schooling; medical battles half won; thousands of converts needing intensive pastoral care; generations that know nothing of the original missionaries their fathers revered, and have little of their fathers' faith; people being thrown into new situations in towns, in industry and in politics, for which their past does not fit them. But we must constantly keep before ourselves the knowledge that in this Melanesian situation, it is a Melanesian response that must be made. Our partnership is desperately needed, and it must be partnership not dominance; unconditional love, not aid with tags; a balanced involvement, not just one of missionaries and money, but also one of prayer and service.

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman

G. G. CARTER, General Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1968

The end of an era in the life of the New Zealand Methodist Overseas Missions financial activities has been reached with the birth of the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands. Henceforth the Income and Expenditure Account will record only income received in New Zealand and expenditure related to the services of New Zealand-supported staff. Other transactions, probably as numerous as in the past, will be on behalf of the Regions of the United Church, and reference to the former Mission Districts will disappear.

When the necessary legal steps have been taken the real estate registered in the name of The Methodist Overseas Missions (New Zealand) Trust Association will be transferred to the United Church.

As resolved by the Annual Meeting of the Missions Board the accounting period ended on 30th June, 1968, and in future the year will end on that date. The Income and Expenditure Account consequently incorporates Head Office transactions for ten months, Solomon Islands District figures for the twelve months to 31st December, 1967—just prior to the inauguration of the United Church—and, unhappily, Papua New Guinea Highlands figures only to the 31st October, 1967. When the figures for November and December are received they will be incorporated in the Accounts for the current year. It is unfortunate that the statements now submitted could not reveal the final result of the accounting under the old order.

The deficit shown in the Income and Expenditure Account—\$6782—and transferred to Accumulated Fund would have been increased by the New Guinea Highlands transactions for the months of November and December.

Donations to the Extension Fund to 30th September amounted to \$39,235, and to the Special Appeal, \$9896. Additional expenditure due to devaluation to the above date was approximately \$29,500.

The Methodist Women's Fellowship has made the usual Grant towards the cost of Sisters' Salaries; the Lepers' Trust Board Grant was again \$22,000 for general medical work and \$13,000 for special purposes. As the cheque for \$35,000 was received too late for banking before 30th June the amount has been included in Sundry Debtors. We express our thanks and appreciation for these generous gifts.

To correct wrong conclusions that may be drawn from our changed relationship with the missions overseas I would repeat what I said last year: that it is unlikely that our financial obligations will be less than they are at present, and they may well be greater.

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Conference be associated with the greetings of the Overseas Missions Board to all New Zealand supported staff with the United Church of Papua and New Guinea.

3. That the Conference sends its fraternal greetings to the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands on the occasion of their first Assembly, and prays that God will richly bless and guide their deliberations.

4. That the Conference be associated with the expression of appreciation accorded by the Board to retiring workers and their wives: Rev. E. C. Leadley (1934-42, 1966-68), Mr R. C. Fleury (10 years), Rev. P. A. Garside (4 years), Mr T. R. Kehely (4 years), Sister B. L. Withers (4 years), Mr G. L. Pavey (3 years), Rev. C. S. Horrill (2 years).

5. This Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the work done by the British and Foreign Bible Society in providing Scriptures for New Zealand and overseas. We are particularly mindful of the way in which translators have been assisted in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands so that the people can have the Holy Scriptures in their own languages. We commend the society to our people, urging that encouragement be given when collectors are sought and financial aid is required, and that they make the continuance of this aspect of the Church's outreach their concern.

6. C.O.M.I.C.A. The Representatives of the Church for 1969 be: Revs. G. G. Carter and J. A. Penman.

7. That general approval be given to the following and that it be referred to the Law Revision Committee:—

That paragraph 504 of the Law Book including all subsections (1) to (37) inclusive be repealed, and be replaced by:—

504 (1) There shall be an Overseas Missions Department established under the control of the Conference.

(2) The Department shall be managed by a Board called the Overseas Missions Board (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall be appointed annually by the Conference.

(3) The officers of the Department shall be the Chairman of the Board, who, unless otherwise appointed by Conference shall be the Chairman of the Auckland District, a General Secretary who, if a minister, shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II, Section VIII hereof, and a Treasurer who shall be appointed annually by the Conference.

(4) The objects of the Department shall be:

(a) To promote within the Methodist Church of New Zealand, continuing interest, education and support for the missionary enterprise in other lands, in particular, those to which it has sent personnel,

and (b) To make provision for the adequate preparation and equipment of those sent by the Methodist Church of New Zealand to other lands; and to assist them in their rehabilitation when they finally return,

and (c) To co-operate with other churches in maintaining and extending the missionary enterprise in countries to which New Zealand Methodist personnel have been sent.

(5) The funds of the Department shall be derived from the following sources:—

(a) Offertories, subscriptions and donations,

(b) Gifts and legacies,

(c) Grants from governments and public bodies,

(d) Grants from connexional funds,

(e) Income from properties and investments,

(f) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.

(6) The Board shall comprise: The President and Vice-President of the Church, the officers of the Department and not less than 18 other members.

(7) The members of the Board shall be chosen to include:
2 members nominated by the National Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship,
1 member nominated by the Maori Policy Committee,
2 members nominated by the National C.Y.M.M. Council,
1 member of the Trinity College staff,
The General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions or his deputy,
The Chairman of the Auckland District.

(8) The Board shall have a number of official correspondents, who shall receive the minutes and such other communications as the Board may decide and who shall have the right to

enter into correspondence with the Board on any matters related thereto. They shall include:

1. The Secretary of Conference,
 2. The General Treasurer,
 3. The Director of Christian Education,
 4. The National President of the Methodist Women's Fellowship,
 5. The National President of the Methodist Men's Fellowship,
 6. The Convener of the Board of Evangelism, and such other persons as the Board shall decide.
 7. The Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
- (9) The Board shall submit an annual report and financial statements duly audited to the Conference.
 - (10) The President of the Church shall be chairman of all meetings of the Board, and in his absence the Chairman of the Board shall preside. If neither is present, those members present shall elect a chairman.
 - (11) In the event of any member notifying the General Secretary of his inability to attend any meeting of the Board the President of the Conference may appoint a substitute from the appropriate category.
 - (12) The Board shall have power to make and amend rules, regulations and conditions governing
 - (i) selection and training of all persons sent by the New Zealand Church to work with overseas churches
 - (ii) the rehabilitation of such persons in their home land should they leave the service of the overseas church.
 - (13) The Board shall have power to negotiate with overseas churches to which missionaries of the New Zealand church are sent, in regard to rates of stipend and allowances and conditions of service on the field.
 - (14) A candidate for missionary service, not being a minister, shall be a lay preacher or shall be required to pass an examination in Methodist doctrine and polity before a committee appointed for that purpose.
 - (15) The Board, after obtaining the consent of the President of the Church, may recall a missionary provided that this power shall not be exercised except by a vote of an absolute majority of the officers of the department and members of the Board.
 - (16) An Overseas Missions Committee shall be appointed by the Conference in each District to co-operate with the Board in furthering the work of the Overseas Missions.
 - (17) The Overseas Missions Department shall be the legal successor of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand.

8. The Conference rejoices in the appointment of the Revs. F. J. K. Baker, M. L. Bruce and W. G. Tucker to the United Church of Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, but would remind all ministers that we have a continuing obligation to provide further ministers from time to time. At least two are needed for appointment next year.

9. That Conference concern itself with the fact that as yet not all the efforts of the Overseas Missions Department are effective in producing an informed local congregation.

10. That the names of ministers serving in the United Church be recorded in the Minutes of Conference as at present. (See 1967 Minutes, p. 345-6).

11. That the Educational or professional qualifications of lay workers in the Church in New Zealand or Overseas be included in the Conference Minutes.

12. That the Conference send greetings and congratulations to the Rev. S. G. Andrews, recently elected Connexional Secretary of the Methodist Church in Fiji.

13. That Connexional Departments and Connexional Committees be asked, when sending out circulars and information to all ministers within the Connexion, to also send such circulars and information to N.Z. ministers serving with the United Church of Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, to keep them informed of changes taking place within the N.Z. Church.

14. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page 7 herein.

15. That District Overseas Missions Committees be as appointed by the Synods.

DISTRICT OVERSEAS MISSIONS CONVENERS

Northland—

Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell

Auckland—

Rev. E. R. Hornblow

Waikato-Bay of Plenty—

Rev. A. C. Watson

Taranaki-Wanganui—

Rev. N. G. Ball

Manawatu—

Rev. M. G. Rutherford

Hawke's Bay—

Mr P. S. Barker

Wellington—

Rev. G. R. Thompson

Nelson—

Mr C. R. Palmer

North Canterbury—

Mr H. W. Beaumont

South Canterbury—

Otago-Southland—

Sister Shirley Ungemuth

QUESTION 50.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

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Co-operation Between the Churches:

In order to streamline the work of the Department and the Church Union Committee in giving guidance to circuits involved in various schemes of co-operation a Committee representative of the Home Mission Board and the Church Union Committee has been set up. This Committee has been very busy during the year examining the various proposals that have been made by Quarterly Meetings and Synod Standing Committees. It has been unable to approve some schemes because they have not taken into account the effect of such co-operation upon either the remaining part of the Circuit, or upon the Connexion as a whole.

While Conference has given general approval to the establishment of Union Parishes and Reciprocal Membership Parishes where local opinion desires such objectives, the Department draws attention to the fact that if this movement towards 'Union Parishes' is not controlled it will lead to an embarrassing situation in which, because of the reduction in "stations" the Conference, in some years, will find it difficult to station the ministers available. For example in 1965 there were five Union Parishes involving four Presbyterian and two Methodist ministers, while in 1968 there are now fourteen Union Parishes to which there are appointed fourteen Presbyterian and five Methodist ministers. In two years six Methodist appointments have become Union Parishes, and in only two of these are there Methodist ministers.

Furthermore there is evidence that the formation of Union Parishes leads to a weakening of interest in the wider work of the participating churches, in that many of the Union Parishes are in arrears to the Budgets of one or both of the parent churches.

It is for these reasons the Department stresses the importance of controlling the formation of Union Parishes so that they are approved by Conference only when the obligations of the uniting congregations to the wider work of the parent churches are recognised and safeguarded, and when such Unions will not embarrass the Conference in stationing its ministers.

Some embarrassment could be obviated if to replace the loss of appointments there were new appointments being created, but here too we are obliged because of our previous resolutions and also the Act of Commitment to seek to co-operate with other churches before we act on our own.

Special Ventures:

In May the Chapel at the military township of Waiouru was opened, and the costs were met by proportionate payments of direct grants and loans from the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Our Methodist gift of \$1500 was met by utilising \$1000 of the Funds obtained from the closing of Raetihi, and a Church Extension Grant of \$500.

At Turangi Union Parish our Methodist share of the establishment of two Manses is being met by a Grant from the Development Fund, and the use of Special Objective monies from the Methodist Women's Fellowship and a total of \$6000 has been paid to date. The

Central Church buildings are being designed for joint-use for which the Methodist Church will be responsible for finding one eighth of the total cost.

Staffing of Circuits:

Because of the reduction in the number of appointments as detailed above, and the increase in trained men from the College, the Home Missionary has almost disappeared. At this time we have in the employ of the Circuits one Senior Home Missionary, one Home Missionary Probationer, one student Pastor, and two 'Ministerial' Supplies. This year the Department received Pastor Russell Greenwood, as a Home Missionary Probationer and appointed him to the Ashburton Circuit.

While there are a large number of circuits with "one wanted" listed in the Minutes many of these would not accept a man even if available, and a few are not ready to receive an appointment. From a survey of staffing required for 1969 it would appear that all available appointments will be taken up by the Stationing Committee, and some circuits will have to be encouraged to receive a minister.

Candidates for the Ministry:

Notwithstanding the above the decline in the number offering for the Ministry over the past two years gives some cause for concern for the Conference needs to receive an average of eight each year in order to replace retirements and withdrawals, and to provide for special ministries.

Development Fund:

Details of the Grants paid out during the year may be found in the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund. Close contact has been kept with the Synod Standing Committees to keep the list of Grants up to date—but at the present time there is a credit in the Fund because approved projects have not yet been commenced. But there is no doubt that this Fund must be maintained to assist in building programmes which will be put in hand when economic circumstances improve. Increasingly these direct Grants will be required to meet the Methodist share of co-operative enterprises, such as the recent Grants paid to the Newlands Union Parish, and to the Turangi Union Parish.

The J.C.C.U. National Committee on Church Extension:

The Department has met with the representatives of the negotiating churches throughout the year, and has not only considered standard agreements for Union Parishes, Joint Use of Buildings, etc., but is also studying ways of co-operation in marginal areas (rural areas), and a proposal to set up a National Church Extension Fund by which the negotiating churches will purchase sites for future development, especially in areas of rapid population growth.

Literature and Colporteur Society:

The Society through its Epworth Bookroom Committee examined the resolution of the Conference (1967 Minutes, page 175, resolution No. 4) re the possibility of the Department purchasing its own premises for the Bookroom. It reports that it has not the capital resources to purchase a desirable shop in a central site. It has however opened discussions with the other negotiating churches as to the possibility of merging Epworth Bookroom into a United Bookshop, but so far has not been able to secure agreement either upon the principle or the site. The Society for over 40 years has maintained the Bookroom believing that it has been an evangelising medium and

is not prepared to surrender without a struggle, although it would be prepared to unite with other churches in a united bookshop. Though it is at present operating at a loss, it is convinced that with the support of Methodist people it can increase its turnover and remain in business. The Department has assisted the Bookroom this year with a modest Grant of \$1000 from Legacy monies.

Investment Funds Board:

The Department is grateful for the support it receives from individuals and Trusts who are depositing monies as Loans at Call, which enables the Board to advance Loans at 3½% interest to Trusts engaged in building enterprises. Because it has been involved in financing Maori Mission enterprises this year, such as the purchase of a third Parsonage for the Auckland Maori Circuit, and the development of the Hostel at Hamilton, it has not been able to meet all the applications for loans, and has a long waiting list. The Board is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all Mission buildings, such as 14 Parsonages, 7 Deaconess Cottages, 6 Centres, and 3 Hostels. The Department is grateful to the members of the Board for their work as Trustees.

Historic Trusts—Use of Surplus Rentals:

1963 Minutes, page 138, Res. No. 2. During the year the attention of the Grey Institute Trust, the Kai Iwi Farm Trust, and the Wellington Methodist Charitable Endowments Trust was drawn to the resolution referred to above. The Wellington Trust replied that it did not anticipate that it would have any surplus rentals to be used in the terms of the resolution, as its commitments to the Masterton Children's Home, and the Rangiatea Hostel would absorb any increase in rentals that might come into its hands in the future. The Kai Iwi Farm Trust replied that it was prepared for its nett income to be utilised in the development of a Hostel, and is now sending its nett income to the Investment Funds Board as a Loan at Call until the policy is decided by the Conference. But the Home Mission Board has been unable to come to any agreement with the Grey Institute Trust, and the differences between the Board and the Trustees are so great, that the Board has had to agree with the suggestion of the Connexional Secretary that Conference be asked to set up a small independent Committee to which both the Board and the Grey Institute Trust can make submissions and from which a report and recommendations may be made to Conference 1969.

The Doctrine of the Ministry: (1967 Minutes, page 176, Resolution No. 6 (b):

The March Ministerial Committees were provided with background material for the discussion of the Ministry and the place of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament as described in the Resolution. All districts reported that the discussions were fruitful and helpful, and eight provided well prepared reports. Rather than a full report for Synods and Conference the Committee has decided to send the collated report to each minister with suggestions that the points raised be the basis for further discussions at retreats, fraternals and ministerial committees.

The general tenor of the reports was good and wholesome. All stressed the great need for ministers to create and develop fellowship at depth, so that men being involved in one another strengthen each other. Further, most Districts were strongly of the opinion

that March Ministerial Committees should be designed towards this pastoral objective, and used more creatively for consideration of concerns common to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman
D. G. SHERSON, Secretary
B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent
R. D. RAKENA, Associate Superintendent

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report, Financial Statements and Estimates for 1969 be received and adopted.

2. That the courts of the Church in working out agreements for co-operation with other Churches take reasonable precautions to ensure that the uniting congregations are aware of and intend to meet their obligations to the wider work of the Churches.

3. That the Conference appoint a small independent Committee which shall consider the matters relating to the Grey Institute Trust and the Home Mission Department set out in the proposals contained in the 1963 Minutes, page 158, Resolution No. 2 and after hearing submissions from the Home Mission Board and the Grey Institute Trust, shall make a report and recommendations to the 1969 Synods and Conference, the personnel of the Committee to be nominated by the General Purposes Committee.

4. That Conference urge our people to support the Epworth Bookrooms at Auckland and Wellington and to make full use of the facilities and service available.

5. That Conference approve of Wakefield in the Waimea Circuit being regarded as a 'special case' for a direct Grant from the Church Extension section of the Development Fund.

6. That Conference authorises the Home Mission Board to utilise a proportion of the funds available for direct grants from the Development Fund for the purchase of land for co-operative enterprises in which the churches now negotiating for union are involved.

7. That the Committee on Strategy be requested to consider the desirability of employing a Sociologist on its staff to be made available to Circuits for the purpose of exploring the structure and needs of the Community in which a Church is set with a view to enabling groups to fulfil their Mission to the community more effectively.

8. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page 7 herein.

DISTRICT HOME MISSION CONVENERS

Northland—

Rev. F. L. Johnson

Auckland—

Rev. H. W. Kitchingman

Waikato-Bay of Plenty—

Rev. G. B. W. Bell

Taranaki-Wanganui—

Rev. F. E. Waione

Manawatu—

Rev. M. G. Rutherford

Hawke's Bay—

Rev.

Wellington—

Rev. G. R. Thompson

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Rev. W. Morrison

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South Canterbury—

Otago-Southland—

Rev. W. L. Wallace.

QUESTION 51.—What are the resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission

ANNUAL REPORT 1968

Every aspect of the work of the five Maori Circuits now comes under the review and direction of the Maori Policy Committee, which meeting twice a year is in close contact with staff and people.

Staff:

During the year the Rev. Ngaweke Tuhimata, a highly respected Honorary Home Missionary, who since 1936 has represented the Church amongst the Waikato people, died. The appropriate tribute will be made at Conference. Because of ill-health the Rev. C. E. Roke intends to apply to superannuate at the end of the year. This will be a loss to the Mission for Mr Roke has not spared himself in his service to the Church, and has set a great example by his dedicated zeal. The Rev. Robert Te Whare took up his new appointment in the Waikato Circuit in February. The Department has been able to secure "supplies" for two of the three Deaconess appointments that were vacant at the beginning of the year. Miss Hana Hauraki has been appointed to Dargaville to take the place of Sister Edna Jenkin who is on two years' leave of absence. To replace Joan Wedding, who was appointed as Assistant to the Matron at the Rangiatea Hostel, the Board accepted the application of Miss Joan Wyatt-Spratt, who after spending a month with two Deaconesses in the field took up the Opunake appointment in April. The Hawera appointment from which Sister Elva Harris resigned in December is still vacant. Sister V. Merle Fechner of Australia will complete her two years' service with the Mission at the end of the year, and her contribution has been quite valuable. The Board would like to keep her for a longer period.

Properties and Hostels:

The Investment Funds Board has invested some of its Funds in the purchase of a house in Mangere to be used as the third parsonage in the Auckland Circuit. Rev. M. Te Whare and his family are the first occupants. The Ratana Pa Cottage has been renovated and is rented to a Maori family. Other properties have been repaired during the year.

On June 8th the new Hostel "Te Rahui Tane" at 294 River Road, Hamilton, was opened by Queen Te Ata-irangi-kaahu in the presence of a large company. The original building purchased at a cost of \$27,800 has been converted to house 20 Maori Young Men, and the additional cost is likely to be about \$28,000. The Matron and the young men are now in residence. Unfortunately the Investment Funds Board has not yet been able to sell the former Hostel but hopes for a successful sale before too long. It is now seeking the approval of the Maori Affairs Department to proceed immediately to erect additional buildings to accommodate a further 22 young men, which may cost within the vicinity of \$68,000. This whole project is being supported with Government subsidies, but until the Hostel is sold the Board will have to secure loan monies to assist in the financing of the total project.

The Home Mission Board again acknowledges with appreciation the excellent service given to the Church by the matrons of its Hostels, to Sister Anne Wilson of Seamer House, to Mrs T. Manihera, Matron of Te Rahui Wahine, and to Sister Heeni Wharemaru of Te Rahui Tane. Their work is arduous and sometimes worrying, and we commend them and their service to the interest and concern of the Church.

Because of the assistance of the J. R. McKenzie Trust with Grants of \$500 to each of the three Hostels last year, the hostels are not only able to keep the boarding fees graded according to wages, but also, with the exception of Te Rahui Tane, to operate without loss.

J.C.C.U. Consultation on Maori Missions:

The first meeting of the consultation was held in February at Ohope, and committees were formed to study various aspects of the Maori work of the negotiating churches, and their reports will be considered at the next meeting to be held at Ohinemutu, Rotorua, in August.

N.C.C. Maori Section:

The Mission continues to play its part in the work of the Maori Section, and this year the Rev. H. A. Darvill is its Chairman, and the Rev. Lane Tauroa its Secretary. This year also the Section welcomed the representatives of the Baptist Maori work into its fellowship. Great interest was aroused in Maori circles with the celebration of the Centenary of the publication of the first Maori Bible, and particularly in the visit of Dr Sione Havea from Tonga. On behalf of the Section the Rev. W. Tahere visited Motueka in April.

Hui-a-Tau:

The Maori Policy Committee accepted the invitation of the Maori elders of Tauranga to hold the 1968 Annual Hui at the Judea Pa over the Labour Day Weekend. The theme and topics planned for the gathering are centred on subjects suggested by the late Dr M. Winiata's book "The Changing Role of Maori Leadership" and will be presented under the general title "Christian Maori Leadership". The people hope for the presence of the President and the Vice-President at the Hui.

South Island:

Opportunity was taken by some of our Maori men to visit Maori groups during Conference last year, and the Rev. Wattie Tahere visited the Wairau/Waikawa area in April, and plans are being made for a visit of one of the staff to Christchurch in September. Arrange-

ments are now being made to celebrate the Centenary of the Rapaki Church (Lyttelton) in May, 1969, and it is hoped that a number of our people from the North Island will join in the celebrations.

Matters referred by Conference (1967 Minutes, page 183, No. 5):

(a) Competent Maori speaker on the Auckland Circuit staff:

The Maori Policy Committee considered this matter and reports that it is unable to do anything at the moment to meet this need, but will bear it in mind should a future change of appointments make such an appointment possible.

(b) The need for all Maori appointees to have a knowledge of the Maori Language:

The Maori Policy Committee agreed with this need, and in its communications with the Circuits and the Staff has urged that all take this need seriously and make up for their lack in the language. To assist the present staff the Committee has arranged for a Language School for all to be held at the Mangere Marae in the latter part of September.

(c) Intensive leadership course for selected Maori Youth:

The Youth Committee has examined certain suggestions that have been made, and is to report on its findings at the next Maori Policy Committee. In an interim report the Committee stresses that the Church is already working on the development of leadership through Youth Conferences, Retreats, Camps and the overall Circuit Youth programmes, and through institutions like the Hostels, and Wesley College.

Important Matters under Consideration:

In regular bulletins to the circuits the regional and circuit meetings are supplied with material with which to discuss important concerns of the Church. Papers have been prepared on "Pre-School Education, within and without the Home" in order to encourage our people to share in the pre-school movement and to understand the importance of the early years in the training of their children. The Youth Committee also provides material to assist in the development of strong Christian Education programmes. The circuits have been asked by the Home Mission Board to examine the structure of the Mission, and to make recommendations which will increase the responsibility of the Maori people for the work of Mission and Service. The Te Ropu Wahine is currently examining the role of women within the life of the Church and the community, and the various courts are grappling with the problem of training the members within the life of the Mission. The Maori Policy Committee has instituted an examination of the Church's policy with regard to the acceptance and training of Maori students for the ministry, and expects the committee to report to the next Maori Policy Committee in December.

Statistics:

The Maori Mission at all levels is constantly reviewing its work and its staffing in the light of statistical surveys. It notes that the Maori population increased from 167,086 in 1961, to 201,159 in 1966, and that the Methodist proportion in the Religious Professions rose from 7.5 to 7.9%. The urbanisation of the Maori is proceeding at an accelerated rate and may be seen in the following examples taken from the 1966 Census figures with the 1961 figures in parenthesis: Auckland urban area 33,261 (19,847), Whangarei 5286 (4006), Hamilton 4307 (2135), Rotorua 5246 (3477), Christchurch City and Boroughs

3276 (1764). This urbanisation has meant a decline in the Maori Circuits of our traditional Mission areas and is particularly noticeable by the decline in the numbers of the late teenagers, and the young adults who are moving into urban areas in search of employment. The Mission is also concerned that 85.5% of Maori youth leave school without any recognised educational qualification, and is utilising its resources to encourage more and more of its young people to take advantage of educational opportunities in the schools and the trades that may be available.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman
B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent
R. D. RAKENA, Associate Superintendent
R. ROGERS, Senior Maori Superintendent

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Maori Mission Department be asked to assess the effectiveness of education for Maori young people and its consequences in the field of employment. And we ask what can be done to prevent the widening gap in economic and social conditions.
3. That Conference refer to the Maori Policy Committee of the Home Mission Board the suggestion that Mr J. Heremaia be made an Honorary Home Missionary.
4. That the Maori Policy Committee be asked to study the question of the appointment of Maori members to Boards and Committees of the Church with a view to giving guidance to the Conference.

QUESTION 52.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

A.—New Zealand Methodist Social Services Association

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The Annual Meeting of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association was held in the Central Mission, Christchurch, 16th and 17th April, 1968, presided over by the President, the Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.

BAPTISM OF DANGEROUSLY ILL CHILDREN

It was resolved that we draw the attention of the Faith and Order Committee to page 185 of the 1967 Minutes of Conference with regard to Baptism by nurses of dangerously ill children.

REPRESENTATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

The Convener reported that the Legal Adviser had stated that a Social Worker who was not a member of the Methodist Church had no voting power. A Methodist Social Worker could be nominated by a Board as an official representative and have full voting powers. It was pointed out that an increase in Social Workers with full voting powers was inadvisable, and it was agreed that Social Workers be invited to our meetings with full opportunity for discussion, but that in matters where a special vote was taken, they would not be eligible to vote.

DEACONESS BOARD AND STUDENT HOSTEL

A letter from the Deaconess Board reported that Deaconesses were now being trained in Auckland, and the Board is looking at the question of a student hostel in the Ilam area.

NEW PLYMOUTH ANGLICAN/METHODIST SCHEME

It was reported that the proposed Constitution had been approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund.

ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

It was resolved:

1. That the constituent bodies of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. be asked to provide the official representative with a nomination or nominations of suitable workers from whom some could be selected to attend the Tirimoana Courses arranged by the State Services Commission.
2. That the attention of the constituent bodies of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. be drawn to the desirability of their social workers belonging to the Social Workers Association so that they share in such courses as may be arranged by the Association.

CHRISTIAN GUILD OF SERVICE

It was resolved that the whole matter of the Guild of Service be referred back to the constituent bodies of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. asking for their opinion on the proposal, and how it can be implemented, and a reply to be asked for by a certain date. If it can be implemented, a small committee to be set up in Auckland to deal with the matter.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES

It was proposed that this Conference support the proposal to establish a Council of Christian Social Services.

MARIRE HOME

It was reported that the Marire Home in Stratford has been established.

SCHOOL OF ALCOHOLISM

The report was received and Mr Orr indicated that he would obtain and forward copies of the report of this year's School to members of this Committee.

PUBLICITY, LAW JOURNAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was resolved that we take a full page in the N.Z. Law Journal, and that when material is ready, it be submitted to the Connexional Office and the Legal Adviser for final approval. It was reported that a film strip on publicity should be available within a month through the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

REPORTS

Central Mission, Manawatu Social Services, Maori Work, Children's Homes, see separate reports.

THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The President introduced the Rev. R. G. Bell, who presented an interesting Theological Background of Social Services, covering the Biblical Background of Social Service, resume of history, and what has been done by modern theologians. Mr Bell was thanked and a time for questions and discussion followed. It was agreed that Mr Bell be asked to have copies of the manuscript made available for circulation.

AUSTRALASIAN COUNCIL OF METHODIST CHILD CARE AGENCIES

A report on the First Conference of the Australasian Council of Methodist Child Care Agencies, held last year in Melbourne, was presented by Miss J. Boniface and Sister Rona Collins. It was resolved that the N.Z.M.S.S.A. give general approval to and recommend to each of the Child Care Agencies that it become an Associate Member of the Council.

MEETING OF MATRONS AND KEY LAY WORKERS

On account of the growth of Social Service work, Matrons and others would benefit considerably if they could meet together periodically. It was resolved that the Executive be empowered to arrange the time and place for next Annual Meeting, and for Matrons, etc., to meet on the day prior to this meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF FEES, ETC.

It was resolved:

1. That we ask each of the Boards of our Child Care agencies to work out the cost of maintaining a child in the Home.
2. That each Trust be asked to look at a uniform presentation of accounting.
3. That each organisation circularise other bodies through the Convener of the M.S.S.A. about fees charged, staff employed (tabulated), wages paid, number of residents.
4. This Association would regret any increase in fees by guests at Tamahere over and above current charges in the South Auckland area, and asks for an investigation of costs.

DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEES

It was resolved that the statement on page 61 of 1952 Minutes of Conference be referred to Area Committees for consideration and report back to M.S.S.A. Executive.

SOCIAL SERVICE AGENT IN EACH CIRCUIT

It was agreed that this be handled by the Convener in consultation with Area Committees.

INSET FOR "N.Z. METHODIST"

It was agreed that the Executive be empowered to look at the question of costs, etc., and to make a decision.

JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Two Dominion meetings and three Regional have been held. A Questionnaire is about completed, which will be considered at a further meeting in Christchurch 2nd August.

The following indicates the way in which the Consultation is moving.

Provision for co-ordinating future activities:

Considerable discussion was undertaken on ways and means of co-ordinating future activities. Arising from the discussion, it was resolved that in view of the Act of Commitment and the nature of the work we are called upon to do in social service, we declare our conviction that the negotiating Churches should co-operate to the maximum extent possible in future social service activities in various ways, including—

- (a) complete identification, including capital assets;
- (b) delegation to one Church of complete responsibility for the others, with a governing committee representative of all Churches;
- (c) where no property is involved, the complete sharing of responsibility;
- (d) holding trusts with a board of management;
- (e) other ways;

and as a general rule the Consultation does not favour the proliferation of a lot of separate, independent trusts and recommends that the negotiating Churches be requested to examine these proposals and forward their views to the Chairman at the earliest possible time.

Possible Co-operation in present activities:

Recognising that a measure of co-operation in social service activities already exists, regional executive and representative committee members of the social service agencies of the negotiating Churches be recommended to meet together periodically in the interests of co-operation, co-ordination and unification of our present social service activities, it being understood that where any of the Churches has no specific social service organisation, such Church (or Churches) shall appoint suitable representatives to express their mind.

J. D. GROCOTT, President

A. EVERIL ORR, Official Representative

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. **Hospital Chaplaincy:**
 - (a) That Rev. Francis H. Parker be appointed as Hospital Chaplain in Auckland.
 - (b) That the Auckland Standing Committee consider the possibility of Rev. F. H. Parker being associated with a working chaplain before taking up his appointment.
 - (c) That Conference reappoint the committee to prepare a man or men for Chaplaincy work and to select suitable trainees and gather information regarding expert training from any available source.
 - (d) That wherever possible training for Hospital Chaplaincy work be carried out on an Ecumenical basis.
 - (e) That Conference requests the N.Z. M.S.S.A. to negotiate with the N.C.C. and the R.C. Church with discussions with government regarding the possibility of State financial assistance for approved Hospital Chaplaincies.

3. Council of Christian Social Services:

That this Conference support the proposal to establish a Council of Christian Social Services.

4. That the Conference give general approval to and recommends to each of the Child Care Agencies that it become an Associate Member of the Australasian Council of Methodist Child Care Agencies.

5. That the Rev. J. A. Penman be appointed Immigration Officer.

6. That the Rev. A. Everil Orr be appointed Official Representative.

7. That we refer the following suggestion on the constitution of the Board of Management of City Missions to the Annual Meeting of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. for report to Synods and Conference:

- (a) That the word 'elected' be inserted in Paragraph 299, Clause 1 before the word 'representative' so that the passage reads 'one elected representative of the Lay Preacher . . .'
- (b) and that the words 'eight elected' be inserted in Paragraph 299, Clause 1 and the words 'such representatives be elected at the June Quarterly Meeting' be added to the end of the Clause so that the passage reads 'and eight elected representatives from the membership of the Mission, such representatives to be elected at the June Quarterly meeting.'

8. That Res. 3, p. 187, 1967 Minutes, be amended by prefixing the following: That the M.S.S.A. ensure adequate representation of Methodist Hospital Chaplains at the Conference of the N.Z. Hospital Chaplains Association, but that the travelling expenses . . .

9. That Conference urge the Health Department to authorise and subsidize a set proportion of hospital beds for the elderly in all homes above a certain size (say 20 beds).

QUESTION 52.—B.—Composite Report on City Missions, Children's Homes and other Social Service Organizations.

1—Auckland Methodist Central Mission

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The city continues to be a fruitful field of evangelism. Human need in every form is concentrated in some part of the city. The unemployed, the aged seeking security, the alcoholic and the drug addict, youth finding their feet and seeking the faith, Pacific Islanders and immigrants from various parts of the world, broken families and the varied needs of men and women in a complex society are all part of our ministry.

The congregations have been well maintained, and membership has increased. Lunch-time Wednesday Services continue, and there is an increasing demand for the use of our facilities by community groups.

THE CENTRAL BUILDING

In November, 1968, the first five-yearly instalment of Loan Stock will be redeemed at \$80,000. In 1972, a further \$480,000 will have to be met. Through careful budgeting and administration, income should be available to meet almost all the commitments. The bridging of the gap will largely depend upon negotiations with our tenants at the end of this year. The balance of the fund will be taken care of by re-financing in 1972.

THE ELDERLY

Astley/Tyler/Leigh Haven Cottages, Mt Albert:

We are grateful to Sister Frampton (Matron-in-Chief) and all the members of the staff for their magnificent service.

A new Matron, Mrs A. R. Foley, has been appointed to Astley House, and commences her duties on 31st July.

The recently purchased property, 65 Allendale Road, merited a Government subsidy and will accommodate seven men. This is to

be called the **Garlick Annexe**, and was officially opened late August by Mrs Garlick Senior.

After protracted negotiations with the Department of Health, the plans for the **New Extensions** have been modified to three storeys, with 40 single rooms for men and women, half for the very frail ambulant and half for those in better health. The plans include a treatment room, occupational therapy space, hairdressing salon, and other amenities. There is also provision for twelve single self-contained flats, making a total of 60 further residents on the settlement. When this extension is completed, there will be 193 elderly folk in residence with the necessary staff.

WESLEY HOSPITAL

The Hospital is meeting a real need. During the last year, there was not one bed empty for a single day in the whole year. The fine work of the Medical Superintendent, Dr J. B. Lovell-Smith, together with his colleague, Dr W. N. Clay, and the Matron, Sister M. R. Smith, has been outstanding. There is a large proportion of very heavy cases, demanding a member of the staff for every patient.

The Occupational Therapy Unit serves the patients well, and students receive some of their training with our fully employed Occupational Therapist.

The Hospital now includes in its programme the part-time services of a fully qualified Physiotherapist.

Realising the need for further provision for the mentally confused, the Trustees have requested the Architects for a pencil sketch for a **new 30-bed wing** and the possible placing of buildings on newly acquired adjacent properties for future planning.

ELDERLY PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP, AND CHIROPODY

The Chiropody Clinic has been a godsend to many elderly pensioners, and the 300 old people on the Roll of the Elderly People's Fellowship meet periodically under the superintendency of Mrs G. Pratt. There is a wide and varied programme.

PUKEKOHE

Realising the need of work in this area, the Mission Trustees have purchased between five and six acres of land at Pukekohe, and a preliminary work is being done.

WHANGAREI

Together with the Presbyterians, we have purchased six acres of land in Kamo, Whangarei, for the establishment of a joint Presbyterian/Methodist Elderly People's Home. The purchase was made possible by a magnificent gift of \$30,000 from the late Mr J. W. Court. A Committee from both Churches has been formed, as well as a Holding Trust. The future of work in this direction, especially in areas not yet provided for, must increasingly be performed on an ecumenical basis.

WINSTONE LODGE

Winstone Lodge continues to provide a home for 30 student girls. We are gratified that all the residents last year qualified in their specific fields of study. Miss M. Dalziel serves us well as Matron.

HEALTH CAMP

During the year a portion of the dormitory accommodation was turned into three self-contained flats for people needing holidays and recuperation in health. The cottage has been renovated and many

repairs made, and the Camp has never been better cared for than under the direction of Mr and Mrs G. Pratt, the present custodians. An increasing number of Church and other groups use our facilities, and we are glad to welcome groups of children and teenagers. Strenuous efforts are always needed to maintain the Camp, and without a grant from the J. R. Mackenzie Trust of \$500 and from the Auckland Savings Bank of \$200 our work would be severely hindered. We are grateful to these Trusts for their generous co-operation.

At the WAIHEKE HOLIDAY HOUSE a bore has been sunk, and a working party of 70 gave a day's voluntary service.

ACCOMMODATION FOR FORGOTTEN MEN

The Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches have combined in this venture, and a Constitution is now ready to be sent to the respective Churches for approval. This is a project of very great worth for many lonely men, and also those who are needing temporary shelter.

DOWNTOWN CLUB

The Downtown Club not only ministers to the Mission's core of young people, but is an outreach to youth in the city. Under the leadership of the Rev. J. S. Olds and qualified leaders, splendid work is being done.

INTER-CHURCH COUNSELLING CENTRE AND SAMARITAN LIFELINE

This fine service continues under the direction of Dr D. O. Williams. Much of this work cannot be revealed on account of its intimate nature, but the following figures indicate something of its worth, setting out in the various categories the calls on the Samaritan Lifeline Service, which has 85 telephone counsellors.

Spiritual Guidance	47
Social Welfare	64
General Guidance	596
Psychological and Emotional	694
Marriage and Family	610
Lonely, Ill and Depressed	532
Alcoholics	37
Financial Help	121
Unmarried Mothers	46
Hoaxes	17
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At the Counselling Centre there have been 1690 hourly interviews by 17 trained counsellors on a voluntary basis.

2—Manawatu Social Service Assn.

I—EDUCATION

The need for continued education in the field of social service is recognised by the Centre, and has become an important part of its policy. During the year the following seminars have been held:

- ☆ "The Church, the Community and Human Need". This was the theme of two Sunday Seminars held at St Paul's and Trinity

Methodist Churches, Palmerston North. The whole congregations were involved from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and were helped to appreciate the problems experienced by many people, and the resources available to help them.

- ☆ "Home and Family". A Seminar organised for the Congregational Church, Palmerston North.
- ☆ "The Needs of Children in Foster Homes". An all-day Saturday Seminar attended by 120 interested people representing 13 churches of seven denominations, and 13 different Welfare Agencies, statutory and voluntary.
- ☆ "The Church, Social Service and the Community". A Consultation, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 24th February, 1968, organised on behalf of the Central Districts Area Committee.

II—APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

Two significant appointments have been made.

1. Mr Mervyn Hancock, Family Counsellor, to provide professional supervision and consultation weekly, for the Director.
2. Mrs Ann Olsen, part-time Social Worker, who shares in the work and has specific care of 20 "families at risk".

III—COUNSELLING

During the last six months (and typical of the year), 677 interviews have been given, including: 125 new clients, 264 home interviews, 123 interviews with voluntary and professional social workers of other agencies, on behalf of clients.

The Director is involved in Court conciliation work, and both he and the Social Worker serve as counsellors for the Manawatu Family and Marriage Guidance Service and the Palmerston North Samaritan Service.

V—CONGREGATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

The Centre aims to encourage and co-ordinate the goodwill and support of local congregations. Many have responded generously in numerous ways.

VI—NEW MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

During the year many referrals have been made to the Centre by the Senior Medical Officer of Lake Alice Mental Hospital.

Visits have also been made by the Director and members of the Management Committee to the maximum security block to meet patients who might become suitable for discharge.

To facilitate the rehabilitation of patients the Centre is at present studying—

- (a) Ways of educating in right attitudes toward mental ill health
- (b) Employment placements
- (c) Accommodation on discharge
- (d) Adoption of permanent hospital patients

This we feel is a challenging field of service.

VII—PUBLICITY

4000 copies of a brochure describing the work of the centre have been printed and distributed to every church family in the Manawatu Synodal District.

VIII—COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS

The Director serves on executive committees of the following organisations: Recovery, Mothers' Helpers' Association, C.O.R.S.O., Samaritan Emergency Service, P.N.

The Director and Social Worker are both members of the N.Z. Social Workers' Association.

IX—FINANCE

The Centre is financed—

- (i) Annual grants from \$50-\$500 from circuits and two sister churches
- (ii) Connexional Budget—M.S.S.A.
- (iii) Masterton Methodist Children's Home Committee for field work re "care of dependent children"
- (iv) Gifts from individuals and groups, and from Methodist Women's Fellowships.

The Centre would be grateful to receive gifts and legacies in order to permit the ever increasing volume of work to be done more effectively, in meeting human need.

3—Wesley (Wellington) Methodist Social Services Trust Board

REPORT TO SYNODS 1968

STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

Considerable time has been spent in seeking to reorganise this side of the work. Mr E. C. Flyger was appointed Secretary to the Board and Wesleyhaven Management Committee as from 1st February, 1968. The pressure of growing case work and the increasing welfare work being thrust up by the City and to which our Church must make some response brought to the Board the necessity of employing a social worker immediately. This is now being implemented and Miss Miriam Tabuteau is to commence on 1st August, 1968. It is a recognition that social service work cannot be confined to institutional work although one cannot write down the importance of this aspect of the work.

The economic situation is reflected in the number of persons seeking assistance from the church. The rather difficult situation is aggravated by the lack of clear co-ordination of all social service agencies in the city. Some steps have been taken in this direction and there are areas where good liaison exists but there is still a lot to be done in this field.

WESLEYHAVEN

The staff situation is very satisfactory with the appointment of a new matron, Miss Carmichael and the more recent appointment of a fully qualified sub-matron, Miss Greenham from Ireland. The settlement is full and there is a waiting list for both Strand Home and the Villas.

The health of the residents continues to give serious concern. Early discharge from hospital and the closing of Hospital Board convalescent homes forces the home to play a role for which it is not equipped. The Board is reviewing the situation very carefully and believes that the provision of a hospital wing at the settlement as at first envisaged is the only way to provide adequate care.

EPWORTH HOUSE

The new Master and Matron, Mr and Mrs W. E. Layton, who came to us from Masterton are providing a very homely atmosphere. The hostel is full with 19 girls resident. The hostel is not a good economic proposition and it has been necessary to borrow money during the current year from the parent body. The Board has always worked on the principle of the hostel paying its way but with a building of this nature and age, repairs and maintenance can be a big drain on resources.

NIGHT SHELTER

The Board is involved with other social agencies in the city to provide a night shelter to accommodate 20 men. The city council has provided a block of land in Taranaki Street on which to erect a concrete structure of 2 stories.

GENERAL

The triennial street day approved by the Wellington City Council was this year combined with the Roman Catholic order of Nursing leper Sisters. The whole operation was carried out jointly with over 300 collectors involved.

The Wesleyhaven Fair Committee under Mr Bert Gardiner, raised this year a total of over \$4200 which is a record. A number of Auxiliary ladies from churches all over the area are involved every week in the support of Wesleyhaven and the Church is grateful for this evidence of deep concern.

4—Christchurch Methodist Central Mission

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CARE OF THE AGEING

Epworth Wing Opened:

On December 17th, 1967, the Minister of Health, the Hon. D. N. McKay, officially opened Epworth Wing as an extension of Wesley Hospital. This two-storey double brick home is a fine acquisition, and completes a stately and impressive set of buildings for the care of the aged on the site bounded by Park Terrace, Bealey Avenue and Dublin Street.

Over the years, the responsibility of Miss I. E. Macadam, Matron of Wesley Lodge and Hospital, has grown, and today 63 aged folk are cared for, 41 of whom are in hospital beds and 22 in residents' accommodation.

Wesley House, Picton:

During the year, Mr A. E. Greig, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, died after a lengthy illness. The Church is greatly indebted to him for his outstanding service since the Home was established in 1953.

Mr H. D. Kelly has been appointed Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

The property next to the Home purchased last year is now occupied by the Matron. It is hoped that ultimately flatette accommodation for the ageing will be developed on this site.

Darby and Joan Club:

There is renewed interest in this Club for Senior Citizens.

The Club is indebted to the Women's Fellowships of the District who provide entertainment and afternoon tea for each meeting under the leadership of Mrs W. D. Jamieson.

Papanui Home for the Ageing:

A contract has now been let for the erection of a 3-storey 40-bed Home for the Ageing. The site is adjacent to the Methodist Children's Home, Harewood Road. The total cost is \$250,466. The Government has approved a subsidy of \$192,000, and approximately \$30,000 is still required to meet the total commitment of the Trustees. The date for completion is September, 1969.

Flats for the Ageing:

Several plans for supervised flats for the ageing have been considered, but as the Health Department has indicated that no subsidy could be anticipated at present, no final decisions on the plans have been made. The site for the proposed flats is part of the Methodist Children's Home land facing Matson's Avenue.

THE MISSION'S YOUTH WORK

Rehua Maori Apprentices' Hostel:

After four years of service, Mr and Mrs G. A. Moody resigned as Master and Matron. We record the thanks of the Committee for their leadership and devotion.

Miss Olive Duder, Assistant Matron, was appointed Matron for this year, and the Committee is now considering an appointment to this position for 1969.

A combined Anglican-Methodist deputation waited on the Minister of Maori Affairs, the Hon. J. R. Hanan, to ask the Government to consider ways and means of making additional finance available in view of the considerable deficit on the running expenses of the Hostels administered by both Churches. We have subsequently been advised by the Minister that a special grant of up to \$30 per bed will be made available this year.

However, we will still be faced with a continuing deficit, and consideration must be given to increasing the Hostel's income by means of increased Board, special fund-raising efforts, and by increasing the membership of the "Friends of Rehua".

OPEN HOUSE POLICY

On August 1st a new 'Open House' programme commenced at Friendship House. The purpose is to provide a homely atmosphere where people may linger and relax from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The initial development in the programme is the establishment of 'Hobbies' groups, and a Shopper's service on a Friday night.

Every Tuesday, Senior Citizens particularly, will be catered for.

HOUSEHOLDERS' BUDGETING SERVICE

On account of the increasing number of calls on Life Line from families facing financial difficulties, the Superintendent discussed the need for a Budgeting Advisory Service with the Directors of the Church of England and Presbyterian Social Service Associations.

A Council for the service has now been established. Representatives from Government Departments, Service Clubs, Churches and other organisations constitute this Council, with His Worship the Mayor, Sir George Manning, as President.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN COFFEE CLUB

This Club, meeting every Sunday night, has reached approximately 250 different young people during the year.

LIFE LINE

One thousand and fifty-nine serious calls for help were received by Life Line Counsellors during the year. Since the service com-

menced in July, 1964, 4350 calls have been received. Of this number 1064 have been concerned with marital and family-guidance problems.

Fifty-six counsellors serve on the telephones, and a further 58 are in training. The 'Trouble Team' numbers 29, and 16 serve on the 'Caring' division.

The committee is approaching churches of all denominations to recruit volunteers for Life Line Service. The Administering Committee is comprised of representatives from most Protestant churches, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Mental Health Association.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

The rise in the number of unemployed in Christchurch this year has been largely responsible for a greatly increased demand for assistance to individuals and families by way of groceries, clothing, and accommodation. 452 applications for assistance have been approved. Groceries and accommodation have been provided at a cost of \$1656, and clothing to the value of \$360 has been given in cases of genuine need. Two laymen of the Church, Mr A. Miller, and Mr E. H. Downes are giving valuable voluntary service interviewing applicants.

GOODWILL STORES

A third Goodwill Store has been opened in Sydenham this year, and we are indebted to the ladies of the Beckenham Women's Fellowship who staff the store.

TELEPHONE MINISTRY

This Ministry operates on a 24-hour basis, and it offers a message and prayer directed to basic human problems. This message is changed nightly by a team of 7 Ministers and laymen.

45,866 calls were received during the year under review, and the total number of calls since the Service was established totals 276,328.

STAFF

Mr G. H. Coley joined the staff in February as Field Representative, and we thank the many people who have given donations in response to his appeals for our Social Service work.

Mr H. D. Kelly was appointed as Field Representative for Nelson and Marlborough, and he commenced his duties in July, 1968.

Miss O. G. Searle retired from the position of Social Service worker for the Mission in February. We record our grateful appreciation of her devoted service to the Mission over the past 18 years.

Miss J. Hills has been appointed recently as Social Service worker, and she fulfils a wide ranging ministry to many who call Life Line, to the Darby and Joan Club members, as well as to those on the Pastoral Roll of the Mission.

The Mission is served well by a fine team of 66 full-time staff.

FINANCE

The end of the financial year has been changed from June 30th to March 31st; hence the following figures quoted are for 9 months only.

The total expenditure on all Departments and Institutions of the Mission was \$110,689. There was a deficit on the year's operations of \$1640. There is urgent need for increased support, particularly for the Social Service Fund and Rehua Hostel.

THANKS

The Mission is indebted to Mr A. A. Dingwall—Convener of Wesley Lodge and Hospital, and to Mr M. E. Lloyd—Convener of the Rehua Hostel Committee, and to all who serve on these Committees.

5—Methodist Central Mission, Dunedin

1—THE WORK OF THE MISSION

At the beginning of the connexional year Sister Shirley Ungemuth joined the staff of the Mission as Deaconess in succession to Miss Jocelyn Gilling. Our associate minister Rev. J. H. Roberts, has resigned, for health reasons, as Chaplain to the Dunedin Women's Prison, and Chaplain to the Dunedin Public and private hospitals, and is concentrating his work in the Central Mission.

We have been unable to carry on with a full-time appointment at the psychiatric hospitals, but Mr Warren Green, who has resigned from the ministry, is still continuing to work there, in a voluntary part-time capacity. His work particularly in the field of musical therapy, where he is a pioneer, is very much appreciated by the authorities.

2—RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

A—Joint Commission on Church Union:

Arising out of the Joint Commission on Church Union consultation on Social Service in Christchurch, a preliminary meeting has been held in Dunedin to consider co-operation between the five negotiating churches. In Dunedin the Presbyterian Church has about twice as much Social Service work as the Methodist Church, while the Anglican has far less than us. The Dunedin Central Mission has already had experience in working with other denominations in the establishment of Glenwood Home in Timaru, and there is a feeling that at least on this joint committee in Dunedin, where we are represented at present by the Superintendent, that no new social service enterprise of any kind should be carried out without consultation with this committee, and that wherever possible, particularly in smaller towns investigations should be made regarding joint social service enterprises.

B—Conference on the Church, the Elderly and the Welfare State:

The Dunedin Central Mission was represented at this Conference in Auckland by the Superintendent and the Matron of our Eventide Home, Mrs J. M. Lawrenson.

C—Otago Old People's Welfare Council:

This Council was reconstituted about two years ago and it is proving to be a most valuable co-ordinating body.

D—Emergency Advice Service:

An Emergency Advice Service organised by the Mental Health Association, and the Cathedral, First Church and the Central Mission has been established in Dunedin. The Superintendent is one of the directors.

3—INSTITUTIONS

A—Eventide Home and Hospital, Company Bay:

(i) Staff: Mrs J. M. Lawrenson has now been with us eighteen months as Matron of our Eventide Home and Hospital. There is an excellent relationship between all members of the staff and

patients and this is largely due to Mrs Lawrenson's fine leadership. Our staffing situation has been much better, although we are always pleased to be able to employ more registered nurses if they become available. During the year we have had up to 78 guests in residence although at the present time, the numbers have been reduced because of the further alterations which have been carried out.

(ii) **Alterations:** The shelter in the centre of the garden has been turned into a very fine changeroom and lunch-room for live-out staff; one ward of the hospital has been completely renovated and the cottage has been altered and refurnished to accommodate four married couples.

Approval from the Health Department for further alterations in order that men may be received as hospital patients has been given and tenders will be called shortly.

When these alterations are completed it will mean that over the past six years the Mission has spent \$125,000 in improvements at our Eventide Home and Hospital and the Government will have contributed almost \$61,000 of this amount by way of subsidy.

B—Wesley Manor:

We have had a full complement of 20 men throughout almost all of the year. Work has been greatly disrupted because of major alterations, which have involved a complete renovation and enlarging of the kitchen, relocation of toilet facilities downstairs, and additions to toilet facilities upstairs. This work has greatly added to the convenience and comfort of the Home.

C—Wesley Hall Students' Hostel:

Because of other commitments there seems to be little likelihood of further extension to this building for some time. This continues to be an uneconomic proposition, because of the few students who are able to be accommodated.

D—Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp:

More people than ever are using this Camp and as a consequence extra facilities are desperately needed. We hope shortly to be able to erect a new kitchen block and hall.

E—Glenwood Anglican-Methodist Old People's Home, Timaru:

The Timaru Board has satisfactorily managed the affairs of the Home ever since the opening with no calls at all on the parent bodies.

F—Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery continues to serve about 20 children each day, many of whom come from broken homes or are children of unmarried mothers. We are at present negotiating with other churches concerning the extension of children's work here in Dunedin.

G—Goodwill Store:

The Board is greatly indebted to Miss C. Uren who has voluntarily managed the Goodwill Store since it opened in October, 1952, and who has recently retired. During that period numerous families have been helped and social service funds at the Mission have received many thousands of dollars through the store's operation.

4—OCTAGON BUILDING

Because of the economic situation we were unable to arrange a mortgage, as had been hoped, but arrangements have been made for a debenture issue which has been underwritten by Messrs Forsyth Barr & Co. This issue of \$500,000 was put on the market in July. Tenders closed on the 19th December, 1967 and the contract was

awarded to the Fletcher Construction Co. Ltd. for \$738,752. After allowing for the addition of fees, and possible escalation of costs through devaluation and any wage increases, the total cost is estimated to be \$850,000. Work began on the drilling contract on the 2nd April and it is hoped that the building will be completed early in 1970.

Almost the whole of the building, with the exception of part of a floor of the tower block, which is being used for the Mission offices, and the other part, which is being used by a group of dentists, and six shops, has been let to the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation for an initial term of 15 years with a right of renewal for a further 15 years.

QUESTION 52—C

1—Auckland District Care of Dependent Children Committee

The greatest satisfaction in the work undertaken by the Committee and staff is in the help extended to the children, parents and homes involved. Though many details cannot be revealed in a report, the following figures give some idea of the scope of the work:

Statistics:

Requests for care involved 77 families; assistance given outside residential care, 60 families; average number in Wesleydale 25.9; average number in foster homes 22.1; others (schools and hostels) 4.2; average number in care 52.2; number admitted during year 48; left our care 36.

Because our policy is, wherever possible, to keep families intact, more work is being done with families in their own homes. Besides families where the children are in care, contact in casework has also been kept with 36 other families.

Seven new foster homes have been found this year, all being very satisfactory. Through our link with the Central Mission we have been able to give much appreciated assistance with clothing, household goods and food.

Court appearances of children are also watched and followed up.

Buildings:

During the year a total sum of \$8730 has been spent on new equipment, re-decorating and major repairs at Wesleydale, and the property is now in excellent condition. Main items involved were installation of gas cooking facilities, alterations to meet fire regulations, re-painting, inside and out, new beds and bedding.

The Committee has made a re-assessment of our whole work, with relation to our buildings and policy and at present has builders working on sketch plans to enable a decision to be made as to the feasibility and practicability of alteration to the Wesleydale property to provide on one side a family unit and on the other a receiving home; also the use of the staff house, as is, or with additions, as a family home.

2—Masterton Children's Home

ANNUAL REPORT, 1968

The resources of Homeleigh continue to be used to the full and it is distressing to have to turn down applications to take complete families of children because of lack of accommodation.

Homeleigh is full with 30 children in our care, 21 of these being aged 10 years and under. Twelve children were admitted during the year, a boy aged 5 who has been in a number of foster homes, a family of 5 children back to us for the second time after a very upsetting period which has left its mark on them.

Of the children who have left us during the year, 4 were Tokolau Island children who went on to boarding school, 3 children were returned to their mother in Masterton at the suggestion of the Child Welfare Division who arranged their two admissions over the past four years.

Last year we reported the completion of renovations to the kitchen, dining room and certain toilet facilities. It is hoped that during the coming year the upgrading of other necessary improvements will be completed, and an application has gone forward to the Child Welfare Division for a subsidy.

The Committee acknowledges with appreciation the grant of \$400 from the J. R. McKenzie Trust Board, the grant of \$1000 from the Robert Gibson Trust and school stationery and library grant from the Masterton Trust Lands Trust.

The application for a grant from the Connexional Budget for 1968/69 was \$3650 (1967/68 \$3500) after budgeting for a deficit of \$1660. This application was severely cut by \$1000 on what appears to be a serious misunderstanding of the facts. The Management Committee considers that a member of the Conference Committee should be charged with the responsibility of acquainting himself with the facts and presenting the case of this Home to avoid the situation recurring.

3—South Island Methodist Children's Home

We are able to report a further year of development and progress in all aspects of child-care work, for which we give praise to God.

The following statistics reveal the continuing services provided by the two Homes on behalf of our Church:

Number of children in the Papanui Home at 30/6/67:	46
Number of children in Foster Homes as at 30/6/67:	15
Number of Admissions in year ending 30/6/68:	66
Number of Demissions in year ending 30/6/68:	60
Number of children in Papanui Home at 30/6/68:	45
Number of children in Foster Homes at 30/6/68:	15
Number of children in Barrington Street Family Home, 30/6/68:	7

Of the 67 children in our care at the moment:

- 41 are from broken homes;
- 10 are from Mothers having psychiatric treatment;
- 10 are from Parents whose children have been removed by the Child Welfare Department;
- 4 are from families where the Mothers have died;
- 2 were referred to the Home by the Psychological Services.

Of the 60 Demissions:

- 15 had been long-term children—in the Home for over 2 years, some for over 4 years.
- 1 had been adopted by the Foster Parents.

Case Work:

Eighty-five children, from 32 families, have been kept with their families through the counselling help that has been given. This

reveals the large amount of successful case work being done by the Master, Mr J. E. Scott.

Family Home:

The new Home in Barrington Street is already proving its worth under the leadership of Mr and Mrs E. J. Overton. The children placed in this Home are those likely to be long-term admissions and thus able to benefit fully from being in a Home where conditions are more like that of a normal family. The children here are already showing how much this can mean in the influencing and building of character. The Board places on record its indebtedness to Mrs Overton for her devoted work, assisted by her husband and one other part-time worker.

Papanui Home:

This Home continues to provide the kind of care for which there is still great need as revealed by the above statistics.

Early in the year Sister Rona was able to attend the Australasian Child Care Conference at Melbourne, this proving a worthwhile experience. The Board has since accepted the invitation to become a member of the Australasian Child Care Association.

The Board has had to look very carefully at its financial resources this year, especially in view of the national recession, before proceeding with necessary renovations and alterations needed to upgrade the Home. Because of the cost of these for the whole Home, and the need to provide better accommodation for the Master and Matron, it has been decided to proceed with this work as finance becomes available. The most necessary renovations are those for the central Receiving Centre, and particularly the Home Kitchen. The Board has sought expert advice from the Government Department of Health through their Dietitian in regard to the renewals, reorganisation and additions required to bring the kitchen to the required standard. The Board is hoping to be in a position to proceed with this work by the end of this year, or early in 1969. Necessary work and repairs to the Home continue to be effected as required.

Co-operation:

Co-operation with the Central Mission in their social service work is being given wherever possible. The Board has granted use of part of its land for the erection of the Home for the Aged on a leasehold basis, together with land for a new Parsonage and, in principle, for proposed Flats for the Aged. Adequate land will be reserved for the present and future needs of the Board's child-care work. In addition, permission has been granted for the installation in the Home boiler room of an additional oil-fed boiler to provide heating for the Home for the Aged.

Financial Support:

Without the support given this work by grants from the Combined Children's Homes Appeals Trust Board, the McKenzie, A. H. Fletcher and Sutherland Self Help Trusts, the Board would be hard pressed to continue its work. The amount received from the Connexional Budget is by no means sufficient, and is much less than we could have expected had the direct appeal continued to our South Island Circuits. The growing demand of this work calls for greater support by the whole Church of all the child-care work throughout New Zealand.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. (a) That Conference authorises the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission to negotiate with the Christchurch P.S.S.A. with a view to the establishment of a joint trust to administer a combined Churches Home for the Aging at Greymouth.

(b) That the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission be authorised to negotiate with the Christchurch P.S.S.A. to establish a joint Presbyterian-Methodist Home for the ageing at Nelson to be administered by a combined Trust representing both Churches.

3. That the Boards of Management for the City Missions for 1969 be:

AUCKLAND

The Superintendent of the Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of District, Dr D. O. Williams, Revs. E. D. Grounds, R. Thornley, M.A., Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D., A. R. Penn, Mesdames I. Sweetapple, A. Pratt, M. Spurge, M. King, E. Mills, W. M. Dudley and Misses E. Booth, P. Davies and O. Furley, Messrs F. M. Souster, G. Tootill, J.P., W. H. Patterson, B.A., F. Rose, R. S. P. Simpson, A.R.A.N.Z., A. N. West, J. Grindrod, R. T. Garlick, LL.B., E. A. Astley, W. Donnelly, M.B.E., G. Peak, LL.B., C. W. Firth, M.Sc., J. Trenwith, G. Pratt, A. E. Hayman, J.P., K. Clark, W. Wood, R. A. Barfoote, A.R.A.N.Z., H. Kendrick, C. W. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey and A. H. Winstone, LL.B.

CHRISTCHURCH

The Chairman of the District, Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman); Revs. R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, A. R. Bowden, H. G. Brown, H. K. Brown, W. S. Dawson, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, Dr M. A. McDowell, K. Toomer; Messrs R. Anderson, S. Batty, K. Brough, T. J. Chamberlain, A. A. Dingwall, R. Flesher, P. W. Gurney, N. G. Hillary, A. B. Hurnard, N. Jones, E. Livingstone, M. E. Lloyd, R. Mitchell, Dr S. C. Peddie, V. Plant, A. G. Rigby, S. Prothero, F. R. Silby, E. Smith, N. Smith, A. Southey, H. Spargo, H. G. Stewart, W. Strange, R. Thomas; Mesdames R. Anderson, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, H. G. Brown, A. A. Dingwall, M. Hooper, C. Jones, J. Leask, H. G. Stewart, I. Tregear; Misses E. V. Bond, A. M. Edwards, J. Hills, K. Jackson, M. Kirk, I. Macadam, A. M. Page, O. G. Searle, together with one representative from each Circuit.

DUNEDIN

The Superintendent of the Mission (Chairman), the Associate Minister, Mrs W. H. Masters, Messrs R. T. Connor, W. L. Coppin, A. R. Crosbie, A. L. Fleury, D. A. Hogan, A. L. Hunter, D. I. Jensen, R. H. King, E. B. Macleod, W. H. Masters, G. F. Pascoe, F. W. Pitcher, C. A. R. Pitts, V. J. Tie, H. C. Vince, F. W. Wilson.

3 (a) That the Committee for the Care of Dependent Children for Auckland be:—

The Chairman of the Auckland District (Chairman) Rev. A. Everil Orr (Deputy Chairman), the Chairman of the Northland District, the Chairman of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District, Revs.

E. R. Hornblow, H. Moore (Chaplains), A. R. Penn, Mrs L. O. Smith (Matron), Miss J. L. Boniface (Social Worker), Mrs J. Divers (Secretary, Treasurer), Mesdames J. S. Caughey, D. Ziesler, Sister Anne Wilson, Dr Gordon Parker, Messrs A. L. Caughey, G. C. Riddell, H. L. Clark.

(b) That the Board of the Masterton Children's Home be: Mr C. E. Archer (Chairman), Revs. Russell Marshall, F. S. Rigg, Dr O. F. Prior, Messrs J. F. Cody (Secretary-Treasurer), W. H. Saunders, D. Crichton, A. D. Griggs, D. Springer, G. Forrest and R. Hodder, Mesdames A. D. Griggs, D. Crichton and R. Hodder.

(c) That the Board of the South Island Children's Home be: The Revs. H. C. Matthews (Chairman), A. A. Grundy, H. G. Brown, O. L. Christian, W. E. Falkingham, H. L. Fiebig, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, R. W. Widdup and O. T. Woodfield (Secretary); Messrs R. Anderson, L. R. Beardsley, H. de R. Fleisher, H. J. S. Harrington, A. A. Harrow, C. R. Hasseldine, E. Hawke, W. D. M. Jamieson, L. J. McKeage, C. M. R. Manhire, C. L. Palmer, J. E. Scott and D. Smith; Mesdames A. Black, B. I. Hodder, H. C. Matthews, I. G. Newton and Miss D. Horrell.

4. That the Committee of the Manawatu Social Services Association be:— Chairman, Rev. P. A. Stead, B.A.; Vice-Chairman, Rev. L. J. Gibson; Director, Mr I. G. Baber; Social Worker, Mrs Ann Olsen, B.Sc.; Treasurer, Mr M. O. Boniface, A.R.A.N.Z.; Consultant, Mr M. W. Hancock, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., Family Counsellor; Medical Social Worker, Miss Bertha Zurcher.

Trinity, Palmerston North, Mrs W. Mardon; St Paul's, Palmerston North, Mrs N. Lobb; St Mark's, Feilding, Mr S. White; Dannevirke, Mrs E. Skinner; Woodville, Mr J. Harding; Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Mr R. A. Currie; Sanson-Rongotea-Taikorea, Mrs R. Smith; Foxton, Mr N. Smith; Apiti, Mrs W. H. Simpson; Emmanuel Congregational Church, P.N., Mr J. Hanna; Associated Churches of Christ, P.N., Mrs R. Taylor.

5. South Island Children's Home:— That this Conference places on record its appreciation of the loyal and devoted service of Mr F. A. Sheat over a period of 47 years as a member of the Board.

QUESTION 53.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to (a) the Order of the Deaconesses? (b) The training of Deaconesses?

Deaconess Board

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1968

1—THE WORK OF DEACONESS HOUSE

(Law Book Page 120, Para. 506 (2))

The Board reports that its threefold commission has been carried out with encouraging results throughout this year. The threefold work has been as follows:

(a) Training for the Deaconess Order:

Miss Ruth Tattersall was transferred to Trinity College, Auckland, this being the first step in the complete training transfer, and

the implementation of the decision of Conference (Min. 1964, Page 213, Res. 2). Details have not yet been worked out, but this could mean the extension of the training term to three years. The Board is not opposed to this, but the Church will need to accept the increased costs which will be involved. Miss Tattersall has been housed at Seamer House, Remuera, and has attended at Trinity College for her lecture programme.

(b) Training Christian Workers:

This aspect of the work, which began so encouragingly, has been passed over to the District Education Council, which will continue and further develop such lay training, making it ecumenical in organisation and availability in the future.

(c) Accommodating Students:

There have been 27 girls in residence this year, under the guidance of our Matron, Miss Judith Ford. As a result of an inspection of all Hostel premises by officials of the Christchurch City Council, certain property renovations and replacement of equipment have been carried out. This has involved considerable expense. At the beginning of the year, some 70 applications were received for the 14 vacancies in the House, mostly from Methodist girls. The Hostel has provided a continuing service to the Church throughout the South Island. The Board is anxious to see this service continued, and eventually extended.

2—DEACONESS BOARD

In our opinion it is advisable to transfer the Board to Auckland from which centre the work of the Deaconess Order, and the Training of future Deaconesses, can be more readily administered. To facilitate this, the Auckland Chairman and the Auckland Synod Standing Committee have been consulted and requested to submit the names of personnel for an Auckland-based Board. These names are now submitted by us, in an appropriate recommendation, as the Board for 1969.

3—TRANSFER OF TRAINING

The Board at present holds certain funds which are directly related to the Training of Deaconesses, and these would naturally be handed over to the incoming Deaconess Board. These funds comprise the Trainees' Emergency Fund of \$1023, the Sister Lena Button Fund of \$27.72, and the Maori Library Fund of \$99.22.

4—FUTURE CONTROL OF PRESENT DEACONESS HOUSE HOSTEL FACILITIES

We strongly urge that this department of the work of the Deaconess Board in Christchurch be continued. With increased rolls at both secondary and primary Teachers' Colleges, three-year training, as well as an ever-growing University roll, the need is greater than ever. The matter has been discussed with the N.Z.M.S.S.A. which agreed in principle to the Hostel being situated at Ilam, near the new Teachers' Colleges. The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has been consulted about the present property, and recommends that the Hostel work be continued. This could be done by an independent Committee within the M.S.S.A., but we consider that the duplication of Social Service units is not in the best interests of the Church. The Board has conferred with the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission, which is willing to accept the oversight of the Hostel. If this is acceptable to the Church, members of the existing

Deaconess Board who are available, would become a Hostel Committee to run the institution and to report regularly to the Board of Management of the Central Mission. We recommend accordingly.

5—APPOINTMENT OF WARDEN

The 1964 Minutes of Conference (Page 213) states "Conference reaffirms its conviction that a Warden for the Order is still essential, and that his duties be re-defined when the transfer to Auckland takes place". This matter has been discussed further, and we report on this herewith.

- (1) The duties of the Warden as listed in the Minutes of Conference 1961, page 175, may be summarised as:

- (a) Supervision of the training of Deaconess Students.
- (b) Supervision of the affairs of the Deaconess House.
- (c) Undertaking a basic portion of the teaching and other training.
- (d) Pastoral oversight of Deaconesses in the field.
- (e) Commendation of the Order throughout the Dominion.

- (2) The responsibilities of the Warden in the future are:

- (a) and (c) **Supervision of Studies:**

While Trinity College is giving tuition in core Theological subjects (Biblical studies, Church History, etc.) provision has also to be made for the additional training that has been given to Deaconess students. On the basis of the present Curriculum, these would include:

- (i) Maori language and culture, voice production, music, Bible-in-Schools work, pastoral work attached to a Church.
- (ii) The post-examination lectures which cover such things as knowledge of Social Security regulations and Benefits, keeping of accounts, First Aid, care of the aged, visitation in different types of areas, experience in Maori Circuits, car maintenance.

The provision of these courses would be a continuing responsibility for any Warden.

- (b) **Supervision of Deaconess Training:**

As well as being associated with the Theological College, it is desirable that the students should, if possible, live in a Deaconess Community, the oversight of which would be a continuing responsibility for the Warden.

- (d) **Pastoral Oversight of Deaconesses:**

Continuing as at present, this would cover:

- (i) The visitation of Deaconesses on the field, and the oversight of the Order.
- (ii) Attendance at Convocation.
- (iii) Representing the affairs of the Order to outside organisations and employing bodies, etc.
- (iv) Liaison in Ecumenical Deaconess matters.

The pastoral oversight of Deaconesses on the field was one of the major reasons for the appointment of a Warden. The four years' experience has convinced the Board of the value of the appointment.

(e) **Commendation of the Order:**

This is undertaken through publicity, i.e. preparation of audio-visual programmes, posters, leaflets, etc., visitation of Easter Camps, representing the Deaconess Board at M.W.F. Convention, etc.

In the light of the above, it would seem that, while Trinity College will provide the basic training of the Deaconesses, the supplementary training ((2) (a), (i), (ii), (iii)) would be the responsibility of the Warden. Duties relating to the pastoral oversight, and the commendation of the Order ((b), (d) and (e)) need to be continued, and are best done by a person designated as Warden.

The **Location of the Warden** must be determined by the following factors:

- (1) Responsibility for supplementary training of the students.
- (2) Proximity to the majority of Deaconesses in the field so that effective contact can be made with them.
- (3) The need to be near the seat of the Deaconess Board.

This makes the Auckland area the place for the residence of the Warden.

6—RELATIONSHIP OF ORDAINED DEACONESSSES TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

Reference: Minutes of Conference 1967, page 194, Res. 6

The present position is that a Deaconess has a seat in the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings of the Circuit to which she is appointed; in the representative session of the District Synod, while the Order is entitled to two representatives to the representative sessions of Conference. The points for consideration, therefore, are:

- (1) Whether Deaconesses should be members of the Ministerial Session of Synod.
- (2) Whether Deaconesses should be members of the Synod Standing Committee.
- (3) The right of a Deaconess to a seat in Conference in virtue of the new relationship occasioned by Ordination.

(1) Representation in the Ministerial Sessions of Synod:

Historically, the Ministerial Session of Synod has been a gathering of ordained Ministers in each Synodal District, charged with the responsibility for selection, training and discipline of the Ministry (i.e. those responsible for the ministry of word and sacraments).

As Auxiliary ministries have grown up, the Ministerial session of Synod has been charged with their oversight also, and has been answerable to the Conference for their effectiveness. These auxiliary ministries have been of:

- (a) Home Missionaries
- (b) Deaconesses

Today Home Missionaries are eligible to attend the Ministerial session of Synod and to vote when matters pertaining to Home Missions are being considered. Home Missionary Probationers may be present at the Ministerial Session by the invitation of the Chairman. (Law Book, page 60, para. 322).

Deaconesses have not been members of the District Ministerial Committee, although like Home Missionaries, their character, effectiveness, and doctrinal orthodoxy have to be vouched for by a member of the Ministerial Committee. These questions have been asked in her absence. (Law Book, page 63, clause 7).

The normal channel for dealing with the discipline of the Deaconess Order has been through the Deaconess Board in consultation with the Chairman or head of the department concerned.

Re-consideration of the present position and the granting a seat to Deaconesses on the Ministerial Session of Synod, could be urged on the following grounds:

- (a) That the new relationship of the Deaconess to Conference in virtue of her Ordination could mean that all Ordained persons, irrespective of their function, should be members of the Ministerial sessions. Since the Deaconess's role is considered to be ministerial, rather than lay, her place would be in the Ministerial session of Synod.
- (b) That it is unfair for the Christian character and effectiveness of a Deaconess to be answered for in her absence rather than in her presence.

Advantages of Deaconess Membership of the Ministerial Committee:

- (a) This arrangement would express the Church's decision that Diaconal service is ministerial rather than lay in character.
- (b) Her Christian character and effectiveness could be vouched for in her presence.
- (c) She could express views concerning the training of Deaconesses when the Trinity College report is being considered.

Disadvantages:

- (a) Cases of discipline may well be preferred to be handled in single sex groups, and by peers.
- (b) The mixing of Ministers and Deaconesses in the one District Ministerial meeting could lead to confusion of roles. While it is true that both are engaged in the work of ministry, it is also true that there is a difference in (a) function, (b) responsibility.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES:

A. To follow the precedent established for Home Missionaries:

In this case, the Deaconess may be present at the District Ministerial Committee and vote when matters referring to Deaconesses are being considered. This position would allow some flexibility.

- (i) Deaconesses would be present when questions as to ministerial character are being asked.
- (ii) If any matter of grave moral concern affecting ministers arises so that it is necessary to close the ranks of the Ministry, Deaconesses and Home Missionaries, etc., could be legitimately asked to withdraw.

Disadvantages:

Deaconesses may well prefer to be considered in a separate peer group also rather than in a mixed ministerial session.

B. In Great Britain questions of doctrine and discipline are answered in the Deaconess Convocation, and any matters of discipline are dealt with by a disciplinary committee, composed of representatives of the Deaconess Order and of the Deaconess Board, so that in effect, the Deaconess Convocation is the Deaconess equivalent to the District Ministerial session of Synod. This pattern gives pastoral strength to the Convocation and grants it legal standing in the Church. To follow this line would be consistent with the decision of the 1967 Conference, that the Convocation be recognised as an official court of

the Church. (Min. p. 194, Res. 4). This would also imply the setting up of a disciplinary committee similar to the English model or some modification of it.

In conclusion, we feel the logical development of the policy of officially recognising the Deaconess Convocation as part of the policy of the Church is strengthened by transferring the question re ministerial character from Synod to Convocation. Cases of Deaconess discipline can be dealt with by the Deaconess Board in consultation with the Executive of the Deaconess Association.

7—DEACONESS REPRESENTATION ON SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE

- (a) In recent years Conference has given Synod Standing Committees much greater flexibility in nominating its membership to the Conference. The principle behind the flexibility is to ensure adequate representation from all Circuits.
- (b) In practice, one Synodal District varies from another. Some appoint Deaconesses and Home Missionaries as members; others have not.
- (c) In view of—
 - (i) the widespread recognition of the place of the Deaconess on these committees
 - (ii) the fact that she is of right a member of the representative sessions of the Synod
 - (iii) that those Districts in which Deaconesses are not members of the Standing Committee have simply overlooked rather than opposed the idea, the representation of Deaconesses on Standing Committee could become general.

8—RELATIONSHIP OF THE DEACONESS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Traditionally, the Conference has been composed of all persons "in full connexion". Full connexion originally referred to the relationship of the preacher to John Wesley and subsequently to the Conference. In later New Zealand Methodist history, the representative sessions have become the Conference, and matters relating to the ministry are dealt with by several committees—Examination Committee, General Purposes Committee, etc. The Conference is essentially composed of the Representative Sessions to which all Committees finally report.

The Present Form of Deaconess Representation is based upon the concept of the Deaconess Order being an auxiliary ministry rather than as a distinct form of ministry such as the diaconate envisaged in the Church Union report. New insights are teaching the church to place the orders of ministry within the framework of the total ministry of the Church, and "side by side" rather than in hierarchical ascendancy. If this is so then there is a case for the Deaconess Order being much more fully represented in the Conference than at present.

Since her ministry is (i) a ministry of Word and Pastoral Care, (ii) her relationship is recognised as being lifelong in terms of her Ordination, and (iii) the Deaconess places herself at the disposal of the Conference for the furtherance of the Church's programme, (iv) the pool of experience of such workers should be available to the Church in all its courts. Therefore, the Deaconess Board recommends that all Deaconesses be members of the Conference.

9—WARDEN

The present Warden, the Rev. Wesley A. Chambers, M.A., has tendered his resignation to the Board, as he desires to return to Circuit work. We greatly regret this decision; and hasten to place on record our highest appreciation of the outstanding services to the Church rendered by Mr Chambers.

WARDEN'S REPORT

With the transfer of the Deaconess training to Trinity College, the work of the Warden has been greatly reduced.

Miss Tattersall has entered into the life of the College and settled to her studies. After consultation between the President of the Conference, the Principal of Rorongo Theological College, and Sister Norma Graves, the latter's Reading Course has been readjusted and a fuller report of this will be available to the Examination Committee.

An application to work in a New Zealand Circuit for a period of two years has been received from an Australian Deaconess, and steps have been taken to facilitate her temporary transfer to this country.

During the year, two of the Deaconesses have been able to undertake post-graduate courses; Sister Beverly Taylor of Pitt Street, was one of the several workers in voluntary organisations selected to take the Public Service Commission's Training Course at Tirimoana, and Sister Evelyn Marriott has left for England to undertake a one-year course in pastoral counselling. These opportunities mark a step forward in the training of Deaconesses which we welcome, and we trust that other sisters will be able to receive benefit from more advanced studies also.

On account of her departure for England in mid-year, Sister Evelyn Marriott applied for Ordination prior to Conference. The matter was referred to the President's Committee of Advice, and her Ordination took place in New Plymouth on May 26th.

During the year, several enquiries have been received from persons interested in candidating for the Deaconess Order. These have been referred to Deaconesses near at hand to guide the person concerned, or the enquiry has been referred to other Church Departments which might be able to use their services.

Matters of Ecumenical importance are beginning to loom large on the Deaconess horizon. For some years, there has been an International Deaconess Association known as 'Diakonia'. This organisation meets every three years in various centres of Europe. At the last meeting in 1966 in Scotland, the desire was expressed for the establishment of regional branches, as a result of which a Convocation of Asian and Pacific Deaconess Orders is to be held in Melbourne in August. Sisters Barbara Miller and Constance Fell as members of the New Zealand Methodist Deaconess Order, and the Warden, will be attending. In New Zealand, the suggestion of the Methodist Deaconess Convocation of 1967 that a National Deaconess Convocation should be held, has been enthusiastically taken up and will meet in Auckland from January 24th-29th 1969 at O'Rourke Hall.

In May, the first Sub-committee meeting of the J.C.C.U. Theological Education Sub-committee on Deaconess Training was held and will be reporting through the proper channels in due course. The Methodist representatives on this are the Rev. J. D. Grocott and the Warden.

During the past six months, twenty Women's Fellowships have used the audio-visual programme "Me—A Methodist Deaconess?"

The Kaiserwerth Institution in Germany has provided a set of slides and a script on the training and work of the German Deaconesses. After adaptation to New Zealand conditions, this is now almost ready for circulation. A further programme entitled "There is a River", depicting the rise of the Deaconess work in Germany, its spread to England, its development in New Zealand, and subsequently in the Solomon Islands, is in course of preparation also. In the compiling of these programmes, many skilled people have provided free service, for which the Board is grateful.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman

G. R. TREBILCO, Secretary

W. A. CHAMBERS, Warden.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Board and the Warden and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That as the training of Deaconesses is to be carried out at Trinity College, Auckland, the Deaconess Board be located in Auckland, and that its members be as printed on page 6 herein.

3. That the resignation of Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A., as Warden be accepted. Conference places on record its appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the Connexion and the Order by him as its first Warden. He has been diligent in study and research, has brought to the Church a new understanding of what the Order is and can be in the service of the Church, and through patient and persistent encouragement has brought a new knowledge of the Deaconess Order and its needs to the attention of the whole Church. Through friendly approach, able scholarship, and kindly leadership he has commended himself both to members of the Order and to the Church.

4. That the funds which are directly related to the Training of Deaconesses as outlined in the report, be transferred to the Treasurer of the incoming Deaconess Board.

5 (a) That the future of the Deaconess House Institution and the disposal of its assets be referred to a special Connexional Committee.

(b) That in the meantime a committee of the present Christchurch Deaconess Board administer the Hostel on behalf of the Connexion.

(c) That the Special Committee be set up in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty under the Chairmanship of Rev. A. K. Petch. Committee to be appointed by the President and Secretary of Conference.

6. That questions relating to the Ministerial character of Deaconesses be referred back to the Board in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, with a view to clarifying the relationship of Deaconesses to the District Ministerial Committee.

7. That the following be referred to the Law Revision Committee in consultation with the Deaconess Board and the Faith and Order Committee for clarification:

(a) That Ordained Deaconesses in active work be members of Synod Standing Committees.

(b) That Ordained Deaconesses be members of the Conference, under the same regulations as apply to Ministers.

8. That the Faith and Order Committee be asked in its discussions on the Diaconate to consider the adequacy of the description of the Deaconess Order as a "Ministry of Word and Pastoral Care".

9. That Conference records its deep sense of appreciation of Christchurch Methodism with the beginning and development of the Order and the establishment of Deaconess House as the Training

Centre for Deaconesses and as a Hostel for Methodist Students. In particular the Conference gives thanks for the rise, leadership and faithful stewardship of the officials and members of the Deaconess Board over more than a half century.

The standing of the Order—The Life of the Church today is attributable in no small measure to the continuing concern of the Board both for members of the Order and for conditions and standards of training in recent years to the appointment of the first Warden of the Order.

10. That the Rev. W. A. Chambers be appointed acting warden for 1969.

QUESTION 54.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference regarding Children's Homes?

(See Question 52)

QUESTION 55.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A.—Report of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist

The Board of the New Zealand Methodist meets monthly to give oversight to the production, management, and content of the paper. It is a task of some magnitude and we give thanks for the enthusiasm and dedication not only of the staff but also of the army of helpers at the level of local circuits and churches.

Circulation:

We reported last year that circulation had apparently stabilised at about 51,500. This however continues to grow slowly but steadily and has now passed 52,000. We are encouraged by the interest shown in the paper by non-Methodists and non-Churchgoers. This was the main reason for the Board's decision to accept annual subscriptions (\$2.00 per year) from persons not associated with a local Methodist church.

Distribution:

This appears to be working satisfactorily—subject to the occasional unavoidable transport breakdowns due to floods, tempests and earthquakes. It is realised that such delays can seriously upset local arrangements. However, there is no doubt that churches are handling the distribution of the paper conscientiously and thoroughly.

Editorial:

Mr Ian Harris took up his duties as Editor as from 1 January, 1968, and in terms of the resolution of last Conference an agreement of service was duly entered into following discussions with, and the approval of, the Board's Honorary Solicitor and the President's Legal Adviser.

Under the new Editor the general direction and emphasis of the paper continues to be seen in terms of the outreach of the Church, made relevant to the needs of our day. The Board is very appreciative of the clarity and thrust which the Editor is bringing to his work.

The most careful consideration has been given to all suggestions made by 1967 Synods and by others regarding material for inclusion in the paper (or exclusion from it). In some cases it has been possible to accept such suggestions; in other cases it has been impossible (not least because such suggestions are often mutually exclusive and cancel one another out).

With the appointment of Mr Harris as Editor the positions of sub-editors have lapsed but Rev. Gordon Hanna and Mr Maurice Berry continue to give generous service to the paper.

Financial:

Revenue from the Partners-in-Print Scheme has continued at a high level and has slightly exceeded our budget figure of \$4000. Advertising receipts have improved, particularly in the second half of the year, but were below the budget figure of \$8000 with the result that the financial position of the paper has not permitted the regular 12-page issues and a number of issues have been of 6 pages. The Board has considered this to be the appropriate course to adopt in the meantime rather than to run any risk of financial difficulty.

Detailed financial statements will be presented in due course to the Finance and Stewardship Committee and to Conference.

A Life Insurance-cum-Superannuation Scheme has been established for the Editor (as from 1 July, 1968) with his contributions being subsidised by the Board to the extent of 5% of his salary.

Advertising Revenue:

The building up of receipts from this source has continued to have the Board's close attention. Following a period of somewhat unsatisfactory arrangements the Board appointed Miss Marian Tabuteau to act as full-time Advertising Officer for six months, and during this period she served the paper very ably.

The paper is a worthy medium of advertising and we commend it to our people.

Combined Church Paper:

Last year's discussion (on the possibility of a combined paper) between representatives of the five negotiating churches has not yet borne any tangible fruits but both officially and unofficially the Board has expressed itself during the past year as anxious to enter into further discussions with representatives of other denominational papers.

Personnel:

In May Sister Rita Snowden left on an extended visit to England and was granted appropriate leave of absence. In July Miss Tabuteau resigned from the Board on account of her transfer to Wellington.

Thanks:

The Board again places on record its thanks to District Agents, Circuit Agents and local distributors, as well as to voluntary contributors and to others who continue to assist in the production and distribution of the paper.

B. A. WALKER, Chairman

C. R. HOWELL, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.

2. That this Conference places on record its warmest pleasure at the format, content and general acceptability of the "N.Z. Methodist" and in particular congratulates the present Editor and his associates on an excellent and effective publication.

3. That this Conference learns with pleasure of the intention of the Board to conduct a national questionnaire as to the effectiveness of the paper and to report at Synods and Conference in due course.

4. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page 7 herein.

B.—Board of Publications

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(a) **Bookstalls, etc:**

All Circuits are urged to be "literature-minded" and to provide bookstalls in Church porches, or to hold occasional "Literature Promotion Sundays". It is only thus that much excellent material published by the Board (as well as other books stocked by our Bookrooms) will become known.

(b) **Distribution** (Minutes 1967, P. 268, No. 4):

With a view to lessening the number of "ordering-points", agreement has been reached that the normal retail outlet for Board, Connexional Office and similar publications, will be the Epworth Bookrooms. The following exceptions are made:

- (1) Connexional Office will continue to handle such items as Membership Rolls, Circuit Schedule Books, Baptismal Registers, etc.
- (2) New publications may be pre-ordered from the Board itself and despatched to customers direct from the printers. The Board will retain stocks from which Bookrooms will draw supplies as needed.

It would be valuable if display cases showing material available were provided in selected places in main centres, e.g. Connexional Office in Christchurch. Possibilities are being studied.

(c) **Future of Bookrooms** (Minutes 1967, P. 268, No. 3):

The Board discussed with the Literature and Colporteur Society the question of control of Epworth Bookroom (Auckland). It was decided that, as the Board has only limited capital resources, it cannot give the financial backing required to so large a venture. We therefore recommend that Epworth Bookroom (Auckland) should remain the responsibility of the Home Mission Department.

(d) **Sale:**

A clearance sale at drastically cut prices moved a great volume of old, but still valuable material from the Board's shelves. Some lines remain in good supply, and efforts are being made to clear these also.

(e) **The Year's Work:**

A definitive statement on spiritual healing has been issued and a couple of titles added to the "Know Your Faith" series, notably one on "the Church" by the Rev. J. A. Penman. Good sales have been maintained of our regular publications—Advent and Lenten Meditations and Prayer Manuals. By far our most important publication was "Life and Death—a study of the Christian Hope". This was originally issued by the United Church of Canada, and has been re-printed in New Zealand by permission. The book makes a valuable and positive contribution to current discussions on immortality, and has been well received.

(f) **Chairman of the Board:**

During the year, Mr E. P. Salmon, a foundation member of the Board and its Chairman for 8½ years, handed over the Chairmanship to the Rev. G. I. Laurenson. We record our grateful thanks to Mr Salmon for his long service, during which his wide technical know-

ledge has been made freely available, and for his willingness to continue as a member of the Board.

(g) Executive Officer:

The Board has chosen the Rev. J. H. Osborne as its new Executive Officer, in view of the pending departure of the Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore from Auckland after being Secretary for 13 years. We believe the job has now grown to such a size that we must seek from the Connexional Budget a grant sufficient to pay a small subsidy to the Circuit and an adequate expense-allowance to the new Executive Officer.

G. I. LAURENSEN, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Executive Officer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.

2. That a grant of \$154 be made from the Connexional Budget (1969/70).

3. That Conference extend to the Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore sincere appreciation for his unique contribution to the Church through the Board of Publications during his 13 years as Secretary and Executive Officer.

4. That Conference extend to Mr E. P. Salmon sincere thanks for his service as Chairman of the Board for 8½ years.

5. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 56.—What are the resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

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The Committee has met on three occasions during the year, its meetings coinciding with those of the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council for which the Senior Chaplain travels to Wellington.

After a short term stationed at Whenuapai, Chaplain R. J. Hamlin has assumed the responsible position of Senior Chaplain R.N.Z.A.F. and is based at Air H.Q. in Wellington. Chaplain Hamlin is to be congratulated on the confidence which this appointment expresses in him.

Chaplain M. L. Dine has returned to New Zealand after a 9-month tour of duty in Vietnam, and has been posted to Papakura Camp.

Three new territorial chaplains have been commissioned—the Revs. B. L. Olsen (N.M.D.), N. Waaka (C.M.D.), and J. B. Currie (S.M.D.).

The death of the Rev. V. R. Jamieson removes from our ranks a Chaplain who has made a fine contribution to the Chaplains' Department. Chaplain Jamieson was the first Methodist Chaplain posted overseas during the 1939-45 conflict, and rendered conspicuous service. He was subsequently honoured by the Queen, being awarded both the M.B.E. and the Efficiency Decoration. He was the Methodist Senior Chaplain, and represented the Methodist Church on the N.Z. Ch. D.A.C., for 15 years, and following his retirement was honoured by being appointed Chaplain Commandant of the R.N.Z. Army.

A notable event this year has been the opening of the new combined Chapel in Waiouru. The Anglican and Presbyterian Churches have joined with our own Church in contributing to the erection of this Church, in which the local congregations combine for all activities, and for non-sacramental services. This committee is most appreciative of the contribution made by the Methodist Church, as this has enabled us to share fully in a very important ecumenical venture.

Some difficulties have arisen in the conduct of military funerals, and it is recommended that Ministers called upon to officiate on such occasions, should seek advice from Military Authorities to ensure that correct procedure is followed, and proper courtesies are given.

Reports of R.F. and T.F. Chaplaincy Work follows:—

Chaplain M. L. Dine reports:

The period from 28th August 1967 to 28th May 1968 was the most interesting and exciting period in my ministry so far. It was spent ministering to the New Zealand soldiers in South Vietnam. My tasks included conducting Services of Worship both in Base Camp and on Operations, counselling those with problems, visiting sick and wounded in hospital, visiting the troops wherever they were, and generally taking an interest in their work. There was also the Civil Aid work among the Vietnamese villages near the base camp. Traveling was both time-consuming and tiring (over 200 different flights alone) but the response of the men was well worth the effort. Attendances at services of worship varied greatly but it was obvious that among the New Zealand soldiers there were men who wanted spiritual help and looked forward to times of worship. I was greatly impressed with the example set by the New Zealand Officers; I well remember one of the Officers going round his troops inviting them to worship with him. Of course there were the exceptions, but these were outnumbered by those who did all they possibly could to help me in my task of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. When people are separated from their families and their normal environment problems arise. It was my privilege to help these men as best I could, and I am thankful that the Methodist Church and the New Zealand Army gave me this opportunity to serve in this way.

My tour in Vietnam has broadened my mind internationally. I had never been outside New Zealand until I went to Vietnam, and while there I worked among Australians, Americans and Vietnamese, which helped me to gain an understanding of these people.

That the men in Vietnam need a Chaplain is beyond dispute. There is a need and a challenge for a Christian minister in this field and I ask for your prayers on behalf of Padre W. Vercoe (Anglican) who now represents the Christian Church among our New Zealand soldiers.

Chaplain R. J. Hamlin reports:

Since writing my last report I have been posted from Base Chaplain duties in Auckland to Senior Chaplain R.N.Z.A.F. in Wellington with Base Chaplain duties at Headquarters Unit, Shelly Bay.

I found my duties at Auckland, an operational base, demanding and satisfying. There was a wide field of ministry to cover with pastoral concerns taking the major part of the time. My greatest disappointment was that my stay was so short. I wish to express my own and the service's appreciation for the support that was given by local churches in the care of personnel, and in particular this goes to Wesleydale Home for the assistance they gave in caring

for a mother and her two children who had to return to New Zealand from Singapore for specialist medical care.

My new responsibilities in R.N.Z.A.F. Headquarters are a further challenge. Along with pastoral care for a large group of people I have the responsibility to act as liaison between the service and the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council, advising the service in accordance with the requirements of the churches through its representatives on the Council. This is interesting and important work, particularly with the changes currently taking place in religious thought.

I continue to thank the church for this opportunity to serve in a frontier situation where some of the tensions of today are felt most acutely. Within the service environment the vital questions of our day arise with a relevance and reality which cannot be evaded. I ask your prayers for those involved on behalf of the church in this situation.

Chaplain H. I. Shaw reports:

The major event in the Waiouru Command this year has been the opening of St James' Garrison Church. Situated on a commanding site in the Community area, this Church serves all non-Roman personnel in this command and in the civilian township. The relationship between the different denominations is excellent. The local congregation appreciates the contributions made by the three churches—Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist—and the interest shown and goodwill expressed toward this venture. The Command authorities have also been most helpful and have contributed.

Waiouru is New Zealand's largest Army training establishment, and several thousand R.F. and T.F. personnel pass through this command each year. In addition there is a continuing population of approximately 1000 single men, and 500 families. Although the housing area is being extended, the shortage of houses is still a major cause of tension and family problems. We have a housing list of 70, and often families must live apart for up to 12 months before finding a home. There are also a large number of families with fathers absent on courses and posting both within New Zealand and overseas.

The establishment of a Welfare Committee on which all Chaplains serve has been a very worthwhile innovation and this committee has been responsible for initiating a number of welfare facilities.

I have maintained a close relationship with the Taihape Circuit, and with the Synod Standing Committee and Wanganui Sub-District, believing that this contact with Methodist Church life is essential to my ministry. I continue to appreciate the value of this work and the opportunity given to me by the Church to serve in this way.

Chaplain D. S. Mullan reports:

I camped at Abbassia, Waiouru, for 18 days in January, with 550 men of the First Supplies and Transport Column, Royal New Zealand Army Service Corps. Good access to the men in most units was granted.

One church service was held in camp, but personnel were enabled to attend Waiouru church services. Pastoral work was carried out in all units, and some hospital visitation in respect of one serious accident provided an opportunity for a helpful ministry to the family of the soldier concerned.

I conducted 13 Padre's Hours, loosely based on discussion on Religions of S.E. Asia compared with Christianity; I was also asked to lecture on this topic for all Column Officers.

The fortnight was demanding and tiring, but highly worthwhile, and I am grateful to the church for this opportunity to serve.

Finance:

The accounts of the Chaplaincy Committee show a credit balance of \$374.47 at the end of the financial year. Expenses for the year totalled \$96.00.

R. F. CLEMENT, Senior Chaplain
H. I. SHAW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference sends greetings to the Rev. M. L. Dine on his safe return home from Vietnam, and congratulates him upon a very effective ministry both to members of the Armed Forces and to the civilian population.
3. That the Methodist Chaplains Advisory Committee be: The Revs. G. R. Thompson, E.D. (Chairman), R. F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), H. I. Shaw (Secretary), M. L. Dine, R. J. Hamlin, and Messrs H. J. Steptoe, E. C. D. Watson, D. M. Hay, J. B. McKinney, H. F. Hart and D. J. Sellens.

QUESTION 56.—(a) What Ministers are to serve as whole or part-time Chaplains during the ensuing year?

(a) Full-Time:

R. J. Hamlin (R.N.Z.A.F.), Harry I. Shaw and Mervyn L. Dine, R.N.Z. Army.

(b) Part-Time:

R. F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), John B. Currie, John S. Hosking, David S. Mullan, Brian L. Olsen, Cuthbert F. Peart, Pery P. Rushton, Keith J. Taylor, Napi Waaka.

QUESTION 57.—What is the Report of the Custodian on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

1—Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

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During the year the work of the Society has been well maintained and a number of research students have been dealt with. We record our thanks to Mr Bryan T. Harris of Dunedin for acting as Treasurer of the Society, while the Rev. D. G. Laws visited the U.S.A. During his stay, Mr Laws made considerable use of the "Thomson Collection" of historic slides of early Methodist Mission sites.

PUBLICATIONS

By the end of the year we hope to have the following available:

Vol. 24, No. 1, A Century of Light (Thames Centenary), by Hazel P. Harris.

Vol. 24, No. 2, Aotea—Story of a Mission Station, by C. G. Hunt.

Vol. 24, Nos 3 & 4, Torn Pages from the Life of the Rev. John Whiteley, by W. W. H. Greenslade.

ANNUAL LECTURE

To mark the centenary of the death of the Rev. John Whiteley, the 1968 Annual Lecture will be given by the Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade on the life and work of this early Methodist missionary martyr. An expanded version of the lecture will be published as Vol. 24, Nos 3 and 4.

E. W. HAMES, President

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 57—(2)

2—Report of the Custodian of Early Church Records

A—Records

During the year, minute books and other records of historical value have been lodged for safe custody at the Connexional Office from the following Circuits:

NORTHLAND — Whangaroa.

AUCKLAND — Auckland East, Papakura.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY — Hamilton East.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI — Hawera, Patea, Eltham-Kaponga.

NELSON — Blenheim, Murchison, Greymouth.

NORTH CANTERBURY — Christchurch East.

SOUTH CANTERBURY — Geraldine-Temuka.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND — West Dunedin, Milton-Lawrence.

In addition to the above, Minute Books, etc., have been received from the North Canterbury District Synod, North Canterbury Lay Preachers' Association and Leigh Camp Trust and various books and papers.

With negotiations for Church Union proceeding, we would urge on all Trusts and Quarterly Meetings the desirability of forwarding to the Connexional Office all records no longer in use and likely to be of historical value.

B—History

During the year, Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., did some valuable research work on the history of Primitive Methodism in New Zealand (1900-1913). He has compiled—in a very clear and interesting way—much information, factual and otherwise, that will be of assistance to writers of historical brochures in years to come.

Mr Blight is now engaged in collecting information that might form the basis of a history of our City Missions and related social service agencies.

The Committee is desirous of collecting **current** church bulletins, copies of preaching plans, quarterly magazines, etc., likely to contain references to personalities and events that will be of interest to future historians. In this connection, the co-operation of the ministers of the Nelson District has already been sought. We draw the attention of other Districts to this method of assisting future historians; interested laymen are being approached in both the Northland and the South Canterbury Districts for assistance in collecting material for these two Districts.

We would be interested to receive any diaries or any record of their personal experiences in circuits that Supernumerary Ministers like to write up for us. There must be a wealth of historical material that our Supernumeraries have preserved in papers belonging to them and in their memories. And there could be no better time than the present for letting us have a record of it all!

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Early Church Records

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 58.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

1A—Church Union Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

LOCATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Following the decision of the Conference last year the Church Union Committee has been located in Auckland with personnel being drawn from the surrounding Districts. This has enabled the Committee to meet more frequently at less expense to the Connexion and should in time result in a greater continuity of its life and allow a fuller participation of its members in its work. Three meetings have so far been held this year.

THE JOINT COMMISSION AND ITS STUDY COMMITTEES

Material continues to be sent to the Committee from the Commission and its Study Committees and an important aspect of the Committee's work is to take appropriate action on such material. A survey is here given of the work of the Study Committees and the action of our Committee, where appropriate, is indicated.

1. The Faith of the Church:

The Commission adopted the revised statement of 'The Faith We Affirm Together' and sent it to the Churches for their approval. It differs only in minor details from the statement presented last year. The Faith and Order Committee has, on behalf of the Church Union Committee, studied the document and recommends to the Church that it be approved.

2. The Sacraments Committee:

The Church Union Committee has received the document 'Sponsors in Baptism' from the Commission. Certain issues have been raised and the Committee seeks clarification. The Sacraments Committee is continuing its study of 'Sponsors in Baptism' and is also giving its attention to the policy of the united church in respect of the sacramental ordinances.

3. The Ministry Committee:

The Ministry Committee is engaged in formulating a statement on the eldership. This statement is necessary to ensure that the office of the elder or its equivalent in the united church should adequately safeguard the positive aspects of eldership as contained in the Presbyterian Church. This Committee is also in consultation with the Worship Committee as the latter seeks to formulate the service for the Unification of the Ministry.

4. The Worship Committee:

This Committee has the task of formulating the service for the unification of the ministry. This work calls for liturgical sensitivity and theological insight as so many of the cross currents of theological opinion meet at this point.

5. The Life and Mission of the Church:

This Committee has been established only recently and its order of reference is to examine the nature of the Christian witness for the present day. The work of this Committee must increase in volume and importance as the negotiating churches realise more fully that union and renewal must go hand in hand.

6. The Committee on Theological Training:

This Committee has, after some very fine work, been able to formulate an agreed syllabus for theological training. It has received the approval of the Commission to commence examining for the Diploma Licentiate in Theology this year. It will be necessary for Synods and Conference to endorse the action of the Commission.

The Committee has yet to give attention to the work of its sub-committees on (a) Multi-racial training (b) Deaconess Training (c) Lay Training and it is to be hoped that these sub-committees will be soon in a position to report to the Commission.

7. The Committee on Administration and Finance:

This Committee has the work of seeking ways and means whereby the many practical areas of the churches' life can be co-ordinated. To this end they have had consultations on such things as church papers, the Mission Boards, Superannuation Funds, Book-rooms and financial allocations to the J.C.C.U.

8. Committee on Legal and Property Matters:

This Committee is at work ascertaining the legal problems associated with union. They cover a wide range and at present they are surveying the field of their work.

9. The Committee on Women's Organisations:

This Committee is at the fact finding stage, gathering information as to how the Women's groups function within the different negotiating churches.

10. The Committee on Church Government:

The report of this Committee is now before the churches who are asked to make their recommendations concerning suggested alterations through their Church Union Committees to the Commission. The suggestions of the Methodist Committee will be drawn up after replies have been received from Circuit Quarterly Meetings. It is hoped that Quarterly Meetings will take the opportunity of discussing the report with the Vestries, Sessions, etc., of the other churches at the local level. This gives a good opportunity to meet with these groups on a common level of practical discussion.

A survey of the work of these Committees reveals a great amount of work taking place throughout the country. The pattern of their findings is beginning to take shape. The Commission believes that there is no alternative to this painstaking work. The end of it is not, however, to produce neat statements but to pave the way to union. The Church must play its part and receive the documents seriously and seek by study, prayer and action to criticise, uphold, and strengthen the work that is taking place.

CONSULTATION ON MAORI WORK

The Commission has long been aware of the need of fuller participation by the Maori people in the negotiations and to facilitate

this called a consultation of the Maori members of the negotiating churches which was held at Ohope in February. To enable their work to continue committees have been set up as follows—

Theological/Lay Training—Auckland

The Ministry/Team Ministries—Waikato-Maniapoto

Worship—Rotorua

The Gospel and Culture—Hawke's Bay

Christian Education—Wellington

It is hoped that some at least of these committees will be able to report to the Commission after the next consultation in August.

UNITED VENTURES

The Committee is frequently approached concerning proposed united work of one kind or another. It is the considered opinion of the Committee that when Circuits are contemplating such steps they should have a clear picture of the possibilities within the context of the negotiations and also realise the respective merits of the various schemes. The following is a summary of possibilities—

1. Joint Use of Buildings:

This should involve more than its title denotes and the ideal is to unite for all acts of worship and witness that are at present possible. For the present it means, in effect combining for everything except the Anglican service of Holy Communion and the Baptismal Service of the Associated Churches of Christ. This scheme is the first preference of the Committee as it involves all of the negotiating churches and in any particular area does not give to any one church the feeling that it is being excluded. The Committee, however, does not greatly favour schemes whereby separate activities are carried out in the same set of buildings as it feels that we have moved well beyond this fairly superficial type of co-operation.

2. Union Parishes:

This, now well established pattern, is the second choice of the Committee and is applicable where the Anglicans do not wish, for one reason or another, to participate. The strength of the Union Parish lies in the fact that each participating church is fully recognised and can bring something of its own ethos into the cause.

3. Reciprocal Membership Churches:

These virtually mean that the membership of one or more of the churches comes under the pastoral care and jurisdiction of the 'host' church. There is, therefore, not the dialogue between varying traditions, and the scheme may not favour a growth in mutual understanding.

It is realised that it is not always possible to achieve the highest degree of co-operation and integration and Circuits have to be guided by the situation in which they find themselves.

At present the National Committee on Church Extension is engaged in formulating an agreed constitution for the Joint Use of Buildings scheme and is revising the Model Constitution for Union Parishes and these will be printed in the Minutes of Conference when available. In the meantime the Model Constitution for Union

Parishes is to be found in the Minutes of Conference 1949. Note that clause 4 under 'Polity' is now redundant. The 'Hillsborough' pattern, which is really the Reciprocal Membership Agreement, is in the Minutes of Conference 1958.

In the past the Church Union Committee and the Home Mission Department have separately considered proposals forwarded by Circuits for consideration. This has caused any negotiations to be cumbersome and has made it more difficult for Circuits to know just where they stand. The Church Union Committee and the Home Mission Department now have a combined Committee to carry out this work. Ministers and Circuits are asked to forward their proposals to the Superintendent of Home Missions with a copy to the Convener of the Church Union Committee. It is also very necessary for Circuits to keep the Chairman of the District and the Synod Standing Committee informed concerning any projected move. Replies will be forwarded by the Home Mission Department on behalf of the combined Committee. Naturally the Union Committee is still available to answer any questions which are addressed specifically to the Committee.

While rejoicing in the growing desire of the Circuits to face realistically the problems of disunity the Committee would point out that there are many ways in which a large degree of co-operation can be secured. Each application for a formal scheme must be looked at in the light of the total situation relating to our negotiations. Probably in the future we should see a much greater degree of combined activity in such things as Men's and Women's Fellowships, Christian Education, Evangelism, Team Ministries, as such co-operation has a flexibility which fits far better into the spirit of change and experimentation, which characterises the life of the Church at the present time. (See also the report of the Home Mission Department).

SECRETARY TO THE JOINT COMMISSION

The Commission has appointed the Rev. J. E. Stewart, M.A., to the position of full time secretary. This marks a real step forward in the life of the Commission, and should enable its work to be carried out with greater effectiveness. Mr Stewart, a Presbyterian Minister at present in charge of the Kelburn Parish, has given devoted service to the work of the Commission, serving as he has as its Chairman. He brings to his new task a disciplined mind, a spirit of charity, unfailing patience, and an ability to pursue the goal of unity. He undertakes his work with the full confidence of the Committee and with the prayers and support of the Methodist Church.

THE FUTURE

The Committee is well aware of controversies that have arisen in the life of churches over recent years, but it is also conscious of the continuing and growing desire for union in the life of the churches. If the report of the Church Government Committee receives general approval the ground has been virtually cleared for the preparation of the Basis of Union. To ensure that this work does not lag the Commission is planning to hold three meetings during the coming year. Add to this the willingness of the churches to commit themselves more fully through the appointment of the full time secretary and this should be enough to show the seriousness of our intentions. We trust that the time of decision and positive action will not be too long delayed.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of \$926 be made towards the secretarial and administrative expenses of the J.C.C.U.
3. That Conference endorses the action of the Commission in approving the introduction of the syllabus for the Diploma Licentiate in Theology in 1968.
4. That Conference approves the statement of 'The Faith We Affirm Together' and recommends that it be included in the Basis of Union.
5. That the Methodist representatives on the Joint Commission for 1969 be the Revs. C. D. Clark, W. F. Ford, J. J. Lewis, A. K. Petch, P. A. Stead, R. D. Rakena, W. J. Morrison and Mr R. T. Garlick.
6. That the Methodist Church Union Committee be asked to consider more adequate lay representation on the Joint Commission and the Church Union Committee.
7. That the Convener for 1969 be the Rev. W. J. Morrison and that Conference records its great appreciation of his services.
8. That Conference ask the Church Union Committee in consultation with The Faith and Order Committee to bring to Synod and Conference 1969 a positive statement as to the policy and practice of the Methodist Church with regard to the receiving of Confirmed Members of the Anglican Church and the Associated Churches of Christ into membership of the Methodist Church.
9. Conference commends the J.C.C.U. on the positive steps made towards Church Union and assures them of the church's prayerful support.
10. Conference expresses its deep pleasure at the appointment of Rev. J. E. Stewart, M.A., as full time Secretary of the J.C.C.U. and assures Mr Stewart of its confidence in him and of its prayers as he continues to give leadership in this important and urgent task.
11. That the J.C.C.U. be asked to encourage the negotiating Churches in terms of The Act of Commitment to further common action at the local level, as far as possible in harmony with the proposals in The J.C.C.U.'s Report on Church Government concerning the parish and its councils.
12. That the Methodist Church Union Executive Committee be as printed on page 6 herein.

Methodist Transport Trust Board

BI-ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

FINANCES

The Audited Financial Statements will be presented to Conference along with this Report.

At June 30, 1968, 56 ministers were repaying advances on cars. The total amount in car advances was \$31,682.

Monthly repayments continue to be at the rate of \$3.75 per \$200 advanced on new cars and \$6 per \$200 advanced on second-hand cars. Under the Hire Purchase Agreement, the Board is not able to take security on the car itself hence the need for two guarantors.

Interest continues to be charged at the rate of 4½% and is adjusted quarterly. The Board is grateful to Circuits, other Trusts and individuals who have made loans available at low rates of interest to ministers who have been on the waiting list for loans from the Transport Trust Board.

The Bank of New Zealand has continued to be most co-operative in providing financial accommodation but has had to limit the overdraft to \$5400.

The Department of Christian Education had to ask for the repayment of its low interest loan when the erection of its building commenced in Wellington. The Board is grateful for its interest and financial support over the years.

In an endeavour to add to its loan monies, the Board contacted a good number of Trusts and Boards during the year seeking assistance by way of grants and loans at a low rate of interest to be treated as deposits at call. The Methven Trust responded to this appeal with a loan at 4 per cent. of \$800. The Home Mission Investment Funds Board readily made available two loans at 3½% of \$1000 each. The Home Mission Board has been interested in the Transport Trust Board since its inception and has over the years accepted responsibility for the provision of cars for its full-time workers. This latest gesture is much appreciated.

The Transport Trust Board made application through the Church Council for a portion of the Development Fund (1969-70). It was gratified to know that the Church Council is recommending to Conference that 25% of the Development Fund will be made available to it as an increase to its working capital. (At June 30, 1968 the capital of the Fund amounted to \$3041).

The Board is convinced that, if the Transport Trust Board is to be in a position in years to come to make loans available to ministers and other full-time workers at low rates of interest immediately the monies are required to meet payments to the motor firms, then the capital of the Fund must be built up to at least \$10,000.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

The Board wishes to emphasize that the responsibility for providing the means of transport for the minister in his labours in the Circuit lies with the Circuit Quarterly Meeting and not with the minister! One of the duties of Circuit Stewards is to "Provide adequate transport for the efficient working of the Circuit." The minister is required to be paid a travelling allowance according to

the scale approved by the Conference from time to time. The Board would draw the attention of all ministers and all officials of the Circuit Quarterly Meetings to the need for consultation and action on the means of transport and the necessary allowances.

The Board is investigating the question of ownership of cars whether it is preferable for the minister or the Circuit to own the car. The Board hopes to report to Conference.

The Board is concerned that several probationers have had to raise large loans to purchase cars for use in their first appointments. The Board is seeking information on the operation of Transport Funds in other Churches, especially as it affects the purchase of a minister's first car.

For the information of Circuit Stewards/Treasurers the scale of travelling allowances is again to be published in the Minutes. A minimum travelling allowance for scooters has been included, as this is a form of transport that is quite adequate for some suburban appointments.

As requested by Church Council, the Board is having a memorandum prepared for distribution to all Ministers and Circuit Quarterly Meetings. The Board invites submissions and suggestions.

RESOLUTIONS OF 1966 CONFERENCE

(Minutes p. 211)

"That the Transport Trust Board investigate the possibility of using Overseas Funds for the supply of new vehicles and report to Synods and Conference".

None of the Funds administered at the Connexional Office has Overseas Funds at its disposal. Inquiries of other Departments in the Church revealed that none of them have Overseas Funds which it would be permissible to use for this purpose in accordance with the Government regulations.

Furthermore, there has been little evidence that, during the last two years, ministers have had any real difficulty in obtaining suitable cars.

The Transport Trust Board, therefore, has not taken any further action in this matter.

"That the Transport Trust Board make investigations and report to Synods and Conference regarding the hire of cars to ministers, as an alternative to ownership. (N.B. Investigations would need to incorporate two or three different types of cars to provide some choice for the differing needs of ministers)."

The Transport Trust Board has given some thought to the issues involved and hopes to be able to report to Conference.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman

W. R. LAWS, Secretary

C. R. HASSELDINE, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Circuits and Departments be asked to adhere to the following scale of travelling allowances:—

Annual Mileage		Small Car (under 1000 c.c. cylinder capacity) per mile	Medium Car (1000 - 2000 c.c. cylinder capacity) per mile	Large Car (over 2000 c.c. cylinder capacity) per mile
		\$	\$	\$
First thousand miles	.....	0.0780	0.0930	0.1040
Second	" "	0.0690	0.0815	0.0920
Third	" "	0.0640	0.0760	0.0860
Fourth	" "	0.0600	0.0720	0.0820
Fifth	" "	0.0565	0.0680	0.0780
Sixth	" "	0.0535	0.0640	0.0740
Seventh	" "	0.0515	0.0615	0.0700
Eighth	" "	0.0500	0.0600	0.0680
Thereafter	.....	0.0490	0.0575	0.0680

if more than two passengers are carried the above rates are increased by one cent per mile.

MOTOR CYCLES AND SCOOTERS

	Not more than 60 c.c.	Over 60 c.c. & not more than 350 c.c.	Over 350 c.c.
First 4000 miles p.a.	0.0220	0.0335
Mileage in excess of 4000 p.a.	0.0205	0.0300
			0.0420
			0.0370

Minimum Payments:

Small Car	.....	\$240 p.a.
Medium Car	.....	\$270 p.a.
Large Car	.....	\$300 p.a.
Scooter (if sole mode of transport)	.....	\$100 p.a.

3. That the question relating to Circuit Transport be placed on the agenda of the Quarterly Meeting. (Note: at present, it occurs in the agenda of the Circuit Finance Committee). The Law Revision Committee to make the necessary amendments to the Law.

4. That the Transport Trust Board consider the recommended minimum payments of travelling allowance being increased by approximately 10%. Note: This increase is of the same proportion as the increase in mileage allowance over the first few thousand miles.

5. That the Board for 1969 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 58.—3

Finance and Stewardship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1968

Consequent to the Stewardship Consultation held in December, 1966, and the transfer of the Budget Treasurer work to the General Treasurer at Christchurch, the Finance and Stewardship Committee has examined its activities with a view to ascertaining whether the present policies were still related to those as originally conceived and approved by Conference. This was done under three main headings:

1. Functions of the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
2. The overall conception of stewardship as envisaged by the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

3. Stewardship in the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the following statements have been drawn up as a guide for the Committee, and, we hope, for the whole Church, as further development and education in the stewardship field is brought to light.

1—FUNCTIONS OF THE FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Historical:

The Finance and Stewardship Committee is required, in terms of the Law Book, to—

- (a) Stimulate and promote stewardship within the Church and advise Districts and circuits on all matters relating thereto.
- (b) Enquire from the Treasurers of all Connexional Funds, Departments, Institutions and Committees concerning their financial requirements for each ensuing year.
- (c) Draft the Connexional Budget, including the basis of District assessments, for submission to the Conference Committee of Detail.
- (d) Supervise and administer the Connexional Budget.
- (e) Present to Synods and Conference an annual report, and to Conference annual financial statements duly audited.

The duties of the Executive Officer, as approved by Conference 1958, included collaboration with other Departments or Boards in making stewardship literature available to the Church. It would seem desirable to make this explicit in the Law Book.

In recent years the Committee has been required to recommend to the President what action should be taken on appeals of a Connexional nature between Conferences—a responsibility not mentioned in the Law Book. Another quite recent development has been that the General Treasurer, on behalf of the Committee, receives the sums due under the Connexional Budget and disburses them to Departments, Funds, etc.

The Future:

It seems fairly evident that the functions of the Committee, within the foreseeable future at least, will include those listed in the first paragraph of this section of the Report. The Law Book should be amended to make clear that some of these responsibilities are now discharged by the General Treasurer as agent of the Committee.

There should also be added to the Committee's functions, as set out in the Law Book, another such as—

“Recommend to the President of Conference action to be taken in respect of suggested financial appeals of a Connexional nature which arise between Conferences”.

Also, there should be added to (a) mentioned in the first paragraph hereof—“including collaboration with other Departments or Boards in making stewardship literature and other teaching and information media available”.

It also appears from comments made from time to time—notably at the Stewardship Consultation meeting held in December 1966—that there is a need for more teaching and training in stewardship at the local Church level. This is particularly necessary if stewardship work is not to be confined to triennial visits of Directors for missions. This activity is implicit in the Committee's functions as outlined in (a)—the Law Book. But perhaps it should be made explicit.

To sum up, it appears that the Committee may be in the position today where its functions as laid down in the Law Book are, with the two or three additions already mentioned, adequately defined; but a change of emphasis is called for. Having managed to get the machinery of budgeting and financial stewardship operating fairly well at Circuit, District and Connexional levels, it must now give more attention to ensuring that this machinery is kept well oiled to aid its smooth running. In other words, sustained policies of information, education, training and discussion must be worked out and put into operation. This may involve setting up of sub-committees to assume definite responsibilities in these areas.

2—THE OVERALL CONCEPTION OF STEWARDSHIP AS ENVISAGED BY THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Review:

(1) Until the 1950s stewardship as a Biblical doctrine received little attention in preaching and teaching. It was not often emphasised as an aspect of Christian discipleship with very practical application.

During the same period, financial support for the Church was on a very cursory basis. Many congregations had an "envelope system" which encouraged the hard core of the membership to be regular and systematic in their giving. There was little challenge given to be more sacrificial. Any initiative to change current attitudes was left to the minister and the sermon. Some, who took that initiative, were criticised for being materialistic or mercenary.

(2) In the 1950s Wells' and similar organisations introduced a new approach to church fund-raising involving:—

(a) lifting the sights of people as to possible standards of giving
(b) planning and undertaking a fund-raising programme with commercial-like efficiency and professional charges for their service

(c) using the Biblical doctrine of stewardship to motivate people.

(3) As with everything responsible persons do, there were defects as well as positive values in that approach:—

(a) it was felt to be too much of a commercial enterprise introduced from outside the church
(b) the inflexibility of the programme made some people feel that they were merely tools
(c) the doctrinal basis was too insecure and often appeared to be accepted, mainly because it was effective in motivating people to give.

(4) In order to develop a more church-grown and faith-based programme, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, since 1962, has employed its own stewardship staff. Other denominations have developed their own programme, such as "every member canvasses" and "new life campaigns".

Our Church's decision has been amply justified by the results achieved in the lives of those taking part as visitors or pledged givers; in the placing of church finance on a more adequate and secure basis; in establishing a follow-up programme of lay visitation; and in the success of the Connexional budget.

Guide-lines for the future:

(1) (a) We can continue to think of "stewardship" in these terms—Christian stewardship is the glad giving, sacrificially and systematically, of our time, abilities and material possessions in gratitude to God for His gifts to us through the world and in Christ.

(b) We could recognise that the promotion of all aspects of stewardship is the responsibility of more than one committee or department, (e.g. Board of Evangelism, Christian Education Department, Finance and Stewardship Committee). Greater co-operation is needed in such matters as promoting lay visitation.

(2) The main emphasis of the Finance and Stewardship Committee's work should remain as fund-raising, or the stewardship of possessions—Reasons:—

(a) In our acquisitive, affluent society where the pressure is on getting and owning, the Church must challenge people to give sacrificially and exercise a personal discipline in these things.

(b) For Christians to be active and effective in the world it will be essential that they gather together for worship, learning or training, support, planning. These gathered activities will require specialist resource-persons (ordained ministry) and facilities (e.g., places to meet), both of which call for finance. The Church need not feel guilty about putting these financial needs to people along with the wider activities of the Connexion, such as Overseas Missions.

(3) In our presentation of the challenge of the stewardship of money we should remember that all our spending should be giving to God. Sometimes we have wrongly identified God and the Church so that only what we give to the Church is seen as giving to God. In a society in which we accept communal responsibility for, say, health, education and roading, paying our taxes is giving to God. This does not excuse us from the challenge of sacrificial giving for the Church's work, but it should widen our concept of giving to God.

(4) We shall always need to watch that our stewardship emphasis does not contradict the Gospel. The good news of our faith is that we are saved, not by works or sacrificial giving, but by the unearned love of God. It is all-too-easy to give the impression that the person who gives more is more committed to Christ. This would be as mistaken as to suggest that one's commitment to Christ has nothing to do with one's giving, earning or spending.

Because of this danger or legalism we should continue to be wary about the advocacy of tithing as a standard. Also, in our complex economic society it is the amount remaining for personal spending and comfort which is more significant than the amount given to the Church.

(5) There could well be special emphasis in the local church's programme other than stewardship promoted by the same careful planning, use of visiting resource-persons, e.g., What do we believe? What does it mean for Christians in 20th century New Zealand to love their neighbour? How committed are we to Christ and His way—how can we be more committed? Family Life Weeks.

Some of the resistance to recurring stewardship missions could be due to the fact that this is the only part of our faith we are giving this much-needed emphasis.

3—STEWARDSHIP IN THE METHODIST CHURCH OF N.Z.

During the six years that the Methodist Church has employed its own stewardship directors it has been necessary to make many changes in the programme as first introduced by the Wells Organisation, and it is the aim of the Finance and Stewardship Committee to blend the stewardship mission into the normal life of the church.

Largely this aim has been achieved, but the criticism has been made, and it could be true, that in our anxiety to not disturb our people too much, we are losing the 'cutting edge' of the stewardship mission.

It is agreed by both the Committee and its directors that this could, to some extent, be overcome with more work and stewardship education being undertaken by both ministry and laymen during the period between missions, and not left entirely to the director to 'hammer' the stewardship concept in the short time he is in a circuit.

Changes have also been made in the organisational side, mainly in reducing much of the paper work without loss of efficiency, and, together with a very concentrated period of visiting, these have resulted in a much shorter mission with consequent reduction in cost to circuits.

The following is a brief outline of the stewardship programme as carried out today—

- ★ **Planning Meeting:** This meeting is rarely held now as the majority of circuits, having previously had stewardship missions, usually write in to book for a review mission, or quite often book with the director for a review mission in three years' time.
- ★ **Pre-Mission Meeting:** This meeting was introduced in 1967 and has proved most worthwhile both to circuit and director. Wherever possible, the director attends for preliminary discussion, and arrangements for the organisation are set in motion, and recruitment problems studied. In this way circuits are reminded that the mission is close at hand, and people also have the opportunity of making the acquaintance of the director, and he in turn can assess the circuit and get the feeling of things in general.
- ★ **Hostesses:** An initial letter is sent to all earning units on the circuit's family roll advising them of the mission and inviting them to the special Stewardship Service. The hostess follows up this letter with a personal visit to encourage attendance. Her work is that of contact, and she is not required to answer questions regarding cost, etc.
- ★ **Sunday Stewardship Service:** This is now the focal point of the mission, replacing 'dinners' and other weeknight functions. It is followed with a brief period of fellowship over a cup of tea.
- ★ **Pledging:** During the period of fellowship following the Service, opportunity is given for those wishing to do so to make their pledge, particularly those who have been on stewardship for some time. This is meeting with excellent response.
- ★ **Visiting of Families:** The men of the visiting team are urged, wherever possible, to complete most of their visits on the afternoon and evening following the special service. Results have proved that this is the best visiting time, with circuits completing 50% or more of the visits by the Sunday evening. More men are willing to participate on this basis, with a saving of time for them and a saving in cost to their church. (People are advised by letter and also at the Service, to expect a church visitor that day, and, if possible, to be at home when he calls).
- ★ **Men's Meetings:** Only three training meetings are usually held now, and sometimes only two in the case of ten-day or two-week missions. This allows the director more time for personal visiting to assist in recruitment of visitors, and attention to problems that arise. The pre-mission meeting also assists the director in this way, as much of the routine office work can be completed before his arrival in the circuit.

★ **Advantages of this programme:**

- (a) It allows for greater participation by people in initial preparations.
- (b) Reduces the hectic rush of work when the director arrives.
- (c) More men participate as visitors as they can do a fair share, even if only on the Stewardship Sunday. (Pledging after the Service definitely reduces the number of visits to be made).
- (d) Contrary to opinions expressed by many, Sunday is proving to be a very suitable day for the visiting, and the Sunday Service also reaches more 'members', particularly 'inactive members', although 'fringe' folk do not attend the service as well as to a dinner.

★ **Cost Factor:** The question of the cost for a Stewardship Mission is one that exercises the minds of many of our people, but it is well to note that the cost of any programme covers several factors and not just the period when the director is present with the circuit or church. The initial meeting, the pre-mission meeting, follow-up meetings on lay visitation and the travelling involved for attending these meetings are all covered in the one charge. In addition, the executive officer or the field directors are available during the ensuing 3-year period for 'on-the-spot' consultations. The fee also covers all staff salaries, travelling, superannuation and cost of maintaining the stewardship office.

The question of stewardship missions becoming a charge on all circuits through the Connexional budget has been raised, but at this stage it is not a practical suggestion—to add approximately \$18,000 to the budget for this purpose would not be acceptable to the Church.

Suggestions for the improvement of stewardship 'attitudes':

- 1. Studies on 'practical stewardship' at Trinity College, ministerial Synods, and in circuits by means of seminars or retreats.
- 2. Leaders' meetings be urged to continue stewardship education in their churches between missions, rather than concentrating on the subject only at the time of a stewardship mission.
- 3. Regular meetings or retreats for laymen, particularly the Lay Visitation Chairmen and Continuation Programme Directors. These could be carried out at District level, or with a group of circuits within a District.
- 4. The executive officer, or a field director, to be available for attendance at seminars or retreats, or to visit circuits on an organised basis for pep talks and general encouragement.

The continuing need for Stewardship Directors:

Circuits still respond far more readily to the challenge and leadership of an outside Director than to that of a local man, and for this reason there will be the need for the Committee's field directors for some time to come.

LAY VISITATION

The Finance and Stewardship Committee has always stressed the need for an effective lay visitation programme following every stewardship mission. With the new constitution of the Leaders' Meeting, the Pastoral Committee would be the ideal vehicle for the responsibility of a continuing visitation programme—not necessarily just to follow a stewardship mission, although this does provide impetus for people to carry on with this work of concern for others.

1967:

STEWARDSHIP MISSIONS

During 1967 the Committee's directors carried out stewardship missions in 32 circuits and churches, with an average gain of 66% in pledged giving. As indicated in the Committee's 1967 Report, the trend was towards individual churches within circuits having stewardship missions, and this has definitely been the case in the latter part of 1967 and in 1968, with beneficial results.

1968

By the end of May, 1968, fourteen missions had been completed, with another 20 planned. The average gain in pledged giving for the 14 programmes was 43%, this being exceptionally good in view of the economic situation.

FILMSTRIP AND TAPE

Conference 1966 requested that the Finance and Stewardship Committee prepare a further filmstrip and tape. The production 'Forth into the World' was completed and distributed to all circuits in June 1968. This filmstrip shows the work of the Church in many fields, and it is hoped that circuits will make full use of this material for education, training and study groups.

S. N. ROBERTS, Chairman

E. G. FLYGER, Executive Officer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements of the Finance and Stewardship Committee be received and adopted.

2. That the Report of the Budget Treasurer be received and adopted.

3. That the 1969/70 Connexional Budget for the period 1st July, 1969 to 30th June 1970 amounting to \$355,442 be adopted.

Requested Allocated

	\$	\$
Supernumerary Fund	30,045	30,045
Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	686	686
Deaconess Retiring Fund	5,109	5,109
Lay Missionaries Retiring Fund	3,240	3,240
Removal Expenses	12,000	11,000
Children's Fund	10,000	10,000
Contingent Fund	20,000	17,940
Board of Management of Connexional Office	2,800	2,800
New Zealand Methodist	12,000	12,000
Overseas Mission Department	91,508	95,703
Home Mission Department—General	84,975	90,358
—Chaplaincies	3,640	3,640
Department of Christian Education	18,000	18,650
Trinity College	13,532	13,000
Development Fund	32,000	16,000
Children's Homes—Auckland	1,000	500
—Masterton	4,000	4,000
—South Island	6,500	3,500
N.Z.M.S.S.A.	7,200	6,480
Deaconess Institution	1,330	800
Finance and Stewardship Committee	1,000	—

\$360,565 \$345,451

Miscellaneous Causes

N.C.C.	1,980	1,980
N.C.C. — TV	1,334	1,334
W.C.C.	814	814
N.Z. Council of Christian Education	800	800
N.C.C. Prison Chaplaincy	60	60
Armed Forces Chaplaincy	150	150
N.Z. Alliance	400	200
National Society on Alcoholism	50	50
Religious Film Society	500	500
Varsity Chaplaincies — Auckland	50	Leave to District
(Wellington)	240	
Present grants (Christchurch)	350	
to 31/12/69 (Dunedin)	370	
(Waikato)	200	100
(New system N.C.C. Chaplaincies—3 qtrs)		1,275
Lay Preachers' Association	—	—
Spiritual Advance Committee	100	100
Board of Publications	362	154
Overseas Travel Fund	1,000	1,000
Joint Commission on Church Union	926	926
E.A.C.C.	68	68
	<u>\$370,319</u>	<u>\$355,442</u>

4. That the 1969/70 Connexional Budget District Allocations be as under—

	\$
Northland	8,535
Auckland	73,398
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	47,628
Taranaki-Wanganui	26,124
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	37,499
Wellington	42,120
Nelson	19,016
North Canterbury	59,181
South Canterbury	19,371
Otago-Southland	22,570
	<u>\$355,442</u>

5. That as Conference has allowed a further increase in stipends over and above the 5% included in the 1969/70 Budget figure, the additional amounts required for the Departments and Funds represented on the Connexional Budget be added to the original total of \$348,994, making \$355,442.

6. That the Standing Committee allocate the total amount of stipend increases required for the Departments and Funds to Districts on a pro rata basis (See Resolution 4 for figures so amended).

7. That Conference appoint a special committee to examine the present method of determining the Connexional Budget each year and to re-examine the strategy and policy of the Church in relation to the Budget and also the Allocation to Districts so that the report of the Committee can go to Church Council 1969.

(a) That the Committee be:—

Revs. P. A. Stead (Chairman), W. F. Ford, C. R. Marshall, B. K. Rowe, K. H. Russell, Messrs W. A. Mullan, F. N. Claridge, Dr R. S. Deane, M. O. Boniface and C. B. Radcliffe (Convener).

Consultant: Mr E. C. Flyger.

Corresponding Members: The Vice-President, Messrs R. T. Garlick, C. R. Shoosmith, C. R. Hasseldine, A. Marshall, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, and the General Secretary.

8. That the Credit Balance of \$1,332.16 shown in the Connexional Budget Account at 17th July, 1968, be carried forward to the next year.

9. That the Committee of Detail on Finance and Stewardship shall meet in Wellington on 30th September and 1st October, 1969.

10. That the Law Revision Committee be asked to bring down amendments to the Law to implement the suggestions made in the Report under the sub-heading — 'The Future'.

11. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the work previously done by Mr G. G. Slater as Budget Treasurer, particularly in the formation and initiation of the Budget system. Mr Slater's devotion to the task was the means whereby the launching of the Connexional Budget system was successfully accomplished.

12. That Conference record appreciation of Mr E. C. Flyger's work as Acting Budget Treasurer following Mr Slater's accident in 1964.

13. That the Standing Committee for 1969 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 58.—3

Budget Treasurer's Report

1—1967/68 CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

(a) At 15 July, 1968, the 1967/68 Budget was paid to the extent of 97.47%. This is very slightly below the 98.05% paid at 10th July, 1967.

This result is gratifying, many Circuits having achieved a full payment of their allocations by additional payments in the last quarter of the year.

The District positions are set out in Table 1.

Table 1

Connexional Budget Payments by Districts 1967/68

District	Allocation (including District expenses where Percentage		Outstanding at 15/7/68
	applicable)	Paid	
	\$		\$
Northland	8,196	94.5%	456
Auckland	72,240	99.6%	318
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	46,458	98.8%	589
Taranaki-Wanganui	25,110	94.0%	1376
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	36,330	97.8%	824
Wellington	40,704	98.8%	594
Nelson	18,132	94.8%	954
North Canterbury	58,104	94.8%	2973
South Canterbury	18,876	96.8%	610
Otago-Southland	22,360	99.6%	94
	\$347,010		\$8788

Total % Paid 97.47 (Weighted Average)

Although no district has achieved 100% at 15th July, Auckland district may yet do so whilst Otago-Southland is very close to doing so. A number of district percentages are affected by the existence of outstandings from Union Parishes. With some notable exceptions, Union Parishes seem to have had difficulty in meeting Budget allocations.

It is fair to say however that the two of the districts with the lowest percentages are not affected by Union parish allocations.

(b) The position by Circuits are set out in Table 2.

Table 2

District	Number of Circuits	Circuits fully paid at 15/7/68	Circuits not fully paid at 15/7/68
Northland	11	9	2
Auckland	22	21	1
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	26	22	4
Taranaki-Wanganui	13	8	5
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	18	13	5
Wellington	19	14	5
Nelson	10	6	4
North Canterbury	15	9	6
South Canterbury	8	7	1
Otago-Southland	14	13	1
	<hr/> 156	<hr/> 122	<hr/> 34

(c) **Payments to Departments and Funds:**

One Department (Home Missions) and one Fund Development Fund) have not been fully paid for 1967/68 but all other Departments and Funds have been paid 100%.

The small reserves which existed at 30th June, 1967, augmented by \$1706 paid by Circuits in 1967/68 in respect of the 1966/67 budget, have been exhausted and it will only be possible to meet the short payments to the two departments if circuits do overtake their arrears, partially or wholly.

2—REGULARITY OF PAYMENTS BY CIRCUITS

On the whole circuits have co-operated very well in making regular monthly lodgments. With the running down of reserves to negligible proportions, Circuits are asked to continue to pay regularly—otherwise Departments will necessarily have to wait for their allocations or for a part of them.

3—CHANGEOVER OF BUDGET TREASURER

The changeover of the office of Budget Treasurer in April, 1968, was achieved with little difficulty. Circuit notifications came with hardly any exception, to P.O. Box 931, Christchurch. The smooth change over is a tribute to the excellent work of my predecessors Mr G. G. Slater and Mr E. C. Flyger as well as the Standing Committee domiciled in Wellington.

C. R. HASSELDINE, Budget Treasurer

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received and adopted.

4—Commission on Church Finances

Conference 1966 (1966 Minutes Page 217 Resolution 9) set up this Commission by the following Resolution which originated with the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail.

"That in view of the fact that it appears inevitable that the amount of the Connexional Budget must be increased each year if the Church is to meet its basic commitments, and if it is to enlarge and intensify its work in our expanding and changing Society, this Committee recommends to Conference that a special Finance Committee be set up forthwith, comprising the following: Rev. W. R. Laws, (Connexional Secretary), Rev. B. M. Chrystall, (Superintendent H.M. Department), Rev. W. R. Francis and Messrs A. Marshall, A. L. Fox, R. Shoosmith, D. A. White and R. T. Garlick (Convener).

This Committee to review all the financial policies of the Church with special attention to the following:

- (a) The powers that Boards and Committees have over their funds and the distribution of the same and their powers to initiate new work without first obtaining authority.
- (b) The method by which Committees and Funds are to apply to the Budget Committee of Detail for grants.
- (c) What principles and priorities are to be used by the Budget Committee of Detail in constructing the Budget.
- (d) The principles by which circuits should be bound in disbursing all Circuit funds and including any priorities to do so, established between Connexional and local needs.
- (e) To review the composition of the Budget Committee of Detail
- (f) Any matters that may be necessary to enable the Budget Committee of Detail to handle more efficiently its business and administer the financial affairs of the Church.

That this special Committee report initially to the Church Council."

Conference further resolved that the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Commission for its consideration and recommendation. "Believing that the time of the appointment of a General Treasurer is opportune for the establishment of a Connexional Trust Board as outlined in 1964 Minutes (pages 110 to 111) this Conference appoint a Committee to draw up details of operations for submission to Synods and Conference 1967".

The Commission on the specific matters referred to it reports as follows:

A.

"The powers that Boards and Committees have over their funds and the distribution of the same and their powers to initiate new work without first obtaining authority."

It is noted that the powers of Boards and Committees are governed by their constitution as is also the disbursement of their funds so governed. The power to initiate new work is governed in most cases by the prior consents that are necessary, e.g. either from Conference or from its appropriate committees etc. e.g. by the consent required from the Church Building and Loan Fund, and in the case of Social Services by the consent of the New Zealand M.S.S.A. Powers of Standing Committees have also been defined in this

respect and reference is made to 1966 Minutes page 89 Resolution 3 containing new paragraph 353. The provisions of sub-paragraph (3) (b) One of the duties of the Standing Committee shall be to watch "the financial ability of any Circuit to engage upon any undertaking having regard to its total Circuit and Connexional responsibilities e.g. Connexional Budget, extension projects, stipends and travelling allowances, etc.

The Commission considers that the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee should be asked whether with the appointment of a General Treasurer they should not have a finance committee to examine more closely the financial aspects of all matters placed before the committee to assess how such matters will ultimately require support from the Connexional Budget. A Resolution is appended.

B.

"The methods by which Committees and Funds are to apply to the Budget Committee of Detail for Grants."

The Commission felt that while respecting the autonomy of various Trusts who by deed or by resolution of the Conference are directed to apply their income for support of various institutions and work within the Church it is necessary for the Budget Committee to seek help by the supplying of information concerning monies that may be available from time to time.

To enable this to be done the Commission considers that there should be set up a Standing Commission on Property. The personnel to be nominated annually by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for Conference approval. The Commission will meet with Trustees with Connexional Property to confer concerning the administration of such property with special reference to their development and to the investment of funds. This Commission to report to Conference through the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee."

It is suggested that this Commission should act in the same way as the Triennial Visitation of a Circuit. Among the Institutions and Trust Boards affected by this Resolution would be the Children's Homes, the Central Missions etc., the Probert Trust Board, the Prince Albert College Trust Board, Grey Institute Trust, James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Trust, Emsley Trust Board, Kai Iwi Mission Farm Trust, the Robert Gibson Trust Board, etc.

It was further resolved that the Commission recommend to Conference as follows:

1. ALL departments and committees of the Church requiring monies from the Connexional Budget submit estimates to the Budget Committee similar to the present method; the estimates to include—

- (i) Budget figures for the two previous completed years.
- (ii) Actual figures for the two previous completed years.
- (iii) Budget for the current year and amount allocated from the Connexional Budget and any Trusts or Funds.
- (iv) Budget for the following year and amount required ex-Connexional Budget.

All this should be prepared in simple columnar form in round dollars.

- (v) Copy Income and Expenditure accounts, Receipts and Payments account and balance sheet to June last.
- (vi) Any special comments you may wish to make.

It is to be a rule that any alterations in the basis of requests e.g.

increases or variation, be substantiated in writing to allow the Committee to weigh such requests in the light of the total budget sum for the year.

2. THE Committee or Trust administering property or funds with an income under a Trust Deed etc. providing for a specific destination of the available income to Funds or Committees applying to the Budget for support, be asked to submit their estimated distributions for two years ahead together with any special comments affecting the amounts stated. Where the Trusts are set up outside the Church a statement be sought annually as to the amount intended or anticipated to be made available to the beneficiary in the following year.

Where a beneficiary does not normally make a claim on the Connexional Budget and therefore submits no accounts etc. to the Budget Committee the beneficiary is to submit the same information as any other Committee unless exempted by the Budget Committee.

3. IN the case of a Committee or Trust as in 2 above where no specific destination of surplus income is designated such Committee or Trust to comply with the same provisions as set out in 2 above.

4. THAT a sub-committee of the Finance and Stewardship Committee examine all such submissions made by Funds and Departments for obvious queries etc. and seek answers or amended figures from the Departments or Committees concerned. This work to be done by the sub-committees for the October meeting of the Conference Committee of Detail.

C.

"What principles and priorities are to be used by the Budget Committee of Detail in constructing the Budget."

Historically the Budget has grown out of the erstwhile Connexional Levy for such funds as the Supernumerary and allied funds, Removal Expenses, Children's and Contingent Funds plus those who were granted Conference approval to prosecute annual appeals such as the Home Mission and Overseas Mission Departments, Children's Home and the Department of Christian Education. The Church Extension Appeal began as an annual appeal and has been incorporated in the Budget. Several Committees have had their annual allocation through the Budget while others such as Church Union, Ecumenical Committee, International Affairs Committee, Public Questions Committee and the Radio and T.V. Committees still draw theirs through Contingent Fund grants. Growth of Methodist responsibility ecumenically has seen the inclusion of requests from the N.C.C., W.C.C., N.Z.C.C.E., Chaplaincies of various sorts, N.Z. Alliance, National Society of Alcoholism and the Religious Film Society etc. The Budget sum has grown in seven years from \$265,600 (£132,800) to \$341,980 (£170,990) an increase of roughly 28.8%. It is to be noted that stipends have increased 27.2% over the same period.

In considering the requests of the Departments Committees and Funds there are certain items that must be met — stipends, travelling etc. that cannot be reduced. In addition the Budget Committee has no option but to provide the amounts that have been directed by Resolutions of Conference to be assessed at certain rates e.g. Provisions for Supernumerary Fund, Children's Fund etc.

The Budget is the visible expression of the Church in action and as such represents a considerable achievement. At the same

time the Connexion has to exercise a due sense of stewardship in the uses to which money voluntarily subscribed by the Methodist people is expended.

In nearly every item need has to be balanced against ability to finance, much as is the case of Circuit disbursement of its income. Here, we need to carefully and responsibly balance Connexionalism and the centralising of financial needs against local circuit capacity and the safeguarding of local initiative.

The Church is committed to exercise her manifold ministries as finance permits and the Budget Committee would appear to be the responsible group through which recommendations of this nature are transmitted to Conference.

Basically the Church expects each Board to be responsible in its submissions and budgeting. When the Committee looks at the amount of the total budget and considers it too large for the Connexion to meet, and recourse must be made to deductions the Budget Committee must consider the essential payments that have to be made by the Boards and Committees. e.g. stipends, etc. and what other funds are available to the various Boards from outside sources.

D.

"The principles by which circuits should be bound in disbursing all circuit funds and including any priorities to be established between Connexional and Local needs."

All contributions of our people are voluntarily offered gifts to God for his Church in her varied expressions of Christian concern.

The Commission noted the present provisions of the Law Book as follows:

- (a) Paragraph 286 page 52 "The right to determine the Collections to be made in the Churches and preaching places and the disposal of the same is vested in the Circuit quarterly meeting".
- (b) Paragraph 287 p. 52 "The charges upon the Circuit Fund are:
 - (i) The stipends or allowances of the Ministers,
 - (ii) The levies made by the Conference for all Connexional Funds,
 - (iii) House rent rates and taxes for the Minister's houses or interest or other charges to Trustees in lieu of house rent,
 - (iv) A grant each quarter for the purpose of replenishing the linen, blankets, cutlery and crockery of the Minister as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
 - (v) Adequate means of transport for the efficient working of the circuit,
 - (vi) All other expenses necessary for the efficient working of the circuit.

It should be noted that the matters mentioned in paragraph 287 are not listed as priorities but simply a list of the charges upon the circuit fund.

The Commission notes that the provisions of the law are out of date, since the advent of the Connexional Budget and budgeting in circuits. The present law places no obligation on the circuit fund to maintain trust property. The law must be altered as with budget finance in the circuit, the circuit fund must supply Trusts with the necessary money for the upkeep of trust property.

The Commission therefore resolved as follows:

"In our opinion the first charge in all matters is the payment of stipends of ministers and we note that in the Connexional Budget there is a very large stipend content. Normal maintenance must be carried out, larger maintenance and new buildings can sometimes be deferred. We therefore submit the following priorities:

1. Provision for the Ministry:

- (a) Stipends at Minimum Rates.
- (b) Provisions for Transport to work the Circuit.

Note: Conference has laid down a method of reviewing payments for transport. Conference Minutes 1949 Resolutions 2 and 3 163 ff. 1962 Minutes, pages 216 and 217.

2. Essential Payments:

- (a) Connexional Budget payments.
- (b) Provisions for Circuit Administration, Telephone and Tolls, Postages, Stationery, E.L. Insurance.
- (c) Essential Trust payments: rates, lighting, heat, insurance interest, compulsory mortgage payments.
Basic maintenance of Parsonage including outgoings.

3. Grants for Local Work:

e.g. Sunday School, Choir, Women's Fellowship, etc.

4. Grants to Trusts:

Grants to Trusts for Larger Items of Trust Maintenance e.g. repainting, redecorating, etc.

5. Provisions for Development, Extension, etc:

- (a) There is need for a Circuit Quarterly Meeting to plan adequately for Circuit, Trust and Connexional Requirements and to help in planning for new projects, buildings, etc. and that every Circuit should prepare a Budget of its intended expenditure.
- (b) In financing any new development the Conference draws the attention of Circuits to the Resolution in 1966 Minutes page 89 ff (the new section 353 of the Law Book).
- (c) The Conference also points out that a Circuit which makes applications for loans to the Church Building and Loan Fund and loans or grants from the Home Mission Department shall furnish a budget as to its ability to meet its current commitments in addition to its proposed new commitments.

E.

"To review the composition of the Budget Committee of Detail."

The Commission discussed the composition of the Conference Committee of Detail and voting rights of the various members thereof. The Commission resolved "That the Budget Committee of Detail continue with its present membership. This is a valuable aid in meeting criticism of the Connexional Budget and its allocation to Districts. It is the best representative committee able to assess the ability to pay of both the Connexion and the Districts."

F. Connexional Trust Board

- (i) Conference 1966 referred the following notice of motion to the Commission for its consideration and recommendation.

"Believing that the time of the appointment of a general treasurer is opportune for the establishment of a Connexional Trust Board as outlined in the 1964 Minutes (pp. 110 and 111) this Conference appoint a Committee to draw up the details of operations for submission to Synods and Conference 1967."

The Convener drew the attention of the members of the Commission to the report of the prior Commission as set out in the 1964 Minutes page 108 and the following pages on the setting up of a Church Investment Trust Board.

He reported that Mr T. M. Pacey had advised him that he did not consider it advisable for his Commission to be called together again and that he was happy for this Commission to proceed further in the matter. It was pointed out that the recommendations of Conference 1964 had not been proceeded with due to Mr Pacey's illness and absence from New Zealand. Mr Chrystall reported that as at the 30th June, 1967, the Home Mission Department had through their Investment Fund \$274,000 (£137,000) out in loans to 146 trusts out of which \$234,000 (£117,000) represented monies borrowed from 153 trusts and private individuals at varying rates of interest up to 3½%. The Department holds a Reserve Fund of \$69,600 (£34,800) of which \$54,000 (£27,000) was invested in Government Stock and Local Body Stock for quick realization.

The Commission does not recommend that this matter proceed further.

It is satisfied after considering the existing provisions and activities of the Home Mission Department and the General Purposes Trust Board that sufficient facilities exist with these two Boards to meet all requirements. The ways in which both Boards administer the funds in their possession are sufficiently flexible to meet any situation that arises. The substance of the reports of the two departments is as follows:—

The General Purposes Trust Board reported that in its view the existing facilities were really sufficient and the administration was being accomplished without further staff. If anything at all were needed it was only additional publicity.

The Home Mission Department reported that it was not hard pushed to administer the present scheme. It was pointed out that in 1964 its loans at call on deposit were \$121,206 whereas at the 31st June 1967 these amounts had grown to \$274,000. The Department Investments Fund Board manages all transactions without cost to either depositor or borrower. The costs of administration are therefore NIL. Due to the support given to this scheme the Board sees no real need for another Investment Trust in the Connexion if low interest rates are to be the criteria. The Board pointed out that its loans are made to Trusts at low interest rates because it was borrowing at low interest rates. There is a long waiting list at present for such loans because of the very favourable terms upon which they are given.

G. "The Commission has given some consideration to the matters set out on Page 218, 1966 Minutes under Sub-paragraph (9)."

1. That at District level all funds be banked with and invested by a District Investment Officer".

The Commission has considered the proposal and has no recommendation to make for the following reasons—

- (i) To achieve any degree of success this idea would require the services of a particularly competent man in each Synodal District. All Trusts and Circuits would need to regard him as their banker. This would be a huge job. The Commission considered it so big that no layman (or Minister) could be expected to undertake it on a voluntary basis even in the small districts. We do not consider such a policy practicable within the existing law of the Church.

- (ii) The difficulty of complying with the existing legislation for Trustee Investments under the Trustee Act and Trustee's obligation under the Model Deed.
- (iii) A very important factor would be that an experienced and preferably qualified financial secretary would need to be available in the District to handle it and to initiate the planning involved. Unless this were done there is the possibility of funds being utilized in one scheme and not becoming available when required for the Scheme for which they were given.

Set out hereunder are the present facilities available within the Connexion:

- (a) **Home Mission Investments Fund Board**—amounts of \$100 or over may be deposited by individuals, churches and trusts as "loans on call" to earn interest up to the rate of national savings accounts (at present 3½%) these deposits enable the Board to advance loans to Trusts at 3½%. The Board is able to repay the "deposits" on demand from the Reserve it maintains for this purpose.
- (b) **General Purposes Trust Board:** Moneys may be deposited with this fund at call or for recognized terms. If at call, the present rate of interest is 4%. If for a definite term, a higher rate of interest may be paid by arrangement. Through this fund it is possible for one Church Trust to assist another Church Trust by making loans at low rates of interest.

The Fund also facilitates the administration of estates by a distribution of incomes and legacies. From time to time the Fund has made loans to Connexional Departments to assist their financing both on a short term and a long term basis.

For the above reasons and because of the facilities existing as set out above the Commission considers that the proposition set out above should not be proceeded with.

When considering this matter the Commission noted the provisions of the Law Book Section 154 on page 26 under the heading "The Duty of Superintendent Ministers" and draws the attention of Circuits to the following provisions:

- (bb) "See that all moneys belonging to and held in Trust for Church organisations of over \$20 are kept in a Bank Account operated with not less than two signatories and that an audited financial statement be submitted to the Annual Meeting thereof."

The Commission recommends that there be added to this subparagraph the following words "and to the Quarterly Meeting". It was also recommended that there be added to questions asked at the Quarterly Meeting on the report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee Agenda Paragraph 290 (b) see 1966 Minutes page 91.

- "5. (c) Have the annual audits and statements of all organisations in the Circuit been presented to the Finance and Stewardship Committee".

This is the Recommendation No. 8, Page 255.

It was decided to report this also to the Law Revision Committee and ask them to prepare the necessary amendments.

Circuit and Trust Finances

The Commission had before it a memo prepared by the Rev. W. R. Francis. He pointed out that our whole Church structure is geared to a dual basis of finance (Circuit and Trust). Each has absolute

control over its own finances. Trusts and Trustees also have legal responsibility and are the only ones who can buy, sell or improve properties by additions or alterations of buildings. They are in no way bound to contribute to circuit finances out of their fund. There appear to be three types of Trusts operating within Methodism at present:—

- (a) Those with independent means which do not draw upon Circuit Funds.
- ((b) Those who are able to supplement incomes from Circuit Funds from their resources.
- (c) Those who are solely dependent upon Circuit Funds for their income (apart from minor rents and donations). To alter this set up it would be necessary to drastically alter the Model Deed and this is to ask for a complete overhaul of Methodist practice. This could only be contemplated if there was a practical and workable alternative that Conference was satisfied would be for the benefit of the whole Connexion.

The Commission does not feel that under its present order of reference it is called upon or authorised to embark on such exploratory work. It is for Conference to decide whether or not it wishes this matter taken any further.

In the meantime, there are details regarding Circuit and Trust Funds that could be tidied up considerably in the Law Book.

H. Investments at National Level

The Commission examined the individual finances of the Major Conference Funds, Departments and Committees and set out below are its findings on these to date.

Supernumerary Fund:

Conference has already defined the powers of investment of this Fund and these have been recently widened to give wide powers of investment and this seems satisfactory.

Fire Insurance Fund:

The Board of this Fund declares the divisible surplus and recommends to Conference the division of these surplus funds. The Board has determined to build the fund up to \$180,000 (£90,000) and this is being done progressively. Mandatory grants by way of subsidy are made to the Ministers Home Acquisition Fund. While it is not mandatory to make a grant each year to the Sites Fund this has become customary and the amount involved is not large. The Commission has deliberated concerning the method of dealing with the divisible surplus.

The Commission considers

- (a) That in future the Board should as in the past make recommendation direct to Conference of the way in which it feels the divisible should be divided among Church Bodies.
- (b) That this recommendation should be brought before the Budget Committee of Detail with power to that Committee to recommend any variation to the proposals made by the Fire Insurance Fund in light of the deliberations of the Budget Committee for that year. The Fire Insurance Fund by resolution of Conference 1966 is reporting to Conference 1967 (Resolution 3 page 42) re Loan Moneys.

Church Building & Loan Fund:

The Commission discussed the feasibility of the Church Building and Loan Fund revising its term for repayment of loans. The Commission resolved that the attention of Trusts be drawn to the desirability of repaying loans from the Church Building and Loan Fund and the Home Mission Department faster than required under the arrangement made. This will enable an additional number of trusts to be assisted by this means of finance.

The General Purposes Trust Board:

The General Purposes Trust Board is a Board that administers many small trusts within the Connexional Office and is paying 4% at call to the various Trusts.

"That at National level funds be generally invested in other than Government Stock and Local Body Debentures, i.e., in farm land, shop properties, offices and Church building. If legislation be necessary it be sought at once".

The Commission does not recommend Conference to act on this proposition. It has considered the proposal and reports as follows:—

- (i) There has been a noticeably pleasing trend in the investment policies of some Connexional Boards over the last three or four years and although the Commission feels unable to recommend any general swing from Government Stock to land and recommendation contained elsewhere in this report for a Permanent Standing Commission on Connexional Property to act as a triennial visitation to Connexional Trusts and Boards will do as much as is at present considered possible towards the improved investment policy that is being sought by Conference.
- (ii) Committees, etc., usually have good reasons for investing funds in Government Stock or Local Body Debentures:—
For one thing they are readily saleable when funds are required and bring in a reasonable income in the meantime. Most Committees involved are not set up to handle investment of such funds in reality where an immediate income may not be available and where a forced sale when funds are required could result in substantial losses.
- (iii) The Church is not in the same position as an individual who is responsible only to himself who can attend to his investment with all the time necessary and to whom any loss is a personal matter.
- (iv) If investment other than Government Stock, etc., is so richly rewarding why have not those concerned become more specifically interested in investment for income and capital accretion, e.g., insurance companies not gone over more to this line?
- (v) It is necessary to distinguish between land, for church purposes, for investment, for speculation. The line between investment and speculation is often difficult to see, and the Conference could never condone speculation. The Trusts do not have the power under the Model Deed to purchase land for investment but the Church Building and Loan Fund is reporting on the advisability of changing this. Some of our incorporated Boards already have power to purchase land for investment and others could amend their constitution with the sanction of Conference.

- (vi) The fact that the Church Building and Loan Fund must approve all land and building projects of the Church reinforces the importance of looking hard at those projects with speculative contents.

I. Home Mission Department

Mr Chrystall reported fully on the funds and accounts of this Department and the Commission used the information in the 1966 Minutes as a basis for exploration and discussion. Mr Chrystall stated that all the investments of the Department are in their properties e.g. parsonages, hostels, etc. All other monies except amounts required for maintenance of properties, the Reserve Fund for the loans at call, mentioned earlier in this report, and the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Funds are used in the Special Loans policy of the Department as administered by the Investment Funds Board. The Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund is, of course, governed by the terms of the Deed of Settlement. Half the legacies coming to the Department go to the Investment Funds Board and, of course, find their way into the Loans Policy. The other half of the legacies are at the disposal of the Board for new capital projects throughout the Connexion.

The Commission is satisfied that any extra income earned by the Edith Winstone Blackwell Fund is inviolate and could only be used for extra grants and could not in any way help the amount required by the Department from the Budget. The Commission is satisfied that no funds at present in the Department can in any way be available to help out the amount required by the Department from the Budget.

J. Overseas Missions Department

No memorandum was submitted by this Department. The Commission is satisfied that the developments overseas will require all available resources of the Board. In light of explanations given to the 1966 Conference, the Commission is satisfied that no further detailed study is necessary and that the Department has no reserves that could be used to help reduce the Department's requirements from the Connexional Budget.

K. Methods used by Districts to Allocate Budget amounts to Circuits

This is a matter where considerable difficulty arises at District level. It is obvious that the Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee now has a great amount of information helpful in making the District allocations to circuits.

The Commission considers that after Conference has passed the Budget and the District Allocations and before the meetings of District Finance Committees to make allocations to circuits the Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee prepare a suggested breakdown to Circuits of the District allocation and that this information go to the District Chairman and the District Financial Secretaries for their confidential information.

The Commission now considers that it has dealt with all the business referred to it by Conference and that its task is completed.

For the Commission,

W. R. FRANCIS, Chairman.

R. T. GARLICK, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be asked whether with the appointment of a General Treasurer they should not have a finance committee to examine more closely the financial aspects

of all matters placed before the committee to assess how such matters will ultimately require support from the Connexional Budget.

3. That there be set up a Standing Commission on Property. The personnel to be nominated annually by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for Conference approval. The Commission will meet with Trustees with Connexional Property to confer concerning the administration of such property with special reference to their development and to the investment of funds. This Commission to report to Conference through the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

4. (a) That all departments and committees of the Church requiring monies from the Connexional Budget submit estimates to the Budget Committee similar to the present method; the estimates to include—

- (i) Budget figures for the two previous completed years.
- (ii) Actual figures for the two previous completed years.
- (iii) Budget for the current year and amount allocated from the Connexional Budget and any Trusts or Funds.
- (iv) Budget for the following year and amount required ex-Connexional Budget.

All this should be prepared in simple columnar form in round dollars.

- (v) Copy Income and Expenditure accounts, Receipts and Payments account and balance sheet to June last.
- (vi) Any special comments you may wish to make.

It is to be a rule that any alterations in the basis of requests, e.g., increases or variation, be substantiated in writing to allow the Committee to weigh such requests in the light of the total budget sum for the year.

(b) THE Committee or Trust administering property or funds with an income under a Trust Deed, etc., providing for a specific destination of the available income to Funds or Committees applying the Budget for support, be asked to submit their estimated distributions for two years ahead together with any special comments affecting the amounts stated. Where the Trusts are set up outside the Church a statement be sought annually as to the amount intended or anticipated to be made available to the beneficiary in the following year.

Where a beneficiary does not normally make a claim on the Connexional Budget and therefore submits no accounts, etc., to the Budget Committee the beneficiary is to submit the same information as any other Committee unless exempted by the Budget Committee.

(c) IN the case of a Committee or Trust as in 2 above where no specific destination of surplus income is designated such Committee or Trust to comply with the same provisions as set out in (b) above.

(d) THAT a sub-committee of the Finance and Stewardship Committee examine all such submissions made by Funds and Departments for obvious queries, etc., and seek answers or amended figures from the Departments or Committees concerned. This work to be done by the sub-committees for the October meeting of the Conference Committee of Detail.

Fire Insurance

5. (a) That in future the Board should as in the past make recommendation direct to Conference of the way in which it feels the divisible surplus should be divided among Church Bodies.

(b) That this recommendation should be brought before the Budget Committee of Detail with power to that Committee to recommend any variation to the proposals made by the Fire Insurance Fund in light of the deliberations of the Budget Committee for that year.

(c) THAT if the Budget Committee proposes any variation the Fire Insurance Board be informed.

6. THAT at the meeting of the District Finance Committee to make allocations to Circuits the District Financial Secretary in preparing the figures of breakdown to Circuits of the District allocations shall show the figure which would be paid by Circuits on the basis of 50% of the Connexional Basis of allocation, as well as the actual figure to be adopted by circuits.

7. That the changes set out hereunder be authorised and the Law Revision Committee be asked to draft the necessary legislation.

Present Law

Proposed Alterations

283. The financial business of the Circuit is managed by the Q.M. and the Fund under its control is known as the Circuit Fund.

283. As is.

284. The raising of the necessary income for the circuit und devolves upon:

- (a) The Class leaders and Society stewards, whose duties require them to ask for and receive regular subscriptions from members and adherents of the Church.
- (b) The ministers who at the quarterly visitation of the Classes are directed to see that contributions are regularly made.
- (c) The circuit stewards who are the executive officers of the Q.M. and are required to provide the ways and means to pay the necessary charges.

284. Reduce to (c) only.

285. In addition to the contributions in the classes, there are to be:

285.

- (a) Collection in the congregations, weekly, monthly or quarterly as each Q.M. may determine.
- (b) Contributions from members of the congregations.
- (c) Grants from the Trust funds of Churches or other properties.

(a) As is.

(b) and (c) as is.

(d) Such special efforts as shall from time to time be determined by the Q.M. or groups within the circuit acting with the consent of the Q.M.

286. The right to determine the collections to be made in the churches and preaching places, and the disposal of the same, is vested in the Q.M.

286. As is, but attention needs to be drawn to the honouring of this section in practice of the Church.

287. The charges upon the Circuit Fund are:

- (a) The stipends or allowances of the Ministers.
- (b) The Levies made by the Conference for all Connexional Funds.
- (c) House rent, rates, and taxes for the Ministers' houses or interest or other charges to Trustees in lieu of house rent.
- (d) Furnishings for Ministers' homes.
- (e) A grant each quarter for the purpose of replenishing the linen, blankets, cutlery and crockery of the Minister as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
- (f) Adequate means of transport for the efficient working of the Circuit.
- (g) All other expenses necessary for the efficient working of the Circuit.

288. End of financial year at June 30.

289. In the case of a Circuit which received aid from the H.M. Fund a copy of the annual statements of receipts and expenditure shall be sent to the Chairman and H.M. Sec. etc.

287. The charges upon the circuit fund are:

(a) Provision for the Ministry.

i. Stipends at minimum rates.

ii. Provision for transport to work the circuits.

Note: Conference has laid down a method of reviewing payments for transport. Min. 1949 p. 163 Res. 2 & 3.

iii. Basic maintenance of parsonage including outgoings.

(b) Essential payments:

i. Connexional Budget.
ii. Provisions for circuit admin. tels, tolls, postages, stationery, E.L., Insurance.

iii. Essential trust payments: Rates, lighting, heat, insurance, interest, compulsory mortgage instalments.

(c) Grants for local work: S.S., choir, W. Fellowship etc.

(d) Grants to trusts for larger items of trust maintenance, repainting, redecorating, etc.

(e) Provisions for Development, Extension etc.

This should be done by budget planning showing the capacity to carry present commitments and proposed additional items. See also Min. 1966 pp. 89ff.

288. As is.

288.A. That all Trusts produce annually audited statements to the Quarterly Meeting or Board of Management.

289. See para 505 Sec. 17.

THE TRUST FUND
(Law Book p. 58 f. Sec. 315)

315 (1) The Trust Fund available for discharge of trust obligations shall consist of revenue received by the trustees from the following sources:

- (a) Offerings at Church services on behalf of the Trust, authorised by the Q.M. (a) Monies received from the circuit by way of grants or collections authorised by the Q.M.
- (b) Rents in respect of trust premises and pews therein. (b) (Delete all reference to pew rents.)
- (c) Contributions and subscriptions. (c), (d) and (e). As is.
- (d) Special efforts. (3) As is, to the organist and/or choirmaster
- (e) Other sources. is a charge on the trust fund.
- (2) In accordance with the provisions of the Model Deed Trustees shall, out of the trust fund and as a first charge thereon, defray all charges and expenses of and incidental to the maintenance and upkeep of trust premises.
- (3) The payment (if any) of an honorarium. (2) As it.

8. That there be added to questions asked at the quarterly meeting on the report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee Agenda paragraph 290 (b) 1966 Minutes page 91:

"5 (c) Have the annual audits and statements of all organisations in the Circuit been presented to the Finance and Stewardship Committee?"

QUESTION 58—5

Commission on Stationing and the Invitation System

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1968

The Commission has met on two occasions and has carefully considered the matters referred to it by Conference, 1967:—

- (a) The recommendations of Committee F. of the Conference which were NOT voted upon by Conference 1967)
- (b) Two recommendations of the 1967 Synods.

The 1967 Report of the Commission and the Synods Recommendations thereon are set out in Appendices A and B to this Report.

SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1967

Cognizance has been taken of the fact that eight out of the ten Synods in 1967 adopted the Commission's Report in full or amended it very slightly.

It is noted that Committee F. of the 1967 Conference approved of sections of the Report—notably the Suggested Procedure to be followed when the Continuance or Severance of the Pastoral Tie is to be considered.

The minority viewpoint of the two remaining Synods and also the views of groups of ministers and laymen, who had expressed strong criticism of the Report of the Commission in whole or in part have been carefully considered.

While not wishing to discount the viewpoint of the minority, the Commission did feel that it had to give full weight to the viewpoint of the majority.

After examination of the criticisms conveyed to it the conclusion

has been arrived at that those who were opposed to the invitation system as such were in disagreement with one another as to the alternatives to replace it.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INVITATION SYSTEM

The Commission reviewed this section of the original Report and agreed that it was factual and a fair interpretation of the events leading up to the present situation in the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The Commission considers it a statement of fact that should be given to the Church for information and guidance and asks that the statement be received and adopted by Synods and Conference, 1968.

1—SYNOD RECOMMENDATIONS, 1967

An examination has been made of various Recommendations:

- (1) That the present system has not had a sufficient trial and should be continued (1967 Minutes, p. 232):

The Commission would agree that four years is not a sufficient period of trial for an appointment system with such far reaching effects on the church and the ministry. The time has certainly not been long enough but it has been long enough for

- (a) some defects to be revealed
- (b) sections of the Church to evince a desire for change.

This has been evident from the action of the Conference in asking the Welfare of the Church Committee to conduct a survey into the attitudes of ministers and Circuit Quarterly Meetings into the Invitation System and even more from the action of the 1965 Conference in appointing the present Commission. The whole system has been reviewed and the Commission has again come to the conclusion that a change was warranted. The fact that the recommendations have received such widespread support has confirmed it in its judgment that though the period of trial has been very short, there was both a desire and a need for change.

Notwithstanding, an endeavour has been made to put itself in the place of those who regard the present system as good and should continue. It noted three strong arguments in its favour:

1. The continuance or severance of the pastoral tie need not ever be raised in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting. Once begun, the ministry can "just run on." This may give security of tenure to the minister and may make for peace and harmony in the local Church.
2. There is a provision for the question of continuance or severance of the pastoral tie to be discussed locally
 - (a) The minister may request that the matter be discussed in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting
 - (b) The Circuit Stewards may ask for the matter to be put on the agenda of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
 - (c) Any five members of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting may give written notice of their intention to ask that the issue be discussed in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

Such action on the part of five members of the Quarterly Meeting need not signify personal dissatisfaction with the ministry nor a widespread desire that the ministry be discontinued. In any case, the fact that written notice has to be given ensures that the minister concerned knows who the officials are who want the matter of the pastoral tie reviewed and this knowledge may be a help to him in his assessment of the situation.

While respecting the arguments advanced by supporters of the

present system, the Commission must repeat that evidently eight Synods did not agree with this contention that no change was necessary and neither did the Conference Committee of Detail.

- (2) That some review of the pastoral tie should take place but by disinterested parties, i.e., a small number of people to whom Leaders' Meetings, Quarterly Meetings and Ministers could have equal access. The Triennial Visitation Committee might provide such a group. (1967 Minutes, p. 232):

It is appreciated that the desire of the movers of this Recommendation was to arrange for the review of the Pastoral Tie to take place in an atmosphere free from undue emotion and with as objective and balanced an outlook as possible. A disinterested group would need to obtain information from interested people, i.e., the ministers and the office bearers.

It is doubted whether, in a matter that affects so deeply the relationship of a minister to his people, any outside group could satisfactorily come to a decision. Surely the issue must be decided by the minister and the people themselves the ones best qualified to deal with it. In any case, the Triennial Visitation Committee as we know it in N.Z. Methodism, could hardly be a suitable group to discuss all the issues involved. While the present procedures of the Triennial Visitation of Circuits permit some consideration of the Pastoral Tie, the whole approach of the Triennial Visitation Committee would have to be varied if the pastoral tie was to be reviewed satisfactorily.

It should not be forgotten that our present law permits a District Chairman visiting a Circuit (in the company of other ministers or laymen) and discussing any issue at all with the members of a Circuit Quarterly Meeting (Law Book, Para. 163, p. 29).

- (3) That the Committee on Structure continue its investigations into the machinery of Stationing with a view to channelling invitations through Synod Standing Committees and Church Council so that the work of Stationing shall be as complete as possible on the eve of Conference. (1967 Minutes, p. 232):

The Commission was informed of the recommendations that the Church Council was making to Synods and Conference 1968 regarding Stationing.

2—EXAMINATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE F

The Commission has examined Recommendation (a), (b) and (c) of Committee F of Conference 1967:

- (2) (a) That this Committee rejects the findings of the first part of the Commission's Report (up to the end of Section Headed "Disadvantages Considered" page 231) and recommends that Conference again considers discontinuance of the Invitation System.
- (b) That we ask the Commission on Stationing to continue its work and to prepare for Synods and Conference an outline of a possible Appointment System without Invitations. (1967 Minutes, p. 232):

The Commission came to the conclusion that Committee F apparently favoured the procedure for the continuance or severance of the Pastoral Tie but did not favour the procedure recommended for the initial appointment, i.e., that it was happy for the right to be given to a Circuit Quarterly Meeting to say whether or not it wanted a ministry to continue but not happy for a Circuit Quarterly

Meeting to have the right to invite a minister to begin a ministry in the Circuit.

The Commission considers that an appointment system with or without invitations—must be a whole, i.e., it must relate to both the beginning and the continuance of a ministry. The same authority must have power both to make an appointment and to continue it.

In the knowledge of the Commission, more problems had arisen in regard to the continuance of a ministry under the invitation system than in getting a minister into a Circuit in the first place.

The Commission considers that it would be possible to have an appointment system with invitation for continuance or severance of the Pastoral Tie and yet without invitation for the appointment in the first place. But the Commission seriously doubts the wisdom of such a system. In its judgment, an appointment system—if with invitations—should provide for an invitation system at both the beginning and continuance of a ministry in a Circuit. The system needs to be a whole, if there is to be the utmost loyalty and understanding between minister and people for the duration of a ministerial term.

It must not be lost sight of that the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand has no power to do away with either the annual appointment of ministers or the itineracy of the ministry.

APPOINTMENT WITH INVITATION VERSUS APPOINTMENT WITHOUT INVITATION

The section in the original Report under this heading has been re-examined. This Section draws attention to some factors that were likely to operate under an Appointment System with or without Invitations.

The Commission agreed that these findings—while not acceptable to Committee F of Conference 1967—should be listed again for the guidance of the Church.

As requested by the Conference, the Commission has prepared an outline of a possible Appointment System without Invitations. It submits the following:

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MINISTER WITHOUT INVITATION

1. A Minister seeking a change of appointment shall notify the Circuit Stewards and the Chairman of the District.
2. Where the June Quarterly Meeting has expressed a desire to sever the pastoral tie, the decision shall be communicated to the Chairman of the District.
3. The Chairman of the District shall consult with a small but representative committee appointed by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting regarding any vacancy in the Circuit.
4. The Secretary of the Conference shall receive each year through the Chairman of the District advice of
 - (a) each minister requiring an appointment for the coming year
 - (b) each Circuit requiring an appointment for the coming year
5. The Secretary of the Conference would obtain certain particulars from
 - (a) ministers
 - (b) circuitsand shall compile a list of ministerial changes contemplated and arrange for its distribution to all District Chairmen.
(As the foregoing presupposes that no invitation will be issued, the invitation for a continuation of the ministry will need to be

considered at the June Quarterly Meeting—instead of the March Quarterly Meeting as is stated in the Section of this Report—Suggested Procedures).

6. The information prepared in terms (4) and (5) would be presented to a Committee which would meet prior to Conference to prepare the First Reading of Stations.

Synods and Conference are requested to compare the suggested scheme for Appointment of a New Minister (without Invitation) with the scheme proposed by the Commission itself.

The scheme is reprinted here:—

INVITATION TO A NEW MINISTER

Adequate information regarding ministerial changes must be circulated to District Chairmen by the Secretary of the Conference. Procedure to be followed — when a change of appointment is to take place—

1. A small but representative committee of all churches in the Circuit shall be appointed by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting to consult with the Chairman of the District and the Leaders' Meeting of the particular Church regarding the Invitation to a Minister.
 2. The Circuit Stewards, after consultation with the Committee referred to in (1) and the Chairman of the District, may approach any minister in the Connexion who is free to accept an invitation to ascertain whether or not he would be willing to accept an official invitation to be issued by June Quarterly Meeting.
 3. The decisions of March Quarterly Meetings concerning the pastoral tie shall be immediately communicated in writing by the Circuit Stewards to the Chairman of the District who shall inform the Secretary of the Conference who shall compile a list of ministerial changes contemplated and arrange for its distribution to all District Chairmen.
 4. No Circuit shall extend an invitation nor shall any minister accept an invitation until the minister has served at least three years in his present appointment.
 5. The Circuit Stewards shall approach only one Minister at one time concerning an invitation to the Circuit and no other approach shall be made until a definite reply has been received. If an affirmative reply is received, the Circuit Stewards shall recommend to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting that an official invitation be extended at the June Quarterly Meeting.
- The following points of comparison should be noted:
- (a) Both are appointment systems.
 - (b) One is appointment with the right of an invitation, the other provides only for a limited consultation.
 - (c) In one scheme (Appointment without Invitation), the laity are given the right to continue a ministry but are relieved of the privilege and responsibility of initiating a ministry.

The Commission itself strongly favours the scheme—Invitation to a New Minister—and for these reasons:—

1. It lines up with the part of the invitation system already approved (in the Procedures for the Continuance/severance of the Pastoral Tie).
2. It would appeal to the Churches with whom we are negotiating for Church Union. In particular an Appointment System without invitation would not appeal to those used to a Call System.

A large number of people are considering the present invitation system in two parts and not as a whole. In the view of the Commission, it is a mistake to have one system for the initiation of a ministry and another system for the continuance (or discontinuance) of a ministry.

- (2) (c) That the Section commencing "*The Suggested Procedure*" (1967 Minutes, p. 232) to the bottom of page 232 . . ."

Attention has already been drawn to the fact that the Conference Committee of Detail supported the procedure for the Continuance or Severance of the Pastoral Tie as recommended by the Commission. "*The Suggested Procedure*" is reprinted here. Explanatory notes are in italics.

THE SUGGESTED PROCEDURE:—

A CONTINUANCE OR SEVERANCE OF THE PASTORAL TIE. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IS SUBMITTED TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE FOR GENERAL APPROVAL:—

- (1) A Minister or Probationer may be appointed by the Conference to any Church or Premises year by year for any number of years successively without limit. (*Present law*).
- (2) No question concerning the pastoral tie shall be raised by either the Minister or the Quarterly Meeting until the Minister has completed three (3) years in his appointment. (*Present law*).
- (3) Consideration of the continuance or severance of the pastoral tie in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall be according to the following procedure:—
- (a) The continuance of the pastoral tie SHALL be considered at the March Quarterly meeting of the Fifth (5) year and every subsequent second year of the appointment of a Minister to a Circuit.

March Quarterly meeting replaces June Quarterly meeting, i.e., The question MAY be raised in the 4th, 6th, 8th year but it MUST be raised in the 5th, 7th, 9th year.

The Commission felt that it was an unsatisfactory feature of the present regulations that there was no provision for the continuance or severance of the pastoral tie to be raised automatically. The present regulations impose too great a responsibility upon the minister, circuit stewards or a minority of five (5) in the Quarterly Meeting.

- (b) Subject to the provisions of (2) and (3a) above, the minister or the Circuit Stewards may have the matter of the continuance of the current ministry placed on the agenda of the March Quarterly Meeting on any other year.
- (c) The Minister and the Circuit Quarterly Meeting having decided in favour of continuing the pastoral tie no other invitation shall be accepted subsequently by the minister in that year.
- (d) Whenever the Circuit Quarterly meeting has this matter on the Agenda, the District Chairman or his Deputy shall preside for that business.

The fact that the Chairman of the District (or his Deputy) presides ought to ensure that the correct procedures are followed.

- (e) Twenty-eight (28) days' written notice should be given of any Circuit Quarterly Meeting at which it is proposed to discuss the continuance of the pastoral tie. This notice shall be sent to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

Paragraph 126 (d) relating to the right of any five (5) members to initiate consideration of the severance of the pastoral tie has been eliminated.

- (f) Voting shall be by secret ballot and a bare majority only is required.

There is already sufficient movement in the ministry and it was not considered necessary to insist on a substantial majority. Nevertheless, it was felt that the acceptance of an invitation extended on a bare majority might be unwise.

- (g) Notwithstanding the provision of (2), in exceptional circumstances which make it apparent that an initial period of four (4) years cannot be sustained, the Minister or the Circuit Stewards shall refer the case to the Chairman of the District for suitable action. In any such case, no further steps in regard to the pastoral tie shall be taken by the Minister or the Circuit Quarterly Meeting until the matter has been considered by the Conference.

The above procedure would involve the repeal of the existing section in the Law Book.

The proposed amendments provide for a definite review at a recognized stage in the ministry after a reasonable term has been served. With the present average length of the ministerial term only 4.26 years, this means that, in the majority of cases, the issue would be raised only ONCE in the course of the minister's appointment to a Circuit.

If the above section "The Suggested Procedures" is adopted by Conference, it will need to be referred to the Law Revision Committee to report to Synods and Conference, 1969. A suitable recommendation is appended.

FINALLY—

In submitting this further Report to Synods and Conference, the Commission would ask members of Synods and Conference to bear in mind the necessity of holding in balance:

- (1) The rights of the Ministry
- (2) The rights of the Circuit
- (3) The powers of the Conference

J. D. GROCOTT, President of the Church
W. R. LAWS, Convener

Report of the Commission on Stationing and the Invitation System to Synods and Conference, 1967

Appendix A

The Commission has continued its work under the able Chairmanship of the President of the Conference.

The Commission met on four occasions and has duly considered every submission made to it by ministers and laymen.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INVITATION SYSTEM

The Commission, in its approach to its work, realised that the itineracy of the ministry was an integral part of Methodist polity. The Conference, as the supreme court in New Zealand Methodism, has no power "to make such changes in the discipline as to do away with the itineracy of the ministry". Whenever a Methodist Conference

has been given its autonomy, it has always been granted independence on condition that it maintained the itineracy of the ministry which has been a feature of Methodist polity from the beginning of Methodism in Great Britain.

John Wesley used to appoint the "travelling preachers" to their Circuits year by year. These "travelling preachers" were required to visit in rotation towns, villages, hamlets, committed to their care. Preachers were liable to be removed every year and seldom remained in any one Circuit for more than two years in succession. In Wesley's eyes, long pastorates were most undesirable.

The power of government, which John Wesley possessed in his life time, by his appointment devolved upon the Annual Conference after his decease. According to the Deed of Declaration drawn up in 1784, the right to nominate preachers was to fall to Charles Wesley, and, on the death of Charles Wesley, to the Legal Hundred Preachers and Expounders of God's Holy Word, under the care and in connexion with the same John Wesley. Four ordained clergymen of the Church of England were listed in the Declaration and 96 Laypreachers. The Deed clearly stated that the Legal Hundred might not appoint any preacher for more than 3 years to one place, except ordained ministers of the Church of England. The Legal Hundred was given power of filling its own ranks year by year. It is thus a continuous entity, and secures Continuity of legal existence to the governing body of the Church.

The practice of itineracy was taken up, not from forethought, but as the natural consequence of the course in which the Wesleys found themselves engaged.

The practice of extending and accepting invitations seems to have grown up in somewhat similar fashion. The first Stationing Committee was formed in 1791, the year after the death of John Wesley. By 1800, the District Representatives on the Stationing Committee were being advised to write to their brethren in the Circuits "that the stationing committee may be enabled to please every one, as far as possible". Conference 1800 decided "In future, the aged preachers shall be provided with Circuits before any of the others". Abuses early crept in to the operation of the invitation system. Conference 1805 ruled:—"Let not the district committee interfere with the stations of the preachers. Let no letters concerning stations be in the least degree regarded, but such as come from the majorities of regular quarterly meetings." Conference 1865 objected to invitations being extended to ministers from the September Quarterly Meetings and recommended that Quarterly Meetings defer invitations until the March Quarterly Meeting "and it resolves, that no correspondence of a preacher with a circuit, or Circuit Stewards, before the Conference preceding any such invitation, shall be allowed to influence the deliberations of the Stationing Committee, or of the Conference in relation to such preacher's appointment to that Circuit." (Conference has always had difficulty in ensuring that its regulations are observed!)

In New Zealand, the outworking of the itineracy of the ministry has involved the setting up of a Stationing Committee to recommend to Conference annually the appointments to be observed by its ministers. Since Methodist Union in New Zealand in 1913, the Stationing Committee has consisted of an equal number of ministers and laymen, District Synods and Conference, through its Committees of Districts, have had a part in the choice of members of the Stationing Committee.

THE STATIONING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GUIDED IN ITS DELIBERATIONS BY THE EXTENDING BY CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS TO LABOUR

All sets of figures exclude men in connexional appointments, overseas missionaries and superintendents of city missions but include ministers in the second appointments to City Missions.

It is evident that pastorates are not becoming longer.

APPOINTMENT WITH INVITATION VERSUS APPOINTMENT WITHOUT INVITATION.

While the right of Invitation has been associated with the Itineracy of the Ministry from early times, the Commission felt that it should not begin its work on the assumption that this right was an integral part of our Appointments System. It began by carefully weighing the advantages and disadvantages of an Appointment with or without invitations. It did in fact have before it some outlines of a possible appointment system that did not incorporate Invitations.

ADVANTAGES CONSIDERED:—

It was early recognised that an Appointment System that was in no way tied to the right of Invitation could have real advantages.

- (1) It could ensure better consideration of the needs of every circuit. All ministers and all circuits would be without an invitation extended and accepted and the needs of all circuits and all ministers would come up for review. (This is the case in theory under the present invitation procedure but not in practice.)
- (2) By putting all ministers and all circuits in the same position, no situation is prejudged before the stationing Committee meets.
- (3) Invitations are not extended and accepted by mistake: invitations are not dishonoured with resultant disappointment on the part of ministers and circuits; feelings or unsettlement, tensions, uneasiness of conscience and other difficulties arising out of the consideration of invitations are all avoided.
- (4) The ministry is made clearly the Servant of the Church. Personal preferment is eliminated and the Conference is free to station every minister in the place where he can best serve the Church.

DISADVANTAGES CONSIDERED:—

But it was early recognised also by the Commission that there are disadvantages in an Appointment System that does not provide for Invitations.

- (1) Ministers and officials would feel that the power to consider appointments or influence them is completely taken away from them. Consequently, ministers and people would not feel committed to one another with a considerable reduction in the feeling of responsibility of the one for the other.
- (2) The work of the Stationing Committee would be much more difficult because it would have no indications at all of the mind of ministers or officials. It would be unrealistic to imagine that behind the scenes planning would be eliminated.

Then follows the Suggested Procedure for the Continuance or Severance of the Pastoral Tie—as published again in the 1968 Report—and the section “Invitation to a New Minister”—as published again in the 1968 Report.

Appendix B

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SYNODS 1967

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Report be referred to the Law Revision Committee

to draft the necessary amendments to the Law, these amendments to be submitted to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1968.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the 1967 and 1968 Reports be received.
2. That the Section—Historical Development of the Invitation System—in the 1967 Report—be adopted.
3. (a) That the procedures for 'Invitation to a New Minister' in the 1968 Report, be adopted and referred to the Law Revision Committee for drafting and report to Synods and Conference 1969.
Additional (b) That the Law Revision Committee define the words 'Approach' and 'Invitation' in connection with this new procedure.
4. That the Section "Invitation to a new Minister" (p. 281f herein) be adopted.
5. That the Commission on Stationing and the Invitation System be thanked for its work, and especially for the valuable historical review of our system. That the Commission now be discharged.

QUESTION 58.—(6)

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Standing Committee on Stipends

REPORT TO GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 1968

1. In accordance with Resolution 5 (b) on page 173 of the Minutes of Conference 1953, the following report on ministerial stipends is submitted to the General Purposes Committee for the year 1968.
2. **Payment of Rent by Probationers.** Conference 1967 referred to the Committee, for examination and report, the following proposals:
 - (a) That the present practice whereby Probationers pay rent for Parsonages be abolished.
 - (b) That Conference affirms that all Ministers and Probationers are entitled to suitable accommodation.
3. After full consideration the Committee reached the unanimous conclusion that under present day circumstances the proposals should be adopted. It considered, however, that, in the interests of uniformity and reasonableness, the following words should be added to (b):
"in the case of probationers, to be subject to the approval of the Chairman of the District".
4. **Proposed Central Stipend Fund.** It will be recalled that Conference 1967 asked the Committee, to the extent that it was able to furnish Circuits and Synods with information about the proposed Central Stipend Fund and following receipt of comments from these bodies, to report further to Conference 1968. It has not been found possible to prepare the information mentioned in sufficient time to report to Conference 1968; and it was

also considered that the present was not an appropriate time to transfer responsibility for stipend payments from Circuits to a central fund. The Committee will proceed further in the matter when again requested by Conference.

5. **Stipend Minima.** The Court of Arbitration announced early in August its decision on an application for a new General Wage Order. The decision provided for a general wage order of 5%, with effect from 19/8/68. The scope of the order was restricted, being effective only on the first \$40 per week (\$2080 per annum) in the case of adult male workers and on the first \$30 per week (\$1560 per annum) in the case of adult female workers. This meant a maximum increase of \$104 per annum for males and \$78 per annum for females.
6. The Committee is unanimous in its view that the 5% increase should be applied to stipend minima (\$1896 for an Ordained Minister since 1/2/67); and that the increase should apply from 19/8/68. The Committee also considers that there should be no differentiation between men and women, as provided in the Court Order. The point should probably be made here that these proposals require the specific approval of Conference. The resolution of Conference 1966 giving the Committee power to apply the Arbitration Court percentage increase to stipends related to that year only, and was not, in our authority for the future.
7. If the above suggestions of the Committee are adopted, the new minimum for an ordained Minister would be \$1991. However, it is further proposed that this be rounded off to \$2000, also that in the rounding off of other minima figures be taken to the nearest \$5 or \$10 above. The effect of this would be:

Designation	Present Minimum	5% increase	Rounding Off
Ministers:			
Ordained	1896	1991	2000
Probationer	1644	1726	1730
Home Missionaries			
Senior Married H.M.	1718	1804	1805
Married H.M.	1644	1726	1730
Married H.M. Probationer	1536	1613	1615
Single H.M.	1536	1613	1615
Deaconess			
Probationer	1210	1271	1275
when dedicated			
for 3 years thereafter	1304	1369	1370
For next 3 years	1398	1466	1470
After 6 years	1524	1600	1600
After 9 years	1578	1657	1660

8. The proposed new minimum of \$2000 for the ordained minister compares with the present Presbyterian minimum stipend of \$2200, payable since 1/7/68. In addition a non-taxable expense allowance of at least \$100 is payable, making the real minimum for an ordained minister at least \$2300. In terms of and to review stipends every two years, the next review will take place prior to the 1969 Assembly, but any further increase will not be paid until 1/7/70. This means that there will be no immediate adjustment because of the 5% General Wage Order.
9. A very comprehensive review of stipend minima was undertaken by this Committee in September 1966, when it was agreed that

it would be reasonable to allow a difference of £75 (or possibly £100) between the Presbyterian and Methodist minima for an ordained minister, because of the provision of a furnished house to the latter. On this basis, Conference approved of the Methodist minimum being increased to £925 per annum from 1/2/67, as against £1000 plus an expenses allowance of £50 granted as the Presbyterian minimum.

10. If a differential of, say £100 (\$200), is to be maintained then the current Methodist minimum should not be \$2000, as suggested above, but a figure of about \$2100. Further, in considering the Presbyterian minimum we should not lose sight of the fact that, in addition to the figures already quoted, Presbyterian ministers receive, from a central fund, a stipend increase of \$20 per annum for each of the first 15 years of a minister's service (details appear in the report of 1966).
11. The Committee was informed that the current minimum stipend of an ordained clergyman of the Anglican Church (Wellington Diocese) is \$2400 (including a hospital and book allowance of \$100). Allowing for the fact that the Anglican minister is provided with an unfurnished house, the Methodist stipend minimum could by comparison be advanced to \$2200 at least.
12. Another comparison used in the past by both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches is that of the salary paid to clerical officers at the top of the basic grade in the Public Service. In 1966 this figure was £1055 when £925 was agreed to as an appropriate, if conservative, Methodist stipend minimum. On the basis of today's top salary figure of \$2364, the stipend minimum should be \$2074.
13. In the past reference has also been made to movements in average weekly earnings (including overtime) and bonus payments in industries surveyed by the Labour Department, which are published in the Labour and Employment Gazette. This survey embraces all categories of employees in these industries (males and females, adults and juveniles, both full-time and part-time). The figure for one week in April 1968, was \$41.42. In April 1966 when the Methodist stipend minimum was \$1800, the comparable figure was \$38.08 for a week. On a comparative basis, the figure of \$1800 should be adjusted to \$1958 today.
14. A quick perusal of the figures set out above suggests that the Anglican and Presbyterian stipends have moved upwards since 1966 at a somewhat greater rate than have salaries and wages generally. This may perhaps be justified on the grounds of inadequacy of the stipends in 1966. If we follow the Anglican/Presbyterian trend our present minimum should probably be from \$2100 to \$2200. If we have regard solely to wage and salary movements generally it should probably be from \$1975 to \$2075. It seems to the Committee that \$2000 from 19/8/68, advancing to \$2100 from 1/7/69 would not be unreasonable.
15. **Long Service Increments:** Conference 1966 authorised the Committee to consider the introduction of a scheme of service increments such as operates within the Presbyterian Church (see par. 10 above). The Committee has considered this possibility, but has no recommendation to make at present. From discussions amongst Ministers, it is understood, that there is doubt as to the stage in a man's ministry when extra financial help is most

needed. Also, any such scheme is tied to the introduction of some type of central stipend fund.

16. **Committee's Report.** Since its establishment the Committee has been required to report direct to the General Purposes Committee of Conference. There seems to be no good reason why it should not now report to Synods and Conference in the same way as other Conference Committees. The report could still continue to be considered by the General Purposes Committee at Conference. The change would mean that our people as a whole would be much better informed as to the reasons for stipend rates and also that the work of the Conference Committee dealing with the Connexional Budget would be facilitated by the earlier release of stipend proposals.

W. F. FORD, Chairman

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That Conference affirms that, as from 1/2/70 or earlier where possible, all Married Probationers, whether married at the time of acceptance for the ministry or at a later date, are to be provided with a parsonage or suitable house as approved by the Chairman of the District.
(b) That all single Probationers are entitled to suitable accommodation as approved by the Chairman of the District.
That no adjustments to stipends be made in respect of the foregoing provisions.
(c) That the question of accommodation and stipends for Deaconesses be referred to the Standing Committee on Stipends for consideration and report to Conference 1969.
3. That Conference approve of the new rates of stipend minima set out in the final column in paragraph 7 of this report being introduced from 19/8/68.
4. That Conference approve of the minimum stipend for an Ordained Minister being increased to \$2100 p.a. from 1/7/69 with proportionate increases in other minima.
5. That Conference receives the information that the Committee proposes to take no further action in respect of the proposal to establish a Central Stipend Fund until again requested by the Conference.
6. That Conference receives the information that, after considering the question of payment of long service stipend increments as requested by Conference 1966, the Committee has no recommendation to make.
7. The Conference authorises the Committee to submit its Annual Report to Synods and Conference in the same way as other standing committees of Conference, as from 1969.
8. That the matter of the increase of annual leave for Ministers and Deaconesses be referred to the Stipend Committee for report to Synods and Conference 1969.
9. That the personnel of the Standing Committee on Stipends for 1969 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 59.—Who are the members of the Standing Committees?

A. Committee of Privileges:

The President, Vice-President, General and Conference Secretary, and the President's Legal Adviser, and Minister and Laymen to be appointed. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

Committee of Exigency:

To be appointed.

B. President's Committee of Advice:

Ex President (Rev. J. D. Grocott), President Elect (Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis), General Secretary (Rev. W. R. Laws), Revs. B. M. Chrystall, R. F. Clement, A. K. Petch, L. Greenslade. Vice-President (Mr E. A. Crothall). Ex. Vice-President (Mr W. E. Donnelly). Legal Adviser (Mr H. de R. Flesher) Messrs W. F. Winstone, F. M. Souster, R. T. Garlick, G. H. Peak.

QUESTION 60.—Who are the members of the Synod Standing Committees?

Northland:

All ministers and deaconesses. Messrs L. Foster, R. McDonald, D. R. Ambler, G. Keightley, Geo. Wilson, D. H. Woodcock, R. M. Salmon, W. J. Court, A. G. Kelly, C. V. Berridge, G. H. Lendrum, A. L. Hutchings, L. M. Hames, L. W. Bennett, T. Kawhiti, M. Rogers.

Presbyterian reps. from Union circuits:

Ruawai — Mr Preston.

Hikurangi — Rev. I. C. McDonald.

Auckland:

All Ministers and Deaconesses in the active work, plus at least one lay representative of each Circuit, major Department, District Fellowship, Council, etc. Secretary: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

All Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses, one Lay Representative from each of the above from Circuits, two Representatives from each District Organisation, all full-time Lay-Workers, the Financial Secretary and the Property Secretary. Convener: District Secretary.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

All ministers, probationers, deaconesses and deaconess supplies, plus following laymen: N.P. — G. A. Hutton, L. P. Cotter; Waitara — A. K. Surrey, D. Musker; Stratford — D. I. West; Eltham — D. Andrews; Hawera — B. Neale; Manaia — R. J. Thomas; Opunake — T. F. Davis, E. H. Donald; Wang. Cent. — J. Whitlock; Wang. North — M. Whitlock; Wang. W. — A. K. Catran; Taihape — N. F. Dixon; Inglewood — R. T. Bell; Dist. Prop. Sec. — J. P. Harding; Dist. Fin. Sec. — G. Prentice; Maori Circuit — G. Koea and J. Heremia; and Presidents of Taranaki and Wanganui Women's Fellowship District Councils, and President of Maori Women's Fellowship D.C.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Manawatu: All Ministers from Dannevirke southwards, and representatives from each Circuit in that area; the Director of the Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre; District Finance Secre-

tary, District Property Secretary, District Reporter of "N.Z. Methodist", Representatives from the Methodist Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Lay Preachers' Assn and the District Education Council.

Hawke's Bay: The Ministers of the Napier, Hastings, Gisborne, Wairoa and Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuits and the Mangapapa Union Parish, with two lay representatives from each of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, and one from each of the other Circuits; together with a representative each from the Methodist Women's Fellowship, Lay Preachers' Assn, Hawke's Bay D.E.C. and the Gisborne D.E.C.

Wellington:

All ordained ministers in the active work, one lay representative from each Circuit in the District, and an additional lay representative for each additional minister, a representative from each District organisation, and all Conference officials. Convener: the District Secretary.

Wairarapa Sub-Committee: All ministers and probationers in the active work, two lay representatives from each Circuit, and a representative from each District organisation. Convener: Rev. I. L. Clarke.

Nelson:

The Ministers of the Blenheim, Nelson, Waimea, Motueka and Murchison Circuits and of St Luke's Union Parish, and Dr E. Bassett, Mesdames M. R. Best, M. V. Humphreys, J. Trathen, L. G. White, B. Patchett, Messrs A. C. Barrington, C. R. Palmer, E. M. Brown, N. H. Cozens, H. R. Holland, V. H. Smart, B. Patchett, R. C. A. Marshall, I. W. Win, G. B. Trathen, J. K. Woodley.

West Coast Sub-Committee: Ministers of West Coast Circuits and minister of the Westport Union Parish, Messrs G. Oliver, B. Williams, F. Lindbom, P. Wilkins, G. Jacobs, Mesdames I. Bolitho, M. Petherbridge, V. Riddler.

North Canterbury:

Ordained ministers in the active work in the District; Messrs J. Pryor, H. W. Beaumont, E. Ridgen, P. A. Le Brun, A. C. Bowis, N. P. Alcorn, E. J. Legg, W. F. Ashe, H. G. Smith, C. C. Ayers, L. S. Blackmore, D. G. Watson, R. J. Buxton, S. D. McHarg, L. T. Barnett, D. G. Muir, R. R. Bennett, J. D. McGuigan, D. R. Cone, F. R. Metson, G. Whitlam, T. C. MacFarlane, C. R. Hasseldine, A. Wills, The President of the W.M.F. (Mrs W. H. Price), The President L.P. Assn (Dr D. G. Elms), The President of the M.M.F., a representative of the D.E.C. (Mr R. Anderson), The Financial Secretary (Mr D. A. White).

South Canterbury:

All Ministers and Probationers in active work in the District and the Minister of the Marchwiell Union Parish (St. David's, Marchwiell), Miss R. M. Hodson, Mrs W. Greenwood, Messrs C. Leadley, A. Chapman, O. Neutze, J. Rolston, C. Wills, J. Ponder, F. Prestidge, E. Walker, G. Thomas, The District Financial Secretary: A. Marshall, The District Property Secretary: P. Woodnorth, The Secretary of the District is Rev. G. T. Gilbert.

Otago-Southland:

The Ministers and Probationers of Otago, Sister Shirley Unge-muth, Mesdames W. H. Masters, D. Hughes, Miss M. Guthrie, Dr L. R. Robinson, Messrs J. Angell, E. W. Ashby, C. Chirnside, R. McArthur, L. Major, R. S. Russell, F. W. Wilson, District Property Secretary, District Financial Secretary.

Southland Area Sub-Committee: Ministers and Probationers of Southland, Rev. O. A. Kitchingham, Mesdames A. C. Craw, J. Lawry, S. G. Slinn, G. Wesney, Messrs M. Farley, I. Guise, F. W. G. Miller, E. A. Humphries, E. McCulloch, R. V. McLean, A. Stevens, W. Weeds.

QUESTION 61.—(a) What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Churches including the Rulings of the President during the year?

Law Revision Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1968

The Committee submits its annual report and recommendations.

1. LOCAL TRUSTEES AND CORPORATION SOLE

The 1966 Conference instructed the Committee to consider a revision of the present method of land holding, whereby each Trust holds title under the Methodist Model Deed with a view to the introduction of the system using a "corporation sole". A note was included in the Conference resolution, as follows:— "(Note: This would constitute a simplification in the following ways, (a) one signature required for all legal land documents resulting in easier dealing; (b) no longer would individual titles have a multiplicity of trustees' names; (c) ability to raise a global sum by way of mortgage or overdraft facilities which could be allocated to areas of greatest need.)"

This matter has been before the Conference on several occasions previously. In each case it approved of the continuance of the present system. The matter was last considered in 1958 when the Conference adopted a special report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee which upheld the present system.

Originally Methodist properties were vested in John Wesley himself. Later he appointed local Trustees to hold Church land, reserving the right to himself to appoint preachers to the Chapels erected on such lands. Wesley's Deed Poll of 1784 vested the right of appointment and other rights held by John Wesley in the Annual Conference. Naturally Deeds of Trust varied from place to place and in order to obtain uniformity, the British Conference adopted the Model Deed of 1832.

The New Zealand Model Deed of 1887 is based on this. Similar Model Deeds are used throughout Methodism.

As far as can be ascertained all Conferences still have properties held in trust by them under Model Deeds. In all cases, except in New South Wales and in Queensland, church lands are vested in local Trustees. In New South Wales and Queensland, Parliamentary authority had to be obtained for the change.

All properties in New South Wales for example, are now vested in a body corporate in the name "The Methodist Church (N.S.W.) Property Trust Act." Such properties are still held upon the trusts of the Methodist Model Deed of New South Wales. The terms of this Model Deed are practically the same as those of the New Zealand Deed of 1887 and the British Model Deed of the Methodist Church 1932.

The preamble to the Methodist Church (N.S.W.) Property Trust Act 1966 states, *inter alia*, "That for the purpose of simplifying the holding of property by or on behalf of the Methodist Church of

Australasia in New South Wales and of facilitating and rendering less expensive conveyancing transactions in respect of land so held it is expedient to create a body corporate for holding, managing and dealing with property."

As from the passing of the Act, property formerly vested in Trustees now vests in the Methodist Church (N.S.W.) Trust.

Appropriate sections of the Model Deed were repealed. There were other new provisions, inter alia providing for the holding of property used in schemes of co-operation with other Churches. The N.S.W. Trust can act as an executor of a Will, etc.

Under this Act, Regulations for Trust Committees have been gazetted. These provide for the appointment of Trust Committees. There are sections dealing with meetings, appointment and duties of officers and the powers and responsibilities of Trust Committees. A register of Trust Committees and their members has to be kept and regular returns have to be sent to the Church Property Secretary.

No property can be sold, mortgaged or leased; no building can be erected, altered or demolished nor can money be borrowed without the consent of the Conference.

Thus it is seen that there is very little change in the overall position.

In New South Wales there was a charge of \$1 for every certificate of Trustees and a registration fee of \$5 every time any such certificate was registered. Considering the number of property transactions involved this would become very costly.

In New Zealand there used to be a fee of 50 cents for each certificate but no registration fee was charged by the Land Transfer Office.

The following figures indicate how few transactions, involving the execution of documents by Trustees require registration.

	Documents: Sales, Mortgages, Leases	Certificates Issued
1964	55	61
1965	60	48
1966	60	44
1967	55	49

In New Zealand it is only when a property is purchased or gifted to the Church that a full list of Trustees is endorsed on the title. In fact, now in some Land Transfer registries the title shows simply that it is held by Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed. When subsequently a document is presented for registration and there has been a change in personnel the Certificate from the General Secretary is just attached to the document being registered and no charge is made.

The Registrar-General has advised that the Church's present system works satisfactorily without any difficulty and that as far as his department is concerned, there is no need for any change.

The Committee communicated with the Secretary of the British Conference, who has replied that the suggestion that there should be a substitution of a corporation for local bodies of Trustees, has from time to time been examined by the General Chapel Committee and the Conference but it has always been decided that the system with local Trustees should continue.

The Queensland Conference is considering, or may have promoted an Act creating a similar property Trust as is now in operation in New South Wales.

The Committee has ascertained that although the main reason for the change in New South Wales was to provide a simpler and

less expensive system of holding property for the Church, there has not been co-operation between the trusts and the central office as we have in New Zealand.

The Committee has to point out that where there are local Trustees there has always been a sense of responsibility and ownership amongst the local people. It gives people a sense of being involved in the house of God, and therefore is an outlet for the devotion to their Church. It is submitted that remote ownership induces diminished sense of responsibility at the local level. It is very easy to say "it is not our property, it belongs to head office and therefore let head office look after it." This attitude could have serious consequences.

Our present system provides something which is of inestimable value in the life of the Church. There is a vital link between each trust and congregation and the Connexion. Nothing must be done to weaken this.

All titles not required to be held by banks or lenders where loans are involved, should be held in the Connexional Office. At times there may be difficulties in regard to execution but practically all of these are due to the register of trustees in the Connexional Office not being kept up to date. The responsibility for this lies with the Local Trust. The great majority of Trustees are never, during the term of office, called upon to execute a document. Some do it only once in their term.

To change from our present system to a system with a corporation sole it would be necessary to promote a private bill.

Further, if an act is obtained there would be further expense involved. It is very difficult to ascertain the cost involved—it could be over \$1000.

The fact that as Church Union approaches, it will be necessary for the Church to seek Parliamentary authority to unite, must not be overlooked. Is the expense of promoting legislation now justified when property transactions would amount to an average of just over one a week?

The note to the resolution makes the suggestion that it would be possible to raise a global sum by way of mortgage or overdraft facilities which could be allocated to areas of the greatest need.

A very important principle is involved in this suggestion and if it is to be considered then Conference should seek a special report.

The Committee however has to point out that the New South Wales Conference has not interfered at all with the rights and privileges of local Trustees or as they are now, local Trust Committees. The New South Wales Property Trust has no power to borrow on any property belonging to a local Church, an institution, a board or a fund unless requested and authorised so to do by the Trust Committee, the institution or Board concerned.

It is noted that under the provisions of the Presbyterian Property Act, the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees cannot borrow on any land held by them for a congregation, an institution, a trust or a fund, except on the request of the Board of Managers of the congregation or the institution or trust concerned.

Any proposal as mentioned in the note should receive very careful consideration.

The Committee has carefully considered the proposal to change to a system using a corporation sole and is of the opinion that as the advantages are so few, no change should be made.

2. NEW LAW BOOK

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that the Committee reports that at the time of the preparation of this report, the text of the revised edition of the Law Book is ready for the Printer. The Committee, at this stage, cannot indicate when the new Law Book will be actually published.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be referred to the Law Revision Committee: That the Law relating to Quorums at Official Meetings, 1966 Minutes, page 226, be amended to read: At any official meeting of the Local Church Courts, and at meetings of committees, boards and other Church organisations, the attendance of one-third of those members entitled to vote, shall constitute a Quorum of such meeting.
3. That the Committee be as printed on page ? herein.

QUESTION 61.—(b) Who is appointed President's Legal Adviser?

Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.

QUESTION 62.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

A. ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1968

"It is our conviction that no church can meet
the great tasks of our time in isolation".

W.C.C. Presidents

Reports of the World Council of Churches—whose 4th Assembly meets from the 4th-20th July, and the National Council of Churches in New Zealand—whose Annual Meeting is set for the 15th-18th August, will be presented in a Supplementary Report to Conference in November.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

The Continuation Committee of the P.C.C., met in Tahiti in April and was guided through its business by the new Secretary, the Rev. S. A. Tuilovoni, and Chairman, the Rev. Dr J. A. Havea. Major discussions centred on the problem of church relationships. In seeking to make the Pacific Island's Christian Education Curriculum a part of the P.C.C., it was thought unwise to proceed because some of those who use the material do not favour an organization that is linked to the World Council of Churches. Churches in the New Guinea region, which include the largest in the Pacific area, are to withdraw from the P.C.C. This will have the grave disadvantage of limiting the P.C.C. to the Central Pacific. Much is being done to stimulate and extend the work among young people, and to engage in joint action for mission. Fraternal visits between island groups is proving very helpful. The Secretary of the P.C.C. will be visiting New Zealand in September as a guest speaker at the meeting of the Commission on Overseas Missions and Inter-church Aid.

EAST ASIAN CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

The only New Zealand Methodists able to attend the 4th Assembly at Bangkok were our two official delegates, the Rev. J. D. Grocott and Mr W. E. Donnelly, and an accredited Observer, Mrs

J. D. Grocott, En route to and from the Assembly, both took the opportunity of attending another meeting and visiting other parts of Asia.

A cyclostyled summary of a Consultation of Methodist Churches in Asia, prepared by Mr Donnelly, has been distributed to all Ministers in the active work. It relates to four fundamental issues currently occupying the attention of the churches in Asia:

- (i) Evangelism
- (ii) Structures of the Church appropriate to its Mission
- (iii) Ecumenical Relationships
- (iv) Mission Board relationships with the churches.

The questions posed under these headings are of equal importance for our New Zealand churches, consequently, the Committee hopes that Circuit Ministers will find ways of confronting their respective congregations with these issues.

An immediate impression gained by Mr Donnelly at the Consultation was the outstanding quality of the Methodist Asian leaders who attended: "I should hope" he reports, "that our church will turn its thoughts to inviting some of these leaders to share their insights with us".

referring to the 4th Assembly of the E.A.C.C., in association with the Rev. J. D. Grocott, Mr Donnelly reports briefly:

It was obvious that the whole programme had been thoroughly prepared by its officers; with equal thoroughness it was carried through. Having met several times in previous Conferences, a fair proportion of those present knew each other well, and were readily conversant with the issues set down for consideration. For a newcomer, therefore, it is advisable to be well prepared beforehand. The quality of the devotions and the insight into Scripture which the addresses so clearly revealed, were all most inspiring and stimulating.

The Assembly did its major work under two Sections:

- 1. Inter-church Aid for Mission and Service
- 2. A Divided Church in a Broken World.

Each of these Sections comprised four working groups which dealt respectively with the subjects:

Section 1

- (a) Needs and Services
- (b) Institutions in the life of the Church
- (c) The Sending and Receiving of Missionaries
- (d) Structures of Co-operation and Administration

Section 2

- (a) The Christian Presence in a Broken World
- (b) Making the Christian Presence Effective
- (c) Christ's presence in a Divided Church
- (d) Ecumenical co-operation in this area of concern.

Being a member of only one of these work groups had its disadvantages in that one was unable to share more fully in the thinking that produced the reports of the other work groups and Section. What one group said however, is indicative of the sort of thinking that went on in the groups and Sections:

"The basic need is for the churches, at the point of policy decisions, to genuinely care more for the work of Jesus Christ

as a whole than for their own ecclesiastical prestige, organizational prosperity and growth. We confess with shame that we rarely achieve this; we think, and plan, and act—even pray—as if our own denomination were the whole catholic Church; others are incidental, secondary and inferior. We need such a renewal that will make us effectively open to our Lord's call, and to one another. We must acknowledge that Jesus Christ is just as truly present with other churches as with our own and that his task is not many but **one**. We simply cannot obey him fully, practices of this disobedience that we have forgotten its sinfulness. We must find new ways of openness to one another as acting apart, and yet we have become so familiar with, and so deeply involved in, the continuing assumptions, habits and churches".

The officers appointed by the Assembly for the next four years are: Chairman, Dr D. T. Niles (Ceylon); General Secretary, U Kyaw Than (Burma); Associate General Secretary, Mr Mathew Ogawa (Japan).

To visit our Methodist churches in Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines following the E.A.C.C. Assembly, was a thrilling experience. The Methodist Church in Asia is very much alive, and in many parts, vibrantly so.

WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

Through the Council an exchange of pastorates was effected in June between the Rev. Eugene Hibbard of the Kellogg United Church, Idaho, and the Rev. David Armstrong of our Onehunga Circuit. The exchange is for twelve months. A major decision of the Council is the establishing of its headquarters in Geneva. This is to enable it to have closer liaison with the World Council of Churches, and other churches that already have their central offices located there.

RELIGIOUS FILM SOCIETY

At its Annual Meeting in February, the Society elected the Rev. Murray Feist as its new President, and the Rev. W. B. Burn as its staff Secretary. The Director, Mr W. N. Mouat, presented a report which showed that during 1967 he maintained contact with the Christian Education Departments of the member churches; conducted some 32 demonstrations of audio-visual aids throughout the country, and had added to the Society's library some 20 new 16mm. titles and 30 new film strips. The attention of the Radio and TV Commission has been drawn to the fact that the Society has secured the New Zealand rights for certain programmes. The work of the Society is growing. In this respect, however, it is very much dependent upon the grants received from the participating churches. The Society again respectfully asks the Methodist Church to maintain its present grant of \$500.

MINISTERS SERVING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Rev. W. G. Eisner:

The changed economic pattern has had repercussions on my work as Chaplain here at Mount Crawford.

Firstly, because the restrictions imposed have meant a curtailment of overtime worked by the prison officers, thus leading to restrictions on inmates' recreational opportunities from which functions under the Chaplain's aegis were not exempt. The time for the main Sunday Service was duly affected, but as the change proved unsatisfactory the original time has been re-instated.

Secondly, as a Receiving Institution, considerable pressure has been placed on Mount Crawford, so that the combination of restricted leisure activities and the high musters under cramped circumstances invariably involve extra calls on the specialist staff. When something like 2300 men are received during the year, the opportunity to develop fruitful counselling relationships is slight, and therefore, a loss of perhaps some consequence to both suitable inmates and the Chaplain.

Ill health toward the end of last year compelled my absence from the prison for ten weeks, and since then my time spent in the prison has been reduced. Relief under these circumstances was willingly provided by a number of Ministers, youth leaders and the members of the local Baptist Church. Special mention must be made of the pastoral responsibilities which my Roman Catholic colleague assumed, in addition to his heavy social service commitments. Prison Superintendents are favourably impressed by the way in which the relationship we have established issues in this kind of co-operation. Overall thanks is due to the new Senior Chaplain, the Rev. Rex Goldsmith, for his brotherly oversight of the work.

The Annual Combined Chaplains' Conference was held at Futuna Retreat House, Wellington, and all were grateful to the lead given by the Rev. Father L. V. Downey. Due to the economic situation more regular Conferences and courses have not been possible.

Wellington Church choirs and youth groups have given helpful support to my Sunday Services. A new feature is the incorporating of folk-singing groups into the Sunday Service. Experiments in religious communication continue, and my weekly Padre's Hour receives a vigorous, if not always instructive, response from the inmates. There continue to be more personal counselling needs than present circumstances allow me to meet. With the restriction imposed on officers' overtime and the absence of a permanent psychologist, no group counselling is possible, other than through the groups that meet under the leadership of the Chaplain.

Undoubtedly due to the vigorous representation on the part of the new Prison Superintendent, the Minister of Justice has consented to a renewal of my term of service—providing that the Methodist Church and National Council of Churches concur. In the light of previous trends, this consent is enheartening. I am more than personally grateful in that it implies especially a concern for the continuing development and strengthening of the prison chaplaincy scheme throughout the whole country.

The Rev. O. A. Kitchingman:

Now in my third year, I am firmly persuaded that the experimental ministry I am endeavouring to exercise, contains significant guidance for the Church's mission to communities.

I could not, of course, foresee at the beginning of this ministry just how it would develop. To give effect to the trust which the churches have placed in me, I have sought with all I possess to respond to the needs of the community in which I have been located. This has meant establishing personal relationships with individuals, and being on call for many kinds of services—chiefly friendship and understanding. It has meant looking to the needs of the community as a whole. In doing so, I have become increasingly convinced that the Church needs real identification with the community while at the same time, recognising the attendant risks. This identification I do not see as only a preparation for evangelism, but itself the means by which the Church becomes evangelistic. It requires an adjustment of mind for many people so that they can hear much speaking about God without "much speaking" about God!

Proclaiming the Gospel to the working world of today calls for this kind of faith—a faith in God's presence and action in society. I find myself thinking of the mission of the Church in deeper and wider and more concrete terms. I attribute this to the stimulating personal encounter and involvement I have with hundreds of people during the course of a year, most of whom I get to know in their work situation. This open relationship with industry is, I contend, a vital one for the churches. It enables us to understand more fully the influences and pressures under which many of our people are working and living. Christian lay men, I sense, are frequently at a loss to see what their faith means in relation to their jobs, or their responsibilities, for example, as members of their trade union.

It would seem that one of the major tasks of the Church which deserves high priority, is a study on "living as Church in the world". This area of mission—well termed "laity formation"—is one in which it is vital that clergy should not only participate, but also do a lot of listening in.

I believe that the most effective ministry to industry is through those who are indigenous to the situation. Industrial mission work, as observed in Melbourne this year, with suggested implications for New Zealand, is the subject of a special report which I have forwarded to the Executive of the National Council of Churches.

To conclude:

As the reports of the Committee from year to year reflect, the range of the Committee's interests is considerable. This fact has given rise to two concerns which continue to exercise the mind of the Committee. The first is, how to digest and do justice to the innumerable reports, study papers and other documents which come before the Committee. The second is, how to disseminate such information so that it reaches the membership of the church at the local level.

To date, the Committee has no practical solution to offer in connection with the second. In meeting the first, it has embarked on a series of study evenings, which it is hoped will become a regular feature of its work throughout the year. The first of these study evenings proved to be very stimulating, and was a helpful pointer to ways in which the Committee may better equip itself to serve the Connexion as effectively as possible, in the whole field of ecumenical relationships.

L. GREENSLADE, Chairman

R. D. RAKENA, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal be commended to the Circuits over the signature of the President of the Methodist Church.
3. That the representatives on the following committees be: N.C.C., Revs. R. D. Rakena, W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws and Mrs M. E. Hayman. Alternate, Mr G. E. Hill. Women's Committee, Mesdames M. R. Tunnicliffe, H. C. Matthews, W. R. Laws, R. Swindells (Corresponding Members). Youth Committee, Messrs C. Couch and R. J. Patchett, Miss A. Price. Maori Section: Revs. B. M. Chrystall, R. Rogers, R. D. Rakena, L. Tauroa and Te A. Tahere. Religious Film Society: Revs. B. M. Chrystall, A. Jolly and Mr P. Fenwick. Executive, Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr P. Fenwick.
4. That the annual grants from the Contingent fund be: (a) \$50 World Methodist Council; (b) \$20 Ecumenical Committee.

5. That Conference Committees, Departments and the H.M. Department when considering invitations to Overseas Visitors to come to N.Z. include the possibility of inviting leaders from S.E. Asia as mentioned by Mr W. E. Donnelly in the Ecumenical Report.

6. That Conference expresses its pleasure at the re-appointment of Rev. W. G. Eisner for a further term as Chaplain at Mt Crawford.

7. That the Committee for 1969 be as printed on Page 6 herein.

QUESTION 62—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

B. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1968

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN N.Z.

General—Annual Meeting

Following a biennial pattern, this year's Annual Meeting returned to Christchurch. Next year it will be held in Gisborne to coincide with the Cook celebrations. Special features of the Annual Meeting included: the Opening Service held in the Cathedral, the preacher for the occasion being Mr James K. Baxter; a whole evening devoted to reports on the Uppsala Assembly; a full afternoon's session held at the Rehua Meeting House and the presence of guest speakers, the Rev. Harvey Perkins (E.A.C.C. Secretary for Inter-church Aid), the Rev. Laurie Styles (Director of Australian Inter-church Trade and Industry Mission) and Mr George Laking (Secretary for External Affairs). The Rev. Selwyn Dawson chaired the meeting.

Council and Executive:

The volume of business that comes before both the Executive and the Council continues to grow so that, attention to detail is proving more and more difficult. The appointment of a small Working Committee and an investigation into the structure of the Council are current attempts to overcome this difficulty.

Branches:

These now number 24. Giving expression to the work of the Council at local levels has its problems, especially in the main centres. The Branches are fulfilling a vital function in this regard, but more effective expression is still needed. Discussions toward this end are continuing.

Resettlement:

The refugee stands as an insistent affront to the conscience of man. Increasing world violence has meant that there are now 4½ million more refugees in the world than twelve months ago. Resettlement in New Zealand has its problems. These we must strive to overcome and share more realistically in the total refugee programme.

Relations with Other Churches:

Relations with the Roman Catholic church are increasing and deepening. The proposal to establish a joint working committee is awaiting official approval from some of the church courts due to

meet later in 1968. A helpful consultation with representatives of the Pentecostal churches was held last December. The Lutheran church now has Observer status on the Council, and for the first time, an observer from the Ratana church was present at this year's Annual Meeting.

C.O.M.I.C.A.:

Meetings of the Commission are held in Wellington and while much of its time is taken up with the selection of projects to be supported from the Christmas Appeals, the inclusion of a Day of Study is proving to be a worthwhile feature of its meetings.

Chaplaincies:

i. Prison: Standing alongside the Roman Catholic chaplains, the N.C.C. full and part-time chaplains are now an established and effective ecumenical force operating within our penal institutions. They constitute a privileged "working partnership" between church and State. At present there are 15 chaplains: 4 are Anglican, 5 are Presbyterian, 3 are Methodist, 2 are Baptist and there is 1 Church of Christ. Local congregations may share in this outreach by getting to know the chaplains and their work, and under their guidance, participate in many aspects of their programme within the institutions.

ii. University: The strategic position that our chaplains occupy is underlined by recent expressions of student unrest throughout the world—the expressions of a generation "out of sorts with its times". It is the hope that, in New Zealand such unrest shall emerge as a positive and not negative force within the community. Approval of the principle that, this mission to our Universities be financed on a National basis is regarded as a major step forward.

iii. Industry: The work of urban and industrial mission is assuming its due place as a vital growing edge of the Church's ministry to society. The visit of the Rev. Laurie Styles has helped clarify some of the key issues involved. As our pioneer in this field, the Rev. Owen Kitchingman is gaining valuable experience and insight which shall help the churches to share more extensively in this important field.

Church and Society:

The terms of reference for the establishing of a Committee have been circulated for consideration and an Auckland group is carrying out more detailed investigations with a view to formulating definite lines of action.

C.C.I.A.:

Many prominent citizens are associated with the work of the Commission which is located in Wellington. The late Sir Walter Nash was one of these and his passing is recorded with regret. It has co-operated with the N.C.C. Executive in a number of matters, for instance, the booklet "To Church People Re Vietnam" which has sold over 4,700 copies. Before issuing any statements concerning International Affairs, the Executive always seeks the counsel of the Commission.

Finance:

For the past ten years, membership dues to the E.A.C.C. have been paid by the Council. It has been agreed that the seven churches concerned now assume payment themselves, the payment to be phased-in over a period of three years. A review of the Council's financial position has revealed the need to increase the contributions from member churches by 25%, the increase to take effect from 1st

January, 1970. The increase is not to enable the Council to extend its work further but merely to enable it to maintain its existing programme.

INTER-CHURCH AID

This part of the Council's work represents the major area in which the churches are engaged in action, together. A summary of amounts received and spent, and projects supported is published in a separate news-sheet which has been circulated to all Ministers. As I.C.C.A. Secretary, Mr Frank Heard has taken every opportunity to acquaint himself with the needs in Asia, consequently, he now has at his fingertips a wealth of information which he is ready to pass on to any groups able to fit him in to their programme as a speaker. The 1968 Christmas Appeal theme is "To Care is to Share". Amounts received during the past two years have totalled \$154,072 and \$145,113 respectively, and our Methodist proportion of this has been \$21,820 for 1967 and \$24,151 for 1968. Three problems are said to confront I.C.A. at the present time: first, the proliferation and commercializing of appeals; secondly, the lack of a force 10 project, and thirdly, a spreading affliction termed "compassion fatigue".

INTERVIEW '69:

This major community programme, planned for June, 1969, arises out of the request of the churches following their experience of the 1967 Lenten Study series. A national organization is being formed to carry the programme through. At present committees are working on such matters as publicity, administration, writing, television and radio, and training. There is a Central Committee in Wellington which will co-ordinate all these. The theme of the programme is "How to Live in the 1970s" and will be presented under such discussion headings as:

- Man and the future
- Man his involvement in public affairs
- Man and his works
- Man and his home
- Man and his community.

A newsletter providing preliminary information, together with a brief questionnaire is now in circulation.

MAORI SECTION

The retirement of the Rt. Rev. W. A. Panapa and the Rev. G. I. Laurenson, after active association with the Section since its inception, is recorded with both regret and appreciation. As Life Members, however, it is hoped that they may still be able to share in less demanding ways. The administration of the Whangaungatanga Hostel in Rotorua poses some difficulty with the retirement of the Master and Matron, and some members of the management committee. Negotiations to overcome this are in train. Discussions have continued on such questions as: The Maori in the N.Z. Economy; Worship and Liturgy; Relations with Pacific Islanders. In respect to the latter, a very helpful discussion was led recently by the Rev. D. Evans of Tokoroa. As part of its programme for the year, a very successful Counselling Course was held at Tokanui under the leadership of Dr H. Bennett. The Course ran for three days and was attended by a wide representation from the churches and those engaged in social welfare.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The chairman for the year, Mrs R. H. T. Hamilton, has been able to obtain valuable experience in her contacts overseas with Asian

women; this is reflected in the work of the committee. The World Day of Prayer evidenced further interest and participation. March would indicate a more suitable time for the Day of Prayer. This year's Order of Service was prepared by Mrs Rathie Selvaratnam of Ceylon and introduced the Eastern symbolizing of peace. It is unfortunate that many groups apparently decided to adapt or omit this act from their observance. By using them, however, it is believed we will begin to appreciate the unfamiliar patterns of other people. The interest of the Committee has been widened with the decision to join the "Fellowship of the Least Coin". A concern which the Committee continues to hold relates to its own existence. As the new insights concerning both the laity and the family suggest the need for placing more emphasis on men and women, the Committee would welcome an indication from the churches as to whether or not it should remain in its present form.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Plans for the Fifth Ecumenical Youth Conference are now well in hand. It is intended to hold the Conference in Christchurch, commencing 27th December, 1969. The theme will be: "PROBE—Christian Action for the Seventies". Arrangements are continuing for the sending of a work party to Indonesia this Summer holidays. The Committee has carried out its responsibilities under International Christian Youth Exchange, and is more alive to the issues involved following a visit by its chairman, Mr Lyndsay Jacobs, to Philadelphia to attend an international Conference of I.C.Y.E., and a visit by I.C.Y.E.'s Secretary, Mr Bill Perkins of New York. The Committee is encouraged by the growth in inter-church Camps, Retreats and Conferences for young people. It is concerned, however, that in endeavouring to match the growing needs in this field, it can only rely on personnel who are already committed in many other ways. A full-time Secretary is more than desirable.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference urge all Ministers and Circuits to give the fullest support possible to INTERVIEW '69.
3. That Conference convey appreciation to the Rev. H. A. Darvill for his lengthy term of service to the N.C.C. Maori Section, seventeen years of which were spent as its Secretary.
4. That Conference approve the increase of 25% in members contributing in terms of the N.C.C.'s request and asks the Finance and Stewardship Committee to implement as soon as possible.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Mr G. E. Hill and the Rev. A. K. Petch report on the 4th Assembly held at Uppsala:

This was the most widely representative gathering in the history of the Church. 714 delegates from 232 member churches attended, together with 61 delegated observers who included 15 Roman Catholics and 3 Seventh Day Adventists. Advisers, Youth participants, Guests and Press representatives brought the total attendance to over 2000 people.

135 Youth participants made a significant contribution, questioning, probing, and challenging speakers and draft statements, demonstrating their ability to carry through the more active participation that Youth seeks in the life of the Church everywhere. "Youth will not allow the older generation to force upon them a programme which they are expected to accept without criticising."

The programme of addresses and discussions was clearly influenced by the Conference on Church and Society held in 1966, the revolutionary nature of the contemporary world and the fact that 1968 had been designated International Year for Human Rights. This 4th Assembly will be remembered for the great use it made of films, TV documentaries, protest poems and songs, modern drama, art and photographic displays, all portraying a world torn by racial and economic tensions, and crying out for social righteousness.

Divided into six sections, the Assembly struggled to express a common mind on widely varying topics. The following extracts are given to indicate the range of the discussions and to stimulate further study within the Circuits.

1. The Holy Spirit and the Catholicity of the Church:

The New Delhi Assembly emphasised with good effect the need to manifest the unity of "all Christians in each place". To this emphasis we would now add a fresh understanding. It is to call the churches in all places to realize that they belong together and are called to act together. At a time when human interdependence is so obvious, it is imperative to make visible the bonds which unite Christians in universal fellowship.

2. Renewal in Mission

In all the contemporary localities of mission we must find new and effective ways in which the Gospel can be proclaimed today and understood in all areas of life. This means . . . there will be a programme of education which, at all levels, directs people towards their ministry in the world. It will need to be rooted in a Biblical understanding of Mission. A congregation engaged in mission will need Biblical nurture; opposed or persecuted it will need Biblical encouragement; failing in its task it will need Biblical vision. A congregation can be a living letter of Christ only in so far as it is rooted in the Gospel.

3. World Economic and Social Development

The central issue in development is the criteria of the human. We reject a definition of development which makes man the object of the operation of mechanical forces, but view it as a process with potential for promoting social and economic justice and world community as an encounter between human beings.

4. Towards Justice and Peace in International Affairs

The growing dimensions of the ecumenical movement offer new possibilities for concerted contributions to international relations. There is no parish so small or isolated that it should feel free of involvement in this common responsibility through prayer, education, consultation with Christians of the nations concerned, and through ecumenical service and action at local levels.

5. Worship

We are bound to ask the churches: whether there should not be changes in language, music, vestments, ceremonies, to make worship more intelligible; whether fresh categories of people—industrial workers, students, scientists—should not find a place in the churches' prayers; whether lay people should not be encouraged to take a greater share in worship; whether meetings of Christians for Holy Communion should be confined to church buildings and traditional hours.

6. Towards New Styles of Living

In our time, many efforts of renewal are identifiable by their commitment to the struggle for social justice. Other revival move-

ments see the new style of life in the refusal to smoke, drink alcohol, dance, use make-up and gamble. How are we to understand such different styles? The revealed will of God is holy, just and good. Human rules, which grasp and express this, will command and guide us in discerning God's will, and the making of our decisions. But when rules become detached from the Spirit, they can make us blind to the recklessness of the Gospel and to those signs of the times by which God is speaking to us.

Challenging issues were presented by those invited to address the Assembly during its 16 days of meeting. In the words of the Assembly's Message to the churches: we heard the cry of those who long for peace; the hungry and exploited who demand bread and justice; the victims of discrimination who claim human dignity, and the increasing millions who seek for the meaning of life. God hears these cries and judges us.

Racism and World Poverty:

The American Negro novelist, James Baldwin, and Lord Caradon, U.K.'s permanent representative to the United Nations, issued the challenge under racism. The Hon. Kenneth Kaunda, President of Zambia, and Dr Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson), a prominent Roman Catholic laywoman and economist, presented the challenge of world poverty.

A Vertical and Horizontal View of the Gospel:

In his magnificent address on "The Mandate of the Ecumenical Movement", Dr Visser 't Hooft issued a warning to those who sought to express the one view over against the other. Though constantly in tension, the two must be held together. A Christianity which has lost its vertical dimension has lost its salt and is no use to the world; a Christianity which uses the vertical pre-occupation as a means of escaping its responsibility to the common life of man, is a denial of the incarnation.

More Speed Toward Union:

A large group of rain-drenched young people who had marched from Stockholm to Uppsala issued the challenge to accelerate the pace toward Christian Unity. A pertinent question for our New Zealand negotiations was posed by Dr Visser 't Hooft, "Is the progress towards full unity so slow that it reveals rather a fear of unity than a great and passionate conviction about the essential oneness of the people of God?"

Crisis of Representation:

An all-white American dominance, an all-male all-clergy Praesidium and the absence of young people gave rise to the need for more care in the appointment of representatives.

Less Words More Deeds:

This was the challenge issued by the youth participants, who acted as an effective "ginger" group throughout. The observing of a day of fasting and a special appeal for 3 million dollars to help relief work in Biafra, revealed the desire of the Assembly to comply.

The growth of the activities of the World Council of Churches and the vital role it is fulfilling both in the life of the churches and the nations was reflected in every aspect of the Assembly's programme. Special gifts amounting to \$140,000 prevented a serious deficit in the Council's funds. Following a thorough investigation, it was found necessary to ask the member churches to increase their contributions by at least, one third.

The following summary, written by the Rev. David Taylor, General Secretary of the N.C.C. in New Zealand, expresses something of the spirit of the Uppsala Assembly:

The World Council has never spoken so clearly and with such unanimity as it has now. Its actions are merely a confirmation of its words. It has declared its understanding of at least one aspect of the Christian Gospel in such a way that no man can fail to hear it. Christ died for the whole world. Man is one. The Church with its living fellowship of East and West, North and South, black and white, is merely the down payment on what Jesus Christ intends this human race to become. We stand together, across all barriers and dividing lines. In Christ we are reconciled. By the Holy Spirit we grow in mutual understanding and we are one, not against the world, but in and for it. He can use us, our prayers and our lives in the course of His work as He renews all things in accordance with His Father's plan.

L. GREENSLADE, Chairman
R. D. RAKENA, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Message of the Uppsala Assembly be circulated to enable it to be read in every Methodist Church on Advent Sunday, 1st December, 1968.
3. That the Sectional reports of the Uppsala Assembly be circulated to the appropriate Connexional committees that they may draw out relevant issues to send on to the Circuits for study and/or action in due course.
4. That Conference approves of a one third increase in contribution in terms of the World Council of Churches request and asks the Finance and Stewardship Committee to implement as soon as possible.

QUESTION 63.—(1) What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

Faith and Order Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1968

MEMBERSHIP

(1) Conference referred three matters to us under this heading: (i) Res. 7 (a) P. 78 asked us to reconsider the necessity for maintaining a roll. After studying the matter further, especially in the light of the 1958 statement from which the threefold connotations of membership were drawn, we are satisfied that there must be some record of a member's willing and responsible loyalty to the institutional church. Ministerial Synods support this view, and we have therefore no recommendation to make. (ii) Res. 7 (b) P. 78 asked us to continue to study the matter of membership, and we report that we are doing this and the new concepts of membership are central in our thinking about orders of service for Baptism and Confirmation. However, we do not envisage making any immediate re-statement of the church's definition of membership.

In respect of 'the measure by which a person would be classified as a non-active member' we submit that this is not a matter of purely

theological concern and therefore falls outside our sphere of responsibility unless Conference specially directs us to consider some aspect of it. But, as we have stated in material forwarded a year ago to all ministers, we feel that Leaders' Meetings should apply the most generous interpretation of any standards when deciding when a member has disqualified himself from the right to vote in the Church Meeting. We do not feel that objective measures 'by which a person would be classified' would be a desirable development, but rather that every situation should be treated in a personal and pastoral context with the intention of winning commitment rather than securing the entry 'ceased to attend' for the roll.

(iii) Res. 8, P. 260 referred back a paragraph of our report for 'clarification'. We do not think that the paragraph in question is obscure, but as it was merely for explanation do not seek its adoption by Synods and Conference.

(2) Under the impression that there was widespread concern about other matters relating to membership the committee took the liberty of raising with Ministerial Synods matters which were not specifically referred by Conference:

- (i) In respect of the title for the roll, we found that 'church roll' would be about as acceptable as 'electoral roll'. We think that the term previously adopted by Conference is preferable. Other alternatives put to the ministers did not meet with wide support.
- (ii) After initiating some discussion about the Register of Members we found only one Ministerial Synod pressing for having separate registers. We remain satisfied that the Register of Members is the proper book to express our church's fundamental emphasis on Baptism and Confirmation as the heart of membership, and note that this now appears to meet with general approval.

RELATION OF DEACONESS ORDER TO PRESIDENCY AND VICE-PRESIDENCY

Conference 1967 asked us (Minutes P. 260, No. 9) to report on the position of Deaconesses in relation to the Conference and its leadership particularly that of President and Vice-President. We report as follows:

1. General Position:

An examination of the Minutes of Conference from 1950 to the present time shows that for certain purposes the Deaconess Order has been recognised as "ministerial" and for other purposes as "lay". For example Deaconesses employed within a District are by right members of the District Synods but are not members of the District Ministerial Committees. They also may be elected as Lay representatives of Boards, Circuits, etc. In addition the Order has the privilege of electing four Deaconesses as representatives of the Order, who in the Conference Roll are counted with the laity to equalise the Conference between ministerial and lay. (See 1959 Minutes, pp. 200f.).

2. Eligibility for Vice-Presidency:

In 1956 the President was asked "Can a member of the Deaconess Order be elected to the office of Vice-President of the Conference?"

The President's ruling is given in full because it contains principles which have now to be re-examined. The ruling on pages 199f of the 1956 Minutes reads:

"Paragraph 356 of the Law Book in setting out the constitution of the Conference provides that there shall be an equal number of 'Ministerial' and 'Lay' representatives or non-ministerial representatives.

"A Ministerial representative is a Minister in full connexion with the Conference. All other Church members who are representatives to Conference are lay representatives.

"The word 'Layman' or any other word of that connotation is to be understood as applying equally to men and to women.

"A Deaconess has the right to be elected to represent a circuit, or any board, or Committee, in or of which she is a member. Paragraph 357 must of course be complied with.

"Any lay representative who has been a member of at least three previous Conferences may be elected Vice-President of the Conference (paragraph 213).

"Therefore a member of the Deaconess Order who is a lay representative at a Conference may be elected to the office of Vice-President of such Conference provided she has been a member of Conference on at least three previous occasions".

This is the present position—that for some purposes Deaconesses are "ministerial" yet as far as the Courts of the Church are concerned they are counted as "lay" representatives, and until the laws are altered may still be elected as Vice-President should they fill the other requirements.

3. Eligibility for Presidency:

The Law is quite explicit that only Ministers in Full Connexion are eligible for this office. The new form of "setting apart" Deaconesses does not bring them into "full connexion" nor does it ordain them into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

4. The Nature and Status of the Deaconess Order:

- (a) The 1964 Conference (See Minutes pp. 211f) received the report of the Commission on the Ministry of Women and in the section on the Ministry made a distinction between the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and the Ministry of service, but stressed that "the relationship of the Deaconess Order to the courts of the Church needs to be reviewed in the light of the ministerial character of the Order."

The Report was referred to the Faith and Order Committee and Deaconess Board for further consideration.

- (b) The 1965 Conference adopted the report of the Faith and Order Committee (See Minutes pp 282f) which expanded the 1964 Report and in para. 5 stresses that the Order is ministerial rather than lay and that it is appropriate that the Deaconess be ordained to her special task by prayer and the laying on of hands. In para. No. 6 it is stated that because the Deaconess does not undertake the full responsibility of the ministry of Word and Sacrament "she cannot be received into full connexion with the Conference." The same paragraph ends with the sentence: "The present practice of Deaconess representation in the Conference should be continued with the understanding that this involves the representation of an order of ministry."

ORDINATION AND FULL CONNEXION

Conference 1967 asked us (Minutes p. 36, No. 6) to consider the amendment of question 2 of the Conference agenda so that it be divided into two questions: (a) Who are now admitted as ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference?

- (b) Who are now ordained as Ministers?

After discussion the committee found itself in agreement with the statement made in the 1960 Minutes, p. 228, and the accompany-

ing resolution on p. 235, reading: "That Conference recognises as the standard practice for the Methodist Church of N.Z. that Ordination should be preceded by reception into full connexion."

We draw Conference's attention to this statement and resolution, and recommend that question 2 of the Conference agenda remain as at present.

CHURCH UNION REPORTS

At the request of the President we have examined some of the Joint Commission reports submitted to us by our Church Union Committee, particularly those involving questions of faith and order, and reported our findings to the Church Union Committee.

JOHN WESLEY'S SERMONS

The Board of Studies have consulted us about the requirement that candidates should have read Wesley's Standard Sermons and Notes on the N.T. We have seen no necessity for this requirement at the stage of candidacy (though we think they should be studied at some time before Ordination) and have accordingly suggested that only six specified sermons be required reading.

VICE-PRESIDENT AND ORDINATION

The President has asked us to prepare a statement on the possibility of the Vice-President sharing in the laying on of hands at Ordination. Work is under way on this subject, but we regret that we are not yet in a position to report.

ORDINATION AND SECULAR EMPLOYMENT

In accordance with a Conference directive (1967 Minutes p. 73, No. 5 (i)) we are working towards a statement clarifying the Church's position regarding ordination and secular employment, but we are not yet ready to report.

ORDERS OF SERVICE

We are working towards the preparation of the booklet of services for use of congregations mentioned in our last year's report. We also plan early in 1969 to gather comments on the Experimental Order of Holy Communion which will have then been in use for two years. Many comments have already come in unsolicited. Our experience in relation to this experimental order has helped prompt the remarks in the next paragraph.

Various draft orders of service have been scrutinized by March Synods and selected lay groups throughout the connexion, and we are grateful for the many comments received. Several Synods asked that all revisions be in modern English, and this firm request has caused the Faith and Order Committee to reconsider present procedures. Rather than submit services for authorization before they have been used, we would like permission to first print the services for experimental use, as in the case of the experimental order for Holy Communion. After they have been used for a time we would then gather comments and revise them with a view to their being authorized by Conference. We think this the wisest procedure in view of the Church's need to feel its way in the use of modern English in its services. Also, we have noticed that comments on services which have been used over a period of time are more perceptive than when there has been no use made of the draft order. If we are given permission to proceed in this way we shall immediately be able to print experimental orders for Baptism (infants and adults) and Confirmation. Work on other services in modern English will

proceed. A resolution is attached. (The only exception we suggest to this procedure is the Ordination Service, which we think could well be authorized for use now, since our present order urgently needs to be replaced. A draft for adoption is included in this report).

ORDINATION SERVICE

We present for adoption a revised draft of the Ordination Service. This service is intended for use within the authorized Order of Holy Communion. It will follow the opening collect and commandments or beatitudes, and the service will then resume at the offering followed by prayer for the whole estate of Christ's church.

Two questions have arisen in connection with the Ordination service. The first concerns the Communion. We see theological value in the whole congregation sharing in the Communion when some are ordained for special ministry within the Church. The Communion would thus help to set forth our theology of ministry. This would be enhanced by the newly-ordained ministers sharing in the distribution of the elements. A practical question arises over the length of time this would involve, but if the people are served in the pews and if the sermon is not long we think this problem can be minimized. Also, by treating this as the Conference Communion service, time could be made available for other Conference purposes.

The second question concerns ordinands' testimonies. We do not think these should continue to be part of the ordination service. The service as it stands is carefully balanced. Questions are put to the ordinands, and they give public answer. Also it is made clear in introducing them that they have satisfied the requirements of the Church. Nothing more than this is necessary, and the service is already quite long without testimonies, especially if our suggestion about Communion for the whole congregation is adopted (and we would consider it to be more central to our theology of ministry than the testimonies). However, we can see the value and importance of personal testimony, and suggest that the testimonies might well be given at another time during Conference, or at local or district services.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

☆ The people sit. The Secretary of the Conference presents those to be ordained to the President, saying: Mr President, I present to you A.B., C.D., etc., to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care. We have enquired of them and also examined them concerning their relation to the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church, and judge them to be fit and worthy to exercise this ministry.

☆ The President then says:

Let us pray

☆ The Ordinands kneel.

Almighty and most loving Father, we thank thee that thou hast called us into the fellowship of thy Church, to be the Body of thy Son Jesus Christ, and to be in him thy servant in the world. We praise thee for the presence of thy Spirit amongst thy people, and for those whom in every generation thou dost raise up to serve in the Church. We praise thee that in thy mercy thou dost forgive the sins of men, and make them fellow-workers with thee. And we bless thee for these thy servants whom thou hast called, asking that they may be worthy of their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- ☆ Suitable passages from Scripture are read.
- ☆ The sermon is preached.
- ☆ All stand to say the Nicene or Apostles' Creed.

THE EXAMINATION

- ☆ All continue standing while the President addresses those to be ordained as follows:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church, we are met here to ordain you to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care, by prayer and the laying-on of hands. We believe that it is God who gives you grace and authority for the office and work to which you are called, and that he does so in answer to the prayers of his Church, and through the actions and words of his ministers. We act and speak as part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and we hold the faith of that Church. Therefore, that we may know that you truly profess this faith, and desire by God's grace to fulfil this ministry, we ask you these questions:

Do you trust that you are moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you this ministry, and, by the help of God, do you accept it?

I DO

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as containing all things necessary for salvation and as the supreme standard of faith?

I DO

Do you accept the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as witnessing to and safeguarding the faith that is set forth in Scripture?

I DO

Will you be diligent in the reading of the Holy Scriptures and in such studies as help you to understand them?

I WILL

Will you faithfully teach and preach the word of God and administer the Sacraments to the people committed to your charge?

I WILL

Will you strive to be faithful shepherds of the flock, to maintain peace and love amongst them, to bring sinners to repentance, to declare to them God's forgiveness, and to nurture them in God's way?

I WILL

Will you, for Christ's sake, be faithful in visiting the sick, in caring for the poor and needy, and in helping the oppressed?

I WILL

Will you help your people to be good stewards of the manifold gifts of God, that every member may be equipped for the work of ministering, and the whole Body be built up in love?

I WILL

Will you seek, by the help of God, to lead a prayerful and disciplined life, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ?

I WILL

Are you resolved, by the help of God, to place yourself, in humble obedience, at the disposal of Christ and to abide by the discipline of his Church?

I AM SO RESOLVED

- ☆ All kneel, and the President stands and says:
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you the will to do all these things, grant you also grace to perform them. He who has called you is faithful, and he will do it. AMEN.

THE ORDINATION

☆ All kneel and the President calls the people to silent prayer.

☆ The President then stands and says:

We glorify thee, O God, most merciful Father, that thou of thy great goodness didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant and to humble himself, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We praise thee that thou hast exalted him, and given him the name which is above every name, and through him hast taught us that he who would be great should be the servant of all. We thank thee that thou hast graciously called these thy servants to the ministry of thy Church; and we humbly beseech thee,

☆ Here the President lays hands on the head of each ordinand in turn, in which he is joined by the other persons appointed. As he does so he repeats the following words:

Send thy Holy Spirit upon thy servant, A., whom we now ordain, in thy Name and in obedience to thy will, committing to him authority to minister thy Word and Sacraments, to declare thy forgiveness to penitent sinners, and to shepherd thy flock.

☆ The people each time repeat, AMEN.

☆ The President then continues, praying for all those ordained:

Give them grace, we pray thee, to be faithful to their promises, constant in their service, and bold to proclaim thy gospel. Enrich them in knowledge and understanding. Make them watchful and loving guardians of thy flock, as followers of the Good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep. Enable them in all things to fulfil their ministry without reproach in thy sight. Grant that, having the full assurance of faith, they may abound in hope, and continue rooted and grounded in the love of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

☆ The President delivers to each one, still kneeling, a Bible, saying: Take this, a sign of the authority which you have received to preach the word of God and to administer the Sacraments in the congregations to which you shall be appointed.

☆ All stand. The President says:

We declare that A.B., C.D., etc., are Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care in the Church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☆ The people respond:

AMEN, THANKS BE TO GOD

☆ The Gloria is sung.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

B. A. WALKER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the order of service for Ordination be adopted and authorized for use.
(b) That at ordination services the whole congregation be invited to share in the Communion, and the newly ordained ministers share in the distribution of the elements.

(c) That ordinands' testimonies no longer be part of the ordination service but that Conference make arrangements for them to be given at District Synod level.

3. That the Faith and Order Committee be given permission to issue orders of service in modern English for experimental use.

4. That Conference expresses its deep appreciation of the work of the Rev. B. A. Walker for the past 5 years Convener of the Faith and Order Committee. Mr Walker has brought to his work breadth of vision, sensitivity and scholarship. He has been concerned always for contemporary and relevant expression of liturgy. He has brought stimulus and freshness to the work of the Committee.

5. That the following be referred to the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with such other committees as deemed necessary and that they report to Synods and Conference 1969.

That Question 2 of the Conference Agenda be: 2a, Who are now admitted as ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference? 2b, Who are now ordained as Ministers? As at present.

6. That the Faith and Order Committee be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 63—2

Radio and Television

1—EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N.C.C. COMMISSION ON TV

Broadcasting Authority Legislation:

Legislation that could have a revolutionary effect on broadcasting in New Zealand has been introduced by the Government. It is designed to establish a new authority controlling the issuing of all licences to operate radio and television transmitters and to have oversight of their programming. Specific opportunity is intended for private ownership. The Commission, supported by its member Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, offered comment on the Bill to a Statutes Revision Committee, expressing general opposition to the idea of commercial ownership and control in broadcasting, and also suggesting particular safeguards in the event of private broadcasting being established.

Integration of Programmes:

A major change in policy in religious programming has taken place, in their integration into standard N.Z.B.C. form of presentation. This has several implications. One effect is that the normal station credits are given at the close of each programme, including the name of the producer and production team. From this has followed the elimination of the Church identification symbols and credit announcements. A more significant result has been an increasing degree of producer co-operation and interest in the programmes, with a consequent enlargement of production methods. Ideas, and normally talent, are the responsibility of the Churches to provide through the Commission's Directors, who also retain final control over the showing of programmes.

Time Placement:

In mid 1967 the Director of Television called the Directors and the Roman Catholic Director into conference to discuss the possibility of changing the time of the main Church programmes from around 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. He insisted on a standard of programming that would be comparable to surrounding programmes at the later time. This was readily agreed to, but it was indicated that for that to happen the N.Z.B.C. would need to provide a budget and production facilities which would also be comparable to those for surrounding programmes. There are evidences that this is being accepted in practice, although no further decision on time placement has been given.

(This will now come into effect at the end of August).

The Rev. Charles Harrison Study Abroad:

Partly supported by the Commission one of the Directors, the Rev. Charles Harrison, has had a five-month Study Tour overseas, in the course of which he qualified as a producer in radio and television with the B.B.C. He also made valuable contacts with Independent TV Authority in Britain and with a number of Church Broadcasting Authorities in the North American Continent. This experience should be of great value to the Commission, the Churches and the N.Z.B.C.

Original report made by:

GEO. DALLARD

CHARLES HARRISON, Co-Directors

B—METHODIST RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The committee has met regularly over the past year. Following last Conference and the stationing of the former Supervisor away from Wellington the role of the committee has changed. Its work is now mainly concerned with policy and administration rather than its previous task of supervising broadcasts.

Routine Work:

This has involved maintaining the link between the Church and the N.Z.B.C. Arrangements have been made for Church Radio and TV Broadcast, Maori Services, Children's Programmes, National Devotional Links, ZB and X Station Devotionals as well as reports through the national stations of Conference proceedings. Thanks go to all those who have served us so well as broadcasters.

Training of Devotional Services' Broadcasters:

The N.Z.B.C. has intimated through the C.R.A.C. its intention to offer training to all broadcasters taking devotional services, who must qualify in order to be accepted by the corporation. As a beginning the Methodist committee has been asked to submit one name. The Rev. Dr P. Guthardt has agreed to be nominated by the committee to attend the first school. It is envisaged that in due course all devotional broadcasts will be conducted by trained personnel. We believe that the Church will welcome this forward move by the N.Z.B.C.

Television Broadcasters:

The committee is concerned that the Church is not taking her full part in providing TV programmes. People are not coming forward for this work. There is a need for people who can think in pictures to help make the faith relevant to men through this medium.

N.C.C. Commission on TV Grant:

The committee draws the attention of Conference to the urgent need of the Church to meet its financial commitments as a partner in the Commission. Any refusal to do so not only prejudices the work of the Commission but also has repercussions in our relations with other churches with whom we are full partners.

Director Policy:

Further work on this has been deferred while the committee has carried out Conference's instruction to investigate the possibility of establishing a religious department within the N.Z.B.C. It was felt that while this was being considered the Church's decision on the appointment of a Methodist Director must be held in abeyance.

Proposed Religious Department of the N.Z.B.C:

The Conference in resolution 5, page 265, 1967 Minutes, asked the Committee to consider and report to Conference on the following proposal: "That Conference while recognising the services rendered to the churches by the N.C.C. Commission on TV reports to the N.C.C. our opinion that religious telecasting is such an important and specialised field that it can be best handled in N.Z. through the establishment of a Religious Department of the N.Z.B.C."

Studying this has been the main policy task of the committee this year. Advice was sought from overseas and replies received from the Head of Religious Broadcasting of the B.B.C., who is also secretary to the C.R.A.C. there, and from the Rev. Cyril Thomas, Director of the Churches Television Centre, Bushey, England, as a representative of the British Methodist Conference.

In favour of the proposal the following comments are made:

1. A Religious Department could mean more direct control by the N.Z.B.C. This could lead to higher standards and more effective communication. For example in the B.B.C. Penry Jones, Head of Religious Broadcasting writes "in matters of policy the Head of Religious Broadcasting has direct access to the Director General". This is from inside the department. In the present situation the Commission works from outside the N.Z.B.C.

2. Trained personnel would be dealing with the media on a full time basis. Quoting Penry Jones again, "the increasing professional standards of radio and particularly TV necessitate full time producers if religious broadcasting is to maintain its quality alongside other kinds of broadcasting."

3. Working from within the N.Z.B.C. there would be greater opportunities to obtain overseas resources.

4. The churches would act in an advisory capacity. The department would initiate programmes and control production; the churches through a body such as the C.R.A.C. and possibly through advisors would offer guidance on the content of programmes.

The Rev. Cyril Thomas describes the advisors working with Independent TV in England as ordained men working on a full time basis alongside professional lay producers who may be doing other programmes as well. He writes "ABC TV very early on appointed Penry Jones as religious advisor—a full time job—and this meant that ABC TV did some of the best ITV programmes on religion. He was then appointed Religious Advisor, to the Central Independent Television Authority and Rev. Ian Mackenzie took his job with ABC. On the whole this has meant that ABC has continued to put out programmes of exciting, experimental content." If this pattern was followed the Churches would have a religious advisor within the

Department in a unique position to use the opportunities as they arise.

Against the proposal the following points need to be considered:

1. In a department the work of producing programmes would be almost entirely the task of the experts, and further the experts may well ignore the demands of the churches. The emphasis in programmes will finally be what the Head of the Department would want rather than that which the churches desire.

2. The churches would need to participate in the appointment of the head of the Religious Department to ensure that he is a person sympathetic to the presentation of the Christian faith. This may present difficulties as the corporation may favour the appointment of someone from its own staff whose understanding of ecumenical insights may be limited.

3. The creation of a department could mean an exclusive concentration on religion resulting in a lack of wholeness in its approach to life.

An informal meeting was arranged with the Minister of Broadcasting, Mr Adams Schneider and the Director General. The discussion suggested that providing all the churches involved in broadcasting agreed to the proposal it could be favourably received.

G. V. THOMAS, Chairman
R. S. ANDREWS, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That the committee be as printed on page 8 herein.

3. That the Methodist representatives on the N.C.C. Commission on T.V. be the Revs. G. V. Thomas and M. J. Campbell.

4. That the Methodist representative on the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the N.Z.B.C. be the Rev. M. J. Campbell.

5. That the Conference urge Circuits and Synod Standing Committees to ensure that sufficient time be made available to such Ministers as are recommended by produce worthy television programmes and that the Radio and TV Committee be asked to investigate what finance might be required.

6. That the Conference reinstate the full grant to the N.C.C. Commission on TV for the 1969-70 Budget.

7. That the following be conveyed to the Minister of Broadcasting and to the Leader of the Opposition that Conference considers that the welfare of the nation will not be better served by the licensing of private commercial radio and television stations, especially if commercial interests are allowed to determine the nature of programme material. This would tend to make broadcasting subservient to private profit rather than public interest.

8. That Conference approve the new Constitution of the Church Commission on T.V.

9. That Conference express appreciation of the Training Courses provided for those doing religious broadcasting to the Director of Broadcasting through our representatives on the C.R.A.C.

Commission on Communication

(1968 Minutes, P. 268, Res. 5, 6 and 7)

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

The Commission has met and is attempting to grapple with a nebulous yet vital task.

We consider that the importance of communication is already being acknowledged at all levels of the church's life and that the present study should not be interpreted as an admission of total failure. Trinity College now includes an entire unit on the subject of communication; the Department of Christian Education has fostered a most revealing study of aspects of the language barrier; the 'N.Z. METHODIST' is engaged in a vigorous example of communication in and for the wider church; and in many local churches we see signs of communication that is effective. In fact, it might be suggested that the present tension has arisen because some communication is better than it was, and our people are more critical of what they once were content to assume was beyond them.

Basically, we feel that the problem originates in what we believe rather than merely how it is conveyed. We intend, therefore, to study first the content of the faith, and then to consider available research on methods of communicating this. We expect to be in touch with similar work being done by sister churches and envisage that the major emphasis in our programme will be on the church's communication to its own people in the local setting.

If the Conference approves this programme a small grant will be needed to cover incidental expenses, but the sum nominated will not enable us to call a full meeting of the Commission, nor to seek professional research assistance, nor to disseminate our findings more effectively than through the Minutes of Conference. Some consideration will need to be given to this eventually.

J. J. LEWIS, Chairman.

D. S. MULLAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the interim report be adopted.
2. That the Commission be granted \$20.00 for incidental expenses.
3. That Rev. J. Grundy be made a corresponding member.
4. That the study plan be approved and that the Commission be asked to include in their study plan the matters set out in the original terms of reference (1967 Minutes, page 267).

QUESTION 64.—(a) When shall the next District Synods be held?

At first quarterly and as arranged within each District.

QUESTION 64.—(b) When and where shall the next Conference be held?

Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on Saturday, November 8, 1969, at 7.30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Law Revision Committee:

That Law Book Section 272 be amended by deleting all words after the second line. It would now read, "The Church Meeting on each Society shall consist of all those whose names are on the Members' Roll at the time the meeting is held."

Welfare of the Church:

That the Welfare of the Church Committee consider the advisability of amending Section 264 (h) of the Law Book as follows:

"Representation of that Church in the proportion of one to every 20 . . . etc."

International Affairs:

Conference in no way repudiates its previous stand against N.Z. participation in the war in Vietnam but desires now to put its whole weight behind peace making negotiations and the rehabilitation of the land and peoples of Vietnam.

Conference Arrangements:

That the following be referred to the General Secretary and the President-Elect for favourable consideration.

"That small group study be made a regular feature of the Annual Conference and that if at all practicable not less than four one hour sessions be planned for."

Trinity College:

That during 1969, the College Council confer with the Home Mission Department and the General Secretary and report to Synods and Conference on:

- (a) the desirability and feasibility of providing those candidates who are married when accepted for training with suitable free accommodation and an augmented living allowance;
- (b) the financial position of divinity students and probationers.

Information:

That the following be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration:—

Members recently experienced some difficulty in compiling statistics of the Caring and Social Services, of the Home Mission Department. The material required was not so much of a financial nature, but more pictorial, and of personal interest.

It was felt that the "New Zealand Methodist" could be of great assistance in keeping this type of information before its readers. Also that Stewardship Missions could benefit if this aspect of the whole Church at work could be presented to the Congregations.

Resolutions on the Joint Commission on Church Union

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Report of the consultation on Social Service Organisation (p. 52) be forwarded to the Church Union Committee and to the M.S.S.A. for study and action.
3. That the Statement "The Faith We Affirm Together" pp. 5-9 be adopted.
4. That the Methodist Church give general approval to the "Standard Agreement for Co-operative Ventures Based on the Joint Use of Buildings", and recommends that this agreement be used as a basis for all such agreements entered into by the negotiating churches.
5. That the Standard Rules, Procedures and Constitution for Union Parishes be referred back to the J.C.C.U. and Joint National Committee on Church Extension with a view to bringing it in line with the proposed outline for Church Government in the J.C.C.U. Report.

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

Roll of Members at 14th October, 1968

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The Rev. Canon R. S. Foster
The Rev. Canon J. O. Rymer
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The Rev. G. F. McKenzie
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THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

The Joint Commission on Church Union submits this, its Fourth Report, to the negotiating Churches, dated 14th October 1968.

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I. Introduction

A — THE MEETINGS IN 1968

The Commission has met twice, first at Trinity College, Auckland, 13 to 15 February, concluding on 5 March, in Wellington; and second at Church House, Wellington, 2 to 4 October, 1968. The first meeting opened with worship in Trinity College Chapel led by the Rev. D. C. Evans, and was attended by 34 members or proxies; the adjourned meeting was attended by 21; and the second meeting by 27. The conveners of several Study Committees also attended.

The Commission recorded its thanks to the Principal and staff of Trinity College, Auckland, for their assistance, and was grateful that another meeting could be held in a residential College. The Commission is again indebted for the use of Church House, Wellington.

B — THE CHAIRMAN

At the February meeting the Commission appointed the Rt. Rev. A. H. Johnston Chairman of the Commission for a period of 2 years as from 1 June 1968. The Rev. W. J. Morrison was appointed Deputy Chairman and acted during the Chairman's absence overseas.

C — THE SECRETARY

The recommendation of the Commission that a full-time Secretary be appointed was approved by the five negotiating Churches. It was agreed that the appointment should be made by a Committee comprising the conveners of Church Union Committees with one person appointed by each Church Union Committee. The position was advertised throughout the Churches and the Appointment Committee received several applications. The Rev. J. E. Stewart was unanimously appointed to the position.

A service for the Commissioning of the Secretary was held at 7.30 p.m. on 2 October in Wesley Church at which the Chairman presided, the other four conveners assisted, the Rev. A. K. Petch preached the sermon and members of the Commission were present.

D — THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive has met on 7 occasions and has reported fully to the meetings of the Commission.

E — THE STUDY COMMITTEES

The Study Committees comprise the following:

1. The Faith of the Church (The Rev. J. J. Lewis, convener)
2. The Sacraments (The Rt. Rev. H. W. Baines, convener)
3. The Ministry (The Rev. Professor F. W. R. Nichol, convener)
4. Legal and Property Matters (Professor G. P. Barton, convener)
5. Worship (The Ven. A. R. Anderson, convener)

6. Marriage & Divorce (The Rev. W. S. Dawson, convener)
7. General Administration & Finance (The Rev. H. S. Scott, convener)
8. Life & Mission of the Church (The Rt. Rev. E. A. Gowing, convener)
9. Women's Organisations (Mrs. H. P. Anderson, convener)
10. Church Government (The Rev. W. J. Morrison, convener).

The following additional committees have been appointed:

Theological Training (The Rev. J. J. Lewis, convener)

Joint National Committee on Church Extension (The Rev.

C. D. Clark, convener)

Publicity (Mr. D. M. Wylie, convener)

Christian Education (The Rev. W. F. Ford, convener).

F — PERSONAL

The Commission recorded its regret that because of his retirement, the Very Rev. J. M. Bates will no longer be a member, its gratitude for his long and distinguished service and its hope that it may still benefit from his active assistance.

II. *The Foundations of Agreement*

A — PRELIMINARY

It is important to bear in mind the purpose the Commission has had in view in arranging for different fields of its work to be explored by what it has called 'Study Committees'. These Committees, the representatives being appointed by the five negotiating Churches, have been given two responsibilities, in words that have been previously quoted, 'to see whether there was some factor which could prove an insuperable barrier to union, and to provide some guidance to the Commission in the preparation of a Basis of Union'. It may be said that none of the Study Committees has reported any insuperable barrier to union, and that as their work continues they are providing material which will enable the Committee on the Basis of Union to do its work. Naturally, the work of these Committees is at different stages of development and this should be borne in mind in considering the reports which follow.

B — REPORTS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEES

1. **The Faith of the Church**

Last year's report said that a revision of 'The Faith We Affirm Together' which had been made in the light of the comments received from the Churches had been submitted to the Commission and referred back for some small alterations. The Study Committee considered these matters and presented a revision to the February meeting. When this was considered, it was agreed to include in Par. 6 of Section I, the words 'The Declaration and Address of Thomas Campbell', and to send the statement to the Churches for

approval for inclusion in the Basis of Union. It was printed and widely circulated for study, over 7,000 copies being distributed.

The Commission expressed to the Convener the Rev. J. J. Lewis, the Chairman the Rev. Canon R. S. Foster and the members of the Study Committee, its appreciation of the most valuable service they have rendered.

The resolution of the Commission was "That the Statement 'The Faith We Affirm Together' as a description of the faith held in common by the Churches negotiating for union, be sent to the Churches for approval for inclusion in the Basis of Union". The Statement which follows is therefore submitted to the Churches in terms of this resolution. The Commission requests each Church to convey an expression of its approval for this purpose.

THE FAITH WE AFFIRM TOGETHER

The negotiating Churches accept one another as belonging to the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, the witnessing Church of the centuries. They recognise that, in the course of history, the Christian Faith has been interpreted in a variety of ways, declared in confessions and in formularies. They welcome the contribution that each Church will make from the riches of its particular heritage.

They acknowledge also that Christian truth is not to be confined to any one historic or contemporary interpretation and that the Church is always under obligation to study the Faith, to be willing, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to receive new insights, and to proclaim the Faith in words and in deeds relevant to the needs of the age.

They confess that differences of interpretation exist already within each of the communions taking part in the negotiations and they share the conviction that liberty of conscience to interpret the Faith once committed to the Church must be permitted within the fellowship of the Church united.

They claim that the united Church, in dependence upon the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, has the right to formulate, adopt, modify and interpret supplementary doctrinal statements, always in agreement with the word of God received in the Bible and witnessed to by the creeds of the Church. Final decision in all matters of the Faith is the responsibility of the Church.

These Churches, as they prepare to enter union, now declare together the faith they hold in common.

The Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand
Church of the Province of New Zealand
Congregational Union of New Zealand
Methodist Church of New Zealand
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

each, as part of the Church Universal worshipping one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and holding to the apostolic Faith as expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, with joy reaffirms its belief in the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ, and sets forth the substance of its faith in the following declaration:

I. THE STANDARDS OF THE CHURCH

In creation and in history God reveals Himself to men, but supremely has He spoken in Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

The Bible is unique as the inspired record and interpretation of what God has wrought for our creation, preservation, and redemption, above all in His act of self-giving and of self-disclosure in Jesus Christ, anticipated in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New.

The authority of the Bible depends ultimately upon God, and its witness within the Church in every generation is verified to faith by the Holy Spirit as the authentic word of God. It is the responsibility of the believing community, the Church, to interpret the biblical witness.

The books called the Apocrypha witness to the faith and thought of the people of Israel in the centuries immediately preceding the coming of Jesus Christ. Important as a bridge between the Old Testament and the New, they nevertheless are subordinate to the canonical writings of the Old and New Testaments.

From biblical times the Church has confessed its faith in its hymns, liturgies, theological systems, confessions, and creeds. The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds are recognised as witnessing to and as safeguarding that Faith which is continuously confirmed by the Holy Spirit in the experience of the Church. Uniting the Church today with the faith of Christians of all ages, and in every place, they are accepted as having an authority above that of the later formulations.

The Westminster Confession of Faith, the Savoy Declaration, the Thirty-nine Articles, the Standard Sermons and Notes on the New Testament of John Wesley, the Declaration and Address of Thomas Campbell, are held in honour as embodying traditions now merged in the united Church. Since they arose to meet special situations in history, no finality can attach to them. Nevertheless, in so far as they are consistent with the teaching of the Bible and of the Creeds, they will enrich the united Church's understanding of its faith and mission.

It is the right and duty of the united Church to use this historic witness to the Christian Faith, of which this present declaration "The Faith We Affirm Together" is a contemporary expression, for the instruction of its people and the guiding and ordering of its life.

II. GOD

There is one living and true God.

God is love and makes Himself known as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—One God, the Trinity.

God the Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, has made all things for His glory, and has sent His Son into the world to reconcile the world to Himself, having prepared the way through His people, Israel.

Jesus Christ, the eternal and only-begotten Son of God, born in the fullness of time of the Virgin Mary, is, in the mystery of the Incarnation, truly God and truly Man. In His life and teaching He revealed God's holy will, fatherly love and saving purpose. Though sinless, He died on the Cross for our sins. He was raised from the dead in triumph over sin and death to reign as Lord. He is exalted as our Advocate and Intercessor. He will come again in glory as Judge and Saviour to accomplish the final victory.

God the Holy Spirit is at work in the world and in the lives of men, leading men to repentance and to faith in Christ as Saviour, bringing assurance of sonship, producing Christlike character, guiding, empowering and uniting the Church in love and in the service of God and man.

God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has made all things, has redeemed mankind, and sanctifies His Church.

III. MAN

God has created man in His own likeness. He has endowed him with freedom and responsibility, with reason and moral judgement, with power to love and need to be loved. Man is made for fellowship with God as son and with man as brother.

Man, however, defies in pride and disobedience the divine intention for his life. Thus, by sin, he is alienated from God. The result is disorder, frustration, conflict, and spiritual death. All men are guilty before God and fall under His judgement.

IV. NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

God, who first made known His redemptive purpose for sinful men through His election of Israel, declares through the Gospel of Jesus Christ His love for the world and His desire that all men should be saved. In Jesus Christ He has revealed man's true life and brought into being the new humanity. Men are able neither to reconcile themselves to God nor in their own strength to fulfill the divine purpose for which they were created, but God by His grace calls, justifies, reconciles to Himself and sanctifies those who respond to Jesus Christ in repentance and in faith. This new birth is the work of the Holy Spirit, who initiates and sustains the new life in the fellowship of the Church by enabling men to believe, and to share in the victory of Christ.

V. THE CHURCH

The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Community of the Holy Spirit through which God continues His reconciling work in the world.

The Church is called to be one because it is one family under one Father, whose purpose is to unite all men in Jesus Christ our Lord:

The Church is called to be holy because it is set apart by God for Himself through the Holy Spirit to be His people in the world:

The Church is called to be catholic because it is for all people, and for all times, holding the Christian Faith in its fullness:

The Church is called to be apostolic because it is sent to preach the Gospel in the world, and to proclaim the Lordship of Christ over the world, receiving its authority from Jesus Christ through His Apostles.

The Church is the community in which believers are nourished in the Christian life, fellowship and hope by means of the proclamation of the Gospel, Holy Baptism, participation in the Lord's Supper, common prayer and other ordinances of the Church. In the Holy Spirit, members of the Church share in the Communion of Saints.

VI. SACRAMENTS OF THE GOSPEL

The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and of Holy Communion, appointed by Jesus Christ, are, in the power of the Holy Spirit, visible signs and effective means of grace.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, of union with Christ, of forgiveness of sins, of death to sin and of rebirth to eternal life through Him. By this Sacrament we are admitted into the household of faith for the life-long service of Jesus Christ.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper or of Holy Communion is a sign and seal of the covenant of redemption. It is the Thanksgiving or Eucharist in which the Church remembers with joy the Incarnation, Christ's perfect life on earth, His sufferings, death, resurrection, reign and presence. In this liturgy, the Church repeating Christ's word and action shows forth His death until He comes, pleads His sacrifice, proclaims His victory over evil, and in Him shares together in life with God. Partaking in faith we receive Him to our nourishment and growth in grace, presenting ourselves in Him a living sacrifice to God. In response to grace, we renew our covenant and communion with Him and also with those gathered in faith at the Lord's Table and with all God's company in heaven and on earth. Christ thus restores the penitent, assures them of God's steadfast love and draws them closer to Himself and to the whole Church.

VII. THE MINISTRY

The Church's ministry derives from Jesus Christ, its risen and exalted Lord, the Head of the Church. Christ's ministry is prophetic, priestly and kingly and by the Holy Spirit is continued through the Church which He sends among men as the servant people of the servant Lord. By virtue of their membership of His Church, His people are called and commissioned to share His ministry in, to and for the world. The Church is thus called to a life of ordered yet varied service in which every member shares.

For the good ordering of this ministry God gives to the Church some to minister in special ways. These are set apart, ordained, and sent, as were the Apostles, for a particular ministry within the general ministry of the Church, to build up the Church and to equip all members for their task. This particular ministry exercises the functions of proclamation, service and oversight and is expressed in a form including elements that are episcopal, presbyteral and diaconal.

VIII. THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

The world, which was created for the glory of God and which is the object of His love, is the sphere of the Church's mission. God calls men to use all His gifts in accordance with His creative purpose. The Church therefore welcomes all the light science can throw on the universe and its working.

Human society, however, gives clear evidence of man's alienation from God in its divisions and in man's abuse of God's good gifts. Nevertheless Jesus Christ is Lord over all life, individual, social, national and international, and the Church is His servant people, called in a divided and estranged world to declare the Gospel and to share in His ministry of reconciliation. Its vocation in the world is so to witness to Jesus Christ that all men may come to fullness of life in Him.

IX. THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

Man is created to glorify God and to share in His divine life. The fulfilment of this purpose is assured by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. For those who are in Christ eternal life begins on earth and continues forever in the presence of God and in the company of all His people. At a time He Himself appoints God will bring to fulfilment all that He has begun. Christ Himself will be revealed in power and victory and glory. All men will be judged by God in Christ in the light of His perfect knowledge, holiness, and love. The destiny of those who reject Christ remains in the hands of God. The end of history will see the victory of Christ, the overthrow of evil and the triumph of God's love.

2. The Sacraments

The Study Committee on the Sacraments has given attention to two matters:

First, the statement 'Sponsors in Baptism' was submitted to the February meeting of the Commission and it was approved. However, subsequently, further consideration was requested and it was reviewed by the Committee, a revision being adopted at the October meeting of the Commission and referred to Church Union Committees for comment by 31 December 1968. It is hoped that the Commission will be able to approve this at its next meeting in February and then submit it to the Churches.

Secondly, the Study Committee has begun its work regarding "the policy of the united Church concerning the status of each of the following: Confirmation, Confession, Holy Matrimony, Ordination and the Anointing of the Sick." The first part of its report has been referred to Church Union Committees for consideration and report by 31 December 1968.

3. The Ministry

The Study Committee had submitted to the meeting of the Commission in August 1967, a report entitled 'The Responsibilities of the Communicant Membership for Pastoral Oversight and Church Government'. This was thoroughly discussed by the Commission which decided that it "would desire to see incorporated in the Church's structure the positive elements of eldership as found in the Presbyterian Church and in the Churches of Christ". This was further discussed at the February meeting of the Commission in relation to the Proposed Outline of Church Government, and the Study Committee on the Ministry was requested to prepare a paper on this subject. It submitted material to the October meeting of the Commission which, after thorough discussion, decided that this material should be adapted for inclusion in the Commission's Report. It is anticipated that this matter will be further considered at a Consultation on Church Government being held 27-28 November 1968, which will report to the meeting of the Commission in February 1969. It has also been referred to Church Union Committees. The statement is as follows:

Responsibilities of Communicant Membership

The J.C.C.U. has continued study of the responsibility of the communicant membership in the united Church. In both the Study Committees on Ministry and Church Government this element in Church life has been given consideration, and the Commission itself has now begun to see how the positive values manifest in the eldership as known and practised in some of the negotiating Churches may be given proper expression in the future Church.

Already in all three Annual Reports, and in the Proposed Outline of Church Government, much has been said to indicate that there should be lay persons, representative and elected, who command the respect of the congregation because of their manifest Christian faith and life, and who are therefore able to share with

the minister the care of the people and the government of the Church.

In the First Report of the J.C.C.U., 1965, page 23, the following statement is made concerning the office of elder:

"The office of elder is a feature of churches of the reformed tradition, and has its roots in Israel. At present the eldership is under scrutiny in the Church of Scotland. Defined theological positions with regard to it would be premature here. Nevertheless this Committee is agreed that whatever be the outcome of theological and historical work on the nature of the eldership, the churches do variously use designated persons to fulfil functions comparable with those of Presbyterian elders and that there is a distinct place in the Church for the exercise of these functions. That there should be lay persons, representative and elected, who command the respect and trust of the congregation because of their manifest Christian faith and life and are therefore able to share in the minister's episcopate in their own degree, is desirable as an eminent expression of the ministry of the whole body of Christ."

The Second Report made the following statement:

"It is vital that the ministry of 'laymen' in the negotiating Churches be not only safeguarded but further developed. We want every Christian in the united Church to be *more* responsible in sharing in Christ's ministry to the world, not less than at present. Our past heritages have witnessed to the truth that ministry is for the better performance of the witness of the Church, not to preserve the self-importance of any group of officers within the community of the faithful."

Again, the Third Report went on to say:

"The Study Committee's report showed that it had two concerns: one, to emphasise the importance of an active and informed participation in its life by the members of the Church, and the other, within this setting, to conserve the value of what the Presbyterian and other Churches have found in the office of the eldership. In the discussion at the meeting of the Commission, sustained attention was given to the office of the eldership and this revealed that the Commission desired to guard against two dangers. First, some members felt that stress on the distinctive importance of the eldership might result in an exclusive office, restricted to a few, so precluding the effective participation of other members of the Church in pastoral oversight and government. Second, some members felt that stress on the participation of any member of the Church would obscure the fact that effective participation calls for the possession of distinctive gifts of wisdom and character. The Study Committee is to give further attention to these matters, and the Commission agreed to advise the Committee 'as a guide to further consideration that while accepting the general principle of the communicant membership's responsibility in the government of the Church as set out in the report, the J.C.C.U. would desire to

see incorporated in the Church's structure positive elements of eldership as found in the Presbyterian Church and in the Churches of Christ."

Therefore we believe that in making provision for lay participation in the Proposed Outline of Church Government, the J.C.C.U. has tried to pursue steadily these basic aims:

First, to provide for the united Church the best possible lay ministry that it can which will conserve the very best in all our Churches at present.

Second, to provide possibilities of growth and development in the lay ministry which will be genuinely fresh, and which will not merely reflect exactly what any of the negotiating Churches now have.

Third, to focus attention upon functions rather than status in lay ministry.

In the mind of the J.C.C.U. it is quite clear that we should seek a strong body in every parish which will share fully with the minister the pastoral responsibility for and care of the congregation, a body to share with the ordained ministry in giving oversight and leadership, and a body which will by its quality of faith and life be an example to the whole company of the faithful in how to live and serve in Christ's name, and which will take a responsible part in the government of the Church at every level.

It may be helpful to extract from the Proposed Outline of Church Government those positive elements which we believe to belong to the full exercise of lay ministry in the united Church. We have embodied in this list some of the additional material proposed at the October meeting of the Commission:

- (a) Members of the Parish Council will be lay communicants of not less than 18 years of age. These lay members shall be persons who command the respect and trust of the Parish Meeting for the Christian quality of their life, for their fitness for this office, and who are regular in their attendance at public worship, and are therefore able to share with the minister in the care of the people and in the government of the Church.
- (b) They are to be elected by the congregation at the Parish Meeting, and, at the beginning of each term, solemnly commissioned to their office.
- (c) They are elected to office for a three-year term, retiring in rotation, and eligible for re-election.
- (d) The number elected shall be sufficient to ensure that each congregation is adequately represented.
- (e) They will be elected to encourage Christian commitment and devotion in co-operation with the minister, to exercise pastoral care effectively of all persons for whom the parish is responsible and to foster the mission of the congregation to the wider community.
- (f) With the minister they will fix the times and places of public worship and arrange for the administration of the sacraments, in accordance with the usage of the Church.

- (g) The Council will receive on the nomination of the Presbyter candidates for Baptism and Confirmation and they will keep and revise annually rolls of communicant members and persons under pastoral care. For pastoral purposes, so far as it is possible, they will keep a roll of those within the parish bounds who are baptised but not yet confirmed.
- (h) The Council will arrange for the election of representatives to the Diocesan Synod by the Parish Meeting. The representatives are to be chosen from the membership of the Parish Council and are elected for a specified term.
- (i) They are to encourage and promote, as far as may be possible and fruitful, meetings of the congregation in order to foster the widest possible participation of the people in the life, concerns, and mission of the Church.
- (j) They are to be responsible for giving effect to the decisions of the Diocesan Synod and the National Assembly and to bring relevant local concerns before the Diocese.
- (k) They are to report to the Parish Meeting at least annually, but to be responsible to the Diocesan Synod.
- (l) As members of committees to be responsible for particular aspects of parish life, they will have a special concern with Pastoral Oversight, Christian Education, Ecumenical Affairs, and Home and Overseas Missions.
- (m) Each member of the Committee of Pastoral Oversight shall be assigned a district and in this way share the pastoral responsibility of the ordained ministry.
- (n) As members of the Parish Council they will seek to draw forth from the congregation communicant members with gifts for particular kinds of service.

Title to be given to Members of the Parish Council

There has been considerable discussion in the Commission concerning the name to be given to members of the Parish Council. Some members believe that the name "Elder" should be used for this purpose because responsibility for pastoral care and government resides in the Parish Council. Others, however, because of the distinctive work of the Committee of Pastoral Oversight, would prefer that "Elder" be used only for members of that Committee. Others again prefer the title "Parish Councillor" as being a fresh term without implications and associations. We welcome further assistance in coming to a satisfactory solution.

4. Legal and Property

The Study Committee has been gathering information relating to trusts and property holding bodies within the negotiating Churches; further information is needed before the report can be completed. It has prepared a table giving a timetable of legislative steps towards union; this depends upon the date on which the Commission is able to send a draft of the Basis of Union to the negotiating Churches. It has begun consideration of the question

whether the united Church should have some 'fundamental law' as to doctrine; it awaits replies from Church Union Committees on this.

5. Worship

The Study Committee on Worship has been chiefly concerned with the preparation of an order of service for the Act of Union and the Unification of the Ministry. It submitted a detailed report to the February meeting which was carefully considered by the Commission. It reported again in October, and it is hoped that at the meeting in February 1969 it will be possible to refer the Order of Service, together with the statement by the Study Committee on the Ministry (see Third Report, p. 13) to members of the Commission, Study Committees and Church Union Committees for consideration and report.

6. Marriage and Divorce

The report of the Study Committee on Marriage and Divorce presented to the meeting of the Commission in August 1967 has been revised by the Study Committee and referred to Church Union Committees for consideration and report to the Commission.

7. General Administration and Finance

The Study Committee on General Administration and Finance has reported to the Commission on several important matters including the following:

I. CONSULTATION ON SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

The Study Committee arranged for a Consultation on Superannuation Funds which was held in Christchurch on September 14, 1967. Present: The Rt. Rev. A. H. Johnston, and Messrs. J. C. Cottrell and A. Heald (Church of the Province of New Zealand), Mr. J. W. Wood (Associated Churches of Christ), Mr. B. J. Shearer (Congregational Union), the Rev. W. R. Laws and Mr. W. E. Clothier (Methodist Church), and the Rev. R. M. Rogers and Mr. J. A. McAlister (Presbyterian Church). The Rev. W. R. Laws was elected Chairman, and the Rev. R. M. Rogers, Secretary.

It reported as follows:

Survey of present funds. The morning was devoted to a survey of the present funds of the negotiating Churches. The material supplied to the consultation together with the elaboration of the system in use by the Churches showed that basically the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches funds are pension funds; the Associated Churches of Christ have an endowment fund which provides a capital sum on retirement, and the Congregational Union supply a capital sum on retirement from a benefit fund.

All the Churches provide basically for retirement at 65 with the exception of the Congregational Union which allows a minister to make arrangements for retiring from the age of 60. In all Churches with the exception of the Congregational Union, contributions to

the funds are made by members of the fund and by parishes and/or circuits and other employing bodies. The benefit fund of the Congregational Union is a capital fund built up from voluntary contributions from the churches. The contribution of a member is limited to an entrance fee based on the age of the applicant at the date of his admission.

Report from the Anglican Church. Bishop Johnston reported on the work of the Commission of the Province on the existing superannuation funds of the Anglican Church. He referred to the tremendous variations in the funds and to the fact that to amalgamate the existing funds into one common fund with common benefits would require the raising of a capital sum of £775,000 if the benefits were to be on the level of the existing fund which provides the highest benefits.

Possibility of one fund in the United Church. The consultation considered the desirability of amalgamation of the funds in the united Church. The members agreed on the following points:

- (a) That it would be essential that there be one fund.
- (b) That it should be a national fund.
- (c) That it be a pension fund with provision for widows and for for commutation.
- (d) All ministers and all Churches should contribute to the amalgamated fund as from a prescribed date.
- (e) Contributions and benefits should be related to a basic stipend.
- (f) It is foreseen that, as from the beginning of the amalgamated fund, all benefits for future service would be on a common basis; but all benefits for past service would be on the actuarial value of their membership of the existing funds.

What should be done to the present funds now to make subsequent amalgamation less difficult?

- (a) Steps should be taken to consider and draw up the basis of an amalgamated fund with actuarial advice.
- (b) Subscriptions and benefits should be related to a basic stipend as at the date of retirement.
- (c) There should be the kind of flexibility in the existing funds which will allow beneficiaries complete freedom to commute a large portion of their interest in the fund.
- (d) The Churches should work towards a contribution of at least 5% of basic stipend from members of the funds and 5% from the Churches.

(NOTE. The Methodist Church already has a total contribution of 10% and the Presbyterian Church of 17½%).

- (e) There should be provision for all full-time workers.

A Final Comment. The consultation is agreed that, in principle, there is nothing to prevent the amalgamation of funds prior to union.

The Commission received this report at the meeting on March 5 and referred it to Church Union Committees to be forwarded to the appropriate committees of the Churches for their information and for their comment to be made to the Study Committee. It also

asked the Study Committee to advise what steps should now be taken.

The Study Committee recommended to the Commission that it should—

- (a) Obtain the advice of an Actuary about the establishment of a uniform superannuation scheme for the negotiating Churches, such a scheme to provide, e.g.
 1. True superannuation of, say, one-third emerging stipend.
 2. Widow benefit (irrespective of age or service) of, say, equivalent stipend.
 3. Lump sum payment on retirement of, say, twice emerging stipend.
 4. Normal minimum contributory service of 35 years.
- (b) Urge those negotiating Churches which do not have a contribution of at least 5% of basic stipend from members of the Fund and 5% from the churches to achieve at least this minimum requirement as soon as possible.

The Commission agreed—

- (a) That the Executive appoint a Committee on Superannuation Funds representative of existing superannuation funds.
- (b) That the report of the Consultation be referred to this Committee with authority to obtain a report from an actuary.

II. CONSULTATION ON ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The Consultation held in Wellington on 8 July and attended by official representatives of the five negotiating Churches agreed 'that the recommendation to the JCCU be that as from 1 August 1969 its expenses be allocated to the five negotiating Churches in proportion to their communicant membership, the Anglican figure for which shall be the number of Christmas or Easter communicants, whichever ever is higher'. The Commission approved the recommendation and decided it should take effect as from 1 January 1969.

III. CONSULTATION ON CHURCH BOOKSHOPS

The Commission asked the Study Committee to call a Consultation on Church Bookshops with a view to encouraging co-operation and preparing for union. This Consultation was held in Wellington on 11th July 1968. It was agreed—

- (a) That the establishment of united bookshops is not dependent on the union of the negotiating Churches, that it may precede or follow any act of union.
- (b) That this consultation recommend that discussions should begin soon between the committees controlling bookrooms to consider the advantages and disadvantages of uniting and to produce a plan of action for the Churches concerned.
- (c) That copies of the report of this consultation be forwarded to the controlling committees of the Bookshops concerned with a request that they send any comments or reactions they may have.

- (d) That if the JCCU approves the report of this Consultation, it be asked to establish a representative committee to continue discussion on the subject of united Church Bookshops.

At the October meeting of the Commission the recommendations were adopted and referred to the Executive for the necessary action.

IV. SUGGESTIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE UNITED CHURCH

The Commission asked the Study Committee to consider the committee and financial structure of the united Church at all levels and report to the Commission. The Study Committee has given preliminary consideration to this and submitted a draft outline with suggestions for committees and departments and a financial structure for the united Church. This plan, which is at a very tentative stage, has been referred to the Study Committee on Church Government for comment.

8. Life and Mission of the Church

The Rt. Rev. E. A. Gowing was appointed convener of the Study Committee on the Life and Mission of the Church which has begun its work during the year, holding its fifth meeting in August. Consideration is being given to arranging a School of Sociology and Theology, and a paper entitled 'The-Church-in-Mission' is being studied.

The Joint National Committee on Church Extension referred to the Executive 'the urgent necessity of studying and reporting on the following: Trends in population in New Zealand, rural depopulation and urban upsurge; Industrial trends that are likely to affect community patterns and growth; Sociological changes in Church and community in New Zealand. The Committee considered that it is difficult to undertake long-term planning in church extension without reliable data on these matters, and without the competent interpretation of this data by those who are expert in these related fields of study'. The Study Committee is giving consideration to this.

9. Women's Organisations

The Study Committee has met monthly and has completed a study of the Women's Organisations within the five negotiating Churches. This study has included a detailed examination of the history, aims, constitution, structure and work of each organisation. Against this factual background, the Committee is now proceeding to a study of various subjects of a wider nature including the mission of the Church, co-operation between men and women, the new curriculum in Christian Education and the changing role of women.

10. Church Government

The outline of Church Government which the Study Committee on Church Government submitted to the meeting of the Commission in August 1967 was later considered by a special meeting of representatives of the Study Committees on Church Government, the Ministry, and General Administration with the object of co-ordinating the various concerns. The Study Committee then submitted to the Commission the 'Proposed Outline of Church Government' which was reviewed in detail at the February meeting. It was decided to submit it to the Churches, asking for an expression of approval so that work may proceed on the Basis of Union. The Outline was printed and made available to the Churches, some 18,800 copies being ordered. Some background material to assist consideration of the Outline was prepared as 'Introductory Notes to the Proposed Outline of Church Government' and made available as requested by the Churches; about 5000 copies were distributed. It is intended to prepare a leaflet for wide general distribution to give information about the proposed form of Church Government, based on the revised form of the Outline and issued at the same time as the revision is made available.

A further combined consultation has been arranged for 27-28 November 1968 to consider the reports from the Churches. In addition to the representatives of the three Study Committees, each Church Union Committee will be represented by its convener and two members. It is hoped that the resultant revision will be presented to the Commission at its meeting next February.

Attention is directed to the note following par. 14 in the Outline regarding congregational life in those parishes with more than one congregation. The Study Committee has prepared a draft of an additional section entitled 'VI. Congregations' under the heading 'A. The Parish and Its Councils'. This was presented to the Commission in October and will be considered by the Consultation in November.

It was agreed 'that the Joint Commission give general approval to the Report on Church Government for submission to the Churches as the outline of the structure of the united Church which will allow work to proceed on the Basis of Union, and asks the Churches to convey an expression of their approval of this Report for this purpose'. The 'Proposed Outline of Church Government' which follows is therefore submitted to the Churches in terms of this resolution.

The Joint Commission on Church Union

**PROPOSED OUTLINE OF
CHURCH GOVERNMENT**

*Submitted by the Commission to the negotiating Churches,
March, 1968*

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THIS document sets forth in outline the structure of the united Church as a whole, and its emphasis is in the nature of the case on polity and administration. It must be read in the light of the report of the Committee on Ministry. The conception of ministry to be found there is presupposed here. The episcopal, presbyteral and congregational elements in Church order are accepted as the means through which the Lordship of Christ in His Church may be realised. The harmony of these elements is to be shown in the oversight relating to the legislative, administrative, liturgical and pastoral matters assigned to the National Assembly, Diocesan Synods and Parish Councils. The personal oversight of a diocesan bishop must go hand in hand with this corporate responsibility, shared by bishops, presbyters, deacons and lay people acting together, as well as with the corporate responsibility of the episcopate of the wider Church.

A. THE PARISH AND ITS COUNCILS

I. Description of the Parish

1. 1. The Parish shall be a defined geographical area within which there may be one or more congregations, with approximately 50 such parishes forming the Diocese.
2. 2. The congregation shall be any local group of the faithful who are united for Christian worship and who represent in that place the Church.
3. 3. Responsibility for the pastoral care and the government of the Parish shall ultimately rest with the Church itself, in whose National Assembly and Diocesan Synod the Parish itself shall have the fullest possible constitutional representation and rights.
4. 4. It shall be the responsibility of the Diocesan Synod, in consultation with the Parish Council, to ensure that the Parish is equipped with adequate ministries, ordained and lay, of pastoral care, worship, preaching, teaching, oversight and service.

II. The Parish Council

5. 1. Oversight within the Parish shall be exercised by the Parish Council.
6. 2. The Parish Council shall consist of—
 - (a) All Presbyters and Deacons duly inducted to ministry within the Parish. They shall be responsible to the Synod for the discharge of their duties.
 - (b) Parish Councillors (or Elders) i.e. lay communicant members of not less than 18 years of age, elected thereto for a 3-year term, retiring in rotation, and eligible for re-election. The number of lay members of the Parish Council shall be not less than 6, the figure to be set by the Parish Meeting. The number elected shall be sufficient to ensure that each congregation is adequately represented.

7. 3. The lay members of the Parish Council shall be elected by the Parish Meeting called for the purpose, and, at the beginning of each term solemnly commissioned to their office.
8. 4. The Parish Council shall meet regularly and frequently, (at least quarterly), and shall review the entire life of the Parish.
9. 5. The Diocesan Synod shall appoint one of the Presbyters to be Chairman of both the Parish Council and the Parish Meeting, but the Bishop, when present, may take the chair if he so wishes.

III. Functions of the Parish Council

The functions of the Parish Council shall be, inter alia—

10. (a) To encourage Christian commitment and devotion, to exercise effective pastoral care of all persons for whom the Parish is responsible and to foster the mission of the congregation(s) to the wider community.
11. (b) To fix times and places of public worship and arrange for the administration of the Sacraments, in accordance with the usage of the Church.
12. (c) To receive on the nomination of the Presbyter candidates for Baptism and Confirmation and to keep and revise annually rolls of communicant members and persons under pastoral care; and, for pastoral purposes, so far as it is possible, to keep a roll of those within its bounds who are baptised but not yet confirmed.
13. (d) To arrange for the election of representatives to the Diocesan Synod by the Parish Meeting. The representatives are to be chosen from the membership of the Parish Council and are elected for a specified term.
14. (e) To encourage and promote, as far as may be possible and fruitful, meetings of the congregation(s) in order to foster the widest possible participation of the people in the life, concerns, and mission of the Church. Where there is more than one congregation there shall be meetings of the separate congregations and of the congregations together (i.e. a Parish Meeting).

Note: The Study Committee has been asked to give further consideration to the organisation of congregational life in those parishes with more than one congregation, and to consider the relation to the Parish Council, and report to the next meeting of the Commission.

15. (f) To be responsible for giving effect to the decisions of the Diocesan Synod and the National Assembly and to bring relevant local concerns before the Diocese.
16. (g) To report to the Parish Meeting at least annually, but to be responsible to the Diocesan Synod.
17. (h) To be responsible for the financial administration and property maintenance of the Parish.

IV. Committees of the Parish Council

18. 1. The Parish Council shall form Committees to be responsible for particular aspects of parish life. It is envisaged that in most parishes there will be Committees of Pastoral Oversight, Christian Education, Ecumenical Affairs, Home & Overseas Missions, Finance & Administration, and Buildings & Works. Other Committees may be formed according to local need.
19. 2. The Parish Council shall appoint the conveners of the Committees.
20. 3. Each member of the Parish Council shall be appointed to a Parish Committee or other Council of the Church.
21. 4. The Parish Council may nominate to the Parish Meeting or co-opt additional members to the Committees from among the communicant members or from other persons associated with the parish who have gifts for particular kinds of service.
22. 5. The Committee of Pastoral Oversight shall normally include a greater number of Councillors (or Elders) than the other Committees. Each member of this Committee shall be assigned a district and, in this way, share the pastoral responsibility with the ordained ministry.

23. 6. The Committees shall meet as frequently as required (usually monthly) and shall report regularly to the Parish Council.

V. The Parish Meeting

24. 1. All members of the congregation(s) shall be eligible to attend the Parish Meeting. Communicant members of not less than 18 years of age shall have the right to vote on all matters. Other members shall have the right to speak, to move motions, but shall have the right to vote only on such matters as the Church shall determine.
25. 2. By giving sufficient notice the Parish Meeting shall be called from the congregations to consider the life and work of the Church and to receive reports from the Parish Council. It may make recommendations to the Parish Council.
26. 3. It shall meet at least for the Annual Meeting and more frequently as the Parish Council may deem necessary and also for such special purposes as may arise from time to time, or the regulations of the Church require.
Note: These regulations have yet to be determined.
27. 4. The Parish Meeting shall deal with all matters such as properly fall within its responsibilities as described in 3 above.

B. THE DIOCESE AND THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

I. Description

28. 1. In the Church parishes shall be grouped for their pastoral oversight, and as the means of their relationship to the whole Church, to form the Diocese.
29. 2. The Diocese shall be composed of approximately 50 parishes on a basis of geographical contiguity and shall be so formed that it has an acknowledged centre and a community of interest.

Note: The 50 parishes referred to are parishes at present in existence in the negotiating churches. It is envisaged that after union many would amalgamate, and the total number of parishes in a Diocese would be less than 50 but they would be larger numerically. There are about 1,000 parishes in the negotiating churches and this would mean about 20 Dioceses.

30. 3. Oversight shall be exercised by the Bishop in council with the Diocesan Synod. The Synod shall comprise the Bishop of the Diocese, all presbyters duly authorised to exercise a full-time ministry within the diocese, and an appropriate number of lay representatives of each parish. As nearly as may be, a balance should be held between the numbers of presbyters and of laymen, and lay members additional to the parish representatives may be added for this purpose.
31. 4. The Church shall make provision for the rights and responsibilities of those Presbyters and Deacons referred to in the Second Report of the Commission, p. 23, in their relationship to the Diocesan Synod.
32. 5. The Synod shall meet at least four times a year, with provision being made for an Annual Meeting.
33. 6. The Bishop, or his deputy, shall convene and preside over the Synod.
34. 7. Provision shall be made for voting by houses and/or specified majorities in certain instances.

II. Authority

35. Every such Diocesan Synod shall within the limits of the Diocese exercise all such powers and make all such regulations (not repugnant to the general regulations of the National Assembly) as may be necessary for the order and good government of the Church in that Diocese.

III. Functions and Duties of the Synod

36. 1. (a) To take care that the Word of God is read and preached, the Sacraments and rites of the Church duly administered, and the various ministries discharged within and by each of its parishes.
 (b) Together with the National Assembly and its Committees to accept responsibility for the wider work of the Church.
37. 2. To exercise jurisdiction in accordance with the constitution of the Church over all Parishes and members of the Church within its boundaries.

38. 3. (a) To consider and take action on matters submitted to it by other recognised bodies of the Church.
- (b) To provide a forum to consider and initiate the Church's mission and outreach of the gospel within its area of oversight.
- (c) To receive and consider reports from its Committees and Parish Councils as it may require.
- (d) To receive and deliberate upon appeals, complaints, petitions, and other business from—
- (1) Individual members of the Church through the Parish Council.
- (2) Parish Councils.
- (3) The National Assembly.
39. 4. To elect the Executive Committee of the Synod which shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, together with ministerial and lay representatives. (Number to be determined.) Such Executive Committees shall have and exercise such of the powers and authority as may be granted to it by the Diocesan Synod within the limits defined by the National Assembly.
40. 5. To prepare and consider remits to the National Council.
41. 6. In consultation with the appropriate Standing Committees of the National Assembly—
- (a) To authorise the erection and alterations of churches and other buildings, and to approve sites, plans, and financial arrangements for the same.
- (b) To approve all purchases, sales, exchanges, leases, and other transactions affecting church property.
- (c) To establish new parishes and, when necessary, amend existing parish boundaries.
42. 7. To raise such finance as may be required for the Synod properly to fulfil its functions and, acting on behalf of the National Assembly, to raise such finance as may be required for the wider work and all expenditure of the Church in charge of the Committees of the National Assembly.

43. 8. To be responsible for filling pastoral vacancies, for appointing times and places for ordinations, and for the induction of Presbyters into their pastoral charges.
- (a) To facilitate the settlement of the ministry each Diocesan Synod shall elect from the members of the Diocese 2 Presbyters and 2 laymen who, with the Bishop the chief pastor of the Diocese as chairman, shall constitute the Diocesan Board of Nomination.
 - (b) The function of the Board will be—
 - (1) To select for appointment the Presbyterian considered best suited to any particular charge and having obtained his concurrence to recommend the appointment to Synod.
 - (2) To enable a Presbyterian desiring a transfer to effect this in a reasonable manner.
 - (3) Where, in the opinion of the Board, the spiritual welfare of a Parish, Presbyterian or the Church as a whole so requires to raise with any Presbyterian the question of his continuing his appointment and to make any necessary recommendations to Synod.
 - (c) There shall be set up a consultative Committee under the National Assembly which shall have a definite link with the Board of Nomination.
 - (d) When a vacancy occurs, or is about to occur in a Parish the Board shall be enlarged by the addition of 4 representatives elected by the Parish Meeting.
 - (e) In considering any vacancy regard shall be had for the interests of the Parish, the Diocese, and the whole Church.
 - (f) The 4 representatives elected under sub-clause (d) shall have regard to the wishes of the parishioners in order to bring about the concurrence of the Parish Meeting.
 - (g) When a Presbyterian is invited to a Parish in a Diocese other than his own his Diocesan Board shall be consulted before a settlement is agreed to.

- (h) For those situations in which direct appointment of Presbyters by the Synod is the appropriate procedure, and in situations not covered by the foregoing, detailed regulations will be drawn up as required.
- 44. 9. To provide for regular visitations of all parishes within its bounds, in consultation with the Bishop.
- 45. 10. To elect ministerial and lay representatives to the National Assembly.
- 46. 11. Along with the duly constituted organisations, to share concern for Social Services, and for education through Church schools as part of the mission of the Church. (Some Presbyters and others will have their membership in the Synod by reason of their engagement in these spheres.)
- 47. 12. To appoint annually from its members Officers and Committees as will enable it to carry out its functions and duties.

Note:

1. There shall be provision for Religious Orders existing within the negotiating churches to become Orders within the Church. Further Orders may be established in a manner to be determined by the Church. In all cases members of Orders shall be subject to Bishops, Presbyters, and Councils of the Church in so far as their pastoral responsibilities apply.

2. Thought will have to be given to administrative officers other than Bishops.

C. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I. Description

- 48. 1. The National Assembly shall be the supreme court of the Church with power to make final decisions in all matters according to its constitution.
- 49. 2. The National Assembly shall comprise—
 - (a) The Bishop of each Diocese.
 - (b) Ministerial and lay representatives of the Dioceses, each Diocese to be represented by say 6 Presbyters in full-time service and 7 lay representatives, but in general proportion to the size

of the Diocese. The lay representatives shall be communicant members of the Church and shall, at the time of election, be resident in the Diocese they represent. The representatives shall be elected annually by the Synods. Conveners of National Committees and Executive Officers of Departments, or their deputies shall be associate members if they are not already members otherwise.

Note:

1. Variation of the number of the representatives from the respective Synods will need to be made when their various numerical sizes are determined.

2. With an average representation of 14 from each Synod this will give an Assembly of approximately 280 and a number of associate members.

- 50. 3. The Assembly shall meet at least annually.
- 51. 4. The Assembly shall appoint Committees and establish Departments responsible for the various spheres of the Church's life. The number and functions of the Committees and Departments shall be determined by the National Assembly.
- 52. 5. The National Assembly shall elect an Executive which shall act between Assemblies on matters that cannot satisfactorily be referred to Departments and Committees.
- 53. 6. The President shall normally preside at the meetings of the Executive Council.

II. Officers of the National Assembly

- 54. 1. The Officers of the National Assembly shall be—
 - (a) A President, who shall be elected from among the Diocesan Bishops and shall hold office for 3 years.
 - (b) A Vice-President, elected annually, who shall be a layman.

Note: Some members of the Committee thought that the term 'Lay President' should be used.
 - (c) A General Secretary.
 - (d) Such other officers as the Assembly shall from time to time determine.

55. 2. All the Officers shall be elected by the National Assembly itself.

III. Powers and Duties of the National Assembly

56. 1. The National Assembly shall be the supreme supervisory and legislative body of the Church.
57. 2. It shall make and safeguard all authoritative decisions relating to the doctrine, worship, government, and discipline of the Church in terms of its agreed statements and regulations.
Note: There shall be provision to amend the constitution.
58. 3. It shall determine the various matters to be referred to Diocesan Synods and Parish Councils; shall make final decisions in matters referred to it by the Diocesan Synods.
59. 4. It shall determine and implement policy in all matters which concern the life of the Church as a whole.
60. 5. It shall express the mind of the Church on such questions as shall, from time to time, affect the conscience of the nation.
61. 6. It shall be the body to which Bishops are responsible and shall make arrangements for their election, consecration and their translation through an electoral body representative of the National Assembly and the Diocesan Synods.
62. 7. In projects affecting more than one Diocese it shall be for the National Assembly to give direction where necessary.
63. 8. It shall deal with the relations of the Church with other Churches.
64. 9. The National Assembly shall be the final court of appeal of the Church.
65. 10. It shall appoint a Judicial Committee to advise on matters concerning the constitution.
66. 11. The National Assembly shall have power to determine the boundaries of the Dioceses and to form new Dioceses of the Church.

67. 12. The following persons or bodies shall have the right to bring business before the National Assembly—
- (a) Any Officer of the National Assembly.
 - (b) Any Department, Committee or member of the National Assembly.
 - (c) Any Diocesan Synod.
 - (d) Any Church member or Parish Council through the Diocesan Synod.
68. 13. The National Assembly shall present reports of the Committees and Departments of the Church to the Diocesan Synods, discover the mind of the Synods in matters of policy and other important issues, and take this into account when coming to final decisions.
69. 14. The National Assembly shall determine the measure of uniformity to be secured and of local variation to be allowed in the organisation of Dioceses and Parishes.
70. 15. The National Assembly shall have power to set up trusts to hold the property and funds of the Church as it shall be considered necessary.
71. 16. The National Assembly shall have authority to obtain from the Dioceses such financial support as is needed for the support of the work of the Church at home and abroad.
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C — THE PREPARATION OF A BASIS OF UNION

The Committee has continued its work in preparing the Basis of Union so far as the progress in negotiations has allowed, and a draft has been prepared embodying results to date.

It is intended that the Committee will submit the results of its work in one document when it is complete.

III. Consultation and Co-operative Action

A. THE JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE J.C.C.U. AND THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES FOR 1968

The Joint National Committee on Church Extension has met in Palmerston North three times during the year. Relevant matters have been referred to the Joint Regional Committees and the Church Union Committees of the negotiating churches for information and comment. A number of requests for copies of agreements and for information concerning co-operative ventures have been received from individuals and regions.

JOINT REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Members of the Joint National Committee are kept informed of the activities of the Joint Regional Committees through receiving copies of the minutes of their meetings. Most Joint Regional Committees forward fifteen copies of their minutes to the Convener of the Joint National Committee for this purpose.

Frequency of meetings vary with the needs of different areas, but in most regions meetings are held at least three or four times a year. In one area the Joint Regional Committee has met very infrequently, although discussions on co-operative ventures have been held between some of the churches. Committee meetings in some areas have provided an opportunity for discussion of matters of common concern other than church extension. In two areas meetings of officials from the negotiating churches were organised to discuss the J.C.C.U. Report "Proposed Outline of Church Government".

It is clear that in many places the negotiating churches are planning "their extension work together rather than in isolation from each other". The advantages of such co-operation are clear in a wiser stewardship of resources in the face of increasing costs of buildings for church extension, and in avoiding an embarrassing duplication of buildings for the future united church.

The representation of the negotiating churches on some Joint Regional Committees varies from the suggested norm. The Joint National Committee recommends that the basis adopted by J.C.C.U. study committees be followed, i.e. four Anglican and Presbyterian, three Methodist, two Associated Church of Christ and Congregational. It is also important that each of the negotiating churches has adequate and active representation on Joint Regional Committees.

CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES

The Joint National Committee has endeavoured to discover from the Joint Regional Committees the extent of the discussions between the negotiating churches in local areas on possible co-operative agreements, the number of such agreements in operation, and the

nature of the agreements. A number of the Joint Regional Committees have not supplied the information requested, and the list may not be complete, but the following appears to be the situation:

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DIFFICULTIES IN THE PRESENT SITUATION

There are difficulties inherent in the present interim situation with the increasing number of local co-operative ventures which the negotiating churches ought not to overlook. It is inevitable that as local church representatives meet together to consider the work and witness of the church in their areas an increasing number of co-operative schemes will be proposed, but if there is a long delay before the present union negotiations are completed, denominational organisation at the national level will be embarrassed. The smaller denominations face the greater difficulties in this matter.

"STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES BASED ON THE JOINT USE OF BUILDINGS"

The first agreement of this type was put into operation in Glendale, Wainuiomata, in 1964, and since that time the negotiating churches in a number of places have entered into agreements providing for the joint use of buildings. Under such agreements provision is made for the maximum possible combined worship and other activities. To meet the need for guidance from places considering this type of co-operative venture and to ensure a reasonable uniformity of practice a "Standard Agreement for Co-operative Ventures Based on the Joint Use of Buildings" has been prepared by the committee. It is based on the agreements already in operation and contains some significant changes made in the light of experience in working under such agreements. It was submitted to Joint Regional Committees and Church Union Committees for comment, and a number of changes were incorporated arising from suggestions made by these committees. The agreement is now submitted to the negotiating churches.

"STANDARD RULES, PROCEDURES AND CONSTITUTION FOR UNION PARISHES"

Over the last two years the Joint National Committee has been engaged in revising the original "Model Constitution of Union Churches" adopted in 1949 by the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Earlier drafts were submitted to Joint Regional Committees and Church Union Committees for comment. The Joint National Committee now submits to the negotiating churches for their adoption "The Standard Rules, Procedures and Constitution for Union Parishes". The introduction to this document outlines its origin and the changed situation which made this revision necessary.

Long-term planning in Church extension must be built on reliable data concerning projected population movement, changes in society, etc. Such data is dependent on the research of specialists, such as sociologists, demographers, and is outside the competence of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension. The Committee has asked the J.C.C.U. Executive and the study committee on the Life and Mission of the Church to give urgency to the study of the following matters:

Trends in population in New Zealand, rural depopulation and urban upsurge;

Industrial trends that are likely to affect community patterns and growth;

Sociological changes in Church and community in New Zealand.

Co-operation Between the Negotiating Churches in Marginal (Rural) Areas

Some Practical and Financial Issues in Church Extension

Memoranda on these issues have been prepared at the request of the Committee and have been circulated to Church Union Committees for comment. It is considered desirable for these matters to be discussed by a larger group before the Committee brings specific recommendations to the J.C.C.U. and the negotiating churches.

Recommendations to the Churches

1. That the Church gives general approval to the "Standard Agreement for Co-operative Ventures Based on the Joint Use of Buildings", and recommends that this agreement be used as a basis for all such agreements entered into by the negotiating churches.
2. That the Church gives general approval to the "Standard Rules, Procedures and Constitution for Union Parishes", and recommends that this agreement be used for all Union Parish agreements entered into by the negotiating churches.

Appendix I

REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES (OCTOBER 1968)

The following list is of places in New Zealand where the negotiating churches have prepared co-operative agreements, obtained official approval and commenced operation.

NOTE: This list may not be complete as some Joint Regional Committees have not supplied the information requested.

ABBREVIATIONS

U.P. = *Union Parish* under the Model Constitution or similar agreement.

Joint = *Co-operative Venture Based on the Joint Use of Buildings* under an agreement which makes provision for the maximum possible combined worship and other activities.

Recip. = *Reciprocal Membership* (Hillsborough Pattern). Members of one denomination received as reciprocal members on the roll of another denomination, but support own national budget.

Place

Denominations Involved

1. Moerewa	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres;	...	...	...	...
2. Kawakawa	...	...	...	Ang;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
3. Ruawai	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
4. Hikurangi	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
5. Otaika (Whangarei)	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
6. Tikipunga (Whangarei)	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
7. Hauraki Plains	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
8. Chartwell	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres; Meth;	...	...	...	...
9. Raglan	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; Cong;	...	...	...	...
10. Turangi	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
11. Kaingaroa	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres; (R.C.)	...	...	...	...
12. Patea	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
13. Halcombe	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres; Meth;	...	...	...	...
14. Milson	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres; Meth;	...	...	...	...
15. Shannon	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
16. Norsewood	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
17. Mangapapa	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
18. Taita	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; Cong;	...	...	...	...
19. Wainuiomata	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; (Ang.)	...	...	...	...
20. Porirua East	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres; Meth; Cong;	Ch/Xst	...	...	...
21. Karori West	...	...	...	Pres;	Cong;	...	...	...	...
22. Newlands	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
23. Paekakariki	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
24. Tawa	...	...	...	Pres;	Ch/Xst;	...	...	...	...
25. Maungaraki-Normandale	...	...	...	Ang;	Meth; Pres;	...	...	...	...
26. St. Luke's (Nelson West)	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
27. Wakefield	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
28. Havelock	...	...	...	Ang;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
29. Westport	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
30. Greymouth	...	...	...	Pres;	Ch/Xst;	...	...	...	...
31. Mairehau	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
32. Avonhead	...	...	...	Ang;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
33. Masham	...	...	...	Ang;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
34. Burwood	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; Cong;	...	...	...	...
35. Rolleston	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres; Meth; (S.A.)	...	...	...	...
36. Halswell	...	...	...	Meth;	Pres; Ch/Xst;	...	...	...	...
37. Woodend	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
38. Amberley	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
39. Wairakei Rd. (Bryndwr)	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
40. Marchweil	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; Cong;	...	...	...	...
41. Pareora	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; (Ang.)	...	...	...	...
42. West Dunedin	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; Cong;	...	...	...	...
43. Corstorphine	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; Cong;	...	...	...	...
44. Macandrew Bay	...	...	...	Ang;	Pres;	...	...	...	...
45. Broad Bay	...	...	...	Ang;	Meth;	...	...	...	...
46. Ravensbourne	...	...	...	Meth;	Cong;	...	...	...	...
47. Port Chalmers/Sawyers Bay	...	...	...	Pres;	Meth; Cong;	...	...	...	...

Type of Agreement										Date Commenced
										1967
U.P. Meth. Minister										1968
U.P. Pres. Minister										1968
Recip.										1967
Recip.										1967
U.P. Pres. Minister										1967
Joint										1967
U.P. Meth. Minister										1944
U.P. Pres. Minister (Ang. co-operation)										1968
State Forest Dept. erected Church										1968
Recip.										1962; Revised 1967
Joint										1965
Joint										1968
Recip. Pres. Minister										1965
Recip.										1965?
U.P. Meth. Minister										1967
U.P. Pres. Minister										1947
U.P. & Joint Meth. Minister										1953 (Joint 1964)
Joint										1965
U.P. Pres. Minister										1968
U.P. Pres. Minister										1968
Recip. Meth. Minister										1968
Ch/Xst. Building on Pres. land)										1968
Joint (Planning buildings)										1967
U.P. Pres. Minister										1967
Recip.										1967
Joint										1967
U.P. Pres. Minister										1968
Recip. Pres. Minister										1967
										1967
Joint										1965
Joint										1968
										1960
Joint										1966
(With Ch/Xst. 1967)										1965
										1967
										1966
Recip.										1961
U.P. Pres. Minister										1952
Recip. (Joint with Ang. to be approved)										1968
U.P. Team Ministry										1968
U.P.										1948
Joint										1967
Joint										1968
Joint										1965-6
Joint										1965-6

Appendix II
STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES
BASED ON THE JOINT USE OF BUILDINGS

INTRODUCTION

Co-operative ventures based on the joint use of buildings are initiated by members of the negotiating churches in a particular locality who desire "now to do together many of the things which in the past we have done separately". (Act of Commitment). Action may be prompted by some practical necessity, such as the replacement of the buildings of one denomination in an established area, or the wise stewardship of resources in planning together development in new areas.

A co-operative venture based on the joint use of buildings is the only type of co-operative scheme in which all five of the negotiating churches can participate at the present time.

This type of agreement requires the participating churches to commit themselves to one another in the siting of buildings and their joint and separate use. Provision is made for some combined and some separate services of worship; separate ministries and pastoral oversight for each section of the congregation; a joint Christian education programme as far as possible; and a combined administrative committee working in association with the local courts of the co-operating churches.

It is desirable that all new agreements follow the outline given below. This will ensure uniformity of practice throughout the country, and will facilitate the processing of agreements at district and national levels.

However, it is recognised that it will be necessary to draw up a separate agreement for each new scheme as some details will need to be included to meet the specific situation of the area. Different provisions will be required to meet the needs of rural or urban, established or extension areas, etc.

PROCEDURE

1. *Preliminary Discussion* between representative laymen and clergy of the churches interested in the venture will take place on the local level, and should include:

- * the nature of the community the church will be required to serve;
- * the role of the church in such a community;
- * the pattern of ministry that would best serve the needs of the people;
- * the types of buildings that would be most effective.

These discussions should lead to a definite proposal as to the type of scheme most acceptable to the co-operating churches in the area.

2. *General Approval* should be sought from the appropriate church courts of the participating churches. The proposal should be reported to the Joint Regional Committee, which should inform any of the negotiating churches not directly involved.

3. *Final Details* of the agreement worked out by the joint committee appointed by the local church courts.

4. *Final Approval* of the agreement by local parishioners general meetings and the appropriate church courts of the negotiating churches. The General Secretary of the Associated Churches of Christ, and the Secretary of the Congregational Union should be advised even when these churches are not involved in the scheme.

5. An *Appropriate Service* inaugurating the agreement shall be arranged.

Outline of the Agreement

Purpose

Believing that the unity of the Church is the will of God, the Churches in in our faith in Jesus Christ, and in our concern to serve His mission in the world, hereby commit ourselves, in common obedience to Him.

A. Definitions

1. a. Geographical area to be covered by the agreement;
b. Properties;
c. Buildings.
2. The specific Church Courts involved in the agreement—
e.g. "Vestry" shall refer to the Vestry of the Anglican Parish of

B. Administration

3. *Oversight.* General oversight shall be provided by the Joint Regional Committee in accordance with any specific provisions of the Agreement.
4. *Joint Local Committee: Membership*
There shall be a Committee called, hereinafter called the Committee, which shall consist of:
 - (a) representatives, or their duly appointed proxies, two (or three) of whom shall be appointed by the Vestry, two (or three) by the Session, etc. (The total number will depend on the number of congregations involved in the agreement.)
 - (b) One of the clergy from each participating congregation, ex-officio.
 - (c) The quorum shall be (half the total committee), provided that each church involved is represented.
 - (d) The Committee shall elect its own chairman, secretary and treasurer.
5. *Joint Local Committee: Functions*
The Committee shall be responsible for:
 - I. *Life and Work*
 - (a) Promoting the mission of the church and deepening the spirit of unity;
 - (b) Fixing the times of public worship;
 - (c) The oversight of Christian Education, including the appointment of superintendents, teachers and Bible Class or youth group leaders;
 - (d) The oversight of other organisations and church activities;
 - (e) Planning future development.

II. *Property and Finance*

- (a) List functions; e.g. maintenance, running expenses, hall bookings, general supervision of buildings—including erections and alterations;
 - (b) Obtaining approval from the local church courts for all major financial matters;
 - (c) Controlling the expenditure of such funds as have been granted to it by the local church courts, and applying for additional grants when considered necessary;
 - (d) Arranging for an annual report and financial statement of accounts to be prepared and presented after audit to the local church courts, together with a budget for the forthcoming year.
6. The Committee shall be responsible to the local church courts, and shall refer to them matters of policy and principle.

C. *Property and Finance*

7. *Titles to Property.* Titles shall be vested, or continue to be vested, in the Trustees of one or more of the co-operating churches, to be held by them according to the regulations of that denomination, and in terms of the prepared agreement.
8. Contributions from the funds of the participating churches received by the church in whose Trustees the land to be used is vested, shall be carefully recorded, and shall be regarded in the nature of interest-free loans repayable in the event of the dissolution of this scheme or the withdrawal of one of the participants. For the purpose of this agreement contributions from the funds of the participating churches for the erection of buildings shall include contributions from the central bodies of each church and from local parish funds. Buildings in this case shall include such things as furnishings, paths and fences.
9. In the event of dissolution or withdrawal taking place in the circumstances provided for in clause 20, the supreme courts of the church property affected respectively guarantee the repayment of such loans. Subject to such repayments the Trustees shall hold the property and all improvements in all respects as property jointly administered under this agreement as it then stands unless the Trustees of the property are no longer parties to this agreement, whereupon subject to the repayments above, they shall hold the property and all improvements freed from the Trusts set out in this agreement.
10. When repayment of loans takes place in accordance with the terms of clause 9, some allowance shall be made for the appreciation or depreciation of values since the date of the original loan.
11. Any additional finance for the committee will be made available by way of grants from the local church courts for all the normal expenses associated with the operation of the agreement. The allocation of such finance from the participating churches shall be determined on a basis which has regard to

the proportion of membership and participation in the church buildings by the local people of the area.

NOTE: Clauses 7 to 11 *Property and Finance* have been referred to the respective legal authorities of the negotiating churches for comment and to ensure that they are in harmony with the laws and regulations of their church. Particular attention was directed to Clause 9 re the guarantee of repayment of loans in the event of dissolution.

A deed of Trust may be necessary.

D. Life and Work

12. The participating churches agree to seek the greatest degree of combined worship at present possible for them.
13. Arrangements and times for each member of the clergy to conduct Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, in the form recognised by his church, shall be by mutual agreement.
14. The participating churches agree to seek a combined programme of Christian Education at all levels and to co-operate in all other activities, e.g. Youth Clubs, wherever possible. Provision shall be made at appropriate stages for classes at which denominational instruction shall be given.
15. The participating churches agree that nothing shall be taught that is offensive to the recognised doctrinal standards of the participating churches.

E. General

16. Where there is a change of ministry, the prospective appointee shall be shown a full copy of any current agreement as soon as possible. It is important for the minister concerned to agree to work within the framework of this agreement.
17. The participating churches agree that other churches involved in the Joint Commission on Church Union shall be kept informed of this agreement and at a later date be invited to join.
18. Should any matter arise which the Committee considers is not covered, or adequately covered, by this agreement, the same shall be referred to the Joint Regional Committee for decision.
19. Amendments and additions to this agreement shall be approved by the Joint Regional Committee after consultation with, and the agreement of, the appropriate church courts of the participating churches.

F. Dissolution

20. In the event of it becoming manifest to the Joint Regional Committee that the agreement cannot be made to work satisfactorily, the Joint Local Committee may by resolution decide upon the dissolution of the agreement, but such resolution shall not be deemed to be effective until it has been confirmed by a subsequent meeting of the Joint Regional Committee to be held not sooner than two calendar months and not later than three calendar months from the date of the first meeting.
21. The terms of the said resolution shall within seven (7) days of the first meeting be communicated by the Joint Regional Committee to each of the district governing bodies of the partici-

pating churches. During the period between the first and second meetings of the Joint Regional Committee, each of the local governing bodies of the participating churches shall convene a meeting of its members resident in the area to discuss the resolution.

22. In the event of the said resolution being confirmed, the agreement shall thereupon be deemed to be dissolved, and the Joint Regional Committee shall wind up affairs under this agreement.
23. With the agreement of both its local governing body and its higher church courts any one of the participating churches may withdraw upon six months notice and upon arrangements satisfactory to the Joint Regional Committee being made to give effect to this decision.

Appendix III **STANDARD RULES, PROCEDURES AND CONSTITUTION** **FOR UNION PARISHES**

I. INTRODUCTION

For the purpose of this document "Union Parishes" are those in which the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand have agreed to combine on all levels with a shared ministry and in accordance with standard rules and procedures.

The first such Union Parish was set up in 1944 at Raglan and in 1949 a "Model Constitution" was adopted by each of the participating churches. Since that time the Anglican Church and the Associated Churches of Christ have entered into the Church Union negotiations, the number of Union Parishes has increased, and the need for amendment and clarification of the Model Constitution has become evident.

The major changes necessary are:

- (a) *Oversight.* The 1949 Model Constitution provided for separate Committees of Oversight for each Union Parish. The increase in the number of Union Parishes has led to the multiplication in the number of such committees. In many cases there would be several such committees in the one district. One efficient Joint Regional Committee in each district can carry out all the necessary functions of oversight.
 - (b) The Joint Commission on Church Union has placed the national oversight of Union Parishes in the hands of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension.
 - (c) Certain features of the original Constitution have been found unworkable in practice.
 - (d) The need to define the tenure and manner of appointment of ministers to Union Parishes has been clearly evident for many years. (See the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union for 1958.)
1. This document shall be read in the light of any relevant provisions in the respective constitutions of the co-operating churches.
 2. These procedures and rules shall be regarded as the normal

method of working, but are subject to review and alteration in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by each of the supreme courts of the co-operating churches.

3. In special circumstances exceptions may be made to these provisions by the supreme courts of the co-operating churches.

II. JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE — FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR UNION PARISHES

4. *Communication.* The normal channels of communication with the Joint National Committee on Church Extension on matters affecting Union Parishes shall be through the Joint Regional Committees, or through the Church Union Committees of the negotiating churches.
5. The Joint National Committee may when necessary review these standard procedures and rules for Union Parishes and recommend alterations to the Joint Commission on Church Union.
6. The Joint National Committee shall provide clarification and guidance to Joint Regional Committee and the Church Union Committees.
7. The Joint National Committee shall in accordance with clause 21 (below) decide on the denomination of ministers to be appointed to Union Parishes.
8. The Joint National Committee shall deal with other matters on Union Parishes referred to it.

III. JOINT REGIONAL COMMITTEES — FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR UNION PARISHES

9. The Joint Regional Committee shall act in an advisory capacity on matters referred to it.
10. It shall report to the church courts on the dissolution of a Union Parish should it become manifest that the union is not working satisfactorily. The said report shall within seven days of the date of the meeting be communicated by the Committee to each of the three district governing bodies of the churches concerned. The Joint Regional Committee shall direct the session of the Union Parish to convene a special general meeting of the congregation to consider the said resolution in order either to agree to the resolution or to make representations to the contrary. In the event of the said resolution being confirmed by the Joint Regional Committee, the Union Parish and its organisations shall thereupon be deemed to be dissolved.

IV. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR UNION PARISHES OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BODIES OF THE CO-OPERATING CHURCHES

11. In ordinary working matters the district courts of the co-operating churches shall be free to communicate directly with or receive communications from the sessions, boards of managers and parish councils of Union Parishes.

V. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF UNION PARISHES

12. The membership of the Union Parish shall be embodied in a

single roll of Communicant members and a roll of all Associated Churches of Christ, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian families residing in the parish area, and any other families desiring affiliation. The denominational affiliation of members shall be indicated on these rolls, and all irrespective of denominational affiliation shall have the same privileges and responsibilities in the life of the church.

VI. GOVERNMENT

13. There shall be a *Session* which shall consist of the minister or ministers of the parish and such members in full communion as have been duly elected by the communicant members and ordained as elders by the session. Ordination of elders is for life, but election to any session may be for a stated period or for life. Re-ordination does not take place on appointment for a new term.

No limit shall be placed on the number of elders in the parish. The procedure for nomination and election to the eldership shall be determined by the Session.

The Session exercises rule in spiritual matters within the parish and arranges for the representation in the higher courts of the co-operating churches.

14. There shall be a *Board of Managers* which shall consist of members of the parish who have been duly elected by the congregation, together with the session (*ex-officio*). The Board of Managers shall administer matters concerned with property and finance. It shall be presided over by the minister, or in his absence by a member of the Board elected by it. At the request of the minister or ministers, the Board may appoint its own chairman for a period not exceeding one year.

Alternatively, with the approval of the Joint Regional Committee, the session may administer the financial and property affairs of the parish through a Property and Finance Committee consisting of representatives of the session together with members or adherents elected by the congregation annually.

15. A *Parish Council* may be elected and shall consist of the minister, the elders, the senior Sunday school superintendent, representatives of the Board of Management, the youth work, women's organisations, men's organisations, and a stated number of representatives elected annually by the congregation. Ordinarily the minister shall preside.
16. The *Congregation* shall meet regularly to consider the life and work of the parish and to receive reports from the Session and the Board of Managers. It shall have power to make recommendations to the Session on all matters. All members and adherents shall have the right to speak, but only communicant members have the right to move resolutions and to vote.
17. The Session of the Union Parish shall be responsible to the superior courts of the co-operating churches, to whom it shall make an annual report.

18. Representation in superior courts shall be provided for by the co-operating churches.
19. The Union Parish shall accept its due share of the responsibility for the wider work of the co-operating churches.

VII. THE MINISTRY

20. The minister of a Union Parish shall be in full standing in his own denomination as though the Union Parish were a church of that denomination. He shall have a seat on the higher courts of the church and shall be subject to their discipline, and in particular to the right of such courts to dissolve the pastoral tie in the same manner as though the Union Parish were a church of that denomination.

21. When a Union Parish is inaugurated or when a vacancy occurs, the *denomination* of the minister to be appointed shall be decided by the Joint National Committee on Church Extension, after receiving the recommendation of the Joint Regional Committee concerned. Before making its recommendation the Joint Regional Committee shall have before it the recommendation of the session of the Union Parish concerned.

NOTE: The Joint National Committee and the Joint Regional Committees may act through sub-committees set up for the purpose. The intention of this clause is to prevent a situation where nearly all the ministers of Union Parishes are of one denomination.

22. Normally ministers shall be appointed to Union Parishes for a term of five or a minimum term of three years. Not less than six months before the term of appointment ends the Joint Regional Committee shall be advised by the church court of the minister concerned. It shall review the situation and after consulting the Session of the parish concerned shall make its recommendation to the appropriate court or committee of the minister's denomination. An extension of term up to three years may be granted.
23. Appointments of ministers shall be made by the Home Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church, the Conference of the Methodist Church, or on the recommendation of the Assembly of the Congregational Church, according to the denomination decided upon by the Joint National Committee, and the appropriate procedure of the church concerned.
24. When a minister of the Union Parish tenders his resignation, the denomination of which he is a member appoints one of its members as acting interim moderator of the Session and Congregational meetings.

When the denomination of the new appointee has been decided on, the district court of that denomination shall be asked to appoint an interim moderator who shall act as such until the new minister has been inducted.

25. The arrangements for the Induction Service of a new minister shall be made by the district courts of the minister's own

denomination. The district courts of the other negotiating churches shall be asked to appoint representatives to take part in the service.

VIII. PROPERTY AND FINANCE OF LOCAL UNION PARISHES

26. Property shall be vested in the appropriate Trustees of one or more of the co-operating Churches to be held by them upon the trusts embodied in this constitution.
27. Capital grants from the funds of the co-operating churches for the erection of buildings on the property received by the church in whose Trustees the land is vested, shall be carefully recorded and shall be regarded in the nature of interest free loans repayable on dissolution of the Union Parish. Money received as loans from any of the co-operating churches shall be repaid according to their terms.
28. In the event of the dissolution of the Union Parish taking place in the circumstances herein provided, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the Conference of the Methodist Church and the Assembly of the Congregational Church, as the case may be, shall guarantee repayment of such capital grants. These repayments having been made the Trustees shall hold the property and all improvements of the property concerned as their own and freed from the trusts set out in this constitution.
29. Contributions from the funds of the co-operating churches for the purchase of land, erection of buildings, and for stipend, shall be proportionate to the denominational figures for the whole of N.Z. appearing in the last Government census, or such other proportions as may be agreed upon from time to time by the supreme courts of the co-operating churches.

B. THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

1. The Joint Board of Theological Studies

The first meeting of the Joint Board of Theological Studies was held on 1st February 1968 in Knox College, Dunedin, 12 members being present. The Reverend Canon R. S. Foster has been appointed Chairman, the Reverend J. J. Lewis, Secretary/Registrar, and the Reverend W. J. W. Rosevear, Assistant Registrar.

SYLLABUS

Several changes were made to the Syllabus for the proposed Diploma of Licentiate in Theology. Liturgics has been brought into the list of core subjects and the former paper No. 17, Worship and Communication, has been reshaped to become a paper on Communication. The Diploma now requires eighteen compulsory papers together with one elective paper.

The following amendments to the Syllabus were agreed to unanimously:

I. Old Testament

Paper 3—Alternative section, now to read:

OR: (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the Old Testament from the R.S.V. The candidate will be expected to have an understanding of the theologically significant Hebrew words within the prescribed texts.

II. New Testament

Paper 6—Alternative section, now to read:

OR: (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the New Testament from the R.S.V. The candidate will be expected to have an understanding of the theologically significant Greek words within the prescribed texts.

Sections V and VI of the Syllabus are now to read:

V. WORSHIP AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Paper 15: Liturgics

The Nature and Principles of Worship; Christian Worship in East and West up to and including the period of the Reformation.

The Modern Liturgical Movement both within the Reformed Traditions and within the Roman Catholic Communion.

The Development of Worship in the Reformed Traditions up to the present day, with special reference to EITHER (i) the developments within Anglicanism OR (ii) the developments within other Reformed traditions.

Paper 16: Pastoral Care

The theology of Pastoral Care and its applications in pastoral visitation, organisation and records. The pastoral interview.

Pastoral resources—Scripture, Prayer, Holy Communion, etc. Care of the sick and the dying, the bereaved, care of the family, the aged. Special cases—alcoholics, etc. Elements of pastoral counselling, assessment of verbatim records. Referrals, professional relationships.

Paper 17: Christian Education

- (i) Christian Education as a ministry of the Church—aims and objectives—relation to total life of the local Church—children and youth as part of the Church now, not just the Church of the future: their contribution to and participation in the life and mission of the Church—Christian Education and evangelism: preparation for Confirmation/Church membership.
- (ii) Educational Foundations of Christian Education — human growth and development from childhood through adulthood including psychological and physical development, personality development, concept development — religious development related to “human development” — how persons learn at different ages and stages of development.
- (iii) The Church Organises for Christian Education — structures

suitable for children, youth and adults (Sunday School, Bible Class, Youth Fellowship, House Church, Short-term studies, Interest groups, Camping, Vacation School, Weekday Church School, etc.) — principles guiding grouping and grading, allocation of space and equipment — administration and evaluation.

- (iv) Teaching Methods — methods related to ways persons learn at various stages of development — equipment for teaching — curriculum materials, books, pictures, maps, workbooks, audio-visual aids, etc. — group process — especially its value in youth and adult work but recognising it as an integral part of the teaching-learning process for all ages.

Paper 18: *Christian Communication*

Basic principles of Communication. Communicating the Gospel to large groups. Sermon types and sermon construction. Selection of relevant topics. The art of illustration. Modern Experiments in the use of the preaching situation—introduction of dialogue and group methods. Seminars, panels, theology schools, religious films, etc. Mass media and the use of Radio and Television.

VI. *ELECTIVE PAPERS* (one of)

Paper 19: *Intertestamental Literature*

History of the Jewish People in Palestine from 333 B.C. to A.D. 70; Hellenism and its characteristics; the rise of the sects. Judaism of the Dispersion.

Introduction to the Apocrypha of the Old Testament and to selected books of the Pseudepigrapha, especially the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, the Book of Jubilees, the Psalms of Solomon, the Book of Enoch, the Assumption of Moses, the Apocalypse of Baruch.

Paper 20: *Comparative Study of Religion*

Definition and Origins.

A comparison of world Faiths, including Christianity.

A specialist study of one of the major world Faiths.

Paper 21: *South Pacific Studies*

History of missionary impact upon the South Pacific.

Introduction to anthropology, sociology, Polynesian and Melanesian religions.

COMMENCEMENT IN 1968

In February, the Board reported to the Commission as follows: "Such agreement has been reached in all phases of its work that the Joint Board now believes it is able to offer in October of this year the first examinations for the Diploma L.Th. in six subjects. The Board recognises that all its decisions are subject to the approval of the supreme courts of the five negotiating Churches. It has, however, made its preparations to commence examining this year in the hope that this approval will be granted. The approval already given to the work of the previous Committee on Theological

Training has given the Board confidence to move ahead in this expectation."

In October, the Board reported: "In anticipation of the approval of the Churches, the Joint Board of Theological Studies has this year launched the course for the Diploma Licentiate in Theology. The Colleges have adopted the agreed syllabus and the L.Th. examinations will commence on October 14th. There are 45 entrants taking a total of 135 papers."

Next year, the examinations for L.Th. will be offered in all papers.

Work is in hand for establishing the courses for the advanced Diploma of Scholar in Theology.

REGULATIONS

It was agreed to make the following amendments to the regulations:

(1) Entrance Qualification.

Before presenting himself for examination in any paper of the L.Th. a candidate is required:

(i) To have qualified for matriculation at any recognised University.

OR

(ii) To have passed an examination which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to the Entrance Examination of a University in New Zealand.

OR

(iii) To have been recognised by his College as a candidate for the examination for the Diploma of Licentiate in Theology.

(4) The examination for the L.Th. shall consist of papers 1-18 and ONE of the elective papers 19-21. A certificate of practical work is required for each candidate from his College as a prerequisite for each of the papers 16, 17, and 18.

CONSTITUTION

At the February meeting, the Board reviewed the Constitution and reported as follows:

"The resolutions passed by the Anglican Board of Theological Studies were considered at this point. It was noted that approval was given for the establishment of the Joint Board from February 1968 as a consultative Board. The request for further consideration of Liturgics as a compulsory paper is now met in the decision to include it in the core subjects under Section V of the Syllabus.

"The Board noted also the recommendation that the Joint Board should consist of two bodies, one to determine policy and the other to consist primarily of Theological Teachers. In the discussion it was pointed out that until union Denominational Boards of Studies will not in any way be replaced by the Joint Board whose task is related primarily to the examining for the L.Th. and the S.Th. By constitution the Joint Board is under 'the general control and superintendence of the supreme courts of the five Churches and shall

carry out the wishes of the Churches'. The Board fully recognises that its decisions regarding the Syllabus and the Regulations are all subject to the consent of the Churches. It would respectfully suggest that the two tiered structure in effect exists already in the Denominational Boards of Studies and the smaller Joint Board which consists mainly of Theological Teachers but not wholly. The Denominational Boards are represented on the Joint Board. The Joint Board seeks again approval for the constitution as set out below in a slightly modified form:

Constitution

(1) There shall be a Joint Board of Theological Studies to have general oversight of theological training for the five Churches in New Zealand negotiating for union, the Anglican Church, the Associated Churches of Christ, the Congregational Union, the Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church.

(2) The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall be under the general control and superintendence of the supreme courts of the five Churches and shall carry out the wishes of the Churches.

(3) The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall consist of not more than 15 members with representation as follows: Anglican Church 4, Presbyterian Church 4, Methodist Church 3, Associated Churches of Christ 2, Congregational Union 2. These numbers shall include members of the teaching staffs of the various Theological Colleges. Members shall be appointed for a period of three years for any one term.

(4) The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall appoint its own officers each for a period of three years for any one term.

(5) The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall meet at least once annually, alternately in the North and South Islands, preferably early in February, to arrange for examinations conducted by the Board and to review matters relating to theological training.

(6) The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall prescribe the course of studies, set fees, appoint examiners, and award diplomas on the successful completion of the examinations conducted by the Board.

(7) The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall have power to amend its constitution subject to the approval of the supreme courts of the five Churches."

Recommendations

The recommendations of the Board to the Commission were approved, and it was agreed—

1. That the J.C.C.U. commend to the Churches for their approval the proposal of the Joint Board of Theological Studies to commence examining for the Diploma L.Th. in 1968.

2. That the Joint Commission commend to the Churches for their approval the amended Constitution for the Joint Board of Theological Studies.

2. Multi Racial Training

The Convener of the sub-committee on Multi-Racial Training, the Reverend R. L. Challis, has reported as follows:

"It has not been possible, for various reasons, for this Committee to meet, but meetings have been held where the question of multi-racial training has been discussed. In particular at the J.C.C.U. consultation on work amongst the Maori people, held at Ohope in February, a sub-committee was appointed to discuss the questions of theological education and lay training among the Maori people. This sub-committee met on two occasions and discussed—

- (a) Training with reference to the special needs of work among the Maori people;
- (b) Training as carried out at the Theological Colleges with an extra course of studies for those who are going to work among Maori people.

There has also been a meeting of the members of the Congregational College and the Education Board of the Presbyterian Church to discuss this matter. From these meetings have come one or two fairly definite points:

- (i) That all ministers would benefit from multi-racial studies, as most will have members of other races in their parishes. Therefore all ministers would benefit by being trained in Colleges that included for the full course of study, members of all races, and not having men come in just for one year for special training.
- (ii) The special needs of Maori and Island people must not be forgotten.

Arising out of these meetings comes a feeling that in the future, ministers of all races will train together but there will be provided special opportunities or courses for future ministers to gain in meeting with and having fellowship with people of all races."

3. Sub-Committee on Deaconess Training

This sub-committee has commenced its work and will report in due course.

C — CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Reverend W. F. Ford has been appointed convener of the Committee on Christian Education.

The Committee has given attention to the question of Lay Training which was referred to it. It has considered ways of helping the study of JCCU Reports in local groups. It has assisted in making joint arrangements for Youth Conferences.

D — WORK AMONGST THE MAORI PEOPLE

The Consultation on Work Amongst the Maori People recommended in last year's Report (p. 26) was held and its report to the Commission included the following:

The first meeting of the Consultation was held in February at Ohope. In preparation for this initial meeting, member churches were requested to provide background papers indicating:

- (a) Area of Maori work
- (b) Location of full-time personnel
- (c) Present policy and practice.

It was realised that it would be necessary to hold further Consultations. Permission to do so was sought of the member churches through the JCCU and granted.

It was decided to appoint study committees as follows:

- (a) Auckland — Theological education/lay training
- (b) Waikato-Maniapoto — The Ministry/team ministries
- (c) Rotorua-Bay of Plenty — Common Orders for Special services
- (d) Hawke's Bay — The Gospel and Culture
- (e) Wellington — Christian Education.

The second meeting of the Consultation was held in August at Ohinemutu, and consideration was given to the interim reports received from three of the study committees.

Theological Education. Two different points of view were expressed in the report of the Auckland Study Committee.

- (a) That the training for a ministry to Maori people be provided as an 'extra' or 'additional' course of studies.
- (b) That the 'whole' course of studies be orientated to this particular field of ministry.

The Consultation agreed that it was necessary to pursue these two views in greater detail.

Team Ministries. The study committee was requested to clarify two points relating to its report.

- (a) The restrictions which our present 'denominational' obligations and loyalties impose upon our acting together—the extent to which we are prepared to recognise each other's Ministry and sacramental services.
- (b) The areas where no restrictions apply and an effective 'team' ministry may be launched.

Order for Special Services. An Order in Maori, which incorporated elements from Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Ringatu Orders of Services was submitted. Members of the Consultation were invited to forward their comments and suggestions to the Convener.

The Consultation agreed on the following context for continuing study:

- (a) The nature of God's mission to the world and in particular to the Maori people and the situation confronting them.
- (b) The nature and function of the Church as the People of God, in fulfilling that mission.

The next meeting of the Consultation will be held in Auckland on 20 November, 1968.

E. SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS:

A Consultation of representatives of the Social Service Organisations 'on ways to promote common action' was arranged, three meetings being held.

Members were: *Anglican*—The Reverend E. K. Norman (Wellington), The Reverend W. A. Garraway (Auckland), Mr. F. A. Gunn and Mr. J. A. Morrison (Christchurch). *Churches of Christ*—Mrs. M. Wills and Mrs. B. Bull (Christchurch). *Congregational Churches*—Miss M. Judge (Christchurch). *Methodist*—The Reverend A. E. Orr (Auckland), The Reverend W. E. Falkingham and The Reverend H. C. Matthews (Christchurch). *Presbyterian*—The Reverend A. D. Robertson and Mr. J. I. B. Neil (proxy) (Auckland), The Reverend R. M. Rogers and The Reverend G. F. McKenzie (Christchurch) and Mr. C. D. Bowie (Dunedin).

The Rev. G. F. McKenzie was elected Chairman and Mr. F. A. Gunn, Secretary.

The following report was presented to the Commission at its October meeting:

Survey. Representatives presented a review of the work undertaken by their agencies. It was agreed to compile a complete survey of social services undertaken by the negotiating churches throughout New Zealand, the returns to be collected on a national basis. The collated survey is appended to this report.

Co-ordination of forthcoming activities prior to union. It was agreed that in view of the Act of Commitment and the nature of work we are called upon to do in social service we declare our conviction that the negotiating churches should co-operate wherever desirable and practicable to the maximum extent possible in future social service activities in various ways such as:

- (a) Complete identification, including capital assets.
- (b) Delegation to one church of complete responsibility for all the others, with a governing committee representative of all churches.
- (c) Where no property is involved the complete sharing of responsibility.
- (d) Holding trusts with a board of management.
- (e) Other ways.

It was further stated that as a general rule the Consultation did not favour the proliferation of a lot of separate, independent trusts.

Present Co-operation. It was agreed that recognising that a measure of co-operation in social service activities already exists, regional executive and representative committee members of the social service agencies of the negotiating churches be recommended to meet together periodically in the interests of co-operation, co-ordination and unification of our present social service activities, it being understood that where any of the churches has no specific social service organisation such church shall appoint suitable representatives to express their minds.

It was further agreed that wherever desirable the social service agencies of the negotiating churches should co-operate with other church based social service agencies.

Organisation of Social Services in the United Church. It was agreed that recognising the importance of initiative and personal services related to local and individual needs this Consultation envisages the possible organisation of the Social Services of the United Church being on a regional basis where the governing bodies would be incorporated societies responsible to the Church regionally and nationally.

It was agreed to recommend the J.C.C.U. to refer to the legal committee the steps that should be taken in furtherance of the Consultation's proposals.

Regional Meetings. The Consultation arranged for and held in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch, three regional meetings at which representatives of practically all the separate social service agencies of the negotiating churches were present. The Chairman, the Rev. G. F. McKenzie, spoke on the effect of the Act of Commitment on social service within the negotiating churches and discussion was held on the proposals of the Consultation. There was general agreement on the need for continuing consultation and co-operation at the local and regional level.

It was agreed to recommend the establishment of at least four continuing regional consultations (two in each island) attended by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officers of the social service agencies.

Recommendations

The following recommendations of the Consultation were approved by the Commission:

1. That the report be forwarded to the Church Union Committees for presentation to the supreme courts with recommendation for forwarding to the social service agencies of the negotiating churches.
2. That the Legal Committee of the J.C.C.U. be asked to consider the steps necessary for the furtherance of the proposed organisation of social services within the United Church.
3. That, in the event of the negotiating churches and their social service agencies being in favour of the proposals of the Consultation, the Secretary of the J.C.C.U. be requested to take steps to encourage the formation of Regional Consultations on Social Service.
4. That the J.C.C.U. authorise a press release of the substance of the survey of social services within the negotiating churches.

Appendix

SURVEY OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A. CARE OF AGED Institutional					
1.	Number of Homes	...	...	...	46
2.	Number of Hospitals	...	...	...	18
3.	Number of Home Beds	...	...	...	1,144
4.	Number of Hospital Beds	...	...	...	495
5.	Number of Cottage/Flat Beds	...	...	...	540
6.	Number of Staff	...	...	...	787

(Note: Full-time staff and paid part-time staff converted to full-time—e.g. 4 staff each working 20 hours = 2 full-time).

B. CARE OF AGED Domiciliary, etc.					
1.	Number of Social Workers	...	...	...	11
2.	Details of other services: Occ. Therapy, Day Centre, Gardening, Holiday Accommodation, Visiting Clubs, Home & Personal Supervision, Laundry Service, Visiting Doctors and Physiotherapists.				

Total Gross Annual Running Expenses of A. & B. (excluding Capital Costs) ... \$1,751,365

C. CHILD CARE (includes children up to 17 years of age)					
1.	Number of Homes	...	...	...	36
2.	Number of beds in use	...	...	...	475
3.	Total number of beds available	...	...	...	529
4.	Number of children in foster care	...	...	...	172
5.	Number of children in other direct care	...	...	...	179
6.	Total number of children in care (2 plus 4 plus 5)	...	...	...	826
7.	Number of Home Staff	...	...	...	156
8.	Number of Social Workers other than home staff	...	...	...	12 4/5
9.	Other staff engaged directly or indirectly in work for children and not included in 7 or 8 (includes part-time staff)	...	...	...	21

Total Gross Annual Running Expenses of Child Care Work (excluding Capital Costs). This does not include accommodation which is part of Education (e.g. Boarding Schools) ... \$378,058

D. HOSTELS					
1.	Number of Hostels for Males	...	...	...	7
2.	Number of Hostels for Females	...	...	...	18
3.	Number of Hostels (Mixed)	...	...	...	1
4.	Number of students in residence	...	...	...	116
5.	Number of probationers in residence	...	...	...	22
6.	Number of Maoris in residence	...	...	...	90
7.	Number of Apprentices or workers in residence	...	...	...	82
8.	Total number in residence (4 to 7)	...	...	...	410
9.	Number of Staff (full-time plus paid part-time converted)	...	...	...	49½

10.	Total Gross Annual Running Expenses (excluding Capital Costs)	\$141,782
E.	<i>CAMPS, HOLIDAY CENTRES, DAY NURSERIES, ETC.</i>	
1.	Number of beds available	281
2.	List relevant information: 5 Camps, 1 Holiday House, Holiday Flats, 1 Day Nursery, Some placement of children in holiday foster homes, Y.M.C.A. Camps, etc.	
3.	Total Gross Annual Running Expenses (excluding Capital Costs)	\$11,484
F.	<i>INNER CITY ACCOMMODATION</i> (other than D)	
1.	Number of Hostels for men	2
2.	Number of Hostels for women	3
3.	Number of beds for men	13
4.	Number of beds for women	18
5.	Number of staff (full-time plus paid part-time converted)	1
6.	Total Gross Annual Running Expenses (excluding Capital Costs)	\$2,750
G.	<i>EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION</i>	
1.	Number of beds for men	36
2.	Number of beds for women	6
3.	Number of staff (full-time plus paid part-time converted)	3
4.	Total Gross Annual Running Expenses (excluding Capital Costs)	\$3,560
H.	<i>UNMARRIED MOTHERS</i>	
1.	Number of homes	2
2.	Number of beds	16
3.	Number in private placement at time of report	56
4.	Total number of Unmarried Mothers dealt with in 1 year	301
5.	Total number of staff (full-time plus part-time converted but excluding Social Workers) ...	3
6.	Number of Social Workers	7 1/5
7.	Total Gross Annual Running Costs (excluding Capital Costs)	\$11,696
I.	<i>COUNSELLING SERVICES</i>	
1.	Number of Centres	10
2.	Number of Social Workers	138 1/2
3.	Number of other Staff	75 1/2
4.	Total Gross Annual Running Expenses	\$74,889
J.	<i>RELIEF</i>	
1.	Number of Centres	9
2.	Number of Goodwill Opportunity Shops ...	9
3.	Number of Staff	63
4.	Average cost of relief given in 1 year	\$20,138

5. Total Gross Average Running Expenses (excluding Capital Costs)	\$94,383
K. <i>OTHER SERVICES</i>	
One Family Service Unit—\$2,500	
Visiting families at risk	
Chiropody Clinic—\$498	
Elderly People's Fellowship	
Downtown Club (Outreach)	
Open Door Club (Youth)	
Total Annual Running Costs	\$2,442,913

IV. Publicity

At both meetings the Commission was concerned with questions of publicity. Recommendations were received from the Christian Education Committee, the Study Committee on the Ministry and the Presbyterian Church Union Committee stressing the need for effective publicity in order to keep the people of the Churches informed of the progress of negotiations and to assist their growth in closer relationships in their own locality.

The Publicity Committee had been formed to discharge a more specific and restricted function. It was agreed that the Publicity Committee have an enlarged responsibility—

- (a) For advising the Commission on matters of policy, and
- (b) For carrying out particular projects as may be referred to it by the Commission.

Mr. D. M. Wylie was appointed convener. The Commission recorded its appreciation of the work which the Reverend I. W. Fraser had done as convener.

V. The Working of The Commission

A — FINANCE

The Treasurer, Mr. D. A. Larsen, presents the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1967, as follows:

Balance at Bank 1/1/67	\$314.57
Receipts:	
Contributions from Churches—	
Anglican	500.00
Churches of Christ	100.00
Congregational	100.00
Methodist	300.00
Presbyterian	500.00
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	1,500.00
Sales 'Between Ourselves'	2,266.99
Sales Orders Thanksgiving Service	890.80
Offerings combined services	150.01
Interest on Bank Account	20.98
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	4,828.78
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	5,143.35

Payments:

Study Committee expenses	273.85
Stationery, printing, travelling, etc.	1,110.73
Printing 'Between Ourselves'	2,519.80
Printing Orders Thanksgiving Service	576.18
Expenses Act of Commitment	462.66
	<hr/> 4,943.22
Balance at Bank 31/12/67	<hr/> \$200.13

Regarding the appointment of a secretary, the Commission asked the Executive "to draw up a budget and present proposals to Church Union Committees". The following budget was approved by the February meeting of the Commission:

Stipend	2,800
House	1,000
Office rent	600
Travel	500
Secretarial	800
Stationery, etc.	300
Pension fund contribution	200
Contingencies	400
	<hr/> \$6,600

The following allocation was approved and forwarded to Church Union Committee:

Anglican (Av. Easter & Christmas communicants)	104,000	2,912
Church of Christ (communicant members)	3,500	100
Congregational	3,500	100
Methodist	33,000	926
Presbyterian	91,500	2,562
	<hr/> 235,500	<hr/> \$6,600

NOTE: This allocation will be revised as from 1st January 1969 (see Report Study Committee on General Administration and Finance).

B — OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION

The Office of the Commission is situated at 178 Lambton Quay, Wellington; two rooms on the third floor have been leased until 31st March 1971. The Postal Address is Box 87, Wellington.

C — MEETINGS IN 1969

The Commission is to meet at Christchurch College, 11-13 February 1969. It is expected to meet in Wellington in August and possibly in May as well.

† ALLEN DUNEDIN,
Chairman.

AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK

As the text of the new Law Book is with the Printers, there is no supplement this year.

For amendments to the current Law Book made during the period commencing October, 1951, and ending November 1967, see Minutes of Conference 1967, pages 279 to 326.

AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, 1968

MINISTRY

Section I

Candidates

Page 11, Section 72 as substituted by 1965 Minutes, page 264, is hereby amended by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:—

Each Candidate shall read the following six Standard Sermons of John Wesley—

- I Salvation by Faith
- IV Scriptural Christianity
- V Justification by Faith
- X The Witness of the Spirit
- XII The Means of Grace
- XXXIV The Catholic Spirit

and shall generally assent to their teaching.

(1968 Minutes, Question 24)

Section IX

The Church Meeting

Page 48 Section 272 is hereby amended by deleting all the words after the words “at the time the meeting is held” in the first sentence thereof and also by deleting the last sentence thereof.

(1968 Minutes page 319)

THE CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING

Page 53 (see Order of business, page 292, Minutes 1967).

C. Christian Education

Sub-section 7 (a) (b) (c) and (d) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

7. (a) What are the reports of the Leaders' Meetings on significant trends and developments in their programme with children, youth and adults?
- (b) In what way is the Church participating in public education in the Circuit area?

(1968 Minutes page)

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Page 55 and 1967 Minutes, page 294.

Question (4) of sub-section (c) of section 290A is hereby amended by adding the following:—

- (c) Have the annual audits and statements of all organisations in the Circuit been presented to the Committee?

(1968 Minutes, Question 58)

Section I
DISTRICT SYNODS

Page 60, Section 323 (d) is hereby amended by deleting the word "Two" at the beginning thereof and substituting therefor, the word "One".

Page 61, Sub-section (m) of Section 323 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- (m) Two Representatives of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship who shall be appointed by the District Council of the Fellowship provided always where there is more than one District Council in the Synodal District each District Council may elect one representative.

(1968 Minutes, Question 35 F)

(N.B.—Further changes in the law relating to Synods and Synod Standing Committees were passed by the 1968 Conference. These will be drafted by the Law Revision Committee during 1969 and submitted to the 1969 Conference).

Section II
EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Page 81, Section 403 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

403. A Probationer taking a Theological subject for a B.D., L.Th., or S.Th. course, may substitute the same for that set down for his year. (1968 Minutes, Question 24)

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Page 67, Minutes, page 322.

Section 519, Sub-section (1) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words, "Of the Methodist Church of New Zealand".

Sub-section 7, 11-19 are hereby amended by deleting the word "Annual" whenever it appears.

Sub-section 12 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

12. There shall be a Convention of the Women's Fellowship which shall determine and direct the general policy of the Fellowship. It shall consider the work of the Fellowship and consider its financial position. It shall meet every other year.

Sub-section 15 is hereby amended by adding the following at the end thereof:—

"It shall prepare each year a report and financial statement, which shall be duly audited. The report and financial statements shall be reported to either the Convention or the National Council.

Add new clause—

- 15a. In any year in which no Convention is held there shall be a meeting of the National Council. The Council shall consist of the Executive Committee and the President of each District Council or her duly appointed substitute. It shall consider the annual report and financial statements, and any other matters referred to it by the Executive Committee or by the Convention.

Add new clause—

- 15b. Each year a report and financial statements, duly audited, shall be submitted to the Conference. (1968 Minutes, Question 35 E)

APPENDIX



GENERAL STATISTICAL
RETURNS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
30th JUNE, 1968

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS

Part 1

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS
Part 2

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

DISTRICTS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.					STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NORTHLAND	187	190	202	266	175	77	63	57	134	2182	6597	\$ 23,255	\$ -	\$ 6000	2 12	\$ 1912	\$ 2439	\$ 6561	\$ 1195
AUCKLAND	1476	950	1208	1463	843	552	490	280	429	10553	31839	79843	633	16189	1 45	2245	22188	32450	15298
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY	833	795	698	961	597	392	289	189	195	6685	20838	63040	855	13756	2 31	4351	7255	14018	22383
TARANAKI-MANGANUI	412	356	312	370	274	216	138	63	163	3361	9727	28322	115	5765	2 13	1487	372	13817	3864
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU	423	428	398	545	342	214	167	73	261	4436	12823	36674	905	7657	- 20	5178	2623	18545	2766
WELLINGTON	931	614	644	908	565	373	318	162	347	6754	20709	57013	1338	10906	- 31	9981	2154	48503	1358
NELSON	308	281	330	305	232	190	109	41	167	3140	9581	23659	259	4309	3 10	478	243	11140	2037
NORTH CANTERBURY	919	706	685	1148	589	611	361	271	234	7499	21448	58306	340	9872	1 30	709	839	58948	6778
SOUTH CANTERBURY	211	142	211	261	167	97	124	46	157	2013	6363	17198	262	3744	- 9	9027	92	9419	140
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	358	379	384	424	288	209	180	93	250	3409	10253	36984	274	7261	1 20	4044	2345	19072	8353
TOTALS 1968	6058	4841	5072	6651	4072	2931	2239	1275	2337	50027	150178	424294	4981	85489	12 22	39418	40550	232473	64172
TOTALS 1967	6414	5049	5016	6558	4369	2664	2192	1565	2428	48735	144161	414050	4614	81832	13 21	40788	40232	255230	114556
INCREASES			54	93		267	46			1292	6017	10244	367	3657	- 4		318		
DECREASES	356	208			197			290	91						1 -	1370		22757	50384

CIRCUITS									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													BAPTISMS			
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers	
										By Confirmation	By Transfer from			By Transfer to											
											Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.						Ceased to Attend
1. MONGONUI	3	1	2	1	1			3	118				7	2		2	4		7	114		4	5		
2. KAIKOHE - BAY OF ISLANDS	3	6	2	2	2			2	121				5			2	10		2	111		10	7		
3. WHANGAROA	2	2	2	1	1			3	101							2	7			92		9	6		
4. NORTH HOKIANGA	3	4	2	1	1			3	50								3		2	45		5	2		
5. HOKIANGA	4	1		1	1			2	83	1	1		1	1	2	1	2			86	3		4	1	
5a. HIKURANGI (UNION)	1	4		1	1			1	44		4						6			42		2	8		
6. WHANGAREI	4	4	4	2	2			13	384				27			5	12		2	392	8		35		
7. DARGAVILLE	3	4	4	2	2			9	274				7		2	2	25		2	254		20	14		
8. RUAWAI (UNION)	3	1		1	1			5	85						2		3		1	82		3	2		
9. PAPAROA	4	4		1		1			80				1				6		1	74		6	6		
10. PORT ALBERT	7	3	3	2	1			3	142				6			3	7		4	130		12	9		
TOTALS	37	30	20	15	13	1		44	1482	1	5		54	3	6	17	85		17	10	1422	11	71	98	1

Part 2

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
1. MANGONUI	16	22	20	12	8	4	7		12	195	630	1812		500	M	50.60		294.83	
2. KAIKOHE - BAY OF ISLANDS	7	17	15	31	16	16	9	14		330	954	3420		1080	MM		1000.98	270.53	36.53
3. WHANGAROA	14	14	12	16	18	5	4		20	132	270	1731.28		548.45	M		227.75		
4. NORTH HOKIANGA	1		5	8	6					90	354				C		284	412.36	
5. HOKIANGA	10	11	18	14	5				40	110	365	1896		800	C		368	712.06	
5a. HIKURANGI (UNION)	5	4	3	8	6	6	3			110	330				M				
6. WHANGAREI	45	39	44	53	46	21	26	27	30	423	1243	3600		635	MM	152.05			
7. DARGAVILLE	46	23	24	38	30	11	6	13	12	336	994	3540		851	MM	247.98		478.14	700.00
8. RUAWAI (UNION)	6	10	15	13	12	6	4	3	6	117	419	1896		700	M		311.35	1412.36	336.38
9. PAPAROA	24	27	19	18	9	2			14	113	358	1820		436	M	91.98			122.42
10. PORT ALBERT	13	23	27	45	19	6	4			226	680	1896		480	M		246.81	2980.91	
TOTALS	187	190	202	266	175	77	63	57	134	2183	6597	21811.28		6030.45	123	542.61	2438.89	6561.19	1195.33

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Part I

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

CIRCUITS												CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPTISMS	
		Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers		
											By Confirmation			By Transfer from		By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend								
Under 20	20 and Over	Other N. Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N. Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.																			
12.	AUCKLAND CENTRAL	5	-	5	7	13	-	1	9	528	6	12	20	5	2	7	35	11	5	6	509		19	43	1		
13.	AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	2	-	1	2	5	-	1	7	274	6	6	40	2	6	7	9	-	-	5	313	39		23	1		
14.	AUCKLAND SOUTH	4	-	4	3	3		2	6	464	9	10	27	5	19	9	40	3	10	6	466	2		39	3		
15.	AUCKLAND WEST	2		1	1	1			4	95		2	7			3	19				82		13	10			
16.	AUCKLAND EAST	4		4	4	6		3	14	597	8	1	75	1	4	11	26	11	11	11	616	19		38			
17.	ORAKEI	4		3	3	6		1	12	523	3	6	14	6		7	23			9	513		10	18			
18.	AVONDALE	4	1	4	2	10			20	481	19		12	3	2	4	51	6	6	5	445		36	62	4		
19.	HENDERSON	5	4	5	3	3	1		9	408	2	8	20	2	1	4	12	3	2	18	402		6	65	2		
20.	DEVONPORT	2		2	1	1	1		4	140	7	1	5	3	1	1	10	4			142	2		5	1		
21.	TAKAPUNA	5		5	3	7			15	736	10	3	38	4		18	25	3	1	6	738	2		75	3		
22.	BIRKENHEAD	4	2	5	3	3	1		11	458	3	4	17		2	4	18	1	2	3	456		2	52	1		
23.	ONEHUNGA	4		6	2	2			4	242	11	3	13	1	2	3	14		1	1	253	11		35	1		
24.	OTAHUHU	1		2	1	1			2	167			6			3	10				160		7	12			
25.	PAPATOETOE	5		3	2	3			4	466	6	3	11	2		8	20	1	6	4	449		17	48			
26.	PAPAKURA	3	1	2	3	2	1		4	366		5	23	2	4	3	17	1		5	374	8		55	5		
27.	PUKEKOHE	5	2	4	1	3			5	246	4	2	1				19		2	1	231		15	13	2		
28.	BOMBAY - TUAKAU	3	3		2	1			5	95		2	8	1		2	19				85		10	3			
29.	WAIUKU	1	1	1	1	1			2	118			9	1		1	9				118			20			
30.	KAIPARA	4	3	4	1	1			3	72			4	1	1		7				71		1	3			
31.	WHANGAPARAO	3		2	1	1			2	98									1		104	6		8			
32.	MAHURANGI	2	3	2	1	1			2	115	1		10		1		8				119	4		10	1		

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CIRCUITS		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE					
		Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals		
		Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances	
12.	AUCKLAND CENTRAL	112	15	18	23	9	15	12	23	28	681	1590	1900 1848 1848	100 270 270	M M M		1129.66	4094.92			
13.	AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	73	12	12	12	10	16	14	15	27	310	598	2006 1896	500 500	M M		32.78	1599.66	329.46		
14.	AUCKLAND SOUTH	90	84	101	88	79	39	30	16	35	815	2302	1890 1890 1890	260 260 260	M M M		2725.00	1817.69	1340.26		
15.	AUCKLAND WEST	14	6	8	10	2	6	2			248	734	1636	240	M		29.80		4758.94		
16.	AUCKLAND EAST	24	75	60	86	44	19	66	14	55	826	2081	1926 1896 1896 1896	480 290 290 410	M M M M	44.94		586.52	56.61		
17.	ORAKEI	49	52	38	71	58	44	55	33	40	640	1710	1896 1896 1896	350 350 350	M M M		1840.00	2742.45			
18.	AVONDALE	78	69	67	121	49	42	43	22	35	770	2000	1900 1878 500	300 300 500	M M M		347.00	420.08			
19.	HENDERSON	158	129	154	180	148	53	46	21	52	1060	4000	1896 1896 1896	300 300 300	M M M		10741.01	5029.84	473.43		
20.	DEVONPORT	16	16	15	16	10	15	9	25	8	285	735	1896	32	300	M	187.00		795.81		
21.	TAKAPUNA	123	85	64	96	59	64	24	18	25	951	2943	1896 1896 1667.30	123 76 76	397.47 300 270	M M M	291.00		138.86	3297.68	
22.	BIRKENHEAD	206	112	128	131	53	42	43	12	43	804	2556	1896 1896		278 284	M M		1721.00	1440.08		
											10,557		1896		267	M					

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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE					
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals		
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances	
23. ONEHUNGA	41	51	92	112	54	47	24	14		444	1400	1942		276	M	151.00		321.34	807.58	
												1942		276	M					
24. OTAHUHU	68	29	64	44	33	22	8	5	10	292	801	1956		400	C		140.27	388.30	177.10	
25. PAPATOETOE	120	52	119	130	80	40	35	16	23	780	3096	1896	50	520	M		2506.00	14.43	2803.93	
												1749		360	M					
26. PAKAKURA	154	69	136	178	74	33	10	21	20	667	2398	1896	30	525	M	225.17		11623.83		
												1896	30	516	M					
												1538	30	288	M					
27. PUKEKOHE	36	32	29	46	19	16	10	11	10	256	721	1896	30	551	M	1301.57		397.71	116.29	
												1896	30	300	M					
												286	-	166.50	M					
28. BOMBAY - TUAKAU	34	8	9	13	16	10	15			124	472	1430		578	M		526.00	123.07		
29. WAIUKU	24	8	16	22	14	6	6			188	562	1896		388	M		186.00		1131.53	
30. KAIPARA	3	13	35	39	12	12	21			104	364	1614		480	M		104.92	135.90		
31. WHANGAPAROA	3	13	24	30	16	10	10	10		200	420	1594	26	379	M	44.55		168.18		
32. MAHURANGI	50	20	19	15	10	1	7	4	18	132	396	1896		500	M		159.00	611.81		
TOTAL 1968	1476	950	1208	1463	843	552	490	280	429		31879	79843	633	16189	N 5 C 1	2245.23	22188.44	32450.48	15297.81	
TOTAL 1967	1347	1016	1164	1509	940	518	385	372	469		9875	31271	76532	634	15238	N 5 C 1	1760.00	20282.00	12136.00	22854.00
INCREASE	129		44			34	105				682	608	3311		951	N 2	485.23	1906.44	20314.48	
DECREASE		66		46	97			92	40					1						7556.19

CIRCUITS									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												BAPTMS			
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			Other N.Z. Circuits	By Transfer from		By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend					
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other Countries		Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.						
THAMES	3		1	1	2			3	149	1	5	11	1	1	4	8	1	2	153	4		50	4	
HAURAKI PLAINS UNION	3		1	1				2	63			3	1			9	2	3	53		10	6		
PAEROA	1		1	1	1			2	75	1	3	2			1	2		1	77	2		6	1	
WAIHI	1	3	1	1	1			1	76			7				2			81	5		2		
TE AROHA	2	1	2	1	1			1	188	6		6			7	10			183		5	5		
MORRINSVILLE	3	5	3	2	2			5	288	13	8		9		1	17	2	1	297	9		26	2	
CAMBRIDGE	3	1	2	1	2		1	6	186		2	11	1		3	14	2		181		5	33	1	
HAMILTON	5	3	6	3	4			10	645	6	3	42	1	4	5	17		4	10	665	20		47	
HAMILTON EAST	5	2	6	3	6			11	513	1	6	51			7	46		3	4	511		2	37	2
NGARUAWAHIA	3	1	1	1	1				50	1		4			2	6	1		46		4	13		
HUNTLY	1	6	1	1	1			2	114			4			1	8		1	108		6	17	2	
MATAMATA	2	2	2	1	2			5	240	6	3	10	3	2	2	11			251	11		15	2	
TOKOROA	1	1	1	1	2			2	96	2	8	5	1	6		8	2	1	107	11		26	1	
PUTARURU	1	2	1	1	1			1	81			9			1	10			79		2	9		
SUB TOTALS C/FORWARD	34	27	29	19	26		1	51	2764	37	38	165	17	13	34	168	9	10	21	2792	62	34	292	15

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CIRCUITS										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													BAPTISMS		
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation	By Transfer from			By Transfer to											
											Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits.	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.						
SUB TOTALS B/FORWARD	34	27	29	19	26		1	51	2764	37	38	165	17	13	34	168	9	10	21	2792	62	34	292	15	
ROTORUA	3	1	1	1	2			7	228	5	1	22	1	1	2	17		2	4	233	5			15	
TAUPO	1	1	2	1	1			1	52			7				6	2		1	50			2	15	
TAURANGA	4	1	1	3	3				523	11	1	33		1	14	36		5	7	507			16	34	
TE PUKE	1		1	1	2			2	84	1		6				5				86	2			9	
WHAKATANE-KAWERAU	2		1	1	1			4	109	2	2	7			2	3				115	6			17	1
OPOTIKI	2		2	1	1			2	73			3			1	3			1	71			2	4	
TE AWAMUTU	2	2	2	1	1			4	267	4		10			4	8		2		267				20	
OTOROHANGA	1	5	1	1	1			3	114	1		2			2	10				105			9	16	
TE KUITI	1	3	2	1	1				52			2	1	2		2				55	3			13	1
TAUMARANUI	1	4	1	1	1			3	93			10	2		1	26				78			15	7	
TURANGI UNION	1		3	2								22				5				17	17				
OHURA	3	3	1	1	1			2	43			2								45	2			3	
COROMANDEL	1		1	1		1			20			1			1					20				1	
RAGLAN UNION					1				61											61					
TOTALS	58	47	48	35	42	1	1	79	4483	61	42	292	21	17	61	289	11	19	34	4502	97	78	446	17	

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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
THAMES	3	24	13	28	15	13	4	4	21	241	662	1644		374	M	6.13		657.70	
HAURAKI PLAINS UNION		14	16	12	3	3	2	1		85	340	2000	100	590	M	249.86		1244.82	
PAEROA	19	16	7	18	13	6	6	1		106	336	1896		240	C		169.92	42.91	
WAIHI	15	10	5	24	7	10	4	6		127	444	1896		288	M	294.41		3.52	
TE AROHA	13	28	26	33	18	14	6	6		215	535	1915		600	M		195.98	402.10	
MORRINSVILLE	100	43	67	90	45	30	28	8	7	606	1571	1946		624	M		960.06	880.68	1465.69
												1896		672	M				
CAMBRIDGE	50	34	25	31	17	7	5		10	203	595	1898		300	M	322.13		205.81	
HAMILTON	74	94	99	118	98	56	30	75	44	868	2441	1968	213		C	225.83		1040.32	3900.77
												1896	146	341	M				
												1896	96	356	M				
												1580	38	254	M				
HAMILTON EAST	91	103	80	125	90	51	37	25	12	715	2100	1948		360	M	1779.00		3061.59	
												1896		324	M				
												1896		312	M				
NGARUAWAHIA	32	31	13	27	25	15	9			132	525	1896		279	M		419.47	81.00	
HUNTLY	22	15	10	12	9	8	10	3		307	1078	1896		536	M		669.52	1005.11	
MATAMATA	54	60	31	72	22	19	21	20	16	255	950	1900		552	M	291.27			2532.52
TOKOROA	2	41	32	31	14	16	9	2		191	850	1896	30	597	M		858.14		230.86
PUTARURU	26	26	20	19	14	5	12		8	150	520	1644		432	M		1067.82		2323.49
SUB TOTALS C/FORWARD	501	539	444	640	390	253	183	151	118	4201	12947	37403	623	8031		3168.63	4340.91	8625.56	10453.33

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	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
CIRCUITS	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
SUB TOTALS B/FORWARD	501	539	444	640	390	253	183	151	118	4201	12947	37403	623	8031		3168.63	4340.91	8625.56	10453.33
ROTORUA	22	32	35	37	38	17	27	8	6	320	950	1920	50	444	M		132.00	920.44	2680.40
												1644		240	M				
TAUPO	29	20	15	16	9	3	6	3		113	433	1896	30	240	M	32.47		8.02	
TAURANGA	108	39	70	83	46	56	29	11		546	1661	1896	50	529	M		252.52	2112.00	1145.90
												1896		567	M				
												1896		308	M				
TE PUKE	12	17	6	15	4	4	3			138	476	1892		287	M		236.89	691.25	8015.60
WHAKATANE-KAWERAU	30	21	20	33	15	11	6	1	8	215	662	1896		504	M		115.49	198.41	
OPOTIKI	7	15	24	9	7	8		9	8	116	424	1896		300	M	490.82		200.88	
TE AWAMATU	56	18	28	56	38	13	12			300	1000	1896	102	738	M	8.00		696.00	
OTOROHANGA	50	25	15	25	17	9	7		10	145	432	1902		583	C/M		797.58	88.71	
TE KUITI		17	8	14	10	9	5		15	175	450	1415		485	M		329.67		87.65
TAUMARANUI	10	15	12	14	10	6	10	4		8	160	575	1896		382	M		293.74	282.38
TURANGI UNION										80	360			101		365.79		52.61	
OHURA	7	29	18	14	12	2	1	1	2	119	341	1488			C		640.00	108.00	
COROMANDEL	1	8	3	5	1	1		1	20	57	127	208		17	M	285.65		33.94	
TOTALS	833	795	698	961	597	392	289	189	195	6685	20838	63040	855	13756		4351.36	7254.69	14018.20	22382.88

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	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers		
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from		By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend								
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N. Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N. Z. Circuits	Other Countries		Other Denoms.							
NEW PLYMOUTH	6	1	5	3	6	1	1	10	633	18	11	44		2	13	26		2	2	665	32		43	4		
WAITARA	3	3	2	1	1			2	145	5	3	6			2	11		2		144		1	31	1		
STRATFORD	4		2	1	1			1	169			4				11				162	7		21			
ELTHAM-KAPONGA	2		2	1	1			2	149	4		2			3	19				133	16		29			
HAWERA	2	1	1	1	1			2	174			14		2	4	15			2	169	5		7			
MANAIA	4		2	1	1				80	2	7	2		1		9			4	79		1	10			
OPUNAKE	6		5	2	2			5	211		2	15			2	18	2	1	2	203		8	19			
WANGANUI CENTRAL	1		1	1	2			6	293	5	3	20			13	8				300	7		18			
WANGANUI NORTH	2	2	2	1	1			3	114	3	5				2	4				116	2		4	1		
WANGANUI WEST	2		1	1	1			1	118	2		3			4	9			1	106	12		7			
TAIHAPE	2	1	1	1	2				45	5		7		1	1	7				50	5					
INGLEWOOD	1	1		1	1				91	4		5			1	4				95	4	12				
TOTALS	35	9	24	15	20	1	1	32	2222	48	31	122		6	45	141	2	8	11	2222	50	50	201	6		
PATEA (RECIPROCAL)									26			2			1	2				25	1					
									2248			124			46	143				2247	51					

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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NEW PLYMOUTH	136	90	80	90	71	44	30	10	5	923	2400	2048		354	N			3810.03	
												1896		390	M				
												1896		324	C				
WAITARA		17	30	30	14	15	12		24	280	900	1644		555	N		52.17	36.19	155.27
STRATFORD	56	35	14	24	15	10	8		24	260	802	1896	50	400	N	527.00		390.18	3687.00
ELTHAM-KAPONGA	23	20	15	13	16	13	2		15	173	607	1898	35	480	N		104.89	469.11	
HAWERA	12	22	35	17	16	17	8	6		254	661	1896		312	N	60.53		908.45	
MANAIA	7	10	15	13	12	9	6		8	120	433	1947		336	N	34.95		150.46	
OPUNAKE	51	67	40	59	42	35	21	11	12	311	1069	1896		641	C	14.87		2201.17	21.92
												1896		645	N				
WANGANUI CENTRAL	57	19	21	38	12	20	16	8	15	370	1000	2091		294	N	755.00		4227.00	
WANGANUI NORTH	14	21	17	17	19	15	7	4	23	185	535	1896		300	N	22.51		784.41	
WANGANUI WEST	15	25	15	27	27	9	7	4	12	184	498	1911		282	N		133.31	611.64	
TAIHAPE	13	19	12	17	12	6	4	12	20	92	201	1644		240	N	72.00		138.00	
INGLEWOOD	28	8	14	18	14	20	13	8	5	157	472	1867	30	212	N		81.98	90.00	
PATEA		3	4	7	4	3	4			52	149								
TOTALS	412	356	312	370	274	216	138	63	163	361	9727	28322	115	5765		1486.86	372.35	13816.64	3864.19

CIRCUITS	Part I										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPTISMS	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers		
										By Confirmation	By Transfer from			By Death	By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend								
											Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits		Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N.Z. Circuits		Other Countries						Other Denoms.	
NAPIER	5		5	2	2			12	369	4	4	22		1	8	16		2	2	372	3		39			
HASTINGS	3		4	2	3			8	454	4	1	15	1		6	21	3			445		9	29			
GISBORNE	2	1	1	1	1			1	139			5			4	2	1			137		2	22			
MANGAPAPA UNION	2		2	1	1			2	37	1		1			1	1				37			4			
WAIROA	1		1	1	1				46			4	1	1		3			1	48	2		8			
DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	3		2	1	1			2	157			2			5				6	148		9	13			
WOODVILLE	1		1	1	1	1			90	2	2	6			2	4				94	4		4			
PAHIATUA	3	3	2	1	1			3	113		5	5			2	8		2		111		2	7	1		
PALMERSTON NORTH ST. PAULS	3	1	2	2	3			16	421	1	3	25			3	15			1	431	10		27			
PALMERSTON NORTH TRINITY	3	1	3	1	1			5	338	1	1	10	2		4	19	1	8	4	316		22	23			
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	3		2	1	1			3	101			8		3	3	2				107	6		1			
FEILDING	1	1	3	2	1				360	11	1	6			6	15	2			353		7	19	2		
MARTON	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	90			1			2	2	1	2		84		6	19			
SANSON-RONGOTEA	3	1	2	1	1			1	128	8		10		2		6				142	14		3	1		
APIITI	4	1		1	1				82							5		4		73		9	17			
WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU	2	2	2	1	2			1	61	2	3	3				6			1	62	1		6			
FOXTON	3		3	1	1			3	111	3	3	1		2	4	28				88		23	3	5		
SHANNON	1											33			1					32	32		1			
TOTALS 1968	44	12	36	21	23	2		59	3097	37	23	157	4	9	51	153	1	23	17	3080	72	89	245	9		
TOTALS 1967	45	11	37	21	23	2	1	67	3176	40	18	156		8	67	180		13	41	3097	71	150	228	3		
DIFFERENCES	-1	+1	-1	=	=	=	-1	-8	-79	-3	+5	+1	+4	+1	-16	-27	+1	+10	-24	-17	+1	-61	+17	+6		

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals		
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate		Senior	No. of Families					No. of People	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NAPIER	101	65	86	119	63	52	25	24	15	665	2000	1896	110	360	M	960.41		6506.75	
HASTINGS	80	54	47	37	41	18	8	4	32	532	1810	1896	90	360	M		1114.74	723.84	81.58
GISBORNE	48	21	16	26	17	16	12		6	326	1012	1856		300	M		37.32	5.08	
MANGAPAPA UNION		17	16	38	13	4			12	95	315	1896	100	300	M		343.00		
WAIROA		10	13	9	7	4	3			81	255	*1377		240	M	2.00		111.00	
DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	36	26	25	14	16	12	14	6	6	211	668	1896		335	M	2.27		354.07	
WOODVILLE	7	7	8	15	5	7	3		6	88	315	1896		210	M		25.93		
PAHIATUA		14	10	10	5		2	4	8	190	503	*1739		447	M	27.25		76.48	
PALMERSTON NORTH ST. PAULS	7	38	54	73	42	18	15	10	18	590	1301	1896	200	450	M	3614.00		770.78	1134.88
PALMERSTON NORTH TRINITY	31	56	28	53	44	19	13	3	50	316	950	1990	105	590	M	8.00		559.71	
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	7	28	23	21	8	10	14	2	15	192	515	1644		340	M	222.00		321.00	
FEILDING	47	29	25	46	30	17	23	2	12	402	1206	1896	200	450	M		311.41	1808.74	
MARTON	20	8	12	28	6	7	8	2		126	380	1896		270	M	122.00		712.00	1550.00
SANSON-RONGOTEA	22	25	10	25	21	13	14	11	65	140	352	1896		645	M		123.53	1608.24	
APIITI	1	12	11	13	9					99	328	1896		500	M		667.54	279.57	
WAIKAWA-WAIPUKURAU	1	15	10	9	8	7	3		1	170	462	1726		440	M	45.80		29.38	
FOXTON	15	3	4	9	7	10	10	5	15	191	351	1896		340	M	174.05		4678.37	
SHANNON										22	100								
												* Plus Winstone Grant							
TOTALS 1968	423	428	398	545	342	214	167	73	261	4436	12823	36674	905	7657	M20	5177.78	2623.47	18545.01	2766.46
TOTALS 1967	603	444	395	466	345	254	158	89	217	4246	12508	38198	810	7172	M21	3408.00	3734.00	18212.00	2872.00
DIFFERENCES	-180	-16	+ 3	+79	- 3	-40	+ 9	- 16	+44	-190	+315	- 1524	+95	+ 485	- 1	1769.78	-1110.53	+ 333.01	- 105.54

CIRCUITS									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																BAPTWS	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.																		
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	2		2	2	5			7	396	4	3	31	6		6	29	8		3	394		2	27	2		
WELLINGTON WEST	3		3	2	4			5	273	11	3	24	2		5	28				280	7		22	2		
WELLINGTON SOUTH	2		2	2	1			3	123	5	1	4		3	1	9	2			124	1			6		
WELLINGTON EAST	4		3	2	2			3	303	6	2	8			6	12			5	296		7	16			
WELLINGTON NORTH	3		4	2	2			7	258	4	4	24	5	4	3	21	2	7		266	8		26			
PORIRUA	6	2	2	4	4			9	438	14	4	12	4	8	2	11	2	10	6	449	11		29			
LOWER HUTT	5		5	4	7			10	709		7	39	3		11	46	3	1	15	682		27	46	2		
UPPER HUTT	2	2	4	2	5			6	231	5		16	2		2	17	1	5	2	227		4	32	1		
PETONE	1		1	1	1			5	120	1	1	2			3	12		1	3	105		15	8	1		
GREYTOWN-FEATHERSTON	2		3	1	1			5	83	1		6				4			1	85	2		16			
CARTERTON	1		1	1	1				96	1		1			2	1				95		1	3			
MASTERTON	3		2	2	2			5	344	14	1	18	1		6	26	1	3	4	338		6	28			
EKETAHUNA	2	2	1	1					81			3				7				77		4	2			
LEVIN	2		3	1	3			4	344			19	1	4	3	9			4	352	8		19	1		
OTAKI	2		1	1	2			4	75			2	1		3					75			1			
PARAPARAUMU	3	1	1	1	1			1	127	1	1	17			3	4		2	2	135	8		10			
TAITA UNION	2			1	1				16											16			11	1		
WAINUIOMATA UNION	2	1	3	2	1			1	57											57			37			
NEWLANDS UNION	1		1	1	1				31			6				4				33	2		3			
TOTALS	48	8	42	33	44			75	4105	67	27	232	25	19	56	240	19	29	45	4086	47	66	342	10		

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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	11	14	9	8	15	3	3	8	20	540	914	2220	20	506	M	3199		14299	
WELLINGTON WEST	47	44	23	50	12	15	15	17	10	256	660	2040		300	M	132		5234	
WELLINGTON SOUTH	8	9	10	10	12	7	13	4		138	430	1896	110	170	M	169		602	
WELLINGTON EAST	47	27	27	57	24	24	14	19	8	316	948	1956	30	320	M	921		5269	
WELLINGTON NORTH	55	49	26	57	31	18	19	3	20	293	928	1896		282	M	293		1735	68
PORIRUA	94	68	78	100	54	53	52	15	65	746	2453	1896	60	504	M		1421	463	
												1896	60	417	M				
LOWER HUTT	119	62	72	118	82	39	47	58	86	1038	2632	1900	180	385	M		35	13654	
												1900	90	335	M				
												1900	90	335	M				
UPPER HUTT	48	49	45	100	52	11	10	6	5	348	1135	1896		469	M		177		778
PETONE	10	11	9	9	11	9	6	5	7	130	340	1896		270	M		54	920	
GREYTOWN-FEATHERSTON	33	22	11	30	19	14	7		10	140	460	1896		480	M	458		3191	
CARTERTON	10	18	10	18	21	9	6			129	381	1726	30	292	M	186		1521	
MASTERTON	71	37	27	48	31	37	36	2	15	520	1500	1246	134	412	M	1347		638	512
EKETAHUNA	4	1	2	7	4	2				106	188	654		350	M	169		47	
LEVIN	57	49	56	57	38	27	19	9	14	475	1670	1951	70	567	M	1886		212	
OTAKI	16	5	19	11	22	39	19	12	15	100	290	1897		302	M				
PARAPARAUMU	38	16	18	28	10	7	5	1		196	600	1896		350	M		283	207	
TAITA UNION	48	13	42	37	26	8	4	3	12	300	975	2000	100	328	M		184		
WAINUIOMATA UNION	182	115	145	147	82	48	40		60	948	4200	1896	30	402	M	254		511	
NEWLANDS UNION	33	5	15	16	19	3	3			35	105	2000	100	332	M	967			
TOTALS	931	614	644	908	565	373	318	162	347	6754	20709	57013	138	10906		9981	2154	48503	1358

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CIRCUITS									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPT'NS			
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.																		
NELSON	2		2	2	4	1		9	415	13	2	14		4	9	15	3	6	6	409		6	19			
ST. LUKE'S UNION	1			1	1			1	201	1	3	18			4	6			29	183		18	12	1		
WAIHEA	5	2	2	1	1			4	205	3	3	6			2	1		3		211	6		13	1		
MOTUEKA	2	1	2	1	1			4	139	3	1	6	1	2	1	11	2	1		135		4	4	2		
MURCHISON	1	4	1	1	1				37			4		2		2		1		40	3		3			
BLenheim	6	7	6	3	2			13	471	7	8	14		3	8	13	1	2	1	478	7		24	3		
REEFTON	1	2	1	1	1				46		1	1				4			1	43		3	6			
WESTPORT UNION	1	1	1	2	1			2	167	3	3	4				7		2	24	144		23	21	2		
GREYMOUTH	2	3	2	1	1			1	178	3	2	7		3	4	12				178			10	1		
HOKITIKA	1	2	1	1	1			2	61		1	7	1			8		1		61			4			
TOTALS	22	22	18	14	14	1		36	1920	33	24	81	2	14	28	79	6	16	63	1882	16	54	116	10		

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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals		
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate		Senior	No. of Families					No. of People	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NELSON	67	54	66	55	58	40	23	3	45	553	1509	1896 1896	81 78	415 375	M	118.36		2779.79	1692.21
ST. LUKE'S UNION	27	31	58	40	22	40	11	4	10	295	1050	2100	100	450	M				298.76
WAIMEA	60	30	61	47	42	26	12		12	366	1284	1896		480	C	257.00		2038.00	
MOTUEKA	8	16	16	17	12	10	15		50	190	500	1957		336	M	17.00		265.00	
MURCHISON		12	8	11	7	3				114	396	1644		300	M		175.00	178.00	
BLENHEIM	41	56	44	70	47	48	24	18	24	625	1800	1946 1896		233 316	C C	72.95		1314.53	
REEFTON	19	2	4	9	2	6	5			99	332	1306		240	M		65.62	2.75	
WESTPORT UNION	50	51	32	14	14	10	10		8	500	1600	2100 1230		474	M				46.04
GREYMOUTH	26	21	33	29	21	4	8		9	313	863	1896		420	M	12.91		4311.68	
HOKITIKA	10	8	8	13	7	3	1	16	9	85	247	1896		270	M		2.00	249.90	
TOTALS	308	281	330	305	232	190	109	41	167	3140	9581	23659	259	4309		478.22	242.62	11139.65	2037.01

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CIRCUITS										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPTMS	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers	
										By Confirmation		By Transfer from			By Death	By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend						
												Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits		Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N.Z. Circuits		Other Countries	Other Denoms.				
DURHAM STREET	3		4	3	7			8	785	7	7	31	2	8	7	33	2	3	6	789	4		30	3	
CENTRAL MISSION & CAMBRIDGE TERRACE	1		1	2	2			3	81			12			5	6			1	81			5		
CHRISTCHURCH EAST	8	2	9	5	6			13	871	18	8	40	10	3	14	64	10	32	12	818	53	79	2		
WOOLSTON-LYTTELTON	6	1	6	3	3			4	315	3	2	19		3	9	14	2	2	10	305	10	17			
SYDENHAM	2		2	1	1			7	215			1			5	6	2			203	12	11	1		
SPREYDON	2	1	5	2	3			6	309	3		12		3	4	11		3	1	308		1	18	1	
RICCARTON	4	1	4	2	2			6	286	8	1	22			2	26	2		1	286		37	1		
ST. ALBANS	3	2	7	4	5			12	801	6	13	57		14	14	45	3	8	4	817	16	53	4		
PAPANUI	2		1	2	1		2	8	269	6	2	19			6	15	1	1	5	268		1	15	1	
SPRINGSTON	6	1	4	2	2			7	149			8		4	2	3	1			155	6		9		
LEESTON	4		3	1	1			1	208	1					1	7			2	199		9	7	1	
KAIAPOI	3		2	1	1			3	171	1						2			7	163		8	15		
RANGIORA	6	1	5	2	2	2		5	364			12		6	11	11		2	4	354	10	23			
GREENDALE	3	1	1	1	1			1	93			3				2		2		92		1	7		
OXFORD	3		2	1	1			6	117	1		3		1	1	8		7		106	11	4			
TOTALS	56	10	56	32	38	2	2	90	5034	54	33	239	12	42	81	253	23	60	53	4944	26	116	330	14	

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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
DURHAM STREET	80	45	62	79	41	41	43	56	46	778	1871	1966	90	400	M	2		2345	
												1896	70	394	M				
												1896	60	394	M				
CENTRAL MISSION & CAMBRIDGE TERRACE CHURCH										12	100	154	1995	Conf. Rates	M	101		16847	5579
												1644		284	M				
CHRISTCHURCH EAST	179	164	166	253	133	101	68	41	23	1894	5580	1946		240	M	836 Sp. FDS	131	2991	
												1896		240	M				
												1896		240	M				
												1896		240	M				
												1896		240	M				
WOOLSTON-LYTTELTON	55	48	42	62	33	35	26	26	4	704	2208	1896		270	M	1		2486	
												1896		288	C				
												1425		283	M				
SYDENHAM	37	20	10	41	26	17	7	9	21	260	620	1896		294	M	23		709	
SPREYDON	59	69	67	81	38	29	22	39	10	595	1844	1896		300	M			974	1010
												1896		270	M				
RICCARTON	82	74	70	144	47	30	15	22	20	450	1470	1896		300	M	7		794	189
												1896		300	M				
ST. ALBANS	185	103	83	259	127	86	70	31	73	1078	2726	1950	30	260	M		250	8168	
												1896	30	260	M				
												1896	30	260	M				
												1791	30	260	M				

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals		
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate		Senior	No. of Families					No. of People	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
PAPANUI	55	44	40	35	25	28	35	13	15	375	1050	2004		400	M	300		17831	
SPRINGSTON	41	35	33	45	28	11	19	12		283	967	1896		496	M	159		614	
												1896		296	M				
LEESTON	24	19	17	19	12	7	7	4		152	454	1896		480	M	14		1459	
KAIAPOI	36	22	30	41	22	12	9	3		242	781	1896		312	M	12		205	
RANGIORA	55	38	34	55	30	30	33	12		395	1071	1896		469	M		455	2205	
												1791		422	M				
GREENDALE	25	16	17	17	16	3	4	3	4	100	369	1978		500	M	90		332	
OXFORD	6	9	14	17	9	1	3		6	93	283	1896		480	M		1	978	

Part 1

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

CIRCUITS											CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										BAPT'NS				
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year				Members Removed During the Year				No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers			
										By Confirmation			Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	By Transfer to						Ceased to Attend		
										Under 20	20 and Over	Over					Other N.Z. Circuits							Other Countries	Other Denoms.
BANK STREET	1			1	1			1	148				10			3	4			3	148			5	
WOODLAND STREET	3	1	3	1	1			2	252				7			4	17		2		236		16	13	
MARCHWIEL UNION	1	1		1	1			1	186*	2	1	9					4				194	8		13	2
WAIMATE	2		2	1	2			1	168	3	5	2		1	4	15	2	2	7		149		19	7	
GERALDINE - TEMUKA	2		1	1	2*			4	143	3	1	7		2	1	6				149	6			6	
ASHBURTON	4	2	3	2	2	1		9	385	11		14		2	5	10				397	12			12	
WILLOWBY	3	2	3	1	1			5	78			6			2	1				81	3			2	
OAMARU	3		2	1	1				186	3	4	3		1	2	9	1	2	3	180		6		16	
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Part 2

GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 1999

* Includes Marchwiel's Presbys.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OTAGO- SOUTHLAND DISTRICT
Part I

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

CIRCUITS	Part I									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPT'NS	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers	
										By Confirmation	By Transfer from			By Death	By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
											Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits		Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N.Z. Circuits		Other Countries						Other Denoms.
CENTRAL MISSION	4	1	1	3	4		1	5	238		1	16	1	1	6		13	2	2		234		4	14	
NORTH DUNEDIN	4		4	1	1			2	163			8					2	3	5	161		2	8		
DUNEDIN WEST	2		2	2	2			1	276		2	2					96	1	3	180	96	6	2		
WEST DUNEDIN UNION	1	4	1		1			1			2	96		2	1	3		1	1	94	94				
DUNEDIN SOUTH	4		3	2	2			3	300	2	2	3	1	8	9				1	290		10	10		
CORSTORPHINE UNION		1						1	46	2		1	2	1	6					44		2			
ST. KILDA	4		1	1	1			3	220	3	3	22		4	18	1	9	1	1	215		5	12	1	
MILTON-LAWRENCE	2	1	2	1	1			1	67	2		3		2	3					67			4		
BALCLUTHA	2	2	1	1	1			4	119	1	3	7		1	1	1	1			128	9		20	4	
GORE	4		2	1	1			1	128			13		1	14			1	1	125		3	7		
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	3		4	2	3			2	315	3	9	15	2	2	7	14	1	2	6	316	1		9		
INVERCARGILL ST. PETERS	3		2	2	1			6	289	5	2	11	1	1	1	18	1	3		286		3	25	1	
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	5	2	4	2	2			3	161			10	1		7	11				154		7	10		
BLUFF	2			1	1				62		4	1		1	1	6	1	2		58		4	16	3	
CENTRAL OTAGO	6		2	1	1			1	99			4			3	5		1		94		5	5		
TOTALS	46	11	29	20	22		1	34	2483	18	28	212	8	8	43	219	6	25	18	2446	104	141	146	9	

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Part 2

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals		
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate		Senior	No. of Families					No. of People	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
CENTRAL MISSION	18	9	9	13	8	9	4	17	30	259	565	2216 1870 1106 1288	100	470 320 112 117	M C M M	472		8735	7558
NORTH DUNEDIN	17	24	15	15	12	4	7		10	150	420	1812		280	M	355		3511	
DUNEDIN WEST	18	17	26	25	22	12	12	10	10	120	380	1924		250	M		278		
WEST DUNEDIN UNION		15	21	20	13	6	6	2	5	125	392	1896		278	M			569	
DUNEDIN SOUTH	27	29	36	60	38	21	22	16	25	434	1300	1900 1900		275 275	M M	518		461	
CORSTORPHINE UNION	10	59	32	8	9	19	3		30	150	500								
ST. KILDA		35	27	36	25	13	14	7		270	730	1917		325	M	183		1168	
MILTON-LAWRENCE	14	10	10	13	12	4	2		9	106	306	1792		471	M	48		788	
BALCLUTHA	31	14	11	15	7	10	12	5	8	187	538	1896	104	447	M	681		216	257
GORE	48	13	29	14	24	9	13			180	550	1896 1896 1896		279 400 320	M M M	37		1108	408
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	41	39	41	58	36	32	24	14		465	1355	1896 1896 1896		400 320 400	M M M	809		1758	
INVERCARGILL ST. PETERS	56	55	65	86	37	38	32	17	21	417	1394	1896 959 1896	40	400 175 273	M M M	759		101	
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	30	24	31	28	19	12	18	2	40	256	863	1896 1896 1644		273 273 273	M M M		2067	429	128
BLUFF	23	20	13	21	14	15	7			142	510	1488	30	214	M	124		93	
CENTRAL OTAGO	25	16	18	12	12	5	4	3	12	139	450	1896		700	M	58		135	
TOTALS	358	379	384	424	288	209	180	93	200	3400	10253	36984	274	7261		4044	2345	19072	8353

MAORI MISSION STATISTICS AT JUNE 30, 1968

	Northland	Auckland	Waikato	King Country	Taranaki	TOTALS
General:						
No. of Church Buildings	14	1	—	1	1	17
Other Preaching Places	12	32	52	36	11	143
Parsonages	2	3	3	2	2	12
Deaconess Cottages	2	—	1	2	2	7
Maori Centres	2	1	1	2	2	8
Hostels	—	2	2	—	1	5
Staff:						
No. of Ordained Ministers	2	1	1	1	2	7
No. of Probationers	—	2	1	2	—	5
No. of Home Missionaries	1	—	2	1	—	4
No. of Honorary H.Ms.	9	3	5	5	1	23
No. of Deaconesses	2	2	3	1	1	9
No. of Supply Deaconesses	1	1	—	—	1	3
No. of Lay Preachers	3	—	3	—	—	6
No. of Lay Preachers on trial	3	—	—	4	3	10
Membership:						
With full status	409	455	805	432	437	2,538
Confirmed during year	3	5	5	—	—	13
Adherents	181	466	1,274	110	649	2,680
Baptisms	47	126	69	16	65	323
Deaths	17	9	26	10	10	72
Transfers out	46	—	—	15	3	64
Transfers in	14	—	42	2	1	59
Pastoral Care:						
No. of Families	237	711	1,227	731	354	3,260
No. of Persons	1,180	2,133	4,127	2,754	1,817	12,011
Women's Groups:						
No. of Fellowships	18	9	11	7	6	51
No. of Members	164	108	112	75	68	527
Youth Groups:						
No. of Sunday Schools	28	2	10	9	12	61
No. of Scholars	319	39	266	193	249	1,066
No. of Bible Classes	3	—	3	1	4	11
No. of Members	14	—	36	20	47	117
No. of Youth Clubs	3	5	1	1	4	14
No. of Members	98	101	40	30	178	447
Men's Group:						
No. of Members	—	1	—	—	—	1
	—	23	—	—	—	23

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE GENERAL FUND

INCOME						EXPENDITURE					
Balance, 30/6/67	---	---	---	---	---	\$	145	Tolls and Stamps	---	---	\$ 17
School of Prayer Fees	---	---	---	---	---		101	Duplicating and Stationery	---	---	13
Interest	---	---	---	---	---		3	Caring for Converts	---	---	16
Cheques Cancelled	---	---	---	---	---		12	Evangelism Study	---	---	95
Connexional Budget	---	---	---	---	---		100	Travelling	---	---	99
H.M. and Investment Fund Board	---	---	---	---	---		100	School of Prayer	---	---	96
Evangelism Travel Returned	---	---	---	---	---		10	Credit Balance 30/6/68	---	---	135
						\$471					471

H.M. & Invest. Funds Bd.

Balance 30/6/67	---	---	---	---	---	\$	521
Interest	---	---	---	---	---		16
Less Withdrawn for General Fund	---	---	---	---	---		100
Balance 30/6/68	---	---	---	---	---	\$437	

OVERSEAS VISITORS FUND

INCOME						EXPENDITURE					
Balance 30/6/67	---	---	---	---	---	\$	335	Rev. Gribble — Travel	---	---	\$ 130
Interest	---	---	---	---	---		7	— Allowance	---	---	60
						\$342		Credit Balance 30/6/68	---	---	152
											342

H.M. & Invest. Funds Bd.

Balance 30/6/67	---	---	---	---	---	\$	828
Interest	---	---	---	---	---		29
Balance 30/6/68	---	---	---	---	---	\$857	

Audited and found correct.
W. H. HUMPHREY,
A. H. WHITLOCK,
Auditors.

A. A. GRUNDY,
Treasurer.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

INTEREST ACCOUNT

Interest Govt. Stock	47	Transferred to General Account	136
Interest National Bank	17		
Interest General Purposes Dep.	72		
	<u>\$136</u>		<u>\$136</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Subs. from Branches	199	Presentation Book	2
Finance and Stewardship Comm.	20	Stationery	11
Transfer from Interest A/C.	136	Printing "Preacher"	135
		Travelling Expenses	11
		Write off Outstanding Subs.	89
		Balance	107
	<u>\$355</u>		<u>\$355</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Benevolent Fund	2,300	Debtors	174
General Fund	1,394	Petty Cash	20
Balance General A/C.	107	Govt. Stock	800
	<u>1,501</u>	National Bank	507
		Benevolent Fund Govt. Stock	200
		Benevolent Fund National Bank	300
		Benevolent Fund General Purposes	1,800
	<u>\$3,801</u>		<u>\$3,801</u>

DETAILS OF DEBTORS

Interest Government Stock	24	\$
Interest Gen. Purp.	72	\$
Subs. from Branches	78	9
	<u>\$174</u>	

P. D. CARTER,
Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE, 1968

Balance 1/7/67	.....	\$	92.36	Rubber Stamp	.....	\$	.78
Interest	.....		2.97	Loss on Annual Tea	.....		5.40
				Balance A.N.Z. Bank 30/6/68			89.15
			<u>\$95.33</u>				<u>\$95.33</u>

Audited and found correct.

C. B. G. CLARKE,
Treasurer.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1968

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			\$				\$
Missions, General Account	---	---	15,557.34	Credit Balances Banks	---	---	29,358.29
Stamps, etc. Fund	---	---	4,564.91	Loan at Call, Methodist Home Mission Department	---	---	4,456.00
Overseas Travel Fund	---	---	438.59	Deposits General Purposes Trust Board	---	---	4,478.06
"Kurahunu" Maori Girls' School Hostel:				Drainage Board Debentures	---	---	9,000.00
Revenue Account	---	---	6,463.82	Properties:			
Maintenance, Stall and Legacy Accounts	---	---	1,608.47	"Kurahunu" Maori Girls' School Hostel	---	---	14,183.00
Emergency Account	---	---	3,700.29	Smethurst Estate	---	---	8,000.00
Bequest Account	---	---	1,000.00				
Capital and Depreciation	---	---	4,478.06				
Property Account	---	---	14,183.00				
			31,433.64				
Smethurst Estate:							
Revenue Accounts	---	---	1,480.87				
Investment Account	---	---	8,000.00				
Property Account	---	---	8,000.00				
			17,480.87				
			\$69,475.35				\$69,475.35

HELENA I. HENDRA, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship and have received all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above accounts show the true and correct position of this organisation as at 31st August, 1968.

4th September, 1968.

W. T. WALTON, A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I., Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
"KURAHUNA" MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1968
GENERAL

INCOME					\$	EXPENDITURE					\$
Cash, Bank of N.Z. 1/8/67	—	—	—	—	188.20	Administration	—	—	—	—	3,705.67
Fees, Social Security Benefits and Staff Board	—	—	—	—	1,804.97	Household	—	—	—	—	769.63
Amounts Held for Girls' Personal Expenses	—	—	—	—	221.00	Provisions	—	—	—	—	1,606.41
N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship, Revenue Account	—	—	—	—	4,522.97	Painting Exterior Walls, Main Building and Interior Kitchen	—	—	—	—	392.00
Donations, etc.	—	—	—	—	65.75	Servicing Oil-burning Unit	—	—	—	—	57.50
Buttle Centennial Fund	—	—	—	—	51.50						
Holiday Rentals	—	—	—	—	23.00						6,531.21
Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	8.02	Credit Balance 31/7/68	—	—	—	—	432.39
Telephone Tolls Repaid	—	—	—	—	21.19						
Distribution Estate Late Mrs Trewin	—	—	—	—	57.00						
					\$6,963.60						\$6,963.60

STALL ACCOUNT

Cash, Bank N.Z. 1/8/67	—	—	—	—	264.67	T.V. Maintenance and Licence	—	—	—	—	40.00
"At Home" Proceeds from Stalls, Donations, etc.	—	—	—	—	313.74	Outings, School Requirements, Prizes, Presentations	—	—	—	—	293.37
Additional Donations	—	—	—	—	16.00						
											333.37
						Credit Balance 31/7/68	—	—	—	—	261.04
					\$594.41						\$594.41

LEGACY ACCOUNTS

Est. Late Mrs Woodward, Cr. Bal. 1/8/67	243.77	\$		\$
Interest 1 Year	7.30			
			251.07	
Est. Late Mrs Denton, Cr. Bal. 1/8/67	450.47			
Interest 1 Year	13.50			
			463.97	
Est. Late Miss Fathers, Cash 1/12/67	200.00			
			200.00	
			\$915.04	

SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES

General Account	—	—	—	—	—	\$	432.39
Stall Account	—	—	—	—	—		261.04
Legacy Accounts	—	—	—	—	—		915.04
							\$1,608.47

Audited and found correct.

W. T. WALTON.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DISTRICTS — YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1968

District	Totals	Membership Fees	Missions General A/c.	Kurahuna	Stamps Fund	Legacy A/c.	Other Objects
Northland	1,257.92	38.85	922.64	163.42	133.01	—	—
Waitemata	1,382.92	39.80	981.51	118.46	243.15	—	—
Auckland	4,766.21	103.70	3,287.48	618.17	744.86	—	12.00 Overseas Relief
South Auckland	1,074.34	28.00	652.02	174.67	141.29	—	78.36 Solomon Is. Scholarship
Waikato	2,584.12	55.14	1,901.26	248.75	323.37	—	10.00 Fraternal Workers
							45.60 Overseas Relief
Thames	1,115.57	18.40	776.32	224.03	96.82	—	—
Bay of Plenty	515.49	26.70	302.12	94.19	92.48	—	—
Taranaki	2,137.53	51.50	1,375.42	386.75	308.18	—	15.68 Overseas Relief
Wanganui	670.08	14.40	395.49	92.39	167.80	—	—
Manawatu	3,251.44	52.90	2,618.10	343.10	237.34	—	—
Hawkes Bay	1,423.89	6.10	1,053.86	176.02	187.91	—	—
Wairarapa	386.40	14.30	257.44	51.40	63.26	—	—
Wellington	3,072.57	77.90	2,189.85	399.99	354.83	—	50.00 Sally Street Memorial Cot
Nelson/Marlborough	1,853.43	34.60	1,428.30	207.14	170.39	—	20.00 Overseas Extension
West Coast	276.68	5.30	171.31	29.99	70.08	—	—
North Canterbury	3,835.60	138.20	2,631.85	378.08	563.12	—	45.00 Goldie College
							65.35 Overseas Extension
							14.00 Solomon Is. M.W.F.
South Canterbury	1,989.31	43.95	1,294.54	327.45	201.87	—	111.50 Overseas Relief
Otago	1,597.48	55.50	1,004.83	159.95	275.04	—	10.00 Fraternal Workers
Southland	1,353.67	34.20	923.27	206.09	190.11	—	102.16 Overseas Relief
Other Sources	110.38	—	—	110.38	—	—	—
1968 Total	\$34,655.03	\$839.44	\$24,160.61	\$4,510.42	\$4,564.91	—	\$579.65
1967 Total	\$34,797.95	\$965.02	\$23,265.72	\$4,529.54	\$4,341.08	\$362.52	\$1,334.07

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1968

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
Balances in Banks and Loan at Call 31/8/67	32,888.93	1967 Convention Resolutions:	
Contributions from Districts as Summary:		Home Mission Department Grant	7,400.00
Membership Fees	839.44	Additional Gift	800.00
Missions, General	24,160.61	Overseas Missions Department Grant	7,400.00
Kurahuna	4,510.42	Additional Gift	800.00
Stamps etc. Fund	4,564.91	Special Objective—Towards Site Development and Completion Home Science Block, Kihili Girls' School	4,377.73
Other Objects	579.65	National Treasurer: Honorarium	312.00
Interest:	34,655.03	National Treasurer: Expenses Allowance	50.00
Missions, General	356.35	Stamps etc. Fund Allocations	4,311.08
Kurahuna Emergency	116.69	Combined Medical, Educational and Box Fund	
National Executive Account	3.20	Grants to Overseas Workers	2,410.00
	476.24	Kurahuna Revenue Account	4,482.97
Gift for Missions from Anonymous Donor	4,000.00	Annual Allowance 1 Deaconess Trainee	78.00
1967 Stamp Fund Grant returned by worker on Leave	69.61	Epsom Church Trust: Use Office and Phone	20.00
334 Sale of World Federation Handbooks	33.60		32,441.78
Sale of M.W.F. Handbooks etc.	86.51	Home Mission Department Anonymous Gift	2,000.00
Donations Towards World Federation Subscription	10.00	Overseas Mission Dept. Anonymous Gift	2,000.00
Refunds Travelling Expenses	29.00	Kurahuna Depreciation Reserve Account	46.60
Smethurst Estate: Rents, Interest, etc.	1,092.13	Re-allocation of Stamps Fund Grant Returned	69.61
		Sister Eleanor Dobby: Annual Grant	48.00
		Distribution 1968 "Other Objects" as specified by Districts	579.65
		Travelling Expenses	397.10
		Officers' Petty Cash	130.00
		Printing and Stationery	680.08
		Purchases W.F.M.W. Handbooks	115.78
		Subscription to World Federation of Methodist Women	36.00
		Subscription to National Council of Women	8.00
		Part Telephone Rental Box Organiser	17.00
		Insurance Premium	1.82
		Overseas Missions Dept. towards Cost Producing Bulletin	20.00
		Sundries	17.17
		Smethurst Estate: Disbursements	2,526.64
			41,135.23

	Credit Balances:				
	Missions, General Account	---	---	---	15,557.34
	Kurahuna Revenue Account	---	---	---	6,463.82
	Stamps, etc. Fund	---	---	---	4,564.91
	Kurahuna Emergency Account	---	---	---	3,700.29
	Smethurst Estate	---	---	---	1,480.87
	Overseas Travel Fund	---	---	---	438.59
					<u>32,205.82</u>
\$73,341.05					\$73,341.05

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1968.

			\$	\$
"Kurahuna" Capital and Depreciation Account:				
Credit Balance 1/9/67	---	---	4,261.19	
Depreciation Reserve 1 Year	---	---	46.60	
Interest Accrued 1 Year	---	---	170.27	
			<u>4,478.06</u>	
"Kurahuna" Bequest Account:				
Credit Balance 1/9/67	---	---	1,000.00	
Interest Accrued 1 Year	---	---	40.38	
			<u>1,040.38</u>	
Less Interest Transferred to Revenue	---		40.38	
				1,000.00
Smethurst Estate Investment Account:				
Credit Balance 1/9/67	---	---	8,000.00	
Interest Accrued 1 Year	---	---	260.00	
			<u>8,260.00</u>	
Less Payment to Maori Mission Dept. towards				
Stipend Maori Minister	---	---	260.00	
				8,000.00

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967	LIABILITIES	1968	1967	ASSETS	1968
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,437.09	Sundry Creditors	767.00	64.55	Cash on Hand and with Bank	406.10
2,007.38	Home Mission Board Loan	1,866.30		National Bank of N.Z. New Building A/c.	7,649.95
	Special Reserves:			National Bank of N.Z. Youth Conference A/c.	410.92
	Special Purposes	6,127.65	713.62	Sundry Debtors	1,385.35
11,743.76	Furniture	550.53	1,003.59	Payments in advance	—
	Other Reserves:	6,678.18	87.90	Stock-Printing and Stationery	737.33
	Overseas Missions	41.22	819.66	Films	200.00
	Home Missions	40.83	201.24	Wellington District Savings Bank. (Reserve Accounts)	
	Operation Solomons	117.50		Special Purposes	4,629.92
	Project Protein	32.00		Furniture	550.53
	Ambassadors to Asia	28.78	5,748.93		5,180.45
	Books for Solomons	14.93	1,500.00	Loan — Transport Trust Board	—
	Tools for Teachers	27.30	3,000.00	Mortgage	—
	Tools for Teachers (Maori)	53.00	1,035.35	Office Equipment	1,163.35
	Lift the Library	40.40	10,540.53	Parsonage Property	10,540.53
	Stock the Science Block	191.24	1,210.00	Parsonage Furniture	1,210.00
	Go New Guinea	702.87		Progress Payments on New Building	4,350.05
	Youth Conference	421.19			
	New Curriculum	128.00			
	Camping Commission	120.00			
	Leadership Training	307.66			
1,286.72		2,266.92			
	Building Reserve	9,000.00			
	Loan — Church Building & Loan Fund	3,000.00			
	Accumulated Funds				
	Balance 1/7/68	9,450.42			
	Add Excess Income over Expenditure	205.21			
9,450.42		9,655.63			
\$25,925.37		\$33,234.03	\$25,925.37		\$33,234.03

NOTE: The total cost of the new building is estimated at \$26,000, of which only \$4,350.05 had been paid prior to balance date.

F. W. G. CLARIDGE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

Hon. Treasurer.

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Department of Christian Education for the year ended 30th June, 1968 and have obtained all the explanations and information I have required in respect of the accounts. I certify that in my opinion, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair statement of the financial position of the Department for the year.

Wellington.

30th October, 1968.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.P.A.N.Z.,

Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1967 \$	1968 \$	1967 \$	1968 \$
6,904.29	7,243.17	14,600.00	15,800.00
3,481.43	3,155.01	2,600.00	1,200.00
312.00	312.00	6.25	32.98
207.73	467.96	7.25	16.22
380.00	349.00	12.18	—
1,153.30	1,255.90	307.14	30.44
745.52	120.32	—	—
2,123.41	2,011.06		
347.87	381.18		
753.76	948.51		
257.30	130.11		
316.80	72.00		
27.38	279.24		
37.01	—		
67.79	64.82		
73.53	61.05		
343.70	23.10		
	205.21		
\$17,532.82	\$17,079.64	\$17,532.82	\$17,079.64

F. W. G. CLARIDGE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON)
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		\$	\$			\$	\$
Sundry Creditors	.....	9,906.28		Cash on Hand	.....		32.94
Building Fund Reserve	.....		5,000.00	National Bank of N.Z. Ltd	.....		6,978.38
Capital Account	.....	18,404.28		Sundry Debtors	.....	22,520.60	
Nett Profit for year	.....	1,988.27		Less Sales in Advance	.....	11,851.09	
							10,669.51
		20,392.55		Stock on hand—Trade	.....	11,750.00	
Department of Christian Education	.....	1,200.00	19,192.55	Stationery	.....	300.00	12,050.00
				Loan on Mortgage	.....		4,000.00
				Equipment (Book value less depreciation)	.....		368.00
							<u>\$34,098.83</u>
							\$34,098.83

TRADING ACCOUNT

		\$	\$			\$	\$
Stock (1967)	.....	9,800.00		Sales	.....	40,478.69	
Purchases	.....	29,963.96		Sales in Advance (1967)	.....	9,625.31	
Sales in Advance (1968)	.....	11,851.09		Stock on Hand (1968)	.....	11,750.00	
Gross Profit	.....	10,238.95					
							<u>\$61,854.00</u>
							\$61,854.00

PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT

		\$	\$			\$	\$
General Expenses	.....	1,294.00		Gross Profit	.....	10,238.95	
Printing and Stationery	.....	673.01		Interest	.....	465.94	
Postages	.....	621.67					
Salaries	.....	5,631.94					
Depreciation	.....	184.00					
Accommodation	.....	312.00					
Nett Profit	.....	1,988.27					
							<u>\$10,704.89</u>
							\$10,704.89

F. W. G. CLARIDGE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Hon. Treasurer

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Epworth Bookroom (Wellington) for the year ended 30th June, 1968 and have obtained all the explanations and information I have required in respect of the accounts. I certify that in my opinion, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair statement of the financial position of the Bookroom for the year.

Wellington.

30th October, 1968.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968	
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
3,855	Sites Fund Account	—	5,933	322,464	Loans Current	—	339,837
39	Development Fund Account	—	4,925		Bank of New Zealand:		
492	Sundry Trust Accounts	—	492	9,368	Loans	—	9,816
	Accumulated Funds:			3,855	Sites Fund	—	933
	(1) Capital Account:						10,749
	Balance 31st May, 1967	—	327,831		Fixed Deposit Accounts:		
	Add Contributions:				— Sites Fund	—	5,000
	(a) Connexional Budget	—	14,986		— Loans Fund	—	8,000
	(b) Legacies, Donations, and Grants	—	8,775		Current Assets:		
					Interest Accrued	—	94
339				5	Sundry Debtors	—	252
327,832	(2) Administration Accounts:		351,592		Other Assets:		
600	Capital	—	600		Preference Shares in Unlisted Companies (Legacy)	—	2,500
	Working Bal. 31st May, 1967	2,874					
2,874	Add Balance for Year	—	16				
			2,890				
			3,490				
			355,082				
\$335,692			\$366,432	\$335,692			\$366,432

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to their correctness. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st May, 1968.

C. R. HASSELDINE,
W. R. LAWS,

Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
R. H. SHERRIS, A.C.I.S.,
Auditors.

27th June, 1968.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
LOANS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1968

1967					1968					1967					1968
\$					\$					\$					\$
286,786	Loans at 31st May, 1967	—	—	—	—	322,464	47,501	Loans Repaid	—	—	—	—	—	—	53,246
83,179	New Loans Advanced	—	—	—	—	70,619	322,464	Loans at 31st May, 1968	—	—	—	—	—	—	339,837
\$369,965						\$393,083	\$369,965								\$393,083

SITES FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1968

1967					1968					1967					1968
\$					\$					\$					\$
2,000	Grants—Chartwell	—	—	—	—	500	3,926	Balance 31st May, 1967	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,855
3,855	Balance 31st May, 1968	—	—	—	—	5,933		Contributions:							
							800	Home Mission Department	—	—	—	—	—	800	
							1,000	Fire Insurance Fund	—	—	—	—	—	1,600	
								Other Revenue:							
							129	Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	178
\$5,855						\$6,433	\$5,855								\$6,433

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1968

1967					1968					1967					1968
\$					\$					\$					\$
2,600	Administration Charges	—	—	—	—	2,600	2,242	Working Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,416
526	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	—	853	372	Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	801
(260)	Balance Transferred to Accumulated Funds (Administration) Account	—	—	—	—	16	252	Commission	—	—	—	—	—	—	252
\$2,866						\$3,469	\$2,866								\$3,469

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1968

341	1967				1968		1967				1968
	\$				\$	\$	\$				\$
		Grants:					37	Balance 31st May, 1967	—	—	39
		Hillcrest	—	—	—	1,400	14,652	Connexional Budget Receipts	—	—	14,986
		Newlands	—	—	—	1,000		Refund Broad Bay	—	—	400
		Paekakariki	—	—	—	1,000					
		Pakuranga	—	—	—	3,000					
		Trentham	—	—	—	600					
		Turangi	—	—	—	3,000					
		Waiouru	—	—	—	500					
	14,650					10,500					
	39	Balance 31st May, 1968	—	—	—	4,925					
	\$14,689					\$15,425					\$15,425

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		\$	\$			\$	\$
Capital Account	—	—	100,000.00	Freehold Properties:			
Deposit Account	—	—	10.00	Land	—	35,160.00	
Income Account:				Buildings	—	67,946.97	
Balance as at 30th June, 1968	—	—	48,260.29				103,106.97
Building Renewal Fund	—	—	79,000.00	Buildings Renewal Fund Investments:			
Government Valuation, 1/1/65:				Debentures:			
Unimproved Value	—	253,200.00		Auckland City Council, 5% 1/2/69	—	6,000.00	
Value of Improvements	—	104,300.00		Auckland City Council, 5% 1/10/69	—	4,000.00	
				Auckland Hospital Board, 5% 1/11/69	—	4,000.00	
		\$357,500.00		Registered Stock:			
Realization Account	—	—	224.92	Auckland Harbour Board, 5% 10/8/70	—	4,000.00	
				Auckland Hospital Board, 5% 5/8/73	—	6,000.00	
				Auckland Regional Authority Drainage			
				Division, 5% 5/6/70	—	6,000.00	
				Auckland Transport Board, 5% 31/7/69	—	2,000.00	
				Mortgages:			
				Ashby P. & K. A., 7% 6/3/72	—	6,000.00	
				Blackwell, D. M. & K. A., 7% 1/11/71	—	7,000.00	
				Henry Cannell Ltd., 7% 18/3/69	—	5,000.00	
				N. G. Dunning, 6% 10/3/70	—	14,000.00	
				B. G. Pirrit Ltd., 7% 26/7/69	—	5,000.00	
				N.Z. Government Stock, 5% 15/8/67-69	—	10,000.00	
							79,000.00
				Loan:			
				Trinity Methodist Theological College	—		8,000.00
				Mortgages:			
				Hipperson, I. M. & J. C., 7% 3/5/71	—	5,250.00	
				Rasmussen, P. M., 7% 25/3/69	—	4,900.00	
				Reilly, A. & P., 7% 5/12/70	—	7,000.00	
				Starkey, H., 7% 21/12/70	—	5,250.00	
				Stringer, G. C. & Y. M., 7% 8/5/71	—	6,000.00	
				Thompson, R., 7% 29/3/71	—	5,500.00	
							33,900.00
				Post Office Savings Bank	—		57.59
				Bank of New Zealand: Current Account	—		2,647.01
				Cash in Hand	—		783.64
			\$227,495.21				\$227,495.21

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probet Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1968 and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 30th June, 1968, as shown by the Books.

R. EVANS
A. R. MARTIN

Auditors.

T. L. HAMES, Member.
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		\$	\$			\$	\$
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations:				Rent			20,509.26
No. 1 Block	—	457.04		Interest:			
No. 2 Block	—	435.30		Bank of New Zealand	—	285.95	
No. 3 Block	—	1,417.48		N.Z. Government Stock	—	500.00	
Cottages, etc.	—	6,299.77		Debentures and Registered Stock	—	1,627.50	
			8,609.59	P.O. Savings Bank	—	1.64	
Architects Fees	—	—	379.40	Mortgages	—	4,082.33	6,497.42
Insurance Premiums	—	—	532.24				
Rates	—	—	184.28				
Sundries:							
Audit Fee	—	42.00					
Land Tax	—	480.62					
Sundries	—	149.72					
Secretary's Salary	—	500.00					
Commission on Rent etc. Collected	—	740.22					
			1,912.56				
Surplus for the Year	—	—	15,388.61				
			\$27,006.68				\$27,006.68
			\$				\$
Appropriated to Building Renewal Fund	—	—	10,000.00	Balance—30th June, 1967	—	—	48,871.68
Paid to Theological College	—	—	6,000.00	Surplus for Year	—	—	15,388.61
Balance—30th June, 1968	—	—	48,260.29				
			\$64,260.29				\$64,260.29

Examined and found correct.
A. R. MARTIN,
R. EVANS
Auditors.

T. L. HAMES, Member.
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

1968

1967			1968	
\$			\$	\$
Income:				
11,790	Shops		12,038	
7,014	Rembrandt Private Hotel		7,569	
3,354	Carparks		3,614	
25,038	Commercial Buildings		27,403	
	Other Income—Interest		83	
	Rates Collected—Shops		277	
	Insurance Collected—Shops		170	
	Disbursements Commercial Buildings		152	
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47,196				51,306
Expenses:				
400	Administration		400	
148	Advertising		—	
	Architects Claims		113	
20	Bank Charges		20	
	Commission—Commercial Building:			
	Rent Collection		1,774	
1,518	Rent Negotiation		1,450	
708	Rent Negotiation, Shops		507	
	Depreciation—Buildings		5,695	
	Equipment		24	
	Erosion Protection		1,597	
1,120	Insurance—Shops		1,087	
8,658	Interest—Mortgages		7,784	
1,144	Land Tax		724	
	Legal Expenses		110	
1,326	Property Maintenance		2,347	
324	Property Supervision		300	
54	Printing, Stationery and Stamps		56	
652	Rates—Shops		775	
958	Share Building Cleaning		—	
72	Sundry Expenses		94	
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17,102				24,857
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30,094	Net Profit for Year			26,449
130	Grants		—	
130	Trinity College		400	
	Assistance S. Fa-alafer		200	
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530				600
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\$29,564	Surplus Transferred to Accumulated Funds			\$25,849

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th, 1968

	\$ 1967											\$ 1968	\$	\$
		Current Assets												
	160	Funds at Bank of New Zealand	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		2,415		
	644	Debtors: Rent Arrears	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				
	1,262	Disbursements Recoverable	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		2,387		
	1,854	Insurance Pre-Paid	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		616		
	3,920													5,418
	2,702	Less: Current Liabilities:												
		Rent Paid in Advance—Commercial Tenants	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		3,600		
		Rembrandt Hotel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		1,367		
														4,967
346	1,218	Net Working Funds	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				451
		Invested Funds:												
		N.Z. Insurance Company Trust Department, 5½ 30 day call deposit	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		13,000		
		National Mutual Life Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				
		Represented by 4 Endowment Policies on the lives of three Trustees	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				
	15,604	Mortgage Redemption Fund No. 1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		19,588		
	1,496	Mortgage Redemption Fund No. 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		3,127		
	17,100	Total Invested Funds	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				35,713
		Fixed Investment:												
		Equipment	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		119		
	122,000	Land at 1958 Government Valuation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		122,000		
	50,000	Queen Street Shops at 1958 Government Valuation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		50,000		
	60,000	Hotel and Annex at 1958 Government Valuation	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		60,000		
	232,972	I.B.M. Office Building at Cost	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		232,971		
	3,166	Carparks—Upper Level	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		3,167		
	5,940	Turner Street	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		5,940		
	474,078											474,197		
		Less Depreciation Reserve	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		5,719		
		Total Fixed Assets	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				468,478

Less: Fixed Liabilities:									
	National Mutual Life Association	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
87,000	Mortgage Secured Over I.B.M. Building and	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
35,200	No. 2 6½% \$10,000 Less Repaid \$45,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75,000
	No. 2 7% \$36,000 Less Repaid \$2,400	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	33,600
									<u>108,600</u>
351,878	Net Fixed Assets	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	359,878
Accumulated Funds:									
340,632	Balance June 30th, 1967	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	370,195
29,564	Plus Surplus Transferred from Profit and Loss Account	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25,849
									<u>\$396,044</u>
<u>\$370,196</u>									

1. **Valuation:** The 1965 valuation of the property stated above as 1958 valuation \$232,000 to be now valued at \$486,000.
2. **Sinking Funds:** Reversionary bonuses have been credited on both sinking funds but have not been brought into Accounts.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Prince Albert College Trust. In my opinion the above Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet have been properly drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs as at June 30th, 1968.

Auckland, 17th August, 1968.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967				1968			
\$				\$			
141,401	Capital Account	—	—	—	—	141,401	—
55,879	Masterton Children's Home:	—	—	—	—	—	—
1,300	Capital Account	—	—	57,179	—	—	—
	Add Bequests	—	—	500	—	—	—
				57,679	—	—	—
	Less Transfer to Current Account	—	—	1,233	—	—	—
				56,446	—	—	—
602	Current Account	—	—	—	—	—	—
102	Newcombe Trust Prize Fund	—	—	102	—	—	—
22	Add Interest	—	—	27	—	—	—
				129	—	—	—
1,200	Rangiatea Maori College Trust	—	—	2,400	—	—	—
<u>\$200,506</u>				<u>\$200,376</u>			
1967				1968			
\$				\$			
60,860	Wellington Property	—	—	—	—	60,860	—
42,188	Masterton Property	—	—	—	—	42,188	—
7,320	Foxton Property	—	—	—	—	7,320	—
26,614	N.Z. Government Stock	—	—	—	—	26,614	—
102	N.Z. Government Stock (Newcombe Trust)	—	—	—	—	102	—
50,662	Loans on Mortgage	—	—	—	—	50,058	—
1,000	Deposit Transport Trust Board	—	—	—	—	1,000	—
3,876	Post Office and National Savings Accounts	—	—	—	—	4,012	—
5,488	A.N.Z. Bank Limited	—	—	—	—	6,026	—
400	Shares Wairarapa Building Society	—	—	—	—	400	—
16	Sundry Debtors	—	—	—	—	—	—
1,980	Rent and Interest Accrued	—	—	—	—	1,796	—
<u>\$200,506</u>				<u>\$200,506</u>			

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 30th June, 1968, and have received all the information and explanations that I have required. I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Board.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

349	1967						1968							1967						1968
	\$						\$						\$						\$	
	30	General Expenses	—	—	—	—	23						3,938	Rent	—	—	—	—	3,938	
	202	Land Tax	—	—	—	—	202						2,744	Interest	—	—	—	—	2,817	
	200	Secretarial Fee	—	—	—	—	200													
	31	Travelling Expenses	—	—	—	—														
	6,219	Carried Down	—	—	—	—	6,330													
	6,682						6,755						6,682						6,755	
	2,400	Rangiatea Maori College Trust	—	—	—	—	2,400						6,219	Balance Brought Down	—	—	—	—	6,330	
	3,819	Masterton Children's Home	—	—	—	—	3,930													
\$6,219						\$6,330					\$6,219							\$6,330		

EMSLEY TRUST
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

Interest from National Savings Account	—	—	—	\$	By Trinity College	—	—	—	—	—	\$
Interest on Debentures to 1/3/68	—	—	—	190.00							190.00
				<u>\$190.00</u>							<u>\$190.00</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

To Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$	Auckland Electric Power Board Debentures, 5%, 1/3/1970	3,800.00
Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.10	Deposit at National Savings Investment Account No. 1/9553	0.10
								<u>\$3,800.10</u>		<u>\$3,800.10</u>

Audited and found correct.
 R. EVANS,
 A. R. MARTIN,
 Auditors.

T. L. HAMES,
 Treasurer.

THE GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1968

EXPENDITURE							INCOME						
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	—	—	—	—	—	27.91	Rentals	—	—	—	—	—	12,836.54
Land Tax	—	—	—	—	—	1,072.77	Noting Fees	—	—	—	—	—	11.58
Postages	—	—	—	—	—	18.59	Interest	—	—	—	—	—	95.25
Secretary	—	—	—	—	—	700.00							
Grant to Rangiatea College Trust	—	—	—	—	—	3,200.00							
Legal Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	77.10							
Audit fees	—	—	—	—	—	25.20							
Renovations:													
Mission Hill Property	—	—	—	—	—	681.52							
Old Mission House	—	—	—	—	—	7.72							
City Rates	—	—	—	—	—	69.82							
Property Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	48.00							
Insurances	—	—	—	—	—	13.24							
Special Grants	—	—	—	—	—	754.00							
Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	38.57							
						6,734.44							
Surplus for Year	—	—	—	—	—	6,208.93							
						\$12,943.37							\$12,943.37

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

Accumulated Funds as at 1/7/67	—	—	—	—	—	4,296.48	Balance at Bank of New South Wales	—	—	—	—	—	10,505.41
Add: Surplus for Year	—	—	—	—	—	6,208.93							
						\$10,505.41							\$10,505.41

L. P. SCHROEDER, Chairman.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the Income and Expenditure account and the Balance Sheet of the Grey Institute Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1968. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been banked and vouchers produced for all payments. I have also checked the various lessees accounts and found same in order.

New Plymouth
7th August, 1968.

G. V. DUFF, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	\$		\$
Grant to Rangiatea Trust	600.00	Annual Rent	2,090.00
General Expenses	19.13	Interest on Depreciation Investment	177.92
Interest (State Adv. Mortgage)	164.88	" Bank New South Wales	32.05
Depreciation Reserve Account	400.00	" Home Mission Dept. (Loan from Maori Hostel Re-	
Tiles for draining	304.92	serve A/c.	58.95
Excess Income over Expenditure	869.99		
	<u>\$2,358.92</u>		<u>\$2,358.92</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	\$		\$
State Adv. Mtge	4,054.17	Farm Property	30,552.80
Less repaid	229.76	Less depreciation	3,100.00
			<u>27,452.80</u>
L. G. Allen's Loan A/c.	535.00	Sundry Debtors	450.00
Less repaid	290.00	Bank N.S. Wales Current A/c.	623.43
		Maori Boys Hostel Reserve Fund	2,143.49
		Depreciation Fund Investment A/c.	
Accumulated Fund	29,832.46	P.O.S.B. A/c	1,002.14
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure	869.99	Local Body Loans	3,100.00
	<u>30,702.45</u>		<u>4,102.14</u>
	<u>\$34,771.86</u>		<u>\$34,771.86</u>

ALAN O. JONES,
Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON,
Secretary.

I certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Kai Iwi Mission Estate for the year ended 30th June, 1968 and in my opinion the above accounts and Balance Sheet show the true financial position of the Trust at 30th June, 1968.

D. R. SMART, Qualified Accountant,
Hon. Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

REVENUE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1968

1967		1968	1967		1968
\$		\$	\$		\$
4,000	Administration Charges	4,000	10,061	Net Commissions Earned	10,915
330	Stationery, Postages, Telephone & General Expenses	656		Interest Earned:	
	Premiums Uncollected and Written Off	2,464	3,068	Mortgages	3,213
		7,120	5,815	Local Body Stocks	5,795
		13,266	349	Bank of New Zealand	463
14,963	Balance to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account				9,471
\$19,293		\$20,386	\$19,293		\$20,386

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1968

1967		1968	1967		1968
\$		\$	\$		\$
2,800	Transfer to Accumulated Funds	2,800	690	Balance 31st May, 1967	54
12,800	Recommended Grants	10,500	14,963	Balance from Revenue Account	13,266
53	Balance 31st May, 1968	20			
\$15,653		\$13,320	\$15,653		\$13,320

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1968

1967 \$		1968 \$	1967 \$	1968 \$
	Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:
	Claims Due — — — — 48		257	Bank of New Zealand Current Account — 337
257	Sundry Creditors — — — — 289			Bank of New Zealand Fixed Deposit — 10,000
	Levies and Premiums Prepaid — — — — 513		6,222	Levies and Premiums Due — — — — 5,519
12,800	Recommended Grants — — — — 10,500	11,350	4,748	War Damage Account — — — — —
			2,448	Interest Accrued — — — — 2,392
	Reserves and Provisions:			Total Current Assets — — — — 18,248
6,894	Investment Contingency Reserve — — — — 8,109			Investments:
3,118	Natural Calamities Fund — — — — 3,118	11,227	52,728	First Mortgages on Freehold Properties — — — — 51,250
	Accumulated Funds:		117,119	Local Body Stocks — — — — 111,551
157,600	Balance 31st May, 1967 — — — — 160,400			
	Less War Damage Account Written Off — — — — 4,748			
		155,652		
2,800	Transfer from Appropriation Account — — — — 2,800			
		158,452		
53	Balance Appropriation Account — — — — 20			
		158,472		
\$183,522		\$181,049	\$183,522	\$181,049

C. R. HASSELDINE,
W. R. LAWS,
Treasurers.

F. M. SNOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and Certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all the securities produced to us except those Deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificate has been accepted by us. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st May, 1968.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY'S FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
1967				1968	1967				1968
\$				\$	\$			\$	\$
—	Expenditure:				12,554	Appropriations	—	—	12,576
	Advertising	—	—	141	50	Bank Interest	—	—	51
	Insurance	—	—	122	68	Board Room Rents	—	—	65
150	Interest Payable (General)	—	—	150	1,100	Connexional Budget	—	—	2,800
	Lighting and Heating	—	—	72	105	Registration Fees	—	—	60
760	Office Rent	—	—	760		Sundry Sales	—	—	17
	Repairs to Equipment	—	—	25					
8,848	Salaries and Wages	—	—	10,900					
719	Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	1,057					
	Travel Expenses	—	—	98					
324	Telephone and Postal Charges	—	—	443					
1,362	Depreciation on Office Equipment	—	—	1,163					
	House Property Account:								
16	Insurance	—	—	24					
105	Interest	—	—	105					
122	Rates	—	—	128					
477	Repairs	—	—	23					
				280					
				15,212					
994	Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	357					
<u>\$13,877</u>				<u>\$15,569</u>	<u>\$13,877</u>				<u>\$15,569</u>

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY'S FUND
BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1968

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1967 \$		1968 \$	\$	1967 \$		1968 \$	\$
	Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:		
112	Sundry Creditors	---	572		Cash in Hand	---	20
	Loans:			188	Bank of New Zealand	---	496
3,500	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	---	3,000		N.A.C. Bulk Air Account	---	157
3,000	General Purposes Trust	---	3,000	104	Sundry Debtors	---	703
			6,000		Prepayment	---	26
					Total Current Assets	---	1,402
	Reserves:				Fixed Assets:		
1,000	Salaries Fluctuation Reserve	---	1,000	5,243	House Property—17 Merivale Lane	---	5,243
	Capital Account:			2,154	Furniture—17 Merivale Lane	---	2,152
4,529	Balance 30th June, 1967	---	5,523		Office Furniture and Equipment	5,817	
994	Add Net Income for Year	---	357		Less Depreciation	---	1,162
			5,880	5,446	Total Fixed Assets	---	4,655
							12,050
							\$13,452
<u>\$13,135</u>			<u>\$13,452</u>	<u>\$13,135</u>			

C. R. HASSELDINE,
W. R. LAWS,
Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
24th July, 1968.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	\$		\$
Capital Account	222,660.94	Freehold Land	19,050.52
Organ Fund	2,988.99	College Buildings	128,405.17
Loan Probert Trust	8,000.00	Chapel	22,941.31
Loan Church Building Fund	2,473.25	Additions	1,512.93
Staff Houses Account	1,000.00		24,454.24
House Account	11,448.51	Organ	5,669.68
Building Fund	381.50	Furniture and Fittings	14,332.52
Deposits from Students	1,180.80	Contents Library	8,000.00
		Houses:	
		134 Grafton Road	5,668.95
		Ranston House	19,948.94
		Buttle House:	
		2 Beckham Place	10,350.00
		Less Mortgage	6,000.00
			4,350.00
		Shares (South British Insurance)	2,880.00
		Auckland Savings Bank	108.99
		Bank of New Zealand	1,000.00
		Bank of New Zealand No. 1 A/c.	3,254.17
		Bank of New Zealand No. 2 A/c.	381.50
		House Account Bank Balance	12,629.31
	<u>\$250,130.99</u>		<u>\$250,133.99</u>

I have examined the books, vouchers, and bank statements of the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council, and have compared them with the Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1968, and certify that in my opinion the Balance Sheet shows the correct position of the affairs of the Council as at that date.

12th August, 1968.

W. F. WINSTONE, Treasurer.

JOHN B. SALMON, A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Hon. Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	\$		\$
Stipends and allowances	9,745.55	Connexional Budget	17,888.00
Divinity Students Fees	7,050.00	Probert Trust	4,000.00
Bursaries	480.00	Emsley Trust	190.00
Library Fund	200.00	Prince Albert Trust	400.00
University Fees	194.00	Interest Received	2.49
Travelling Expenses	213.82	Hostel Administration Fee	1,000.00
Printing and Stationery	100.39		
Bank Charges	14.30		
Interest	509.88		
Legal Expenses	19.35		
Trinity College Staff Houses A/c.	898.70		
Building Loan Repayments	376.25		
Excess Income over Expenditure	3,678.25		
	<u>\$23,480.49</u>		<u>\$23,480.49</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT — CASH POSITION

	\$
Opening Balance Overdrawn 1/7/67	424.08
Deduct Excess Income over Expenditure	3,678.25
Closing Balance in Funds 30/6/68	<u>\$3,254.17</u>

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Opening Balance 1/7/67	2,327.98
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure	10,301.33
Closing Balance 30/6/68	12,629.31
Less Deposits from Students	1,180.80
	<u>\$11,448.51</u>

**TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT**

Credit Balance at 1st July, 1967	....	....	....	....	....	\$	392.88
Less Excess Expenditure over Income	....	....	....	....	....		11.38
Credit Balance at 30th June, 1968	....	....	....	....	....		<u>\$381.50</u>

ORGAN FUND

Balance at 1st July, 1967	....	....	....	....	....	\$	\$	4,144.36
Add Dividends	....	....	....	....	....	162.00		
Add Bank Interest	....	....	....	....	....	<u>27.20</u>		
								189.20
								<u>4,333.56</u>
Less Tuning	....	....	....	....	....	48.34		
Less Chapel Alterations	....	....	....	....	....	<u>1,296.23</u>		
								1,344.57
								<u>\$2,988.99</u>

N.B.—Balance of \$2,988.99 includes 1080 South British Insurance Co. Ltd Shares valued at \$2,880.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

				\$					\$
Balance carried down	30th				Balance at 1st July, 1967	....	213,093.51		
June, 1968	....	....	222,660.94		Probert Trust Principal for-				
					given	....	2,000.00		
					Asset Additions Buildings	....	1,512.93		
					Loan Repayments	....	2,376.25		
					Excess Income over Expend.	....	<u>3,678.25</u>		
				<u>\$222,660.94</u>				<u>\$222,660.94</u>	
					Balance B/down			<u>\$222,660.94</u>	

**TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BUILDING FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR
YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968**

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EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		\$			\$
Probert Trust Board — Loan Reduction	2,000.00		Grant ex Connexional Fire Insurance	2,000.00	
Trinity College House A/c. — Electrical Work Chapel	216.70		Interest	5.32	
			Gift C. B. Radcliffe for Chapel Extension	200.00	
			Excess Expenditure over Income	11.38	
	<u>\$2,216.70</u>			<u>\$2,216.70</u>	

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1967

1966		\$	\$	1966		\$	\$	\$
	College Working Account:				Farm Working Account:			
37,040	Salaries and Wages	—	—	19,546	Dairy Receipts	—	22,504.30	
22,358	Provisions	—	—	2,638	Profit on Sheep	—	1,166.29	
9,308	Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	2,550	Cattle	—	554.11	
4,475	Fuel and Light	—	—	1,426	Wool, Hides and Skins	—	563.95	
2,919	Depreciation	—	—	—	Sale of Timber	—	727.47	
7,507	Beneficiary Work	—	—					
5,092	Other Expenses	—	—	26,160				25,516.12
				7,954	Less Wages	—	8,500.35	
138,699			145,265.99	2,426	Seeds and Manure	—	1,901.46	
125,740	Less Fees Charged	—	—	5,133	Repairs & Renewals	—	2,368.26	
215	Rents	—	—	690	Depreciation	—	638.00	
				2,606	Other Expenses	—	6,458.53	
12,744			15,846.99					19,866.60
7,039	Depreciation Buildings and Improve-			18,809				
	ments		7,511.23	7,351				5,649.52
4,228	Administration and General Expenses		4,609.35		Maurice Harding Park:			
	Interest:				Scoria and Metal			
	Charged	—	2,070.08	8,849	Royalties	—	7,838.01	
	Less Received	—	1,942.54	11,069	Rents	—	9,487.50	
557			127.54					17,325.51
17,746	Excess Income over Expenditure		16,198.25	19,918	Less Rates	—	211.71	
				638	Repairs	—	398.10	
				162	Other Expenses	—	—	
				1,468				609.81
				2,268				
				17,650				16,715.70

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1967

	1966			1966	
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Capital Account:			Land, Buildings and Improvements:		
513,796 Balance at 1/1/67	555,973.16		387,372 Paerata	454,578.75	
923 Grafton Lease Conversions	923.20		18,400 Maurice Harding Park	18,180.00	
200 Donation Received	600.00		35,810 Grafton	35,810.00	
24,170 Blue Metal Royalty	16,219.40		37,460 Waikowhai	37,460.00	
17,747 Excess Income Over Expenditure	16,198.25		20 Hobson County	20.00	
— Bad Debts Recovered	20.00				
556,836		589,934.01	479,062		546,048.75
163 Less Bad Debts written off	—	—	830 Farm Machinery	1,000.00	
700 Increase Reserve for Bad Debts	—	—	4,440 Motor Vehicles	3,300.00	
555,973		589,934.01	22,620 Furniture and Equipment	26,800.00	
Scholarship Funds:			27,940		31,100.00
4,000 Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	4,000.00		Stocks on Hand:		
2,000 George Winstone	2,000.00		11,929 Livestock	12,381.00	
2,000 Stephen James Ambury	2,000.00		4,098 Produce and Sundries	1,441.21	
1,593 Kingswood	1,593.01		16,027		13,822.21
769 War Memorial (Maori)	769.00		General Investments:		
500 Henry Wills Memorial	500.00		Shares — Auckland Co-op. Milk		
10,862	10,862.01		598 Producers Limited	608.00	
Special Funds:			21,014 Bank of New Zealand	3,824.07	
300 Blacklock Library Bequest	300.00		4,406 Savings Bank Accounts	4,270.77	
1,830 Capital Investment	2,285.00		20,000 Deposits Methodist Church of N.Z.		
2,130	2,585.00		— Home Mission Department	10,000.00	
12,992		13,447.01	— United Discount Co. Limited	20,000.00	
			46,018		38,702.84

Sundry Creditors:									
18,000	Loan on Mortgage —		40,000.00		4,769	N.Z. Government Stock —	—	4,769.00	
—	Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston		—			(Maturity Value \$4,800)			
11,625	Mem. Rest Homes Trust Board				2,000	Loan on Mortgage —		2,000.00	
542	Trade and Other Creditors —	9,886.03				Auckland Methodist Central Mis-			
	Undistributed Scholarship Income	687.47			1,000	sion Debenture —		1,000.00	
					2,250	Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd		2,250.00	
30,167				50,573.50		(1500 Ordinary Shares of \$2			
						each fully paid)			
					2,973	Savings Bank Accounts —		3,428.01	
					12,992				13,447.01
					18,093	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments —	11,833.71		
					1,000	Less Reserve for Bad Debts —	1,000.00		
					17,093				10,833.71
\$599,132			\$653,954.52		\$599,132				\$653,954.52

AUDITORS REPORT

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Board so far as appears from our examination of those books. In our opinion, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the said books, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the Board's affairs as at 31st December, 1967, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date. We have obtained from the Solicitors of the Board, Messrs Peak, Longland & Co. a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order.

Auckland,
31st January, 1968.
J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE, DAVIES, ANDERSON & CO.
Public Accountants.
G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968	
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
	Current Liabilities				Current Assets		
3,249	Bank of New South Wales	6,564			Matrons Imprest Account:		
1,457	Sundry Creditors	2,033		50	Bank	70	
525	Students Funds held by Board	893		37	Cash	23	
878	Fee paid in Advance	461					
				87			
6,109			9,951	2,625	Fees Due	3,138	
	Accumulated Funds			240	Students Accounts due to Board	177	
131,077	Balance 1/7/67	129,208		526	Canteen Stock on Hand	494	
1,869	Loss Transferred from I. & E. A/c.	6,041		3,478			3,902
					Investments		
129,208			123,167		5 x \$200 Waikato County 3½% De-		
	Funds for Special Purposes			1,000	bentures due 1/9/69		1,000
815	Balance 1/7/67	940			Fixed Assets		
229	Add Gross Profit from Canteen	183		10,572	Land & Improvements	10,572	
							10,572
1,044		1,123		16,206	Furniture & Equipment	16,888	
104	Less Expended during the year	208		682	Additions during the year	305	
940			915	16,888		17,193	
130,148				8,672	Depreciation	10,391	
							6,802
				8,216			
				123,364	Hostel Buildings	123,363	
				10,374	Depreciation	11,606	
				112,990			111,757
\$136,257		\$134,033		\$136,257			\$134,033

M. H. BURN, A.P.A.N.Z.,
Secretary.

We have examined the Books, Accounts & Vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1968, and certify that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of our knowledge and the information given to us and as shown by the records of the Trust.

New Plymouth
20th September, 1968.

MORINE & JAMES,
Hon. Auditors.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30th JUNE, 1968

1967			1968	
\$			\$	\$
	Income From			
16,414	Fees			16,466
256	Staff Board			212
30	Grazing			30
1,000	Lease N.P. High School Board			1,000
3,200	Grants—Grey Institute		3,200	
600	Kai Iwi Farm		600	
2,400	Wgtn. Meth. C.E. & E.		1,200	
6,200				5,000
39	Interest			39
100	Rent			175
6	Sundry Receipts			134
24,045	Total Income			23,056
	Expenses for:			
	Administration			
119	Audit Fee		205	
10	Bank Charges & Exchange		51	
230	Printing & Stationery		158	
450	Secretary's Salary		450	
92	Telephone Rental & Tolls		124	
901				988
	Grounds			
67	Maintenance		140	
30	Repairs to Equipment		25	
756	Wages		1,145	
853				1,310
	Hostel Working Expenses			
270	Car Depreciation & Travelling		260	
297	Cleaning		341	
264	General Expenses		254	
646	Electricity		662	
495	Heating Fuel		614	
463	Insurances		523	
375	Rates		379	
59	Rates (Water)		199	
56	Staff Transport		76	
600	Repairs to Furniture		452	
904	Buildings		404	
392	House Equipment		607	
77	Laundry Equipment		66	
163	Linen		199	
98	Crockery		47	
8,529	Wages		9,240	
13,688				14,323
	Provisions			
536	Bread		581	
3,029	Meat, Fish & Eggs		2,840	
447	Milk		503	
2,888	Groceries		3,882	
1,154	Fruit & Vegetables		1,167	
26	Medicines & Medical Supplies		45	
141	Outside Meals		286	
8,221				9,305

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RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (Continued)

Financial Charges									
179	Interest Paid	....	....	....	....			219	
Depreciation									
1,232	Buildings	....	....	....	....			1,233	
839	Furniture & Fittings	....	....	....	....			1,719	
<u>2,071</u>								<u>2,952</u>	
25,914	Total Expenditure								<u>29,097</u>
1,869	NET LOSS transferred to Accumulated Funds Account								6,041
CANTEEN ACCOUNT									
2,168	Sales								2,061
496	Stock 1/7/67	....	....	....	....	....	....	526	
1,968	Purchases	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,846	
<u>2,464</u>								<u>2,372</u>	
526	Less Stock 30/6/68	....	....	....	....	....	....	494	
<u>1,938</u>	Cost of Goods Sold	....	....	....	....	....	....		<u>1,878</u>
330	GROSS PROFIT transferred to Recreation Fund								183

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

	1967 \$	1968			1967 \$	1968	
		\$	\$			\$	\$
		Current Liabilities:				Current Assets:	
	713	Creditors and Accruals	1,060		—	Cash in Hand	30
	1,071	Subscriptions Prepaid	1,938		54,181	Bank of New Zealand	26,232
					2,625	Interest Accrued	3,500
	1,784			2,998	1,978	Sundry Debtors	1,298
		Deposits by Allied Funds:			3,091	Loans	2,698
		Benevolent Fund	2,512		1,409	Subscriptions in Arrears	2,875
		Home Acquirement Fund	70,082		1,951	Annuities Prepaid	—
		Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	4,800				36,633
		Deaconess Retiring Fund	60,446				
						Investments:	
	135,341		137,840		48,619	Local Body Stocks	39,619
		Reserves:			253,564	First Mortgages	288,900
	10,000	Investment Fluctuation Reserve	10,000		19,830	Shares	19,830
							348,349
		Accumulated Funds:				Property:	
	437,141	Balance 30th June, 1967	431,062		191,139	Epworth Chambers	191,139
	33,841	Less Annuities Compounded	39,829			Additions	800
							191,939
	403,300		391,233				
	27,762	Add Balance from Revenue Account	34,850				
	431,062		426,098				
	\$578,187		\$576,921		\$578,187		\$576,921

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**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968**

1967 \$			1968		1967 \$			1968	
			\$	\$				\$	\$
	Working Expenses:					Fund Contributions:			
2,758	Administration Charges	—	—	2,758	19,008	Circuit Subsidies	—	—	30,471
620	Stationery and General	—	—	704	12,072	Personal Contributions	—	—	16,800
38	Insurance	—	—	32					47,271
									185
5,910	Interest Allowed to Allied Funds	—	—	3,494	127	Commissions	—	—	
				6,930					
	Fund Disbursements:					Investment Income:			
22,156	Annuities	—	—	26,847	378	Bank Interest	—	—	521
4,020	Furniture Grants	—	—	7,818	2,250	Local Body Stock Interest	—	—	2,081
—	Refunds of Personal Contributions	—	—	877	17,332	Mortgage Interest	—	—	18,015
					23	Other Interest	—	—	—
					802	Dividends Received	—	—	868
				35,542					21,485
				45,966					
257	Provisions and Appropriations	—	—	—		Property Income:			
27,762	Balance Transferred to Accumulated Funds	—	—	34,850	21,067	Rents	—	—	21,425
					(9,439)	Less Expenses	—	—	9,550
					1,169				11,875
				\$80,816					\$80,816

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND — BENEVOLENT FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968
\$ 740	Grants	\$ 400		\$ 95	Donations	\$ 144
				131	Interest	130
				514	Excess of Grants over Years Income	126
<u>\$740</u>		<u>\$400</u>		<u>\$740</u>		<u>\$400</u>

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

371	1967		1968	1967		1968
	\$ —	Balance 30th June, 1967	\$ 162	\$ 352		\$
	514	Add Deficit for Year	126	162	Balance (Deficit) at 30th June, 1968	288
	<u>\$514</u>		<u>\$288</u>	<u>\$514</u>		<u>\$288</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968	1967		1968
2,800	Capital	2,800		ASSETS	
162	Less Deficit on Revenue Account	288	\$ 2,638	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	\$ 2,512
	Net Funds	2,512	<u>\$2,638</u>		<u>\$2,512</u>
<u>\$2,638</u>		<u>\$2,512</u>			

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

CONTRIBUTOR'S ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968	1967		1968
\$		\$	\$		\$
5,893	Funds Withdrawn	9,052	71,310	Balance 30th June, 1967	73,048
67	Forfeitures	108	2,024	Add Personal Contributions	2,033
73,048	Balance 30th June, 1968	71,444	2,012	Subsidies from Fire Insurance Fund	1,941
			3,662	Interest Allowed to contributors	3,582
					7,556
\$79,008		\$80,604	\$79,008		\$80,604

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968	1967		1968
\$		\$	\$		\$
3,662	Interest Allowable	3,622	3,189	Interest Earned	3,417
286	Administration Charges	286	67	Forfeited Subsidies	108
75	Stationery and General Expenses	68	767	Excess of Expenditure over Income	451
\$4,023		\$3,976	\$4,023		\$3,976

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT

1967		1968	1967		1968
\$		\$	\$		\$
93	Balance 30th June, 1967 (deficit)	860		Additional Interest (1967)) (Note 1)	354
767	Excess of Expenditure over Income	451	860	Balance (deficit) 30th June, 1968	1,402
	Adjustment re Debtors etc. (Notes)	445			
\$860		\$1,756	\$860		\$1,756

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
68	Accrued Interest Due	40		972	Debtors	—	
73,048	Contributors Accounts	71,444		71,282	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	—	70,082
				860	Revenue Account Deficit (Notes 2 and 3)	—	1,402
\$73,116		\$71,484		\$73,116		\$71,484	

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Notes to the Accounts:

It has been necessary to make some changes in the accounts. The following notes explain the adjustments.

1. Additional interest of \$354 for 1967 has been credited by the Supernumerary Fund in order to adjust an underallowance of $\frac{3}{4}\%$.
2. **Adjustment re Debtors etc.** The amount of \$445 written off represents a net balance shown in the ledgers as the amount due from the Fire Insurance Fund. Since all grants approved by Conference have been paid, the sum is not a debt due from the Fire Insurance Fund and has been written off. The effect of this adjustment is to increase the Revenue Account deficit.
3. The Supernumerary Fund Board has taken steps which will substantially reduce the Revenue account deficit in the current year and it will ultimately be eliminated.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTOR'S ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968
\$		\$		\$		\$
723	Funds Withdrawn	14		2,385	Balance at 30th June, 1967	2,411
2,411	Balance 30th June, 1968	3,599			Contributions:	
				292	Personal	437
				168	Circuit	329
				156	Home Missions Board	306
				133	Interest Allowed	1,072
						130
374						
\$3,134		\$3,613		\$3,134		\$3,613

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968
\$		\$		\$		\$
133	Interest Allowed	130				
30	Administration Charges	30				
13	Stationery and General Expenses	21				
		181				
13	Excess of Income over Expenditure	41		189	Interest Earned	222
\$189		\$222		\$189		\$222

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967					1968					1967					1968	
\$	203	Balance 30th June, 1968	—	—	\$	244				\$	190	Balance 30th June, 1967	—	—	\$	203
											13	Net Income for Year	—	—		41
	<u>\$203</u>					<u>\$244</u>					<u>\$203</u>					<u>\$244</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967					1968					1967					1968
\$					\$					\$					\$
380	Sundry Creditors	—	—	—	273					6	Interest Accrued	—	—	—	6
2,411	Contributors Accounts	—	—	—	3,599					600	Local Body Stock	—	—	—	600
	Accumulated Funds:									3,678	Deposit Account Supernumerary Fund	—	—	—	4,800
1,290	Balance 30th June, 1967	—	—	—	1,290										
203	Balance Revenue Account	—	—	—	244										
					<u>1,534</u>										
<u>\$4,284</u>					<u>\$5,406</u>					<u>\$4,284</u>					<u>\$5,406</u>

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
DEACONESS RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968.

1967 \$		1968 \$		1967 \$		1968 \$	
	Consideration for annuity Granted	4,890		47,313	Balance 30th June, 1967		49,497
2,334	Contributions and Interest Withdrawn	5,186			Contributors:		
			10,076	873	Personal		2,411
49,497	Balance for Contributors' Accounts, 30th June, 1968		46,629	509	Circuit		779
				472	Overseas Missions		1,102
				506	Home Missions		724
				2,158	Interest Allowed		5,016
376							2,192
\$51,831		\$56,705		\$51,831		\$56,705	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967 \$		1968 \$		1967 \$		1968 \$	
2,158	Interest Allowed	2,192		2,530	Interest Earned		2,917
225	Administration Charges	225					
17	Stationery and General Expenses	36					
	Annuity Paid	347					
130	Net Income to Accumulated Revenue Account	117					
\$2,530		\$2,917		\$2,530		\$2,917	

ACCUMULATED REVENUE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967					1968					1967					1968
\$					\$					\$					\$
2,687	Balance 30th June, 1968	—	—	—	2,804	2,557	Balance 30th June, 1967	—	—	130	Net Income for Year	—	—	—	2,687
															117
<u>\$2,687</u>					<u>\$2,804</u>	<u>\$2,687</u>									<u>\$2,804</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1968

377	LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	1967				1968	1967				1968
	\$				\$	\$				\$
	1,460	Creditors	—	—	2,024	2,000	Local Body Stock	—	—	2,000
	49,496	Contributors' Accounts	—	—	46,629	21	Accrued Interest	—	—	21
		Accumulated Funds:				57,741	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	—	—	60,446
	6,120	Capital	—	—	6,120					
		Add Consideration for Annuity Granted			4,890					
					<u>11,010</u>					
	2,686	Accumulated Revenue	—	—	2,804					
	<u>\$59,762</u>				<u>\$62,467</u>	<u>\$59,762</u>				<u>\$62,467</u>

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**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968**

1967 \$		1968 \$	1967 \$		1968 \$	\$
11,422	Interest Allowed to Trusts etc. — — —	13,776		Interest Earned:		
1,950	Administration Charges — — —	1,950		Local Body Stocks — — —	9,759	
269	Stationery, Postages, Telephone etc. — — —	310		Mortgages — — —	4,855	
172	Net Income for Year — — —	1,472		Loans — — —	1,455	
				Bank — — —	899	
				Other — — —	70	
			13,339			
			130	Commissions — — —		17,038
\$13,469		\$17,508	\$13,469			470
						\$17,508

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967 \$		1968 \$	1967 \$		1968 \$	\$
378	Liabilities:			Current Assets:		
56	Creditors — — —	377	21,853	Cash in Hand — — —	10	
252,105	Sundry Personal and Church Trusts — — —	263,329		Bank of N.Z. Current Account — — —	4,124	
104,556	Winstone Memorial Trust Fund — — —	107,752		Bank of N.Z. Fixed Deposit — — —	20,000	
18,592	Sundry Deposits — — —	18,592		Other Deposit Accounts — — —	5,000	
		390,050		Loan South Island Children's Home — — —		
	Capital:			Investment Board — — —	7,350	
6,244	Balance 30th June, 1967 — — —	6,072	4,178	Accrued Interest — — —	4,010	
	Add Legacies Received — — —	699	1,543	Agents Balance — — —	1,574	
			550	Sundry Debtors — — —	15	
						42,083
				Investments and Loans:		
				First Mortgages — — —	89,857	
172	Add Net Income — — —	1,472	73,931	Local Body Stocks — — —	180,081	
			209,808	Loans to Trusts — — —	50,917	
2,000	Investment Fluctuation Reserve — — —	2,437	33,286	Winstone Mem. Fund Property — — —	50,000	
			38,292	Less Depreciation — — —	12,208	
						37,792
						358,647
\$383,381		\$400,730	\$383,381			\$400,730

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7th August, 1968.

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Hon. Treasurers.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
\$		\$	\$	1967			1968
	Sundry Creditors			\$			\$
	Printing	137.08		1,444	Bank of New Zealand		1,492.40
1,558	Grants	467.75	604.83	124	District Balances:		
	Balances due to Districts				North Canterbury		25.10
	Northland	217.71			Sundry Debtors		447.95
	Auckland	406.49					1,965.45
	Waikato—Bay of Plenty	1,183.35					
	Taranaki—Wanganui	98.98					
	Hawkes Bay—Manawatu	274.53					
	Wellington	212.90					
	Nelson	38.67					
	South Canterbury	69.50					
	Otago—Southland	35.99	2,538.12				
	Accumulated Funds						
2,621	Balance 30th June, 1967	9.82					
2,611	Less Excess of Expenditure over income for year	1,187.32					
10	Deficit on Fund at 30/6/68	1,177.50			Deficit on Fund (see Contra) at 30th June, 1968		1,177.50
\$ 1,568		\$3,142.95		\$ 1,568			\$3,142.95

C. R. HASSELDINE,
Treasurer.

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W. E. CLOTHIER,
Public Accountant.

4/11/1968

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967 \$	EXPENDITURE	1968 \$	1967 \$	INCOME	1968 \$
	Conference				
	(a) Travel				
1,300	Equalisation Fund	1,300.00	15,200	Connexional Budget	15,000.00
1,023	Official Representatives	1,610.81	270	Conference Collections	273.21
			185	Synods Collections & Interest	174.68
		2,910.81	63	Donations & Refunds	42.00
			89	Interest	10.43
	(b) Printing and General			Sales:	
1,429	Agendas	1,253.55	617	Minutes of Conference	608.60
2,058	Minutes	2,044.80	86	Agendas	148.60
122	Station Lists	70.40		Communion Books	18.75
131	Church Union Report	64.00	150	Communion Books (Experimental)	137.89
169	Home Mission Statements	64.06		Marriage & Funeral Order Service	
116	General Printing	104.21	223	Books	128.96
	General Stationery, Postages, Tolls		144	Sundry	143.00
470	and expenses	223.58			
	Ordinand's Bibles	40.00			1,185.70
		3,864.60		Total Income for Year	16,686.02
	Connexional Payments				
130	President's Allowance	130.00			
764	President's Expenses	775.68			
	President's Gown	25.25			
	President's Photograph	24.25			
205	Vice-President Expenses	343.60			
503	Printing — Synod Agendas	643.07			
620	Communion Booklet	356.00			
	J.C.C.U. Report (Church Gvt.)	137.08			
173	Membership Cards	203.87			
	Baptism & Confirmation Cert.	82.95			
40	General	84.62			
254	Supply Payments	638.30			
	Sundry	6.79			
		3,451.46			
319	Church Council Expenses	274.81			
	Committee Travel & Expenses				
	Districts	1,714.81			
	Sundry	478.60			
2,841		2,193.41			
3,083	District Expenses	3,028.10			
1,338	Synod Expenses	1,340.83			
740	Grants	807.75			
7	Treasurers Expenses	1.57			
		\$17,873.34		Excess of Expenditure over Income	1,187.32
					\$17,873.34

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

ANALYSIS OF DISTRICT ACCOUNTS — YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

District	Collections & Interest	District Expenses	Synod Expenses	Church Council Expenses	Connexional & Committee Expenses	Total Expenses
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Northland	16.38	756.39	120.58	—	—	876.97
Auckland	23.55	337.11	60.98	62.00	368.10	828.19
Waikato—Bay of Plenty	—	617.60	300.99	—	650.33	1,568.92
Taranaki—Wanganui	19.55	159.36	243.16	—	38.40	440.92
Hawkes Bay—Manawatu	—	230.73	82.68	—	133.70	447.11
Wellington	22.55	171.71	117.31	—	68.30	357.32
Nelson	18.00	309.52	149.86	—	—	459.38
North Canterbury	40.63	90.18	25.41	38.88	139.09	293.56
South Canterbury	4.75	87.40	86.21	66.87	40.37	280.85
Otago—Southland	29.27	268.10	153.65	76.66	82.00	580.41
Totals	174.68	3,028.10	1,340.83	244.41	1,520.29	6,133.63

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968
\$		\$		\$		\$
1,361	Balance at Bank 1st July, 1967	2,674		11,770	Removal Expenses	10,694
4	Balance at P.O. Savings Bank 1st July, 1967	4		64	General Expenses	13
13,000	Budget Committee Allocation	9,000			Interest	
	Sundry Debtors 1st July, 1967	461		2,674	Balance at Bank 30th June, 1968	1,525
76	Refund Removal Expenses	28		4	Balance at P.O. Savings Bank 30th June, 1968	5
71	Interest	68				
<u>\$14,512</u>		<u>\$12,237</u>		<u>\$14,512</u>		<u>\$12,237</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		1968		1967		1968
\$		\$		\$		\$
11,233	Removal Expenses	10,666		13,000	Budget Allocation	9,000
64	General Expenses	13		71	Interest Received	68
	Interest Paid				Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year	1,611
1,774	Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year					
<u>\$13,071</u>		<u>\$10,679</u>		<u>\$13,071</u>		<u>\$10,679</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967	LIABILITIES	1968	1967	ASSETS	1968
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,365	Capital:		2,674	Bank of New Zealand	1,524
1,774	Balance 1st July, 1967	3,140	4	P.O. Savings Bank	5
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	1,611	461	Sundry Debtors	
		<u>1,529</u>			
<u>\$3,139</u>		<u>\$1,529</u>	<u>\$3,139</u>		<u>\$1,529</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 30th JUNE, 1968

	\$		\$	\$
To Balance at Bank of New South Wales as at 30/6/67		By Travelling Allowances		
£354/7/2		(a) to 1968 General Meeting		200
Converted to D.C.	709	(b) to Seminar Care of the Aged		156
Levies	540	(c) Church Budget Committee		34
Interest credited to Current Account to 8/3/68	40	(d) Contribution towards travel to Orphanage Conference		
Grant from Connexional Fire Insurance Fund for Capital Projects	2,800	in Australia		100
		(e) Commission on Church Union		34
		½ page Advertisement in N.Z. Law Journal		250
				774
		Cheque Book		1
		Distribution of Grant from Connexional Fire Insurance Fund		
		Auckland Central Mission	700	
		Wesley Social Services Trust	700	
		Christchurch Central Mission	700	
		Dunedin Central Mission	700	
				2,800
		Balance at Bank of New South Wales as at 30th June, 1968		514
	\$4,089			\$4,089

Audited and Found Correct,
T. STEPHENS,
Hon. Treasurer.
13/9/68

J. A. KELLOW,
Hon. Auditor.

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1967		\$	\$	1967		\$	\$
10,562	Wages	---	9,830.67	594	General Donations	---	1,286.00
3,011	Groceries and Provisions	---	3,248.63	95	Churches	---	65.88
554	Repairs and Renewals	---	7,009.86	600	Connexional Budget	---	1,050.00
571	Clothing and Shoes	---	940.17	150	Ladies Committee	---	126.00
469	Garden	---	395.37	200	Auckland Savings Bank	---	200.00
1,094	Fuel and Light	---	1,214.34				2,727.88
96	Printing and Stationery	---	84.87	1,674	Auckland United Orphanages Council	---	1,920.00
15	Medical and Dental	---	65.96	256	Dividends	---	177.39
282	Stamps and Telephones	---	339.00		Maintenance:		
841	Travelling Expenses	---	1,147.77	5,676	Parents and Family Benefit	---	7,773.44
277	Land Tax	---	138.38	2,983	Government Subsidy	---	3,393.00
170	Petty Cash	---	38.42				11,166.44
322	Insurance	---	302.94				4,432.50
426	Rates	---	426.08	2,721	Less Paid to Foster Parents	---	6,733.94
50	Audit Fee	---	50.00	1,200	McKenzie Trust	---	1,200.00
742	Sundry Expenses	---	994.79	3,575	Interest	---	2,993.34
651	School Fees	---	465.10	4,883	Leasehold Ground Rent	---	4,798.76
30	Rent	---	30.00	654	Rent — 1107 Dominion Road	---	686.00
734	Depreciation — Furnishings	---	810.44	4,276	Capital Account — Deficit	---	9,950.13
24	Bedford Van	---	10.00				
40	Commer Van	---	483.55				
16	Rotary Hoe	---	12.00				
8	Morrison Mower	---	6.70				
140	Fiat Car	---	112.40				
38	Hayter Mower	---	30.00				
68	Graveley Mower	---					
3,000	Mt Roskill Buildings	---	3,000.00				
			4,465.09				
\$24,095			\$31,187.44	\$24,095			\$31,187.44

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE — MT. ROSKILL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			\$			\$	\$
386	Capital: As at 1st July, 1967	—	—	264,327.55			
	Add Bequests: Estate F. R. Lusty	—	—	1,100.00			
	Estate J. Ment	—	—	400.00			
	Estate L. Seifert	—	—	5,177.05			
	Estate K. Sugden	—	—	468.16			
	Estate E. W. Tozer	—	—	2,400.00			
				<u>273,872.76</u>			
	Less Deficit	—	—	9,950.13			
				263,922.63			
	Endowment Legacies:						
	Elisa Gilmore Trust	—	—	2,000.00			
	M. Caughey-Preston Trust	—	—	4,000.00			
	John Rendell	—	—	400.00			
				<u>6,400.00</u>			
	F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund:						
	Capital as at 1st July, 1967	—	—	8,722.64			
	Add Surplus for Year	—	—	264.60			
				<u>8,987.24</u>			
	Sundry Creditors	—	—	824.22			
	Ground Rent and Payments in Advance	—	—	936.15			
	Sunshine Fund	—	—	24.87			
				Properties:			
				Epsom—Sections at Valuation	—	—	21,000.00
				Wesley—Sections at Valuation	—	—	31,150.00
				Mt. Roskill—Land and Improvements	—	18,360.84	
				Add Improvements	—	494.00	
						<u>18,854.84</u>	
				Home	—	128,870.15	
				Less Depreciation	—	3,000.00	
						<u>125,870.15</u>	
				Office—Central Mission Building	—	—	4,233.00
				Shares:			
				E. Astley & Sons Ltd.	—	—	
				1804 Ordinary \$1 Shares at Valuation	—	—	2,706.00
				Investments:			
				New Zealand Government and Local Body			
				Stock (including investment of Endowment			
				Legacies), \$42,800 at Cost	—	—	42,565.00
				Investment F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund:			
				Property—40 Milford Rd. (including Archi-			
				tect's Fee)	—	4,000.00	
				Auckland Regional Authority Stock:			
				Due 14/9/69	—	—	1,000.00
				Due 1/8/71	—	—	1,000.00
				Auckland Savings Bank	—	—	2,987.24
						<u>8,987.24</u>	

Furnishings and Plant	—	—	—	6,947.60	
Add Additions	—	—	—	1,179.07	
				<u>8,126.67</u>	
Less Depreciation	—	—	—	810.44	
					7,316.23
Stock on Hand	—	—	—		100.00
Payments in Advance and Sundry Debtors	—	—	—		1,840.34
Motor Vehicles:					
Bedford Truck	—	—	—	10.00	
Rotary Hoe	—	—	—	62.00	
Morrison Mower	—	—	—	30.70	
Fiat Car	—	—	—	562.00	
Hayter Mower	—	—	—	148.00	
Commer Van	—	—	—	2,418.55	
				<u>3,231.25</u>	
Less Depreciation	—	—	—	654.65	
					2,576.60
Bank of New Zealand Current Accounts:					
Town Hall	—	—	—	12,695.71	
Mt. Roskill	—	—	—	800.00	
Mt. Roskill Imprest Account	—	—	—	400.00	
					<u>13,895.71</u>
					<u>\$281,095.11</u>
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board	—	—	—		\$1,020.00
Total					\$281,095.11

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and accounts of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage for the year ended 30th June, 1968, and, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Trust.

22nd August, 1968. A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

1967		\$	1967		\$
6,240	Salaries and Superannuation	6,820	3,500	Connexional Budget	3,500
4,493	House Stores and Expenses	5,516	243	Donations	432
1,185	Repairs and Maintenance	1,194	2,936	Maintenance	4,663
614	Drapery and Clothing	1,118	1,083	Social Security Benefits	744
97	Advertising	68	1,943	Government Capitation	2,022
56	Fares of Children	83	2,000	Robert Gibson Trust	1,000
20	Farm Expenses	20	600	J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant	400
162	General Expenses	158	136	Masterton Trust Lands Trust School Requisites Grant	144
1,279	Heating and Lighting	1,431	1,245	Income from Estates	554
66	Insurance	107	2,202	Interest	2,212
—	Interest	16	3,820	Wellington Board—Grant of Half Share of Income	3,930
406	Motor Car Allowance	520	—	Gross Profit Livestock	171
284	Manager's Disbursements	421			19,772
277	Maintenance (Boarded Out)	425			
17	Optical and Dental	55			
118	Postages and Telephones	113			
428	Rates	448			
313	Recreational Expenses	355			
154	Stationery and School Requisites	203			
29	Travelling Expenses	16			
2,600	Social Workers—C.D.M.S.S.A.	2,000			
414	Depreciation—Plant and Furniture	380			
43	Gross Loss Livestock (1967)	—			
19,294					
434	Excess of Income over Expenditure (1967)	—		Excess of Expenditure over Income	1,695
\$19,728		\$21,467	\$19,728		\$21,467

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

	\$	\$		\$	\$
Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:		
Sundry Creditors ————	1,317		Bank of N.Z. Depreciation Fund Account:		
Bank of N.Z.—Current Account ————	<u>258</u>		Balance 30/6/67. ————	1,143	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES ————		1,575	Added 1966 ————	+ 380	
Specified Funds:			Less Equipment Purchased ————	<u>- 180</u>	
Newcombe Trust ————		30			1,343
Capital: Being Excess of Assets over Liabilities:			Sundry Debtors ————	370	
Balance at 30/6/67 ————	60,240		Livestock ————	<u>400</u>	
Legacies Added: Est. Thomas Sinclair ————	100				
Est. Lillian Osborne ————	<u>400</u>		TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS ————		2,113
	60,740				
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income ————	<u>1,695</u>		Investments:		
BALANCE OF CAPITAL 30/6/68 ————		59,045	Held by Wellington Board ————		56,445
			Fixed Assets:		
			Land and Buildings (vested in Wellington Board		
			\$42,188)		
			Furniture and Plant at 30/6/67 ————	2,292	
			Additions ————	+ 180	
			Depreciation ————	<u>- 380</u>	
			TOTAL FIXED ASSETS ————		2,092
		<u>\$60,650</u>			<u>\$60,650</u>

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home for the year ended 30th June, 1968, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Home as at 30th June, 1968, and the result of its transactions for the year ended at that date.

Carterton, 28th August, 1968.

I. L. CLARKE, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

J. F. CODY, F.P.A.N.Z., Treasurer.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1968

1967			1968		1967			1968	
\$			\$	\$	\$			\$	\$
—	Current Liabilities:					Current Assets:			
—	Bank Overdraft	—	260		60	Petty Cash	—	80	
	Sundry Creditors	—	1,142		1,846	Cash at Bank	—	—	
				1,402	303	Post Office Savings Bank	—	312	
						Connexional Budget	—	583	
20,125	Capital and Reserves:					S.I. Methodist Orphanage In-			
31,781	Capital	—	20,125		2,942	vestment Board	—	8,942	
	Accumulated Funds 31/3/67	41,746							9,917
	Add Transfers from Invest-								
	ment Board:								
—	Harewood	7,154			8,427	Fixed Assets:			
10,134	Barrington St.	23,545			4,375	Land Harewood	—	15,458	
			30,699			Land Barrington	—	4,375	
					12,802				19,833
			72,445			Harewood Home	—	25,053	
168	Less Deficit for Year	—	154			Less Depreciation	—	628	
41,746				72,291	24,074				24,425
	Reserves:					Harewood Dwelling	—	1,077	
810	Renovations	—	810			Less Depreciation	—	27	
6	Sports Equipment	—	6						1,050
				816	1,077				
				93,232					

		Harewood Furnishings	—	6,204	
		Less Depreciation	—	620	
				<u> </u>	
5,649		Barrington St. Home	—	28,358	5,584
		Less Depreciation	—	568	
				<u> </u>	
12,926		Barrington St. Furnishings	—	5,767	27,790
		Less Depreciation	—	576	
				<u> </u>	
		Tools Account	—	355	5,191
		Less Depreciation	—	71	
				<u> </u>	
309		Bedford Van	—	699	284
		Less Depreciation	—	139	
				<u> </u>	
699		Total Fixed Assets	—	560	
				<u>84,717</u>	<u>84,717</u>
					\$94,634
					<u> </u>
					\$94,634

15th May, 1968.

Audited and found correct.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD, PAYNE & WILSON,
Public Accountants, Christchurch.C. R. HASSELDINE,
W. R. LAWS,

Treasurers.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
REVENUE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1968

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1967 \$		\$	\$	1968 \$		1967 \$		1968 \$
		Harewood	Barrington	Total				
600	Administration Charges	—	—	600	13,172	Maintenance Fees	—	14,970
2,326	Board Payments	—	—	2,892	4,346	Connexional Budget	—	3,927
114	Grounds Expenses	120	—	120	4,467	Combined Orphanage Appeal	—	4,107
—	Cleaning	374	13	387	733	McKenzie Trust	—	733
1,030	Clothing and Drapery	1,157	2	1,159	844	A. H. Fletcher Trust	—	670
4,558	House Supplies	5,413	450	5,863	Donations:			
384	Insurances	334	—	334	870	Sundry	—	772
1,534	Light and Heat	1,610	208	1,819	—	Donations in Kind	—	895
52	Music Lessons	89	—	89	9	Interest	—	51
61	Medical Expenses and Supplies	67	9	76	4	Miscellaneous Receipts	—	35
476	Miscellaneous Expenses	417	28	445	—	Rents	—	85
367	Pocket Money	341	11	352	4,800	Grant from Investment Board	—	9,000
618	Rates	532	115	647				
1,178	Repairs and Maintenance	2,141	20	2,161	168	Deficit for Year	—	35,245
13,074	Salaries and Wages	13,129	976	14,105				
120	School Requisites and Sundry	56	7	63				
551	Stationery and General	606	9	615				
—	Telephone and Tolls	78	26	104				
453	Travelling and Accommodation	938	—	938				
1,475	Depreciation	—	—	2,630				
\$29,412				\$35,399	\$29,412			\$35,399

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1967		1968		1967		1968	
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
65	Expenses and Commissions	62.35			Interest Receivable:		
—	Interest Payable	138.47		352	Bank of New Zealand	217.48	
100	Fluctuation Reserve	—		3	Post Office Savings Bank	3.24	
4,800	Grant to Childrens Home	9,000.00	9,200.82	155	National Savings Account	160.80	
					Mortgages, Local Body and Govern-		
7,062	Balance, 1967	—		5,292	ment Stocks	5,030.58	
				5,802			5,412.10
				6,225	Legacies		3,610.12
				—	Deficit for Year		178.60
<u>\$12,027</u>		<u>\$9,200.82</u>		<u>\$12,027</u>			<u>\$9,200.82</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1968

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1967 \$		1968 \$	1967 \$		1968 \$
2,942	Current Liabilities:		10,517	Current Assets:	
—	Children's Home —	8,941.88	—	Bank of New Zealand —	4,999.13
—	General Purposes Trust 7,350.00		—	Permanent Investment and Loan Association —	10,000.00
	Add Accrued Interest — 138.47	7,488.47	108	Post Office Savings Bank —	111.64
2,942	Total Current Liabilities —	16,430.35	4,578	National Savings Account —	4,738.82
114,800	Capital:		1,190	Accrued Interest —	969.80
2,800	Balance 31/3/67 —	111,728.54	16,393	Total Current Assets —	20,819.39
	Add Invest. Fluctuation Reserve 2,512.00		75,500	Investments:	
	Government Subsidy — 8,000.00		5,400	Government and Local Body Stocks	64,183.18
	Sutherland Self Help Trust 1,000.00		18,476	Loans to Trust —	5,562.50
		123,240.54		Mortgages —	18,228.50
—	Less Transfers to Home:—			Total Investments —	87,974.18
10,134	Harewood Property 7,154.11				
	Barrington Street 23,544.61	30,698.72			
		92,541.62			
7,062	Less Deficit for Year —	178.60			
		92,363.22			
\$107,470		\$108,793.57	\$107,470		\$108,793.57

C. R. HASSELDINE, W. R. LAWS, Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
CAYGILL, HIBBARD, PAYNE & WILSON,
Public Accountants, Christchurch.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION
HOSTEL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			\$				\$
1967				1967			
2401	House Supplies	.....	2,430.79	8145	Hostel Receipts	.....	8,852.67
719	Heat and Light	.....	731.88	310	Board for Trainee	.....	155.00
3817	Wages	.....	3,413.38	1223	Rent	.....	201.90
52	Phone	.....	110.96	212	Interest	.....	186.50
918	Repairs	.....	2,711.19	9	Donations	.....	4.00
645	Rates	.....	675.05	—	Excess Expenditure over Income	.....	1,711.37
7	Advertising	.....	4.75	238	Balance Trainees and Wardens A/c.	.....	—
122	Insurance	.....	137.67				
32	Sundry Expenses	.....	189.98				
10	Retirement Presentation	.....	—			
200	Depreciation	.....	200.00				
1214	Excess income over expenditure	.....	—			
—	Transfer from Trainees & Wardens Account	.....	505.79				
10137			£11,111.44	10137			£11,111.44

TRAINEES & WARDENS EXPENSE ACCOUNT

			\$				\$
1967				1967			
310	Board 1 Trainee $\frac{1}{2}$ year	.....	155.00	2330	Budget Allocation 1967/68 (\$1,800)	.....	1,680.00
156	Printing & Stationery	.....	210.15	—	Excess Expenditure to Hostel Revenue A/c.	.....	505.79
11	Lecture Fees—Piano	.....	17.60				
312	Travelling & Lecturers Expenses	.....	148.20	200	Refund—Trainee	.....	—
87	Library	.....	33.91				
78	Balance Trainee's Allowance	.....	136.45				
1008	Share Wardens Stipend	.....	1,035.96				
100	" " Parsonage	.....	100.00				
40	" " Local Travelling	.....	40.00				
124	Warden's Deputation Expenses	.....	74.29				
31	Retirement Presentation	.....	—			
35	Trainee's General Expenses (Incl.—Samar House)	.....	234.23				
238	Balance to Hostel A/c.	.....	—			
2530			\$2,185.79	2530			\$2,185.79

FURNITURE RENEWALS ACCOUNT

1967		\$	1967		\$
564	Cash Payments	124.45	469	Balance as at 1st July, 1967	476.92
477	Balance as at 30/6/68	870.55	10	Interest	10.00
			562	Donations from Fellowships	508.08
\$1,041		\$995.00	\$1,041		\$995.00

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1968

1967		\$	\$	1967		\$	\$
	LIABILITIES				ASSETS		
396	— Bank of New Zealand	638.71		25,800	Freehold Property	25,800.00	
1,011	Trainees Emergency Fund	1,010.50		2,367	Furniture & Plant	2,367.10	
22	Sister Lena Fund	27.71					
477	Furniture Renewals	870.55		28,167		28,167.10	
3,607	Property Reconstruction	3,606.65		7,367	Less Depreciation Reserve	7,566.67	
99	Maori Library Fund	99.22					
	Accumulated Funds:			20,800			20,600.43
	Balance at 1/7/67	22,762.42		2,392	Post Office Savings Bank		
	Less Excess Expend.	1,711.37			Bank of N.Z. Savings A/c		2,400.00
				832	Canterbury Savings Bank		
		21,051.05			Depreciation Reserve A/c		1,055.51
22,762	Add D.C. Conversion adjustment	1	21,051.06	3,162	General Purposes Trust		3,248.46
*				792	Bank of New Zealand		
\$27,978		\$27,304.40	\$27,978				\$27,304.40

Audited and found correct, 11/7/68
J. O. YOUNG, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.
R. de R. FLESHER, Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CHAPLAINCY FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
				\$					\$
Balance at 1/7/67	----	----	----	----	311.62	Grants to T. F. Chaplain	----	----	10.00
Budget Allocation 1967/68	----	----	----	----	150.00	" " R. F. Chaplain	----	----	60.00
Bank Interest	----	----	----	----	8.85	Expenses of Senior Chaplain	----	----	20.00
						" " Secretary	----	----	5.00
						Cheque Book	----	----	1.00
						Balance at National Bank 30/6/68	----	----	374.47
					<u>\$470.47</u>				<u>\$470.47</u>

E. C. D. WATSON, F.R.A.N.Z.,) Honorary
J. B. McKINNEY,) Treasurers

I hereby certify that I have examined the receipts, vouchers, bank statements and Cash Book supporting the Methodist Church Chaplaincy Fund Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June, 1968 and I am of the opinion that the statement correctly shows the movement in that Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1968.

T. J. MARTIN, A.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

	\$		\$
Printing Costs	13,728.00	Advertising Receipts	7,382.25
Photographs	190.03	Partners-in-Print and Donations	4,140.41
Distribution Costs	1,237.35	Connexional Budget	11,000.00
Editor's Salary	2,815.17	Subscriptions	66.72
Editor's Travelling Expenses	29.95	Interest	43.16
Payments to Contributors	120.40	Methodist Times Committee (Transfer of final balance)	101.61
Wages (Office Assistant)	1,380.00	Methodist Board of Publications (Transfer of Grant)	100.00
Accountancy Fees	400.00	Excess of Expenditure over Income	313.14
Advertising Salesman's Commission & Expenses	1,474.45		
Rent	675.96		
Depreciation	55.75		
General Expenses (Stationery, Postages, Telephone, Cleaning, etc.)	1,040.23		
	<u>\$23,147.29</u>		<u>\$23,147.29</u>

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THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

	\$		\$
Sundry Creditors	1,484.37	Cash at Bank	358.25
Accumulated Funds		Cash in Hand	7.69
Balance 1/7/67	1,981.56	Sundry Debtors	2,285.05
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	313.14	Office Furniture & Equipment (at Cost)	640.86
	<u>1,668.42</u>	Less Depreciation to date	139.06
	<u>\$3,152.79</u>		501.80
			<u>\$3,152.79</u>

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the New Zealand Methodist for the year ended 30th June, 1968.
 I have inspected the books of accounts and have received all explanations I require. In my opinion the accounts adequately show the financial affairs of the New Zealand Methodist for the period.

M. C. COPELAND, A.P.A.N.Z.

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

		1967		1968				1967		1968	
		\$		\$				\$		\$	
399	1,019	653	Stock of Booklets—1st July, 1967		777.28	1,179	Sale of Booklets		2,165.79		
			Printing Booklets:			210	Grant—Connexional Budget		312.00		
			—“Know Your Faith”	303.71		53	Interest—National Bank of N.Z. Ltd	43.41			
			—Advent	318.44		64	Investment Funds Board	121.85		165.26	
			—Prayer Manuals	380.70						55.00	
			—Contribution to Conference News	100.00		3	Donations				
			—“Through Eyes of Faith”	379.50							
			—“Life & Death”	1,122.10							
					2,604.45						
	1,672				3,381.73						
	777		Less Stock of Booklets—30/6/68		1,588.49						
		895			1,793.24						
			Cost of Sales:		1,793.24						
			Petty Cash, Postages & Stationery,								
	228		Advertising	332.16							
	77		Travelling Expenses & Allowances ..	46.41							
	10		Board Room Rent	104.00							
			Typewriter Repairs	13.25							
	1,210		Total Expenditure	2,289.06							
	299		Excess Income over Expenditure for year	408.99							
		1,509			\$2,698.05					\$2,698.05	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

Accumulated Funds:				1,870	Cash at National Bank of N.Z. Ltd	1,155.77
5,227	Balance at 30th June, 1967	....	5,526.72		Loans at 3 months' call:	
299	Plus: Income for year	....	408.99	2,737	Investment Funds Board—3½%	2,600.00
					Interest Added	259.00
5,526	Balance at 30th June, 1968	....	5,935.71			2,859.00
				77	Sundry Debtors	267.45
				777	Stock of Booklets, as per list	1,588.49
				65	Typewriter at Cost	65.00
400	\$5,526		\$5,935.71	5,526		\$5,935.71

Audited and Found Correct,

Auckland, 21st August, 1968

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Hon. Treasurer.

R. H. HAMES, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD (INC.)
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968**

1967		1968		1967		1968
\$		\$		\$		\$
104	Administration Charges	126		1,447	Interest Receivable	1,422
1,078	Interest Payable	1,080				
61	Stationery and General Expenses	102				
		1,308				
204	Excess of Income over Expenditure	114				
<u>\$1,447</u>		<u>\$1,422</u>		<u>\$1,447</u>		<u>\$1,422</u>

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968**

1967		1968		1967		1968
\$		\$		\$		\$
401	Current Liabilities:			32,090	Secured Advances	31,682
4,513	Bank of New Zealand (Overdraft)	3,423				
47	Accrued Interest	418				
104	Creditors					
	Total Current Liabilities	3,841				
20,000	General Purposes Trust Board	20,800				
	Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust	1,000				
	Wesley Church (Wellington) Social Services Trust	2,000				
2,000	Dept. of Christian Education	1,000				
1,500	Home Mission Department					
		24,800				
	Accumulated Funds:					
2,722	Balance 30th June, 1967	2,927				
204	Income for Year	114				
		3,041				
<u>\$32,090</u>		<u>\$31,682</u>		<u>\$32,090</u>		<u>\$31,682</u>

Audited and found correct.
D. A. WHITE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.

C. R. HASSELDINE,
W. R. LAWS, Treasurers.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
1967		1968		1967		1968	
\$		\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
8,802.59	Credit Balance —1st July, 1967			13,779.28	Salaries	11,945.51	
	General Account		6,095.55	2,391.03	Travelling Expenses	1,657.60	
	Circuit Payments for Stewardship			435.98	Board		
	Missions:			486.28	Superannuation	319.26	
12,486.00	Completed	11,514.00					13,922.37
2,408.00	Not yet Completed	1,364.00	12,878.00	164.99	Printing and Stationery		112.19
				42.68	Bank Charges, Cheque Books	20.60	
255.77	Bank Interest —Budget Account	201.07			Less Refund, Cheque Book	.47	
168.09	Committee Account	146.21	347.28				20.13
				58.60	Insurances		31.66
	Wellington Social Services Trust			320.84	Postages, Tolls, Postbox Rental		
	Board:				and Miscellaneous		310.51
	Share of Executive Officer's				Donation in lieu of Rent (Wesley		
	Salary	273.38			Trust)		100.00
	H.M. Dept.—share of Filmstrip				Typewriter Overhaul and Repairs		18.25
	costs	230.00			Religious Film Society—Filmstrip		
	Dept. of C.E., share of Filmstrip				(Mr Painter)		132.52
	Costs	100.00			Filmstrip, "Forth into the World"		914.27
	Auckland District, share of Film-			2,408.00	Payments in advance for Steward-		
	strip Costs	20.00			ship Missions	1,364.00	
	Wellington District, share of			3,687.55	Credit Balance, 30th June, 1968	3,038.31	
	Filmstrip Costs	20.00					
			370.00				
			\$19,964.21				\$19,964.21

Audited and found correct.
 F. H. TURLEY, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.
 Wellington, 31st August, 1968.

S. N. ROBERTS, Chairman.
 E. C. FLYGER, Executive Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968.

To summarize briefly—

General Account Income and Expenditure

We finished the year with funds in hand of \$3,254.17, largely due to the drop of students from 30 down to 18. In accordance with the request of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, we have made \$3,200 available to assist in meeting the deficit in the Connexional Budget for 1967-68.

Building Fund No. 2

We have a small balance of \$381.50 in the Bank.

Organ Fund (Auckland Savings Bank)

We have a small balance of \$108.99.

House and Service Account

We have after deducting students' deposits accumulated balance of \$11,448.51. It is important that this balance is understood.

Harrison Estate	\$5,000
Working Balance	1,000
Actual Balance	5,448.51
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			\$11,448.51

For your information \$5,000 held from Harrison's Estate will be used to provide a fund to help students preparing for work in Overseas Missions. Of the actual balance of \$5,448.51 some of this will be used to pay for repairs to the kitchen and the balance of the money set aside for a major repair job on the first floor estimated to cost at least \$12,000. The fact that this money has been accumulated is due to the effort of the Principal making the College available in vacation period for conferences and schools.

Loans

The outstanding loans still to be repaid stand at—

Probert Trust Board	.....	.....	\$8,000
Church Building and Loan Fund	.....	.....	2,473.25

Appreciation

May I express our thanks to the Connexional Budget, and the Trust whose regular support is greatly appreciated and also for the assistance in grants to reduce our loans.

The students have rendered valuable assistance in maintenance of the college property.

To the principal and the tutorial staff, my sincere thanks for their co-operation.

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968**

	\$	\$		\$
Balance Bank of New Zealand Brought Forward		1,083.59	Payments:	
Receipt for Year:			Supernumerary Fund	29,510.00
1966/67 Additional Payments (98.6%)	---	1,457.00	Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	800.00
1967-68 97.47%			Deaconesses Retiring Fund	3,820.00
Northland, 94.5%	---	7,740.15	Removal Expenses Fund	9,000.00
Auckland, 99.6%	---	71,969.00	Children's Fund	9,500.00
Waikato-Bay of Plenty, 98.8%	---	46,202.55	Contingent Fund	15,000.00
Taranaki-Wanganui, 94.0%	---	23,579.00	Connexional Office	2,800.00
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, 97.8%	---	35,588.05	N.Z. Methodist	11,000.00
Wellington, 98.8%	---	40,404.00	Church Extension and Building and Loan	
Nelson, 94.8%	---	17,717.11	Funds (\$32,000)	28,812.00
North Canterbury, 96.3%	---	54,752.53	Home and Maori Missions Department:	
South Canterbury, 96.8%	---	18,350.25	General	72,610.00
Otago-Southland, 99.6%	---	22,522.33	Chaplaincies (\$4,076)	---
		338,824.97	Overseas Missions Department	94,380.00
Interest Received	---	201.54	Trinity Theological College	17,886.00
Refunds from 1966/67 Budget:			Department of Christian Education	15,800.00
Supernumerary Fund	---	330.00	Children's Homes:	
Home Missionaries Retiring Fund	---	272.00	Auckland	1,000.00
		602.00	Masterton	3,500.00
			South Island	3,500.00
				8,000.00
			Finance and Stewardship Department	201.54
			Central Missions	7,200.00
			Deaconess Board	1,800.00
			Miscellaneous Causes (including University	
			Chaplaincies)	6,834.00

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967			1967		
	CURRENT LIABILITIES:			CURRENT ASSETS:	
1,978	Bank Overdraft	1,228.19	32	Cash in Hand	59.96
3,723	Trade Creditor	2,915.77	16,192	Stock on Hand	13,048.00
314	Bills Payable	222.54	3,881	Sundry Debtors	4,030.24
63	Subscriptions in Advance		100	Less Provisions for Doubtful Debts	100.00
6,078	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,366.50			3,930.24
	TERM LIABILITIES:		20,005	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	17,038.20
5,800	Loans	5,800.00	190	Superannuation in Advance	190.00
	CAPITAL:		3,492	Furniture and Fittings	3,149.75
12,839	Balance at 1/7/67	11,461.61	348	Less Depreciation (10% D.V.)	314.75
	Grant Received	1,000.00			2,835.00
		12,461.61			
1,378	Less Net Loss	2,564.91			
		9,896.70			
23,339		<u>\$20,063.20</u>	23,339		<u>\$20,063.20</u>

H. B. SEDON, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
AUDITOR.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (AUCKLAND)
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1968

To Purchases	20,655.01
Add Stock on Hand 1/7/67	16,192.00
	<u>36,847.01</u>
Deduct Stock on Hand 30/6/68	13,048.00
	<u>23,799.01</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	9,058.47
Gross Profit	<u>\$32,857.48</u>

To Audit and Annual Accounts	110.00
Advertising and Stationery	666.48
Light and Power	232.49
Postages	372.18
Rent	3,293.73
Salaries	4,731.14
General Expenses	272.06
Insurance	57.07
Interest	115.28
Telephone	105.94
Rates	399.53
Travelling Expenses	236.57
Repairs and Maintenance	28.70
Cartage	60.77
Monthly Accounting	453.70
Superannuation	135.00
Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings	314.75
Bad Debts Written Off	42.99
	<u>\$11,623.38</u>

By Sales	32,495.60
Sales Upper Room	408.96
Less Postages	<u>47.08</u>
	361.88
	<u>\$32,857.48</u>
By Gross Profit	9,058.47
Net Loss	<u>2,564.91</u>

\$11,623.38

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1968

LIABILITIES				ASSETS	
CAPITAL				BUILDINGS	20,000.00
Balance 31/7/67		28,121.44		INVESTMENTS:	
Added during year:				National Savings Investment	5,607.27
From Income	555.03			Post Office Savings Bank	54.24
From Interest	405.80	960.83	29,082.27	Auckland City Council Stock	4,000.00
				Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority Stock	5,000.00
				Auckland Regional Authority (Drainage Board Stock	5,000.00
DEPRECIATION RESERVE:				Manukau County Council Stock	3,000.00
Balance 31/7/67		13,341.72		Waitemata County Council Stock	2,000.00
Added during year:				Cash	24,661.51
From Income	687.50				60
From Interest	666.16	1,353.66	14,695.38		
MAINTENANCE RESERVE:					
Balance 31/7/67		555.12			
Added during year:					
From Income	300.00				
From Interest	29.34	329.34			
			884.46		
			<u>\$44,662.11</u>		<u>\$44,662.11</u>

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust for the year ended 31st July, 1968.
 In my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet shows the position of the Trust's affairs according to the best of my information, and the explanations given to me and as shown by the Books of the Trust at 31st July, 1968.

M. C. COPELAND, A.P.A.N.Z.
AUDITOR.

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1968

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Repairs	447.48	Rents and Rates	<u>5,097.00</u>
Rates and Land Tax	555.60		
Insurance	376.37		
Commission	254.86		
	<u>1,634.31</u>		
Depreciation	687.50		
Net Income Carried Down	2,775.19		
	<u>5,097.00</u>		<u>5,097.00</u>
Transfer to Capital	555.03	Net Income Brought Down	2,775.19
Transfer to Maintenance Reserve	300.00		
Transfer to Home Mission Fund	960.08		
Transfer to Investment Funds Board	960.08		
	<u>\$2,775.19</u>		<u>\$2,775.19</u>

Capital Receipts to date:	
Auckland Maori Girls Hostel	42,882.33
Hamilton Maori Girls Hostel	24,598.17
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel (London Street)	18,736.67
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel (River Road)	11,091.10
Dargaville Maori Centre	4,195.73
Hawera Maori Centre	4,744.16
Kawakawa Maori Centre	8,058.45
Otorohanga Maori Centre	850.00
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	1,699.51
Opunake Deaconess Centre	141.00
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Capital Receipts Sundry:	116,997.12
Hawera Deaconess Cottage	766.59
Hakiranga Deaconess Cottage	50.00
Opunake Deaconess Cottage	200.00
Dargaville Deaconess Cottage	4,220.00
Taheke Deaconess Cottage	350.00
Hamilton Maori Parsonage	8,000.00
Kamo Maori Parsonage	270.00
Tokoroa Maori Parsonage	500.00
Mangere Maori Parsonage	2,000.00
Kao Property Sales	5,676.82
Kakariki Avenue Property Sale ..	2,138.00
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Fairfield Section Sale	24,171.41
	1,420.36
CAPITAL:	
Balance 31/7/67	235,510.27
Add Legacies	6,163.49
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Add Bonus Shares	241,673.76
	129.00
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Less Transfers to Disbursement Account	241,802.76
	2,500.00
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	239,302.76
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	\$706,192.52

PROPERTIES:

Parsonages, etc.	114,760.21
Maori Hostels and Centres:	
Auckland Maori Girls Hostel	66,144.11
Hamilton Maori Girls Hostel	24,598.17
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel	55,279.54
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	23,906.62
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Dargaville Maori Centre	79,186.16
Hawera Maori Centre	4,115.68
Kawakawa Maori Centre	4,790.03
Otorohanga Maori Centre	8,744.45
Patea Maori Centre	6,941.56
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	1,195.63
Opunake Deaconess Cottage	2,825.41
Kawakawa Deaconess Cottage	1,296.63
	68.03
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	199,905.86
Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare	3,731.92
Mt. Wesley, Parsonage Site	3,134.15
Kao	4,768.46
Kao Farm Development	240.30
Opononi	461.82
Waima	200.00
Kawhia (Te Waitere)	200.00
Raglan	100.00
Ratana Pa Cottage	1,580.51
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	14,417.16
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	\$706,192.52

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board for the year ended 31st July, 1968.

In my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet shows the position of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information, and the explanations given to me and as shown by the Books of the Board at 31st July, 1968.

M. C. COPELAND, A.P.A.N.Z.
AUDITOR.

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1968

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
CREDITORS:				CASH, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:			
Loans at Call		246,363.85		Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	937.94		
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	2,499.36			T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	2,647.61		
31/7/67	148.25			M. W. F. Emergency Fund	2,125.62		
Added during Year		2,647.61		On Account of Capital	8,543.76		
Kamo Maori Parsonage Mortgage		4,701.40		On Account of Maintenance	254.19		
Loan, Church Building and Loan			253,712.86				14,545.12
Fund			3,000.00				
SUNDRY FUNDS:				INVESTMENTS:			
Thomas Buddle Memorial Library				Memorial Gifts, Local Body Stock:			
Fund		200.00		George Buttle Memorial Gift	1,000.00		
George Buttle Centennial Gift		1,000.00	1,200.00	Thomas Buddle Library Fund	200.00		1,200.00
Fund			200.00				
E. D. and M. E. Jones Trust			2,125.62	General:			
M. W. F. Emergency Fund			974.34	Mortgage	310.72		
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust			600.00	Government Stock	9,400.00		
A. J. Seamer Legacy Account				Local Body Stock	33,400.00		
RESERVES:				Sundry Shares	11,667.00		
Working Expenses Maintenance				Post Office Savings Bank	82.07		
Account		254.19		Space in Central Mission Building	24,725.46		
Sinking Funds 31/7/67	29,148.14			Investment in Gabriel Lyons Trust	2,097.39		81,682.44
Added during Year	3,623.17						
Investment Reserve		32,771.31		Special Loans:			
Loan Repayment Reserve		800.00		E. D. and M. E. Jones Trust	20.00		
Hostel Painting Reserve		6,560.00		General	268,538.48		
		350.00					268,558.48
			40,735.50	Temporary Advance Home Mis-			10,000.00
MAORI CENTRES AND HOSTELS:				sion Fund			
Mortgages:				Temporary Loan Hamilton Boys			1,123.05
Auckland Maori Girls Hostel	3,723.35			Hostel			
Less repaid during year	510.80						
		3,212.55					
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel							
(London Street)	1,760.00						
Less repaid during year	320.00						
		1,440.00					
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel							
(River Road)		17,100.00	21,752.55				

REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGES:	129.03	
MORTGAGE - Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel River Road	17,100.00	
Matured Local Body Stock:		
Auckland Electric-Power Board	3,000.00	
Waitemata County Council	8,000.00	
	<u>11,000.00</u>	
NEW CAPITAL:		
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel (294 River Rd)	11,091.10	
Mangere Maori Parsonage	2,000.00	13,091.10
Loan from Church Building and Loan Fund for Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel Improvements	3,000.00	
SINKING FUNDS	3,623.17	
THE REV. T. G. and MRS BROOKE MEMORIAL FUND:	148.25	
THE REV. THOMAS BUDDLE LIBRARY FUND:	10.00	
THE REV. GEO. and MRS BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT:	51.50	
THE E. D. and M. E. JONES TRUST:	20.00	
NET INTEREST AND RENTS:	5,930.72	
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST NET RENTS:	3,492.41	
	<u>\$139,770.35</u>	

REPAYMENT OF LOANS:		
Auckland Maori Girls Hostel	510.80	
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel	320.00	
Kamo Maori Parsonage	91.82	
Loans at Call	33,352.66	
	<u>34,275.28</u>	
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST:	3,395.48	
INTEREST DISBURSED:		
Geo. Buttle Centennial Gift	51.50	
Thomas Buttle Memorial Fund	10.00	
	<u>61.50</u>	
Maintenance Accounts Net Payments	189.84	
BALANCE, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, 31/7/68:		
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	974.34	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	2,647.61	
M. W. F. Emergency Fund	2,125.62	
On Account of Capital	8,543.36	
On Account of Maintenance	254.19	
	<u>14,545.12</u>	
		<u>\$139,770.35</u>

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1968

RECEIPTS	
BALANCE, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, 31/7/67:	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	877.41
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	2,499.36
M. W. F. Emergency Fund	2,125.62
On Account of Maintenance	444.03
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	5,946.42
Less Capital Overdrawn	4,962.27
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	984.15
CASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:	
Estate Richard Hampton	100.00
Estate E. W. Tozer	2,400.00
Estate D. S. Lyon (additional)	63.49
Estate Robina Smith	2,000.00
Estate Edith Bond	500.00
Estate B. H. Carter	100.00
Gift Patea Methodist Trust	1,000.00
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	6,163.49
Less Proportion for Disbursement	2,500.00
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	3,663.49
LEGACIES, PROPORTION FOR DISBURSEMENT	2,500.00
NEW LOANS AT CALL:	45,542.72
REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL LOANS:	29,483.81

PAYMENTS	
INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:	
Through Mornington	7.00
Through Invercargill	17.50
Direct	5,906.22
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	5,930.72
LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT:	2,500.00
CAPITAL INVESTED:	
Special Loans	18,829.97
Post Office Savings Bank	3.50
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	18,833.47
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel Loan for Rates	1,123.00
Home Mission Fund Temporary Advance	10,000.00
PROPERTIES:	
Auckland Maori Girls Hostel	186.74
Hamilton Maori Boys Hostel River Road ...	27,397.42
Patea Maori Centre	1,195.63
Hamilton Maori Parsonage Union Street ...	1,322.50
Mangere Maori Parsonage	14,520.66
Manurewa Maori Parsonage	90.75
Ngaruawahia Maori Parsonage	96.00
Opunake Deaconess Cottage	90.95
Tokoroa Maori Parsonage Site	88.15
Mt. Wesley, Dargaville Parsonage Site	141.17
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	45,129.97
Refund from Proceeds, Fairfield Section	285.92
Grants Kaao Church Trust from Proceeds	
Kaao Sales	500.00
Turangi Union Parish from M.W.F. deposit	3,000.00
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	3,500.00

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st JULY, 1968 (Continued)

Taranaki-Wanganui District:

Inglewood	125.00
Manapa	350.00
Taihape	400.00

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:

Waipawa-Waipukurau	650.00
Pahiatua	350.00
Apiti	175.00
Wairoa	500.00
	<u>1,675.00</u>

Wellington District:

Paraparaumu	200.00
Eketahuna	260.00
Newlands Union	230.00
Upper Hutt	885.00
Taita Union	160.00
Wainuiomata	300.00
Porirua	1,150.00
	<u>3,185.00</u>

Nelson District:

Reefton	700.00
Westport	200.00
Hokitika	450.00
Murchison	500.00
	<u>1,850.00</u>

North Canterbury District:

Woolston-Lyttelton	306.25
Springton	1,000.00
Spreydon	250.00
St. Albans	150.00
Riccarton	250.00
	<u>1,956.25</u>

Otago-Southland District:

Bluff	225.00
Dunedin Central	150.00
Western Southland	350.00
West Dunedin Union	100.00
North Dunedin	350.00
	<u>1,175.00</u>

CHAPLAINCY GRANTS:

Auckland Hospital	1,402.00
Oakley Psychiatric Hospital	900.00
Porirua Psychiatric Hospital	900.00
Manapouri N.C.C. Chaplain	340.00
	<u>3,542.00</u>

SUNDRY GRANTS:

Church Sites Fund	800.00
M.S.S.A.	60.00
Te Rahui (T) Hostel	400.00
	<u>1,260.00</u>

SUPPLIES:

President's Supply	612.15
Ministerial Supplies	563.52
	<u>1,175.67</u>

OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSES:

Office Salaries	2,028.90
Staff Superannuation	74.00
Office Rent and Rates	1,476.50
Expenses, Postage, etc.	316.49
Light, Power, Cleaning	140.00
Telephone and Tolls	343.89
Printing and Stationery	575.12
	<u>4,954.90</u>

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS:

Bulk Air and Rail Travel Account	201.29
Unexpended	286.09
	<u>487.38</u>
Rents, Boardroom and Parking	60.00
Parsonage Allowances	60.00
Insurances	131.02
Audit Fee	78.00
Equipment	55.00
Maori Policy Committee Expenses	104.30
Share of Lotu (2 yrs)	200.00
Publicity	230.00
Sundry Expenses	53.89
	<u>1,459.59</u>

SUPERINTENDENTS:

Stipends	3,792.00
General Allowance	200.00
Travelling	1,046.15
I.F.B. Rents	800.00
	<u>5,838.15</u>

BALANCES 31st JULY, 1968:

General (including advance from I.F.B.)	11,100.46
Legacies for Disbursement (Cash)	1,515.37
Legacies for Disbursement (Savings Bank)	4,240.00
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	960.50
H.M. Training Conference	216.26
Picture Department	584.42
	<u>18,617.01</u>
Less Removal Expenses	1.28
	<u>18,615.73</u>
	<u>\$121,161.89</u>

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1968, and certify that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the General Account is correct. Receipts and payments made through the Maori Mission Account have been shown on a supplementary statement which has also been audited.

M. C. COPELAND, A.P.A.N.Z., AUDITOR.

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st JULY, 1968

RECEIPTS

BALANCE AT 31st JULY, 1967:		TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE	
General	4,093.50		210.00
Legacies for Disbursement (Cash)	1,194.56	EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST	960.08
Legacies for Disbursement (Savings Bank)	4,120.00	CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:	
E. W. Blackwell Trust	665.42	11 months 1967/68 ..	71,037.00
Home Mission Training Conference	216.26	1 month 1968/69	6,071.00
Picture Department	583.42		77,108.00
	<u>10,873.16</u>	INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD:	
Less Removal Expenses	1.28	Interest, etc.	5,930.72
	10,871.88	OTHER RECEIPTS:	
LEGACIES received during year	2,620.00	Rent Connexional Property	24.00
SUNDRY INCOME:		Interest on Current A/c	33.31
Maori Circuits	3,758.00	Refunds on a/c previous year	310.96
General	329.76		368.27
M. Gilmour Est. Income	285.18	Temporary Advance from Investment Funds Board	10,000.00
	<u>4,372.94</u>		\$121,161.89
METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:			
Annual Grant	7,400.00		
Special Grant	800.00		
Smethurst Interest	520.00		
	<u>8,720.00</u>		

PAYMENTS

LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:		Hikurangi	450.00
Russell Parsonage	179.19	Paparoa	150.00
Epworth Bookroom (Auckland)	1,000.00	Kaikohe-Bay of Islands	500.00
Department of Christian Education	1,000.00	Whangarei	550.00
	<u>2,179.19</u>		3,100.00
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL GRANTS:		Auck'and District:	
Kaikohe-Bay of Islands	250.00	Birkenhead	1,150.00
Bombay-Tuakau	150.00	Auckland West	200.00
Rotorua	100.00	Bombay-Tuakau	450.00
Turangi	100.00	Whangaparaoa	200.00
Upper Hutt	65.00	Onehunga	500.00
	<u>665.00</u>	Papakura	350.00
MAORI MISSION:		Henderson	600.00
Maori Mission Account:		Papatoetoe	350.00
Stipends	38,946.76	Pukekohe	100.00
Travelling	8,360.01	Auckland South	200.00
Circuit Expenses	1,445.04	Kaipara	500.00
Circuit Cars	100.00	Mahurangi	200.00
Deaconess Cars	3,200.00		4,800.00
Investment Funds Board Rents	4,400.00	Waikato Bay of Plenty District:	
Mission Hill, Rent	350.04	Taumarunui	250.00
General:		Ngaruawahia	375.00
Maori Section N.C.C.	72.00	Te Kuiti	600.00
Contingencies	114.00	Waihi	500.00
	<u>56,987.85</u>	Turangi	725.90
CIRCUIT GRANTS:		Ohura	600.00
Northland District:		Putaruru	150.00
North Hokianga	1,150.00	Tokoroa	700.00
Whangaroa	300.00	Rotorua	216.66
		Taupo	400.00
		Huntly	350.00
		Te Puke	550.00
		Kawerau	350.00
		Tauranga	100.00
			5,867.56

Building and Equipment Fund	34,394.77
Extension Fund	12,210.94
Solomon Islands Jubilee Scholarship Fund	668.82
M.W.F. Translation	200.00
Sundry Creditors	5,722.99
Loan at Call	1,600.00
Boat Reserve	47,000.00
Solomon Islands History Account Reserve	162.98
Cliff and Noreen Keightley Educational Trust	345.00
Fraternal Workers' Fund	243.85
Accumulated Fund	25,405.56

\$426,006.35

Projector and Tape Recorder	43.62
Stock Head Office	351.25
Sundry Debtors	37,615.71
New Guinea Highlands District Account	20,811.62
New Guinea Highlands Sundry Debtors	2 496.64
Cash in Bank of New Zealand	2,147.45
Cash in Bank of New Zealand, Sydney	400.46

\$426,006.35

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Overseas Missions Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the books of the Department, as at 30th June, 1968. Island assets and liabilities have not been verified, these having been entered on the basis of signed statements received from the Islands.

AUCKLAND.

(Signed): MACKY & FREAR.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1967

LIABILITIES	
Solomon Islands District	
Sundry Creditors	2,834.05
Capital Grant Accounts & Trust Funds	21,870.19
Native Ministers' & Catechists' Retiring Fund	4,812.95
District Reserve Account	7,422.09
Solomon Islands District Account	10,500.52
	<u>47,439.80</u>
Papua New Guinea Highlands District	
New Guinea Highlands Appeal	5,111.33
Agricultural A/c.	285.92
District Reserve A/c.	4,029.84
Sundry Creditors	3,397.69
	<u>12,824.78</u>
Special Funds	
Medical	70,219.25
Medical Orderly	1,060.97
Working Capital	20,522.99
Vanes Bequest	1,266.01
Boat Insurance	43,000.00
Boat Replacement	4,831.64
Fire Insurance Fund	29,987.62
Sickness & Accident Fund	3,284.35
South Sea Islands Catechists' Retiring Fund	456.31
Leper Fund	5,746.11
Leprosarium Bequest	439.02
Leper Relief Vessel Maintenance	14,166.59
Leper Relief Vessel Maintenance Reserve	10,000.00
Lepers' Trust Board Capital Grants	20,745.85
Methodist Women's Fellowship Funds	
Building and Equipment	2,407.38
Sisters' Salary Emergency	2,000.00
Teachers' Training	2,258.64
Nipa Teacher's Salary	4,000.00
Scholarship for Girls	1,394.16
	<u>12,060.15</u>

ASSETS	
Solomon Islands District	
Cash in Hand and in Bank	59,129.90
Sundry Debtors	5,688.24
Workers' Balances	11.68
Stock on Hand	42,495.63
	<u>107,325.45</u>
Boats	47,000.00
Sege Plantation Lease	427.06
Investments	
N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	3,480.00
Local Body Stock	133,560.00
Mortgages and Loan	2,498.38
Shares and Stock	13,300.30
Savings Bank and National Savings	9,790.76
Commonwealth Savings Bank & Shares	18,561.37
Share in Central Mission Building	19,907.09
	<u>201,097.90</u>
Medical Fund	
Medical Fund	70,219.25
Medical Orderly	1,060.97
Vanes Bequest	1,266.01
Boat Insurance	43,000.00
Boat Replacement	4,831.64
Fire Insurance Fund	29,987.62
Sickness & Accident Fund	3,284.35
South Sea Islanders' Retiring Fund	456.31
Solomon Islands Ministers' & Catechists Retiring Fund	4,812.95
Leper Fund	5,746.11
Lepers' Trust Board Capital Grants	13,438.24
Leper Vessel Reserve	10,000.00
Leprosarium	439.02
Methodist Women's Fellowship Grants	4,407.38
New Guinea Highlands Special Appeal	5,111.33
General Investments	3,036.72
	<u>201,097.90</u>
Residence, General Secretary	3,911.80
Residence, General Secretary Maintenance A/c.	985.74
Motor Car, Capital	1,391.65

Miscellaneous

Audit Fee	105.00	
Staff Superannuation	63.92	
Insurances, Employer's Liability, Air Travel and Fire	635.91	
Legal Expenses	131.86	
Advertising, N.Z. Methodist	33.95	
C.O.M.I.C.A	98.00	
All Saints' College	666.37	
Raranga Theological College Grant	301.00	
Expenses, United Church Inauguration	1,272.10	
Sundry Expenses	488.16	3,796.27
Motor Car Depreciation		208.00

\$131,856.10

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR TEN MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE, 1968.

EXPENDITURE	
Solomon Islands District	
Support of Overseas Staff	
Stipends, including Superannuation and Retiring Funds	81,575.66
Travel, Freight and Insurance	25,410.18
Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment	1,799.52
V.S.O. and O.S.S. Expenses	2,335.34
	<u>111,120.70</u>
Less Government Grants	15,931.83
	<u>95,188.87</u>
Grant in Aid of District Budget	12,500.00
	<u>107,688.87</u>
Papua New Guinea Highlands District	
Support of New Zealand Staff	5,673.33
Share of District Expenditure	5,921.71
	<u>11,595.04</u>
Less Interest on Appeal Funds	288.00
	<u>11,307.04</u>
Home Base Expenditure	
General Administration	
General Secretary's Stipend & Allowance	1,705.00
General Secretary's Travel & Car Expenses	437.48
General Secretary's House	500.00
Office Salaries	1,627.45
Office Rent & Rates	1,234.50
Printing & Stationery	608.86
General Office Expenses	511.51
Telephones	300.34
Travelling — Board Meetings (2 years)	449.70
	<u>7,374.84</u>
Publicity and Deputation	
Annual Report	80.00
Material and Travel	331.35
Subsidy, Open Door and Lotu	1,069.73
	<u>1,481.08</u>

INCOME	
Interest, Working Capital	1,139.00
Income Medical Fund	4,013.15
Donations Outside Budget	294.10
Donations Outside Budget Special Appeal	8,255.45
Methodist Women's Fellowship	6,350.00
Connexional Budget	82,987.00
Lepers' Trust Board Grant for Medical Expenses	22,000.00
Sundry Receipts	35.92
Deficit transferred to Accumulated Fund	6,781.48

Note: Since balance date payment of arrears and refunds have permitted all allocations for 1967-68 (except district expenses) to be paid in full. The cash balance remaining is \$1,332.16.

District Expenses:				
Auckland	---	---	---	1,818.00
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	---	---	---	547.00
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	---	---	---	130.00
Wellington	---	---	---	173.00
Nelson	---	---	---	26.00
North Canterbury	---	---	---	1,095.00
South Canterbury	---	---	---	144.00
Otago-Southland	---	---	---	1,032.00
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Refund Lodgment made in error	---	---	---	4,965.00
Balance Bank of New Zealand	---	---	---	44.12
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HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

Estimates for 1969

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

(1) PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS		8,100
(2) METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP		
Grant	7,400	
Special Gift	800	
Smethurst Interest	260	8,460
(3) EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST		960
(4) MAORI CIRCUITS		5,000
(5) MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS		650
(6) CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:		
1968-69 (5 months)	31,950	
1969-70 (7 months)	54,832	86,782
		<u>\$109,952</u>

ESTIMATED PAYMENTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT			
Maori Work			
Minister—No appointment.		Parsonages Waima	275
Supernumerary Minister—Honorarium	104	Kamo	550
Travelling	250	Deaconess Cottages	
Home Missionary—Stipend	1,780	Taheke	75
Travelling	400	Dargaville	75
Parsonage Allowance	30		<u>\$9,074</u>
General Circuit Expenses	200		
Deaconess—Stipend	1,357	Circuit Grants	
Rent	156	Kaikohe—Bay of Islands—M&P	1,000
Travelling	300	Whangaroa—M.	400
Deaconess Supply—Stipend	1,253	Nor'h Hokianga—P.	1,200
Rent	156	Hokianga—M.	200
Provision for Car	300	Hikurangi Union Parish	250
Deaconess (Special Arrangement) —		Paparoa—SHM	200
Stipend	1,513		<u>\$3,250</u>
Travelling	300		
Investment Funds Board for Rent —			

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—Stipend	2058
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Probationer—Stipend	1,780
Travelling	400
Parsonage Allowance	30
Home Missionary—Stipend	1,780
Travelling	400
Parsonage Allowance	30
Circuit Expenses	200
Deaconess—Stipend	1,552
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,513
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess Supply—Stipend	1,253
Rent	156
Travelling	50
Investment Funds Board for Rents — Auckland	550
Mangere	700
Manurewa	600
Tuakau	300

\$14,638

Circuit Grants

Auckland South—3M	400
Auckland West—M	200
Henderson—3M	800
Birkenhead—3M	1,100
Orehunga—2M	400
Bombay-Tuakau—M	600
Kaipara—P	450
Whangaparaoa—P	200
Mahurangi—M	200

\$4,350

WAIKATO - BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

(A) Waikato Circuit

Maori Work

Minister—Stipend	2,058
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Probationer—Stipend	1,780
Travelling	400
Probationer—Stipend	1,624
Travelling	150
Provision for Car	250
Parsonage Allowance	30
Home Missionary—Stipend	1,780
Travelling	150
Provision for Car	250
Parsonage Allowance	30
Circuit Car — Travelling	300
General Circuit Expenses	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,552
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,552
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess Probationer—Stipend	1,153
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Investment Funds Board for Rents — Hamilton	600
Ngaruawahia	275
Tokoroa	500

Deaconess Cottage—Hamilton	75
	\$16,710

(B) King Country Circuit

Minister—Stipend	2,058
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Probationer—Stipend	1,780
Travelling	400
Home mission Supply—Honorarium	104
Circuit Expenses	100
Deaconess—Stipend	1,552
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,357
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Investment Funds Board for Rent — Kawhia	350
Te Kuiti	450

\$9,593

Circuit Grants

Thames—M	100
Waihi—M	400
Ngaruawahia—M	650
Huntly—M	400
Putaruru—M	300
Tokoroa—M	600
Rotorua—M&P	200
Taupo—M	800
Tauranga—3M	200
Te Puke—M	700
Whakatane-Kawerau—M	250
Te Kuiti—P	600
Taumarunui—M	300
Turangi Union Parish—2M	1,000
Ohura—P	800

\$7,300

TARANAKI/WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—Stipend	2,058
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Probationer—Stipend	1,780
Travelling	400
Parsonage Allowance	30
Circuit Expenses	150
Deaconess—No appointment	
Deaconess Supply—Stipend	1,253
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Investment Funds Board Rents — Parsonages Hawera	450
Mission Hill	350
Deaconess Cottage Opunake	75

\$7,532

Circuit Grants

Maniaia—M	400
Taihape—M	600
Inglewood—M (R.B.)	300
	\$1,300

HAWKES BAY-MANUWATU DISTRICT

Circuit Grants

Wairoa—P	500
Waipawa-Waipukurau—M	900
	<u>\$1,400</u>

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Circuit Grants

Porirua—3M	800
Upper Hutt—M&D (R.B.)	1,000
Paraparaumu—M	200
Wainui-o-mata Union—2M	500
Taita Union—M	220
Newlands Union—M	450
	<u>\$3,170</u>

NELSON DISTRICT

Circuit Grants

Murchison—P	800
Reefton—M	1,000
Hokitika—M	400
	<u>\$2,200</u>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Circuit Grants

Woolston-Lyttelton—2M&P	450
Spreydon—2M	200
Riccarton—2M	200
	<u>\$850</u>

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Circuit Grants

North Dunedin—M	200
Western Southland—M&P	500
Bluff—P	250
West Dunedin Union	200
	<u>\$1,150</u>

GENERAL PAYMENTS

Maori Work	
South Island Deaconess —	
Honorarium	104
Travelling	52

Hostel Subsidies	400
Deaconess Car Depreciation	
A/c.	300
Additional Travelling Allowances	1,400
South Island Travel	200
Maori Section: N.C.C.	80
Contingencies	300
	<u>2,836</u>

General Grants:

Church Sites Fund	800
N.Z.M.S.S.A.	60
	<u>860</u>

Chaplaincies:

Auckland Hospital Chaplain (3)	1,300
Southland N.C.C. Chaplain	
Manapouri	340
Porirua Hospital	900
Oakley Hospital	900
	<u>3,440</u>

Miscellaneous:

Publicity and general travel ..	700
Staff and general insurance ..	90
Ministerial Supplies	450
President's Supply	900
Long Service Leave—Supplies ..	300
Share "Lotu"	235
Sundries	150
	<u>2,825</u>

Superintendents (2)

Stipends	4,116
Travelling	1,000
General Allowances	200
Parsonage Allowances	60
I.F.B. Rents	1,100
	<u>6,476</u>

Office Expenses

Book-keeping and Secretarial ..	2,100
Office, Interest and Rates	1,500
Telephones, Tolls and Postage ..	450
Lighting, cleaning etc.	200
Printing and Stationery	500
	<u>4,750</u>

Retrospective Stipend increase from 19/8/68 to 31/11/69	1,100
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GRAND TOTAL \$104,804

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES FOR CONNEXIONAL YEAR 1969

RECEIPTS

Properties and Investments	8,100
Methodist Women's Fellowship ..	8,460
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust ..	960
Maori Circuits	5,000
Miscellaneous Donations	650
Connexional Budget	86,782
	<u>\$109,952</u>

Payments

Maori Work	60,383
Circuit Grants	24,970
Chaplaincies	3,440
General Grants	860
Miscellaneous	2,825
Office Expenses	4,750
Superintendents	6,476
Stipend Increase	1,100
Estimated Surplus	5,148
	<u>\$109,952</u>

- Notes:** 1. Estimates have been revised in accordance with Conference Resolutions regarding stationing and stipends.
2. Surplus due to staff not employed for 1969.

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