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" J. C. Peach	" "	" R. Orwin	"
" J. McAllister	Stratford	" G. Manchester	Waimate
" L. S. Barraclough	Hawera	" C. Parkin	Temuka
" W. G. Bassett	Wanganui	" J. M. Priest	Ashburton
" W. E. Woolby	Rangitikei	" S. S. Chapman	Willowby
" Thomas Masters	Sandon & Feilding	" J. Thompson	Malvern
" H. Haydon*	Palmerston North	" E. Rosevear	Dunedin, Trinity
" N. Malcolm	" "	" A. King	" "
" G. Field	Kiwiata	" A. E. Moss	" Centra
" G. Tiller	Wellington, Taranaki St.	" J. Young	" Centra 1 Mission
" C. H. Jones	Wellington Taranaki St.	" J. B. Shacklock	" Cargill Rd.
" C. E. Luxford	Wellington, South	" E. Aslin	" "
" C. S. Gamble	Hutt	" J. F. Arnold, M.H.R.	" Mornington
" A. Anderson	Greytown	" J. P. Simon	" "
" C. E. Daniell	Masterton	" C. Duke	Port Chalmers
" A. B. Gibson*	Napier	" R. Thompson	Milton
" G. Trew	Hastings	" A. Millar	Lawrence
" A. Spence*	Gisborne	" G. R. George*	Invercargill
" A. Clark	Eketahuna	" J. Wansbrough	Oamaru
" J. Prouse	Otaki	" J. Allott	Gore
" Jas. Boon	Nelson	" S. Uren*	Roxburgh
" A. Neilson	Richmond	" R. Olds	Cromwell
" E. H. Penny	Blenheim		
" G. Morrish	Hokitika		
" T. Harris, M.A.*	Motueka		
" D. M. Anderson	Reefton		
" W. Panckhurst	Westport		
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" W. Harris	Contingent Fund		
" F. L. Prime*	Home Mission Fund		

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Mr T. Allen, Wesley College, Three Kings	Mr J. T. Smith, Connex. Secretaryship
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NOTE 1.—The Circuits not enumerated in the foregoing list did not elect a Lay Representative.
2.—The Representatives to whose name an asterisk is affixed were not present at the Conference.

Section I.

PASTORAL SESSION.

QUESTION I.—Who are now admitted as Ministers into full connexion with the Conference?

Answer—Robert P. Keall
William Wills

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION II.—What Preachers Remain on Trial?

Answer—1 Edgar P. Blamires
William Greenslade
Jonathan H. Haslam
Adolphus N. Scotter
William R. Tuck
Richard Wilson

Who have travelled three years.

2 George S. Cook
Clarence Eaton
Amos Reader

Who have travelled two years.

3 Joseph Belton
Charles E. Godbehear
Walter J. Oxbrow
Henry H. Roget
N.B.—Received into College this year.
T. Theodore Thomas, B.A.

Who have travelled one year.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers are now Received on Trial?

Answer—1 Ernest D. Patchett

N.B.—In view of supply work done during the year, he was credited with having travelled one year.

2 Major A. R. Pratt, who was received last year, but is permitted on his own request to begin his probation this year.

3 Benjamin J. James
Arthur J. Seamer, who is received for Circuit work this year, and, if possible, is to be sent to College in 1904.

QUESTION IV.—What Students are to Continue to have Theological Training?

- Answer—1 Angus McBean is continued for a third year.
 2 Arthur C. Randerson } are continued for a
 Alexander J. Reed } second year
 3 Frederick Copeland (from President's List of Reserve) is received into the College
 4 Frederick J. Tylee is received into College
 5 George Snaddon continues on President's List of Reserve.

QUESTION V.—What Candidates are now Received for Theological Training?

- Answer—1 William Wesley Avery
 Robert Henry Wylie
 2 Percy Reginald Paris (on President's List of Reserve).

QUESTION VI.—Who are now Admitted as Native Ministers?

Answer—None.

QUESTION VII.—Who Remain as Native Preachers on Trial?

Answer—Robert Haddon (Ropata Tahu Potiki)
 Hapeta Renata.

Who have travelled three years.

QUESTION VIII.—Who are now Received as Native Preachers on Trial?

Answer—John Harris (Hone Hari) is received, and directed to labour under the Rev. W. Gittos.

QUESTION IX.—Who are now Received as Students for the Native Ministry?

Answer—Neho Hemi Papakakura.

QUESTION X.—What Ministers do we Suggest for Exchange with other Conferences?

Answer—None.

QUESTION XI.—What Ministers is it Agreed to Transfer to other Conferences?

Answer—None.

QUESTION XII.—What Ministers is it Agreed to Receive from other Conferences?

Answer—William Slade, from the N.S.W. Conference.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers become Supernumeraries?

Answer—Joseph S. Smalley, for one year, with permission to visit England.

QUESTION XIV.—What Supernumeraries Return to the Regular Work?

Answer—None.

QUESTION XV.--What Ministers are left without Pastoral Charge?

Answer—F. W. Isitt
Leonard M. Isitt.

QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers have Died since the last Conference?

Answer—None.

QUESTION XVII.—Are there any objections to any of our Ministers, Preachers on Trial, or Home Missionaries?

Answer—They were examined one by one.

QUESTION XVIII.—What Persons who were in full connexion with the Conference now cease to be Recognised as Ministers among us?

Answer—None.

QUESTION XIX.—How are our Ministers and Preachers on Trial stationed for the ensuing year?

Answer—See next page.



List of Stations
OF THE
NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE
OF THE
METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA,
1903.

President:
JOHN A. LUXFORD.

Secretary:
SAMUEL LAWRY.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1903.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations, and numbered consecutively 1 to 83, is the head of a Circuit, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent and other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits, 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, within the space of twelve months, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister.]

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 **Auckland** (Pitt Street)—Charles H. Garland; William Ready (Ponsonby); S. Griffith (Mount Albert); T. Theodore Thomas, B.A. (Mount Eden); John Law and J. S. Smalley, F.R.G.S. (*Supernumeraries*).
Wesley College, Three Kings, Native Institution—Joseph H. Simmonds, Principal (Mount Eden).
Prince Albert College, Theological Training Institution—Joseph H. Simmonds, Governor.
Home Mission and Church Extension Fund—John J. Lewis, General Secretary.
- 2 **Auckland** (Freeman's Bay)—Hugh Beggs.
- 3 **Auckland** (North Shore)—J. G. Chapman (Devonport); William Green-slade (Birkenhead); John S. Rishworth and W. G. Thomas (Devonport) (*Supernumeraries*).
- 4 **Auckland** (Grafton Road)—John J. Lewis, Cornelius Griffin (Newmarket); Henry H. Lawry (*Supernumerary*).
- 5 **Maori Mission** (Auckland)—William Gittos (Devonport), who shall superintend the Maori work in the Auckland District, and Hone Hari (John M. Harris).
- 6 **Mahurangi**—George T. Marshall (Warkworth).
- 7 **Thames**—Robert Taylor.
- 8 **Upper Thames**—Christopher Abernethy (Te Aroha); Colin C. Harrison (Waihi); Joseph Belton (Paeroa); a Home Missionary (Waitekauri).
- 9 **Manukau**—William Slade (Onehunga); W. J. Watkin (*Supernumerary*).
- 10 **Franklin**—Charles Penney (Pukekohe); a Home Missionary.
- 11 **Cambridge**—Samuel J. Gibson; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
- 12 **Hamilton**—James T. Pinfold, F.G.S.; a Home Missionary (Huntly).
- 13 **Paparoa**—Arthur Ashcroft; F. T. Read (resting).

- 14 **Northern Wairoa**—George Frost (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
 15 **Whangarei**—John W. Griffin; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
 16 **Tauranga**—A Home Missionary.
 17 **Coromandel**—S. H. D. Peryman; a Home Missionary (Kuaotunu).
 18 **Helensville**—A Home Missionary.
Maori Mission, Waikato—Wi Warena Pewa; Hamiora Kingi, Raglan.
Maori Mission, Kaipara—Hauraki Paul.
Maori Mission, Hokianga—Piripi Rakena, Mangamuka; Te Tuhi Heretini, Whirinaki.
Maori Mission, Whangaroa—Hapeta Renata.
Aotea and Kawhia—A Home Missionary.
Bay of Islands—A Home Missionary.
Hokianga—A Home Missionary.
Whangaroa—A Home Missionary, Kaeo.
Wade—Under the supervision of the North Shore Superintendent.

CHARLES H. GARLAND,

Chairman of the District.

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 19 **New Plymouth**—J. N. Buttle; W. Cannell (*Supernumerary*); a Home Missionary, Rahotu.
 20 **Waitara**—S. J. Garlick; James Thomas (Inglewood).
 21 **Stratford**—J. A. Lochore.
 22 **Hawera**—Charles Porter; E. D. Patchett (Patea).
 23 **Opunake**—John G. W. Ellis.
 24 **Wanganui**—H. R. Dewsbury; Clarence Eaton (Aramoho).
 25 **Rangitikei**—William Keall (Marton).
 26 **Sandon**—T. W. Vealie; George S. Harper (*Supernumerary*).
 27 **Feilding**—A. C. Lawry.
 28 **Palmerston North**—Samuel Lawry (*Secretary of Conference*), T. W. Newbold (Cuba Street).
 29 **Kiwitea**—William Wills (Kimbolton).
 30 **West Coast Maori Mission**—Thomas G. Hammond (Patea); Robert Haddon (Ropata Tahu Potiki, Okaiawa).
Mangaweka—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Rangitikei Circuit.
Taihape—
Waimarino—A Home Missionary.
Eltham—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Stratford Superintendent.

H. R. DEWSBURY,

Chairman of the District.

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 31 **Wellington** (Taranaki Street)—William C. Oliver, William J. Elliott (Thorndon); G. S. Cook (Karori); Harry B. Redstone (*Supernumerary*), F. W. Isitt, without Pastoral Charge.
Wellington Mission—One wanted.
 32 **Wellington** (South)—George Bond (Newtown).

- 33 **Hutt**—W. B. Marten (J. H. Haslam, *Supply*), William R. Tuck (Petone)
W. Kirk (*Supernumerary*).
34 **Greytown**—J. J. Pendray, Charles E. Godbehear (Featherston).
35 **Masterton**—Daniel J. Murray.
36 **Napier**—C. E. Beecroft.
37 **Hastings**—T. G. Carr.
38 **Gisborne**—B. F. Rothwell.
39 **Eketahuna**—John W. Worboys.
41 **Dannevirke**—Richard Wilson.
40 **Otaki**—James Wrigley (Levin).
42 **Waipawa**—W. S. Bowie.
43 **Woodville**—George Hounsell.
44 **Pahiatua**—Samuel Barnett.

Norsewood—A Home Missionary.

W. C. OLIVER,

Chairman of the District.

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

- 45 **Nelson**—William J. Williams, John Crump (*Supernumerary*).
46 **Richmond**—J. D. Jory.
47 **Blenheim**—G. W. J. Spence, Benjamin J. James.
Maori Mission—
48 **Hokitika**—T. R. Richards.
49 **Greymouth**—Thomas Trestrail.
50 **Motueka**—Amos Reader.
51 **Reefton**—William Grigg.
52 **Westport**—E. P. Blamires.
Murchison—
Kumara—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the
Hokitika Superintendent.
Havelock—A Home Missionary.
The Sounds—

WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS,

Chairman of the District.

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 53 **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—William Baumber; Charles H. Laws,
B.A. (East Belt); T. Francis Jones (Woolston); Richard J. Murray;
Major A. Rugby Pratt (Richmond); R. S. Bunn, J. Orchard, and
John Smith (*Supernumeraries*); Leonard M. Isitt (without Pastoral
Charge); Albert B. Chappell (resting).
Connexional Secretary and Authorised Representative—Henry
Bull.
54 **Christchurch** (South)—William Lee (Sydenham); T. N. Griffin
(Addington).
55 **Christchurch** (St. Albans)—William G. Parsonson.
56 **Christchurch** (Papanui)—William Dawson.
57 **Lyttelton**—John A. Luxford (*President of the Conference*).
58 **Springston**—Joseph J. Mather, A. J. Seamer (Weedons).
59 **Leeston**—William H. Beck.
60 **Kaiapoi**—John Dukes, Harold E. Bellhouse (Belfast).
61 **Rangiora**—Thomas Fee, T. A. Joughin (Woodend).
62 **Oxford**—R. P. Keall.

- 63 **Amberley and Waikari**—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Rangiora Circuit.
 64 **Timaru**—S. J. Serpell.
 65 **Waimate**—William Tinsley.
 66 **Temuka**—Joseph Blight.
 67 **Ashburton**—Alfred Peters, who shall exchange quarterly with the Methven Home Missionary.
 68 **Willowby**—Thomas J. Wallis.
 69 **Malvern**—Walter J. Oxbrow (Darfield), who shall exchange quarterly with the Springston Superintendent.
 Methven—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Ashburton minister.
 Cheviot—
 Banks Peninsula—A Home Missionary.

JOHN A. LUXFORD,

(*President of the Conference*),
Chairman of the District.

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 70 **Dunedin (Trinity)**—Paul W. Fairclough.
 71 **Dunedin Central Mission**—William A. Sinclair.
 72 **Dunedin (Cargill Road)**—Josiah Ward ; a Home Missionary (Mosgiel) ; a Home Missionary (Peninsula).
 73 **Dunedin (Mornington)**—T. G. Brooke ; A. N. Scotter (Roslyn).
 Editor of the Methodist section of the "Outlook," T. G. Brooke.
 74 **Port Chalmers**—T. Eggleston Thomas, M.A.
 75 **Balclutha**—Arthur Mitchell.
 76 **Milton**—Charles H. Standage.
 77 **Lawrence**—Barton H. Ginger.
 78 **Invercargill**—Samuel F. Prior.
 79 **Oamaru**—David McNicoll.
 80 **Gore**—H. L. Blamires.
 81 **Otautau**—Frederick W. Boys ; A Home Missionary (Riverton).
 82 **Roxburgh**—William Beckett.
 83 **Cromwell**—James A. Hosking.
 Tapanui—A Home Missionary.
 Palmerston—A Home Missionary.

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH,

Chairman of the District.

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1. R. S. Bunn, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Australia.
 2. W. B. Marten has permission to visit England during the year.
 3. F. T. Read has permission to rest for a year in order to visit England.
 4. A. B. Chappell has permission to rest for another year in order to pursue University studies.
 5. Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.
 6. Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Waitekauri	...	...	...	B. E. Godbehear
Franklin ...	...	...	...	W. A. Porter
Te Awamutu	...	...	...	G. Elliott
Huntly ...	...	...	...	W. C. Francis
Hikurangi	...	...	...	J. L. Michaelis
Kaihu ...	...	...	...	Alexander Hislop
Tauranga ...	...	...	...	W. H. Dyer
Kuaotunu...	...	...	...	A. J. Tong
Helensville	...	...	...	W. H. Speer
Bay of Islands	...	...	...	Edwin Cox
Hokianga	...	...	...	George Pearson
Whangaroa	...	...	...	W. Grantham

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Rahotu ...	...	...	...	J. H. White
Mangaweka	...	...	...	J. I. Turnbull
Waimarino	...	...	...	Charles Blair
Eltham	...	...	...	C. A. Foston

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Otaki ...	...	...	...	One wanted
Norsewood	...	...	...	John Oliver

NELSON DISTRICT.

Kumara ...	...	...	...	J. R. Clark
Havelock ...	...	...	...	H. Foston

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Amberley ...	...	...	...	W. B. Scott
Methven ...	...	...	...	L. A. White
Banks Peninsula	...	...	...	William Wills

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Mosgiel ...	...	...	...	Arthur Hopper
Peninsula	...	...	...	D. H. Fawcett
Riverton ...	...	...	...	P. R. Paris
Tapanui ...	...	...	...	Charles J. Bush
Palmerston	...	...	...	T. W. Graham

QUESTION XX.—What Arrangements are made for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students, and Candidates?

Answer—

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The following appointments are made for the year 1903:—

- Rev. G. T. Marshall : Secretary and Convener.
- Rev. J. J. Lewis : Section A of Candidates' Examination.
- Rev. J. H. Simmonds : Section B of Candidates' Examination.
- Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A. : Section C of Candidates' Examination, and Latin for Probationers.
- Rev. W. Gittos : Maori Language.
- Rev. H. R. Dewsbury, Hebrew and Greek for Probationers.
- Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A. : English Bible—Old Testament.
- Rev. G. W. J. Spence : English Bible—New Testament.
- Rev. A. C. Lawry : Wesley's Sermons.
- Rev. A. B. Chappell : Beet's "Through Christ to God."
- Rev. W. Slade : Gregory's History and Polity of Methodism.
- Rev. J. Dukes : Fisher's History of the Christian Church.
- Rev. C. H. Garland : Salmon's Introduction to the New Testament.
- Rev. W. A. Sinclair : Smyth's Christian Ethics.
- Rev. S. Lawry : Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.
- Rev. W. G. Parsonson : Lightfoot's Essay on the Christian Ministry.
- Rev. C. E. Beecroft : Liddon's "Divinity of our Lord."
- Rev. W. J. Williams : Orr's "Christian View of God and the World."
- Rev. J. Wrigley : The Book of Laws and Regulations.
- Rev. J. G. Chapman : Pope's Compendium of Theology.

II.—REGULATIONS.

- 1 The time allowed for each Examination Paper shall be three hours.
- 2 The questions for Probationers shall be so arranged as to require a general acquaintance with all the work prescribed in the Syllabus in any given subject, together with a particular knowledge of such portions as the Examiners may deem of greatest importance.
- 3 Probationers must themselves communicate with their respective examiners not later than the first week in May, stating the subjects in which they are preparing to be examined, and seeking any needed direction in their work.
- 4 Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Chairman shall report to the Examiners for Candidates the names and scholastic status of all Candidates recommended in his District.
- 5 Examiners shall send to the Chairmen of Districts in closed envelopes, copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified, not later than November 1st.
- 6 Each Chairman is required to make arrangements for securing the strict supervision of all Examinations to be held in his District, and to transmit the answers to questions to the respective Examiners.
- 7 The Probationers' and Candidates' Examinations shall be held in each District immediately prior to the sitting of the Synod, the Students' Examinations at the same time as the other Examinations in the Auckland District.
- 8 Each Examiner shall, not later than January 15th, send a written report on the several papers committed to his care to the Secretary of the Board.
- 9 The Secretary shall then prepare a General Report for the ensuing Conference.

- 10 That part of the Secretary's Report which consists of a tabular statement of the marks gained in the several subjects by Probationers, Students, and Candidates, shall be printed on a separate paper for the use of the Conference, and shall afterwards be entered and preserved in the Conference Journal.
- 11 The persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', and Candidates' Trial Sermons shall affix marks to their reports before submitting them to the Synod, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum.
- 12 The Chairman of each District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board a signed official report of the Trial Sermon of each Probationer, Student, or Candidate examined in his District, together with the Book List of each Probationer and Candidate and the finding of the Synod thereon.
- 13 The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark the Probationers' Book List, using the numerals 1 to 6; 6 to represent the maximum. The Book List must not include books taken for examination, and must be classified as follows:—1, Theology; 2, Science and Philosophy; 3, History and Biography; 4, Poetry; 5, Miscellaneous.
- 14 Probationers are reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole course for all those who have passed through the College. With regard to any others, special provision shall be made for their examination in Greek up to their third year. This elementary Greek does not exempt from taking the New Testament in English, but it will count as one of the six subjects required to be taken.
- 15 Each Probationer shall, at least a fortnight before the meeting of Synod, forward to the Chairman a list of the books he has read during the year. From this list the Chairman will select one in which the Probationer shall be examined orally in the Synod.
- 16 The report of Probationers' Examinations to be presented to Conference shall include, in the case of the Fourth Year Probationers, a summary of the results obtained in the four yearly examinations.
- 17 The Candidates on the Presidents' List of Reserve shall present Book Lists to, and preach trial sermons before, their respective Synods, the Synods reporting to the Conference as in the case of Probationers or Students.
- 18 Any Probationer who gains an average of 80 per cent. of marks in six or more subjects will be mentioned in the Minutes of Conference as having passed with Honours.
- 19 That these Regulations supersede and set aside regulations previously in force, but not mentioned herein.

N.B.—Probationers are advised not to aim at making long Book Lists, but to be sure that the books they read are by the best authors in each department, and that they are read with care and thoroughness. Some of them should be selected from the list on pages 16, 17, and 18.

III.—PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

(AS DECIDED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.)

First Year.

- 1 Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*, Proverbs viii.-xi., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar; or *English*, 1 Kings, Cambridge Bible Series.
- 2 Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*, Acts xiii.-xix., Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools, with Green's Grammar; or *English*, Acts, Cambridge Bible Series.
- 3 Wesley's Sermons, 1-20.
- 4 Beef's Through Christ to God.
- 5 Book of Laws : The Laws of the Church relating to Church Membership, Circuit Officials, and Local Courts.

- 6 Gregory's History and Polity of Methodism, Part II.
7 Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 1-239.

Second Year.

- 1 Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*, 2 Kings i., ii., with Davidson's Grammar; or *English*, Nahum, Zephaniah, and Habbakuk—Expositor's Bible.
2 Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*, Galatians, Lightfoot's Edition, with Green's Grammar; or *English*, Galatians, Expositor's Bible.
3 Wesley's Sermons, 21-53.
4 Pope's Compendium, Vol. I.
5 Book of Laws: The Ministry, District Courts, and Conferences.
6 Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.
7 Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 240-483.

Third Year.

- 1 Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*, Joel; or *English*, Book of Job, Expositor's Bible.
2 Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*, Epistle of St. James, Mayor's Edition; or *English*, St. John's Gospel, Westcott's Edition.
3 Salmon's Introduction to the New Testament, first part, chapters i. to xvii.
4 Pope's Compendium, Vol. II.
5 Book of Laws: The Model Deed and Trust Acts, Funds, and Institutions of the Church.
6 Smyth's Christian Ethics, Part I., pp. 1-292.
7 Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 484 to end.
8 Orr's Christian View of God and the World; first half of the book.

Fourth Year.

- 1 Bible, Old Testament.—*Hebrew*, Isaiah 1.-lv.; or *English*, Book of Isaiah, xl.-lxvi., Expositor's Bible.
2 Bible, New Testament.—*Greek*, Epistle to Hebrews, Westcott's Edition; or *English*, Epistle to Hebrews, Expositor's Bible.
3 Salmon's Introduction to New Testament, second part, chapter xviii. to end.
4 Pope's Compendium, Vol. III.
5 The Book of Laws, as a whole.
6 Lightfoot's Essay on the Christian Ministry.
7 Liddon's Divinity of our Lord.
8 Orr's Christian View of God and the World, second half.

Nos. 1 to 5 to be compulsory. Probationers in each year to be examined in at least six subjects, and to pass in five.

N.B.—It was resolved that this Conference rescind the President's ruling, given at last Conference, on the meaning of the word "compulsory," as used in connection with Probationers' Examinations, and directs Probationers that, while subjects 1 to 5 are compulsory in the sense that they must be taken, so long as they pass in any five out of the six subjects taken by them, they will pass the examination.

EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

1 The Conference requires every Probationer who is acquainted with Greek or Hebrew to take the Greek or Hebrew subjects specified in the list of subjects for his year. Every Probationer who has been a student in the Theological Institution shall be examined in these Greek or Hebrew subjects, unless the tutors under whom he studied, having

taken into consideration his attainments on leaving the Institution, are of opinion that these examinations cannot reasonably be required in his case. Any Annual Conference may direct that Greek be a compulsory subject.

2 Annual Conferences shall have power to make exceptions in the above course of study in favour of Probationers who have matriculated and are pursuing a University course.

3 In addition to the Subjects required as above by the General Conference there shall be a course in Latin, special credit to be given to those probationers who gain above 70 per cent. of marks in this subject. The Books set for 1903 are as follows:—

- 1st year: Cæsar De Bello Gallico, Book V.
- 2nd year: Virgil, Æneid, Book II.
- 3rd year: Cicero, De Amicitia.
- 4th year: Horace, Odes, Book I.

LIST OF WORKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

1 *Biblical Criticism and Exegesis*—

- Westcott's Bible in the Church
- Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament
- Moulton's History of the English Bible
- Fairbairn's Studies in the Life of Christ
- Dale's Living Christ and the Four Gospels
- Bruce's Humiliation of Christ
- Farrar's Life of Christ
- Geikie's Life of Christ
- Edersheim's Life of Christ
- Andrew's Life of Christ
- Farrar's Life and Work of St. Paul
- Farrar's Early Days of Christianity
- Findlay's Life and Epistles of St. Paul
- Westcott's Introduction to the Study of the Gospels
- Westcott's Canon of the New Testament
- The Expositor's Bible
- Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
- Davison's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets
- Baxter's Sanctuary and Sacrifice
- Green's Higher Literature of the Pentateuch
- Riehm's Messianic Prophecies
- Ramsay's Church of the Roman Empire
- Ramsay's St. Paul the Traveller
- Nicol's Recent Archæology and the Bible
- Forrest's Christ of History and Experience
- R. J. Drummond's Relation of Apostolic Teaching to the Teaching of Christ

2. *Theology.*

- Wesley's Christian Perfection
- Wesley's Original Sin
- Fletcher's Checks to Antinomianism
- The Fernley Lectures
- Fairbairn's Christ in Modern Theology
- Pearson on the Creed
- Dale's The Atonement
- Flint's Theism

Flint's Anti-Theistic Theories
 Sanday's Lectures on Inspiration
 Beet's Holiness
 Gore's The Incarnation
 John Hunt's Entire Sanctification
 Beet's New Life in Christ
 Hort—The Way, the Truth, and the Life
 Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality
 Denney's Studies in Theology
 Dale's Christian Doctrine
 Davison's Christian Interpretation of Life
 Banks' Development of Doctrine in Early Church
 Stevens' New Testament Theology
 Clarke's Outline of Christian Theology
 Walker's The Spirit and The Incarnation
 Laidlaw's Bible Doctrine of Man

3 *Apologetics*—

Butler's Analogy; Gladstone's Essay
 Paley's Evidences
 Paley's *Horæ Paulinæ*
 Brace's *Gesta Christi*
 Row's Manual of Christian Evidences
 Bruce's Apologetics
 Roger's Superhuman Origin of the Bible
 Godet's Defence of the Christian Faith
 Boyd Carpenter's Permanent Elements of Religion
 Martineau's Study of Religion
 Romanes' Thoughts on Religion
 Balfour's Foundations of Belief
 Pascal's Thoughts
 Iverach's Christianity and Evolution
 Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief

4 *Church History and Polity*—

Wesley's Journals
 Jacob's Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament
 Lefroy's Christian Ministry
 Schaff's Ecclesiastical History
 Quick's Methodism; a Parallel
 Hatch's History of Early Church Organisations
 D'Aubigné's History of the Reformation
 Wylie's History of Protestantism
 Slater's Faith and Life of the Early Church
 Wake's Apostolic Fathers
 Fairbairn's Religion and History in Modern Life
 Abbey's and Overton's English Church in the Eighteenth
 Century
 G. Smith's History of Missions
 Dr. Stevens' History of Methodism
 Dr. Rigg's Comparative View of Church Organisations
 Tyerman's Life and Times of John Wesley
 Lindsay's Life of Luther
 Eras of Church History
 Dr. Waller's Constitution and Polity of the Wesleyan
 Methodist Church

5 *Pastoral Theology*—

Baxter's Reformed Pastor
 Arthur's Tongue of Fire
 Dale's Lectures on Preaching
 Spurgeon's Lectures on Preaching
 Horton's Verbum Dei
 Broadus' Homiletics
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models
 Beecher's Yale Lectures
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy

6 *Miscellaneous*—

Spiers' Methodist Temperance Manual
 Buckley's Short History of the Physical Sciences
 Rowntree and Sherwell's Temperance Problem

IV.—STUDENTS' COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study in the Theological Institution at Prince Albert College will be as follows, subject from time to time to such additions or alterations as Conference may direct:—

- 1 Systematic Theology
- 2 Bible Exegesis
- 3 Homiletics
- 4 Ecclesiastical History
- 5 Methodist Polity
- 6 Elocution
- 7 English Language and Literature
- 8 Latin Language and Literature
- 9 Greek Language and Literature, including the Greek Testament
- 10 Mental and Moral Science
- 11 Mathematics

When sufficiently advanced, Students will be required to attend Lectures at the University College, and to take the University Examinations.

REGULATIONS.

- 1 That three Lectures be appointed as follows :—
 - (a) Systematic Theology and Elocution—Rev. C. H. Garland
 - (b) Ecclesiastical History and Methodist Polity—Rev. J. J. Lewis
 - (c) Homiletics and Bible Exegesis—Rev. J. H. Simmonds
- 2 That each of the Theological Students at Prince Albert College preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland (Pitt Street, North Shore, and Grafton Road) and Manukau Circuits prior to the holding of the Auckland District Synod, and that a written report of each Sermon be presented to the said District Synod. The Chairman of the District to notify the Students respecting the time and place.
- 3 That arrangements be made so that the Students, in addition to Trial Sermons provided for, shall preach at least once a year, before each of the Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits.

- 4 That the Students be permitted, subject to the approval of the Committee of Discipline, to substitute Maori for one of the other subjects of study.
- 5 That the Chairman of the District furnish the Secretary of the Probationers' Examination Committee with the complete results of the Students' Examinations, including Examiners' reports and marks gained, as soon as possible after the holding of such Examinations.
- 6 That it be an instruction to the Committee of Discipline to make arrangements, if possible, for the instruction of Students in Mental and Moral Science, in accordance with Regulation IV., "Students' Course of Study."

V.—CANDIDATES' COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY.

- 1 General Bible Knowledge.
- 2 Systematic Theology.—Second Catechism and Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.
- 3 Church History.—The Early Church, by James Orr.

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to have carefully read Wesley's first fifty-three Sermons and Notes on the New Testament; but questions on these will not be included in the Candidates' Written Examination.

SECTION B.

LANGUAGE, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, AND SCIENCE.

- 1 English.—(a) Nesfield's English Grammar Past and Present; Part I. Modern English Grammar; Part II. Idiom and Construction. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
- 2 Latin.—Via Latina, by Edwin A. Abbott. (a) Accidence to end of Verb Sum, p. 81. (b) Exercises i. to xxxii.
- 3 Greek.—Initia Graeca. (a) Accidence to end of comparison of Adjectives. (b) Exercises i. to xxvii.; Greek into English only.
- 4 Geography.—Longmans' Geographical Series; Book II. The World. (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography. (b) Sections on the British Empire.
- 5 History.—History of England from the accession of William III. to the accession of Victoria. (C. Ransome, J. R. Green.)
- 6 Science.—Any one of the following subjects:—(a) Geology; (b) Zoology; (c) Botany; (d) Human Physiology; (e) Inorganic Chemistry; (f) Heat, Sound, and Light. (Longmans' Elementary Science Manuals.)

SECTION C.

MATHEMATICS.

- 1 Arithmetic.—Simple and Compound Rules, Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Practice, Ratio and Proportion, Unitary Method, Measurement of Surfaces, Interest and Discount, Square Root. (J. B. Lock, C. Pendlebury, or J. Hamlin Smith.)
- 2 Euclid.—Book I.: (a) Definitions; (b) Propositions i. to xxvi. (Hall and Stevens.)
- 3 Algebra.—Easy Examples and Problems to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i. to ix.)

REGULATIONS.

- 1 There shall be three Examiners, one for each Section of the subjects' A, B, C.
- 2 The Examination Papers shall be arranged as follows :—
 - a. General Bible Knowledge and Church History.
 - b. Systematic Theology.
 - c. English Grammar and Composition.
 - d. Latin and Greek.
 - e. Geography, History, and Science.
 - f. Arithmetic.
 - g. Euclid and Algebra.
- 3 The results for each subject shall be classed in the following manner :—
 - 75 to 100 per cent. of marks : First Class.
 - 55 to 74 per cent. of marks : Second Class.
 - 35 to 54 per cent. of marks : Third Class.
 - Below 35 per cent. of marks : *Failure*.
- 4 Section A must be taken in all cases. All Candidates who have not matriculated must also take English, Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. Undergraduates and Graduates of a Chartered University will be excused from taking any part of Sections B and C.
- 5 The Syllabus and Regulations for Candidates as above shall be printed from year to year in the Minutes of Conference.

N.B.—It is the duty of each Superintendent Minister to see that all intending Candidates in his Circuit are made aware of the foregoing Regulations and duly prepared for the Examination. In the case of Candidates who are not Graduates or Undergraduates of a University, the preparation should commence at least two years before the date of intended presentation at the Synod.



Pastoral Address.

TO THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND.

DEAR BRETHREN,

In the order of God's providence we are permitted once more to assemble in our Annual Conference, our ranks unbroken by death. With glad and thankful hearts we send you our accustomed pastoral greeting.

We feel assured you will join us in rendering praise to Almighty God for the measure of success which has attended our efforts in His service during the connexional year now closing. It is with deep thankfulness that we record a substantial increase both of members and adherents of our Church, and there are besides many indications of progress, the measure and value of which cannot be tabulated.

The closing year will long be memorable on account of the gracious spiritual influences accompanying the Torrey-Alexander and the Speech and Song Missions, also Missions conducted by Dr. Grattan Guinness, the Rev. J. Lyall and others. For those who have been led into the Kingdom of God's dear Son, also for those who have been quickened and brought nearer to God by these Missions, we would render unfeigned thanks.

While, however, we are grateful to God for the success with which He has crowned these special services, we would affectionately warn you against the danger of looking to special effort alone for the upbuilding of the Church of God. If the same faith, prayer and effort were exercised in connection with our usual services that are exercised in connection with these special services, we should have a perennial blessing, and—as in the Apostolic times—the Lord would “add to His Church daily such as were being saved.” We would therefore earnestly and affectionately urge upon you the duty of devout and regular attendance at the House of God, and that not only on the Lord's day, but also at the week-night services. “Do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is”; but let your

appreciation of the means of grace be manifest to all, ever bearing in mind the chief objects of attendance at God's House, viz. :—1st., That you may worship God ; 2nd., That, by His blessing, you may be made the channels of His grace to others ; and 3rd., That you may receive the help you need to enable you to do His will on earth as it is done in heaven. Never forget that the influence of each service upon others will be affected by your presence or absence, as the case may be—for the presence of every sincere worshipper helps to create a spiritual atmosphere congenial to the work of the Holy Spirit—and, therefore, if you needlessly absent yourselves from the means of grace, your so doing may lead to the loss of immortal souls, a responsibility awful in the extreme. Let the dominating desire of your heart be to give rather than to get, to help rather than to be helped, and if so “the beauty of the Lord our God will be upon you, and the pleasure of the Lord will prosper in your hands.”

The Sunday School department of our work gives evidence of increasing efficiency, and the Connexional Union is doing excellent work. We are sorry, however, to have to report a decrease in the numbers of both scholars and teachers during the past year, and we would embrace this opportunity of soliciting your heartiest co-operation with the earnest and self-denying men and women who are engaged in this most hopeful and promising field.

Our hearts have been greatly gladdened by the splendid No-license vote cast on the 25th of November last ; and our ardent hope is that the Liquor traffic, which has proved such a hindrance to Christ's Kingdom, may ere long be abolished. We heartily congratulate Ashburton, Port Chalmers, and Mataura on their victory at the recent poll. In the overthrow of this “abomination of desolation” in these electorates much has been done to prepare the way of the Lord. We also rejoice with the nine electorates that carried Reduction, and we earnestly hope and predict that they and others will, at the next poll, follow the example of the four electorates that have voted the traffic out. We bless the four electorates for their whole-souled co-operation in this struggle in the past, and we confidently depend upon your ungrudging aid in the future. In the midst of our rejoicings over past success let us not forget that much of that success is owing to the faithful and patient work accomplished in years gone by in our Bands of Hope and Temperance organisations, and let us be more diligent than ever in the instruction of both young and old in the nature and effects of that desolating curse of the race—alcohol.

We are thankful to God that the conscience of the community is awaking to the curse of the totalisator. Recognising, as we do, that every form of gambling is a contravention of the law of God, that covetousness prompts each gambling transaction, and that the gambler is nothing less than a thief and a robber, we confidently appeal for your hearty assistance in our efforts to have the shameful statute repealed which legalises this selfish and degrading vice.

For over a quarter of a century the Bible has been excluded from our public schools, and the baneful effects of this unwarrantable exclusion are only too obvious. We are delighted that a well-organised and strenuous effort is being put forth to compel the Legislature to submit this most important matter to a referendum of the people, and we are not without hope that in the near future suitable portions of the Scripture will be taught in all our schools. We feel assured that we may depend on your assistance to this end.

We rejoice in the growth of a spirit of Christian brotherhood and large-hearted Catholicity as evinced by a growing desire on the part of all the Evangelical Churches for co-operation in the Master's work. It has long been recognised that considerable economy of both men and means might be effected by the organic union of some of the existing denominations. The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand—the second largest denomination in this land—has covered herself with honour by taking the lead in this direction. Whether the Churches approached are ripe for union or not time will tell, but we hopefully look forward to a combination which will bring into existence a grand Evangelical Church, whose vast influence will be felt for good on the moral, social, and political life of the Colony. We believe that the Spirit that prompts this desire for union is the Spirit of Christ, and if this be so all difficulties in the way of such union must sooner or later be overcome.

Your hearts and ours have been delighted at God's answer to our fervent prayers for the cessation of hostilities in South Africa, where we trust a permanent peace has been established on a solid foundation. New Zealand has won for herself a proud position in the history of the late war. Our gallant troops have won undying distinction in their brave defence of the flag, safety, and honour of our Empire. But while we rejoice at their noble heroism, our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the homes that have been darkened by the loss of the valiant lads who laid down their lives for their country. While fully recognising the necessity and

justice of this war, we long and earnestly pray for the time when "wars shall cease unto the ends of the earth."

The coronation of our noble King Edward VII. was a time of great jubilation throughout the Empire. In this joy we gladly shared. And our earnest prayer is that King Edward may be upheld and guided by the Spirit of God; that the grace, wisdom, and strength needed for the discharge of the onerous duties of his exalted position may be given him, and that his reign may prove conducive to the material, moral, and social advancement of his subjects.

And, now, brethren, we commend you to God and to the Word of His Grace. "Be sober, be vigilant," remembering that "your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." Be not led away from your allegiance to Christ by the tendencies of this pleasure-loving age. Resist all encroachments on the sanctity of the Lord's Day. Repair the altar of God wherever it has been broken down, and pray without ceasing both for yourselves and us.

And may the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.—Amen.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

JOHN A. LUXFORD, *President.*

SAMUEL LAWRY, *Secretary.*



Section II.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

QUESTION I.—Do we sanction the Alteration or Division of any of the Districts or Circuits of this Conference?

Answer—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 Mahurangi and Paparoa.—That the boundaries of the Mahurangi and Paparoa Circuits be altered so as to include Kaiwaka, and places east and south in the Mahurangi Circuit, providing a Home Missionary be appointed at Port Albert with a grant of £40. (The conditions mentioned not being fulfilled, for this year the boundaries remain unaltered.)

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 1 Sandon and Feilding to be divided as follows: Sandon Circuit to include Sanson, Rongotea, Ohakea, and Taikorea; Feilding Circuit to include Feilding, Cheltenham and Nikau.
- 2 Mangaweka Home Mission Station to be divided, and an agent stationed at Taihape, provided that a suitable grant be available; Mangaweka station to include Mangaweka, Main Road, Kawhatau, Ruahine; Taihape Station to include Taihape, Torere, Te Kapua, Mataroa, Wainui, and Hautapu. This is to take effect when a Home Missionary is available.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 1 Ormondville—The name of this Station to be changed to Norsewood.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 1 It was resolved to remit the questions affecting the boundaries of the Papanui, Springston, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Oxford, and Amberley Circuits to a united meeting of the members of the quarterly meetings of the above-named Circuits, the said meeting to be held prior to the next September quarterly meetings, the Chairman of the District to preside, and the Superintendent of the Kaiapoi Circuit to be the convener.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 1 Riverton—The name of this Circuit to be changed to Otautau.

QUESTION II.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers?

Answer—

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 1 Otaki—A Home Missionary, to assist the Minister, to be appointed to the Otaki Circuit.

NELSON DISTRICT.

- 1 Blenheim—A Probationer to be appointed to the Blenheim Circuit.
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QUESTION III.—What New Stations are now Sanctioned?

Answer—

NELSON DISTRICT.

- 1 Blackball—Resolved, that Conference recommends the Quarterly Meeting of the Greymouth Circuit to take an additional agent, specially with a view to working the Blackball district. Arrangements to be made with the Home Mission Executive.
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QUESTION IV.—What Circuits are now due to provide for Married instead of Single Ministers?

Answer—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 Upper Thames (Waihi) is due, and accepts its obligation.
 2 Upper Thames (Paeroa) is due, but is relieved for another year.
 3 Tauranga is due, but is relieved for another year.
 4 Coromandel—A married Minister to be appointed, the Conference providing the necessary additional expense for this year.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 1 Dannevirke is due, but is relieved for a year.
 2 Pahiatua is due, but is relieved for a year.

NELSON DISTRICT.

- 1 Motueka is due, but is relieved for another year.
 2 Westport is due, but is relieved for another year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 1 Springston (second) is due, but is relieved for another year.
 2 Malvern is due, but is relieved for another year.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 1 Riverton is due, but is relieved for another year.
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QUESTION V.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other Properties?

Answer—

I.—SALES REPORTED.

- 1 Wellington South—Strip of Newtown Church Land to City Council for widening the street. Amount realised, £345. Applied to reduction of Trust debt.

- 2 St. Albans—Old Sunday School Site, St. Albans Lane, for £100. Proceeds towards erection of new School.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 Auckland (North Shore) Circuit—1. Birkenhead Parsonage Site, 3 roods 27 perches. Cost, £135. Debt to Loan Fund, £135. 2. Birkenhead New Schoolroom, wood, iron roof, 60 by 30 feet, 350 sittings. Cost, £558 0s 11d. Debt to Loan Fund, £150. 3. Takapuna New Vestry, wood, roofed with iron, 12 by 14 feet. Cost, £50 10s.
- 2 Upper Thames Circuit—Paeroa, 1 rood 20 perches. Certificate of Title issued.
- 3 Hamilton Circuit—Ngaruawahia new Church, 34 by 25 feet, 140 sittings. Cost, £219 10s, exclusive of fittings. Debt to Loan Fund, £30.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 1 Stratford—Enlargement of Church by transept, 39 by 30 feet, two class rooms and vestry. Cost, £275. No debt.
- 2 Hawera Circuit—Removal of Church to new site and enlargement. Cost, £285. Debt to Loan Fund, £150.
- 3 Opunake Circuit—Erection of Church at Awatuna, 24 by 17 feet, to seat 60. Cost, £131 13s. Debt to Loan Fund, £35.
- 4 Wanganui Circuit—Erection of Parsonage. Cost, £900. Debt, £900.
- 5 Sandon and Feilding Circuit—Erection of Church at Cheltenham, 30 by 21 feet, to seat 90. Cost, £149. Debt to Loan Fund, £60.
- 6 Coast Mission—Purchase of site, £5, and erection of Church at Pungarehu, 24 by 17 feet, to seat 60. Cost, £154. No debt.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 1 Hastings Circuit—Parsonage of wood. Cost, £405 16s 6d. Debt to Loan Fund, £290.
- 2 Eketahuna Circuit—Parsonage of wood. Cost, £480. Debt to Loan Fund, £250. On other securities, £107.

NELSON DISTRICT.

- Havelock—Canvastown Church site. Cost, £10. Debt to Loan Fund, £10.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit—Acquisition of site, 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, Durham Street South, and erection of Mission Hall, 80 by 39 feet, Main Hall, 50 by 39 feet, School, 28 by 20 feet, and four Class Rooms; Main Hall to seat 350 persons. Cost of building, £1450. Land, £400. No debt.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

- Riverton Circuit—(a) Nightcaps Church site, 1 rood. Cost not stated. (b) Otautau Church site, 2 roods. Cost, £10. (c) Otautau Church erection. Cost, £254. Debt to Loan Fund, £100. (d) Otautau Parsonage site, 2 acres. Cost, £60. Debt to Loan Fund, £50. (e) Drummond Church site, 1 rood. Cost, £10.

SUMMARY.—NEW ERECTIONS, &c.

- 7 Freehold sites.
- 5 Churches.
- 1 Mission Hall.
- 3 Churches enlarged.
- 1 Sunday School.
- 3 Parsonages.

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

- Pitt Street, £213 17s.
- Mount Albert, £118 12s 7d.
- Kingsland, £4 4s 8d
- Mount Eden, £55 16s 6d.
- Devonport, £33 19s 2d.
- Takapuna Church, £50 10s.
- Northcote Church, £1 9s 11d.
- Panmure, 15s 2d.
- Warkworth Church, £3 5s.
- Port Albert Church, £3 10s.
- Woodside Church, £25 7s.
- Flat Bush Church, £15.
- Tuakau Church, £3 12s 3d.
- Cambridge, new American organ, £22 10s.
- Pukerimu Church, lining, etc., £36 2s 7d.
- Hamilton Church, re-roofing Church, £31 19s.
- Hamilton Sunday School, organ, £14 5s.
- Ngaruawahia, £106 15s.
- Mangawhare, £19 4s 6d.
- Waipuku, new organ, £27.
- Lepperton Church, £4 17s 6d.
- Stratford Parsonage, £27 10s.
- Patea Parsonage, £8 15s 7d.
- Kaponga Church, £2.
- Palmerston North, Broad Street Church, £10.
- Palmerston North, Cuba Street Church, £78 8s.
- Longburn Church, £45.
- Apiti Church, £2.
- Rahotu Church, £6 9s 6d.
- Thorndon, £9.
- Trinity Church, Newtown, renovation of Church, £213 15s 4d.
- Kilbirnie, £10 4s 2d.
- Dalefield Church, renovation, £22.
- Greytown Church, £52 2s 2d.
- Belvedere Church, vestry, £25.
- Carterton Sunday School, organ, £16.
- Masterton Church, organ, £108 2s 3d.
- Greenmeadows Church, £7 15s 2d.
- East Clive Church, £6 0s 9d.
- Hastings Church and Parsonage, £27.
- Levin Parsonage, £33.
- Makaretu Church, £1 6s 10d.
- Pahiatua Church, £20 1s.
- Dannevirke, £5 6s.
- Ormondville Parsonage, £20.
- Kumara Church, £71 14s 5d.
- Nelson, £21 13s.
- Richmond, £10 16s 9d.

- Blenheim Church, £10.
 Pangatotara Church, organ, £13.
 Havelock Church, £8 12s 3d.
 Canvastown Church, £62 15s 3d.
 Durham Street Church, stoves, £55 18s 9d.
 East Belt, painting Parsonage, etc., £62 3s.
 Lower High Street, renovation of Church, £63 10s.
 Richmond, £5 17s 6d.
 Woolston, £3.
 Linwood, £5 12s 2d.
 Windsor, painting Church, £9 13s.
 Sydenham, renovation of Church and Parsonage, £300.
 Selwyn Street South, £2 14s 6d.
 Lincoln Road, £4 13s 9d.
 Papanui Church, £10.
 Lyttelton, £16 6s 3d.
 Springston, £4 14s 8d.
 Broadfield Church, improvements, £34 10s.
 West Melton Church, improvements, £5 10s.
 Tai Tapu Church, re-roofing, £71 12s 5d.
 Templeton Church, re-roofing and painting Church, £23 19s 4d.
 Belfast, £5 18s 3d.
 Swannanoa Church, £1 4s.
 Ohoka Church, £3 4s.
 Clarkville Church, £3 14s.
 Sefton Church, £6.
 Oxford Church and Parsonage, £1 19s 3d.
 Horrellville Church, 12s.
 Waimate, £4 10s.
 Ashburton, £90 15s.
 Aparima Church, £24 19s 6d.
 Port Chalmers Church, new organ, £18 10s.
 Cargill Road Parsonage, £27.
 Mosgiel Church, £64 2s.
 Roslyn Church, re-seating Church, and general improvement of interior,
 £136 18s 6d.
 Belleknowes Church, fencing, etc., £9 6s 8d.
 Woodhaugh Church, furnishing vestry, etc., £9.
 Stafford Street Hall, 2 new class rooms, £20.
 Fern Hill Parsonage, £15.
 Mornington Church, seating and renovation, £169 11s.
 Milton Church, renovation and improvements, £63 16s.
 Lawrence Parsonage, enlargement and general improvements, £203 11s 3d.
 Oamaru, additional class room, £22.
 Total, £3,329 8s.

IV.—SALES, &c., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31st, 1902.

- 1 Wanganui Circuit—To sell the Church and site at Aramoho, the proceeds to be applied to the erection, free of debt, of a new Church on the Russell Vale site.
- 2 St. Albans Circuit—To sell the St. Albans Lane Sunday School site, proceeds to be devoted to the erection of new School.
- 3 Waimate Circuit—To sell the Mill Road section, Waimate, 1 acre 2 roods $0\frac{3}{4}$ perches, part proceeds to be devoted to purchase of 3 quarter-acre Church sections in Morven, and the balance for extension work in the Circuit.

- 4 Lawrence Circuit—To sell the Church and site at Waipori, the proceeds to be applied to the erection of a combined class-room and vestry in connection with the Lawrence Church.

EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

- 1 Mission and General Trusts—(1) To lease for a period of 10 years 90 acres at Kaeo.
 (2) To lease for 21 years 306 acres of Aotea Educational Reserve.
- 2 Hamilton Circuit—To lease for 21 years 125 feet of the Hamilton Church site, fronting Collingwood Street.
- 3 Paparoa Circuit—To lease for 21 years, for building purposes, with right of renewal under provisions of the Glasgow Lease System, 6 acres and 7 chains of the Paparoa Glebe Estate.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, &c., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31st, 1902.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 Cambridge Circuit—Enlargement of the Parsonage by four rooms. Cost, £200; debt to Loan Fund, £100.
- 2 Hamilton Circuit—New Church at Ngaruawahia, 35 feet by 24 feet. Cost, £260; debt, £30 to Loan Fund.
- 3 Whangarei Circuit—Addition to Parsonage. Cost, £45; no debt.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 1 Waitara Circuit—(1) Improvements to the Waitara Church. Cost, £200; debt, one-third to Loan Fund.
 (2) Enlargement of the Midhirst Church. Cost, £200; debt, £50 to the Loan Fund.
- 2 Stratford Circuit—Enlargement of the Stratford Church. Cost, £270; no additional debt.
- 3 Palmerston North Circuit—(1) Erection of room at rear of Cuba Street Church. Cost, £90; no debt.
 (2) Enlargement of room at rear of Longburn Church. Cost, £40; no debt.
- 4 Mangaweka Home Mission Station—Erection of Sunday School at Taihape, 29 feet by 24 feet. Cost, £125; no debt.
- 5 Eltham Home Mission Station—Purchase by Loan Fund of new Church site, 53 feet by 118 feet. Cost, £75. —

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 1 Hutt Circuit—(1) Erection of 5 Class-rooms for the Hutt Sunday School. Cost, £100; no debt.

(2) Erection of Class-rooms at rear of Petone Church. Cost, £70. Conference Regulations to be observed.

2 Otaki Circuit—Erection of study. Cost, £33; no debt.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1 Kumara Home Mission Station. Improvements to Church, £46 14s. 5d. New organ, £25. Total, £71 14s. 5d. No debt.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1 Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit—(1) New Sunday School of brick at East Belt. Estimated cost, £1,500. Conference Regulations to be observed.

(2) Enlargement of Sunday School at Woolston. Cost, £300. Also, purchase of Parsonage site, cost, £70, and erection of house thereon, to cost £550. Amount to be raised, £570, and £350 borrowed from the Loan Fund.

2 Christchurch (St. Albans) Circuit—New Sunday School of brick. Also, removal, enlargement, and renovation of Parsonage. Estimated cost of School, £1,900, and of Parsonage, £430. Debt of £1,000 sanctioned.

3 Christchurch (Papanui) Circuit—Erection of Parsonage at Papanui. Cost, £453; debt, £100 to Loan Fund.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1 Dunedin Central Mission—Erection of Sisters' Home at Fernhill. Cost, £450; debt to Loan Fund, £200.

2 Lawrence Circuit—Improvements to Parsonage. Cost, £40; debt to Loan Fund.

3 Oamaru Circuit—Addition to Oamaru Vestry. Cost, £23 10s.; no debt.

4 Riverton Circuit—(1) Purchase of site at Drummond, and erection of Church thereon. Total cost, £211; debt to Loan Fund, £73.

(2) Erection of Shelter Sheds at Aparima. Cost, £20; no debt.

5 Roxburgh Circuit—Enlargement of present stone Church. Cost, £200. Conference Regulations to be observed.

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1902.

The current accounts of several Circuits reveal a number of minor inaccuracies. These more particularly concern transactions with credit or debit balances brought or carried forward. At the same time the substantial correctness of the accounts is of an assured character, and enables us to form a reliable judgment upon the financial condition of the Church as it relates to Trust affairs for the past year.

There is a slight falling off in the income from seat rents for the year, but increases from Trust collections, Church anniversaries, and donations amount to over £375. Income from other sources, how-

ever, not reckoning loans, swells this sum into an increase of more than £3,300 on current Trust income as compared with last year. Loans, over and above those current in 1901, have been during the year obtained chiefly from the Church Building and Loan Fund, amounting to £2,598, raising the total income of the year for Trust purposes to £30,054.

The current expenditure indicates considerable activity throughout the colony in the matter of alterations and improvements effected, chiefly on Churches and Parsonages, during the year. The sum expended for these purposes amounts to £7,779, being an increase of £3,380 over that expended in 1901.

One noteworthy matter revealed by the Balance Sheets is the fact that the amount paid by the Trustees for interest on loans is less as compared with 1901 by more than £220. Debts to the Church Building and Loan Fund have increased during the year, and now stand at about £10,000. But, happily, debts upon other securities show a net decrease of over £4,400. It is true that in two districts increases are shown: Nelson, £80, and Wanganui, £1,088; but in the other four districts there are decreases as follows: Otago, £457; Wellington, £871; Auckland, £1,659; and Canterbury, £2,626. The total debt on securities is now £25,660, a moderate sum indeed upon Church, School, and Parsonage buildings, valued at £246,940, to which has to be added sites at a reported original cost of £53,084.

Altogether, the current Trust finances of the Church are, as shown by these returns, in a sound and encouraging condition, and should exert a stimulating influence in connection with our future work.

A. Properties.	Cost as reported
Sites—Freehold, 528; leasehold, 25; vacant, 55; incomplete titles, 18	£53,084 1 5
Churches—Brick or stone, 16; wood, 287; seating, 52,769	158,481 8 11
Schoolrooms—Brick or stone, 7; wood, 76; seating, 16,170	35,810 15 8
Parsonages—Brick or stone, 2; wood, 91	42,935 5 11
Other buildings, 55	9,712 13 0
Total cost of land and buildings	£300,024 4 11

B. Current Trust Accounts.

Receipts—Credit Balances, £2,168 11s 8d; Seat Rents, £2,662 5s 7d; Trust Collections, £1,570 6s 2d; Anniversaries or Opening Services, £2,165 4s 6d; Subscriptions or Donations, £6,432 12s 8d; Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund or other loans, £4,761; all other Income, £10,279 14s 2d; total receipts, £30,054 1s 7d. Credit Balances carried forward, £2,086 7s 5d.

Expenditure.—Debit Balances brought forward, £3,049 0s 2d; Lighting and Cleaning, £2,418 11s 8d; Alterations and Repairs, £2,613 7s 1d; Enlargements and Minor Improvements, £5,165 17s 6d; Interest, £1,651 16s; Insurance Premiums, £917 4s 7d; Paid to Circuit Boards, £228 11s 11d; all other Expenditure, including Debts Repaid, £14,352 2s 5d; total expenditure, £30,511 15s 1d. Debit Balances carried forward, £3,002 5s 7d.

Debts.—To Loan Fund reported, £10,113 0s 11d; on other securities, £25,660 5s 9d; Debt Reductions reported, £6,279 3s 5d; Debt Increase reported, £2,167 14s 3d.

Insurances.—Total Amount Insured, £151,630.

HENRY BULL,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2 That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—Mr. W. D. Buttle, Auckland; Mr. J. P. Leary, Palmerston North; Mr. C. W. Benbow, Wellington; Mr. J. Boon, Nelson; Mr. G. J. Smith, Christchurch; Mr. J. C. Stephens, Dunedin.
- 3 That the attention of the Trustees of Connexional Properties in the Auckland and Wellington Districts be called to the rule requiring returns of annual income and expenditure to be made to the District Secretaries of Church Properties.
- 4 That the Church Property Schedules be sent by Circuit Superintendents to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st. Also that the revised Schedules, with Summaries and Reports, be sent by District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 15th.
- 5 That enquiry be made in the Synods concerning each Circuit and Home Mission Station as to the celebration of Church anniversaries; and that in the cases of dependent Circuits and Home Mission Stations where this is neglected a report be furnished by the Secretary of each Synod to the Home Mission Treasurers.
- 6 That, with a view of making the Church Property Returns as complete and accurate as possible, the District Secretaries be requested to correspond with Superintendents in cases where the Schedules are incompletely filled, or where the returns are manifestly incorrect.

CHURCH PROPERTY REGULATIONS.

- 1 Superintendents are directed that in case of properties held under the Land Transfer Act, Trustees must sign a declaration of Trust, which is to be forwarded to the Custodian of Deeds; and that in the case of properties not held under the Land Transfer Act, Trustees must sign the Deed of Conveyance. In the case of appointment of new Trustees, no further declaration of Trust is required, but they must sign the form of Appointment of New Trustees. Such form to be forwarded to the Authorised Representative.

N.B.—Forms for Declaration of Trust, and also for appointing new Trustees, and printed copies of the New Model Deed, may be obtained from the Authorised Representative.

- 2 Copies for the Model Deed have been deposited in the various Land Registry Offices for the Colony, in order that reference may be made thereto, as provided in the form. The numbers given to the Deeds so deposited are as under:—

Land Registry Office, Auckland	..	..	No. Z 83
District Land Transfer Office, New Plymouth	..	..	No. 99
District Land Registry Office, Napier	..	..	80
Land Registry Office, Wellington	..	..	2117
Land Registry Office, Nelson	..	..	22

Land Registry Office, Blenheim	77
Land Transfer Office, Westland District	21
Land Registry Office, Christchurch	83
Land Registry Office, Dunedin	808
Southeast District Land Registrar's Office, Invercargill	75

3 The scale of Fees in connection with the registration of Trustees is as follows:—

(1) For Registration of any Trust—

If value of property is £1,000 or over	£1 1 0
" " under £1,000	0 10 6

(2) For Registration of new Trustees, 2s 6d each name; with a maximum charge of 10s.

(3) For certified copy of Register, or any part thereof, supplied for any purpose, 5s.

4 That in order to secure accuracy in the returns the District Secretary be empowered to compare the figures supplied to him on the A and B annual returns, with the entries in the Circuit Schedule Books, Superintendents being directed to produce their Schedule Books at the Financial District Synod for this purpose.

5 That the question of completing Titles where necessary be referred to the General Secretary of Church Property in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Circuit concerned.

6 The sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall be obtained for all purchases, sales, and for leases of Church property over seven years, and for all erections, enlargements, or structural alterations of buildings, and that Committee is empowered and directed to require that plans and specifications of all buildings and alterations be furnished before the work is begun, and that no building be erected until a proper Title to the land has been secured.

7 The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall supply to the Financial District Synods the replies to Questions 2, 3 and 4, respecting Church property, and also report any cases where the Regulations have not been observed. The same Committee shall supply to the Conference the replies to Question 5, as to (a) sales reported, (b) new erections, etc., completed, (c) minor improvements, (d) sales sanctioned, (e) proposed erections, etc., also reporting any case where the regulations have not been observed. In the case of sales the written consent of the Committee shall be supplied to the President of the Conference.

8 The General Secretary and District Secretaries of Church Properties are directed by the Conference to communicate with the respective Superintendents of Circuits where discrepancies occur, with a view to explanation and adjustment.

REPORT OF THE CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

The following deeds have been received during the year ending October 31st, 1902:—Waitekauri Church, Hamilton Church, Kingsland (additional Church land), Birkenhead Parsonage site, Huntly Church, Paeroa Church sections, Papatua Glebe Lease, Kamo Church from the mortgagees, Awatuna Church, Pungarehu Church, Cheltenham Church, Midhurst West, Levin Century Hall, Hastings Parsonage, Upper Wakefield Church, Wakamarina Church, Little River Church, Prebbleton Church, Christchurch

(Durham Street Mission), Christchurch (Durham Street Church), Otautau Parsonage site, Otautau Church.

The following deeds have been received from the Treasurers of the Loan Fund on repayment of loans:—Thames Church, Henderson Church, Onehunga Church, Wanganui Church, Pohangina site, Karori Church, Featherston Church, Kilbirnie Church, Belmont Church, Ballance Church, Paraparaumu Church, Levin Parsonage, Westport Church, Blenheim Church, South Rakaia Church, Little River (No. 2 section), Rangiora Church, River-ton Church, Aparima Church.

The following deeds have been removed from the Custodian's care:—
(1) Grey Institute Estate: The Native Deed of Sale and Crown Grant to Rev. W. Lawry, to facilitate Land Transfer Act Title operations; Ngaturi Church to Mr. George Bowron; Mitchelltown site for purposes of mortgage; Chester Street Parsonage for inspection by Trustees; St. Albans Lane School site for sale, also the Mill Road sections, Waimate; St. Albans Church and Parsonage for purpose of effecting mortgage on the Parsonage and School portion of the site.

(2) Handed to the Loan Fund Treasurers as security for loans advanced:—Cheltenham Church, Awatuna Church, Waitekauri Church, Kopu Church, Hamilton Church, Birkenhead Church, Birkenhead Church, Birkenhead Parsonage site, Ngaruawahia Church, Kamo Church, Levin Century Hall, Hastings Parsonage, Eketahuna Parsonage, Upper Wakefield Church, Spring Grove Church, Prebbleton Church, Little River Church, Arrowtown Church, Lawrence Parsonage, Otautau Church, Otautau Parsonage site.

Declarations of trust have been received from Waitekauri, Awatuna, Pungarehu, Levin Century Hall, Hastings Parsonage, Crofton Church (deed itself not yet received), Christchurch (Durham Street Mission), Linwood Church.

Owing to extreme pressure of work little progress has been made during the year with entries in the two new Deed Register Volumes for the North and South Islands. I am hoping to make some headway with this important undertaking during the coming winter months. When the entries are complete, the volumes will be extremely valuable for future reference.

As required by Conference Regulations, reports have been sent to each Financial District Synod, and copies of these are now placed upon the table for reference.

HENRY BULL, Custodian.

RESOLUTIONS. †

1. That the Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the Custodian be directed to keep a Register of Deeds, and to report annually to the Financial District Synods and the Conference.

REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

During the year ending 31st December, 1902, sixteen additional Trusts have been placed upon the Church Register. Thirty-nine appointments of new and additional Trustees have been made. Certified copies of the Register have been supplied in connection with five Trusts. The duties of the office have entailed a large amount of painstaking work. As compared with the outlay of former times, the cost of effecting the above-named legal changes has been small, and under the machinery provided by the legislation of recent years the Trusts may be maintained in an effective state by

simple and economic means. The sum of £4 2s. 6d. is owing upon the operations of the year. Superintendents are respectfully requested to forward the prescribed fees in connection with their communications.

The following is the yearly Cash Statement:—Credit balance from last year, £4 7s; fees received for 1902, £21 7s; voted to Connexional Secretary's Office, £22 5s; Cost of stamps, telegrams, and incidental expenses, £3 18s 8d; leaving a debtor balance of 9s 8d.

HENRY BULL,

Authorised Representative.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report and Cash Statement be adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
- 2 That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Henry Bull be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1903-4.
- 3 That the Authorised Representative enter on the Church Register all new Trusts and such alterations in Trusts as are certified by Circuit Superintendents, and that he report thereon to the Conference.
- 4 That the Authorised Representative be appointed to correspond with the Government on all questions of Church Property or Titles.
- 5 That it be an instruction to the Authorised Representative not to enter in the Register the names of new Trustees until the fees be paid.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

For Cash Account, List of Loans, &c., see Appendix A, pp. ii-xi.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1 Eleven ordinary meetings have been held during the year—two special meetings, and one special sub-committee meeting. The average attendance at the ordinary meetings has been about seven and one-half out of a possible nine. The full membership of the Committee is ten, but the Rev. J. A. Luxford has been absent the greater part of the year in South Africa with the Colonial troops. The Secretary, Rev. W. Baumber, and Mr. Harris, have been present at every meeting, Rev. W. G. Parsonson at ten, Rev. W. Lee and Mr. Flesher at nine, Messrs. Turner and Martin at eight, and Mr. Blackwell at seven meetings.

2 Seventeen new loans from the General Fund have been granted during the year, and nine from the Special Branch, representing a total sum of £2,555.

3 During the year twenty-two loans have been closed by final payments, viz., Blenheim Church, Patea Church, Ngaruawahia Church No. 1, Balclutha Parsonage, Feilding Church, Newtown Church No. 1, Paraparaumu Church, Newtown Church No. 2, Belmont Church, Rangiora Church, Kilbirnie Church, Newtown Church No. 3, Onehunga School, Mangatainoka Church, Mount Albert Sunday School, Levin Parsonage, Henderson Church, Reefton Church, Aparima Church, Sheffield Church, Ballance Church, and Pohangina site.

4. The following Trusts have discharged their obligations in a shorter time than the specified period for which the loans were granted:—Newtown, Rangiora, Onehunga, Levin Parsonage, Henderson, Reefton, Aparima, and Prebbleton. Payments in advance have been made by Kingsland, St. Albans, Waikuku and Okato.

5 There are now current in connection with the General Fund, 97 loans, and 36 in connection with the Special Branch. Some of these date back as early as 1891 and 1892.

6 The Committee regrets to report that the amount of overdue instalments, although some £35 less than last year, is still unreasonably large. The amount at present is £730 17s. 9d., being £642 19s. 7d. on the General and £87 18s. 2d. on the Special Branch of the Fund. Considerably more than half of this sum represents the overdue instalments of some half a dozen trusts. The Committee would point out that the effect of having so large a sum in arrears is to hinder much progressive work from being undertaken, and but for these arrears applications for aid could have been more extensively complied with.

7 The report of last year with regard to contributions from trusts may be again repeated. The co-operation of Superintendents of Circuits and Treasurers of Trusts is earnestly invited in giving effect to the resolution of the Conference on this subject, so that the working expenses may be met without encroaching upon the capital of the fund.

8 The following undertakings have been approved by the Committee during the year, viz., the erection of new parsonages at Papanui and Woolston and enlargement of the parsonage at Cambridge; parsonage improvements at Whangarei and Levin; the removal of the St. Albans parsonage to another part of the property, where it has undergone complete renovation; erection of new churches at Ngaruawahia and Drummond; enlargement of churches at Midhurst, Stratford, and Roxburgh; additions and improvements to the churches at Waitara, Palmerston North (Cuba Street), Longburn, Petone, Oamaru and Karori; the erection of new Sunday schools at Taihape, St. Albans and East Belt; also enlargement of the present school at Woolston and additional class-rooms at the Hutt; purchase of church sites at Eltham, Drummond and Brightwater; also purchase of parsonage site at Woolston, and sanction given to the erection of a Sisters' Home in connection with the Dunedin Central Mission.

9 Sanction has been given by the Committee to the following sales of Church Property:—Church and site at Aramoho, old Sunday school site at St. Albans, the Mill Road section at Waimate, the church and site at Waipori, and the Parsonage property at Gore, providing a more suitable residence be secured.

10 Extended leases have been sanctioned of ninety acres of Kaeo mission property for ten years, of 308 acres of the Aotea educational reserve for twenty-one years, of 125 ft. of the Hamilton church land for twenty-one years, and of six acres of the Paparoa Glebe estate for twenty-one years under the Glasgow Lease system. A sale of leases of part of the Grey Institute Mission Trust, New Plymouth, for which the permission of the Conference was obtained last year, has taken place. It is understood that a special report will be made to the Conference on this subject by the Trustees, who will also report that a certificate of title under the Lands Transfer Act has been issued in respect of this property.

11 In accordance with the direction of the last Conference, the committee gave favourable consideration to the condition of the Kamo

Trust, with a view of affording special relief. The Trustees reported to the Committee on April 7th that in addition to the mortgage of £100, the unpaid interest amounted to £7 10s., and that there was also due to the Treasurer the sum of £10 10s. It was resolved to grant a loan of £110 for ten years repayable by quarterly instalments of £2 15s., that should any grant as expected be forthcoming from the Century Fund the repayments be proportionately reduced, and that the Committee take a transfer of the mortgage. The Committee regrets that the Trustees absolutely refused to accept these conditions. In the meantime the treasurers of the fund took over a transfer of the property and effected an insurance upon the church building. The Committee has been unable to arrange satisfactory terms with the Trustees of the property, and no payments have been received in reduction of the liabilities of the Trust during the year. Under these circumstances the Committee requests the Conference to take this case into its consideration and to issue directions accordingly.

12 The Committee, with deep regret, reports the death of Mr. N. Martin, which took place on January 10th. Mr. Martin was appointed a member of the committee by the last Conference, and during the year has rendered most valuable service. The Committee recommends that the vacancy thus created be filled up by the appointment of Mr. R. W. England.

13 The sum of £1,912 3s. 1d. has been received as loan instalments from trusts, and £383 10s. 3d. through the Century Fund, making total repayments during the year of £2,295 13s. 4d.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Committee.

HENRY BULL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1 That the Report and Cash Accounts of the General Fund and of the Special Branch be adopted, and with the Lists of Loans, printed in the Minutes.

2 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their careful attention to the business of the fund during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1903-4, viz., the Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), and Lyttelton circuits, with Messrs. W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, C. W. Turner, J. A. Flesher, and R. W. England.

3 That it be a recommendation to the Kamo Trustees to accept the terms of the Loan Fund Committee.

4 That Mr. Burne, having paid to the contractor for the Kiwitea Parsonage the sum of £23, the Loan Fund Committee be recommended to relinquish any claim to the half-acre of land promised as a gift.

5 That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Loan Fund Committee, the Eketahuna Parsonage Trustees be relieved from the payment of instalments for the year 1903.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

I.—SOURCES OF THE FUND.

- 1 The amount obtained in connection with the special effort for this purpose authorised by the Conference of 1882, and the amount received in connection with the Jubilee Fund of 1891.
- 2 Donations, bequests, grants from Trustees, etc.
- 3 That the Superintendent Minister be instructed to urge Trustees to contribute to the Fund in proportion to the number of the congregation—

If the congregation numbers less than	100,	Five shillings.
" " " "	200,	Ten "
" " " "	400,	Twenty "
" " " "	500,	Forty "
" " " "	500 and over	Fifty "
- 4 Such contributions to be made to the Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund not later than 31st October in each year.

II.—OBJECTS OF THE FUND.

- 1 To render assistance in the purchase of sites, and in the erection of substantial churches in places where they are needed.
- 2 To aid in providing parsonages in all the Circuits in the colony.
- 3 To assist in the removal of debts on Church property.

III.—COMMITTEE.

The Committee of the Fund shall consist of five ministers, and five laymen, to be appointed annually by the Conference; the District Synod where the previous year's Committee was located to nominate a Committee.

IV.—DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

- 1 To meet at least once a quarter.
- 2 To receive applications for, and determine upon the amounts of loans, and the times of repayments.
- 3 To approve of the plans and specifications of all proposed erections, enlargements, and purchases; to sanction sales of Wesleyan Trust properties, and afford advice to Trustees in difficult cases.
- 4 To receive the Annual Report from General Secretary of Church Property and to report to District Synods.
- 5 To see that proper Deeds be obtained from all Trusts as soon as possible, and to provide for their safe custody.
- 6 To take such steps as may be necessary to secure the Connexion against permanent debt.
- 7 To transact generally all the business entrusted to it by the Conference, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations relating to the Church property, and to present an Annual Report to the Conference.

V.—CONDITIONS OF LOANS.

- 1 No application will be entertained by the Committee until it has been approved by the Quarterly Meeting.

- 2 In making applications for a loan, the questions contained in the printed form must be answered.
- 3 The Connexional collections, as appointed by the Conference, shall be duly made.
- 4 A reasonable system of seat-rents shall be maintained in the Churches.
- 5 All applicants shall agree to devote a portion of the income from their Trust property (as far as circumstances will justify) to the funds of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, or the funds of our general institutions.
- 6 Satisfactory security shall be given by Trustees and other responsible persons for the repayment of the loans, and on the terms and at the times agreed upon with the Committee.
- 7 Satisfactory assurance shall be given that the land on which it is proposed to build has been legally secured for the intended object.
- 8 All Trusts shall provide a suitable set of Cash and Minute Books.
- 9 Each Trust shall, in accordance with the Model Deed, hold a special meeting for the audit of accounts; Minutes of such meeting to be taken and preserved.
- 10 Each Trust receiving a loan for liquidation of debt shall raise a sum at least equal to such loan before they shall be entitled to claim it from the Committee. In case of erection, the Connexional rule that two-thirds shall be raised by the local Trust shall be complied with before a loan for the remainder, or any part thereof, shall be granted.
- 11 All loans to be repaid in quarterly or half-yearly instalments, as may be agreed upon.
- 12 Every Trust receiving aid from this fund shall make and carry out arrangements for the extinction of its debt within a period not exceeding ten years.
- 13 When loans are granted, Deeds of property shall be lodged with the Treasurers of the fund.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of the New Zealand Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund the sum of _____ pounds sterling, to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said Fund, now administered under the direction of the New Zealand Conference, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

QUESTION VI.—What is the Report of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund?

Answer—

For Cash Account, *see* Appendix B, p. xii.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1 During the year applications for thirty-six Trusts in various parts of the Colony have been received and approved. Also from nine

Trusts applications for the acceptance of additional risks, consequent upon improvements and enlargements effected in the several properties concerned, have been likewise received and approved. The net increase in the value of new business undertaken during the past year amounts to £7,635. The total amount covered by the Connexional Fund has now reached the sum of £91,175. Careful attention is given by the Committee to the matter of re-insurances. These continue to be satisfactorily effected with the New Zealand Company.

2 In addition to the losses reported last year, but included in this year's Balance Sheet, of £31 at Ross and £5 at Rongotea, a loss of £21 2s. resulting from an incipient fire at the Ashburton Parsonage has to be reported. The shingled roof, in which the chimney sparks ignited, has, however, now given place to a substantial iron covering. Slight damage by fire at the Willowby Parsonage has been met by an outlay of £7. Half the amount of loss in each of the last two cases has been borne by the New Zealand Company.

3 The Committee desires to express its thanks to the Superintendents and Trustees of the various Church Properties for their interest shown in the prosperity of this Connexional institution, and begs to invite such a hearty measure of co-operation in the future as shall in the course of time secure to the Church itself the advantage derivable from the management and control of this department of its affairs.

4 The Balance Sheet as audited will be found on page xii.

Signed on behalf of, and by Order of, the Committee,

HENRY BULL, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
- 2 The Conference expresses its gratification at the continued prosperity of this Connexional Fund and commends its practical support to the Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees of Church Properties throughout the Colony.
- 3 That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Committee for its services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—Revs. H. Bull, W. Lee, W. Baumber and W. G. Parsonson, with Messrs W. Harris, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, E. C. Brown and H. Buttle.
- 4 That the Treasurers of the Connexional Trust Properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.
- 5 That there be added to the District Synod business the following question: "On what properties in this District has the levy been paid to the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund?"

QUESTION VII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

Answer—

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix C, p. xiii.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that, during the year, the Rev. H. Bull has discharged the duties of his new office to its complete satisfaction.

In addition to the large amount of clerical work connected with the many departments of the office, the Secretary has visited many Circuits throughout the Colony, and in this and other ways has done good service to the Church.

The Committee has much pleasure in recommending the re-appointment of the Rev. H. Bull as Connexional Secretary for the ensuing year.

It also recommends the following appropriations for the necessary financial provision for the year, viz.:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £80; Fire Insurance Fund, £65; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.

WM. HARRIS, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee, and the Report of the Connexional Secretary, be adopted; the Balance Sheet in future to be audited.
- 2 That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. Bull for his valuable services as Connexional Secretary during the past year, and that he be re-appointed for the ensuing year; also that Mr. W. Harris be re-appointed Treasurer.
- 3 That the following appropriations be made in order to secure the necessary financial provision for the office:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £80; Fire Insurance Fund, £65; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.
- 4 That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), Lyttelton and Kaiapoi Circuits, together with Messrs W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Prudhoe, J. T. Smith, A. F. Drayton, E. C. Brown and the Connexional Secretary.
- 5 That the duties of the Connexional Secretary be:—(a) To act as General Secretary and as one of the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, and Secretary of the Fire Insurance Fund. (b) To Act as General Secretary of Church Property, Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds. (c) To act as Corresponding Secretary of Home Missions. (d) To give attention to the spiritual needs of growing and neglected districts in the Colony. (e) To confer with and advise the Trustees of the various Connexional properties. (f) To correspond with the Government on all questions of Church property or titles. And (g) generally to take such other steps in conjunction with the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents

of Circuits as will best conserve and extend the interests of the Church in this Colony.

QUESTION VIII.—What is the condition of the various Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Trust Properties and Investments in the Colony ?

Answer—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- 1 General Connexional Mission Property Trust.
For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xiv.
Balance Sheet adopted.
- 2 Native Education Trust. For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xv.
Balance Sheet adopted.
- 3 Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xvi.
Balance Sheet adopted.
- 4 Probert Trust. For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, pp. xvii-xviii.
Balance Sheet adopted.

That, with regard to the request of the Trustees of the Probert Trust *re* the recovery of the right of possession of a certain parcel of land, the property of this estate on the East Coast, from certain Natives, the Conference hereby gives authority to the said Trustees to take such legal steps as they deem necessary for the ejection of the Natives; but the Conference recommends that the intervention of some agent, say the Rev. W. Gittos, be first employed, in order, if possible, to attain the object without reference to action at law.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 5 Grey Institute. For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xix.
Balance Sheet adopted.
Report from Trustees received.
Trustees are requested to appoint an additional Auditor.
It was resolved that appreciation should be expressed of Mr. J. C. George's work in connection with the Trust, and also of the professional work done by Mr. Oliver Samuel in defence of the title of the property.
The Conference directed that two auditors should be appointed.
- 6 Kai Iwi Mission Estate. For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xx.
Balance Sheet adopted.
Conference directed that in future the Balance Sheet should be closed on 30th September, and that two auditors should be appointed.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

7 Native and Destitute Children's Education Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, pp. xxi-xxii.

Revenue Account and Balance Sheet adopted.

Report from Trustees received.

Resolved, that, as the decision of the Privy Council has removed all difficulties which seemed to be present in the minds of the Trustees, they take immediate steps to enlarge the Trust, and acquire a suitable site for an orphanage ; also that an additional Treasurer and Auditor be appointed.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

8 Canterbury Home Mission Trust.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix D, p. xxiii.

Balance Sheet adopted.

Conference directed that two treasurers and two auditors be appointed.

ADDITIONAL TRUST.

9 Auckland Book Association.

Statement received.

The Treasurer (Mr. J. Edson) was thanked and requested to forward a Balance Sheet to the next Auckland Synod.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

In reference to all the above Trusts, it was resolved :

- 1 That a brief report of what has been done in connection with these properties be submitted with the Balance Sheets.
- 2 That the Treasurers or Trustees of all Legacies or Endowments held on behalf of the Church should present each year a statement showing how the Funds are invested, and any change which may have been made during the year, and that an entry of the same be made annually in the Journal.

QUESTION IX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological and Training Institution ?

Answer—

For Balance Sheet *see* Appendix E, p. xxiv.

The Reports of the Governor and Head Master received.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Reports be adopted.
- 2 That the Minister appointed to the Pastoral oversight of the Students be known as Governor of the Theological and Training Institution.
- 3 That the Theological Training of the Students be provided for by the appointment of Ministers as Lecturers, each Lecturer to receive a Honorarium of not more than £15 per annum.

- 4 That the Principal of Wesley College, Three Kings, be appointed to the Governorship of the Theological Institution, and be empowered to arrange the Student's Preaching Services.
- 5 That the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits be a Committee of Discipline for the Theological Institution, and that meetings of the Committee be held in the months of June and October, in addition to any that may be specially summoned at other times, the Governor convener.
- 6 That all Students be expected to contribute towards their cost of College Training, provided each case be considered and dealt with upon its own merits, and provided further that in cases where Students are unable to contribute during their College Course they be not expected to do so during their probation.
- 7 That all agreements with Students and Candidates for repaying the cost of their training in the event of their retiring from the Ministry of the Church within a period of ten years from the time of their being received into the Ministry be drawn up in legal form and kept in the custody of the Governor, who shall be responsible for the signing of the same by each Candidate received.
- 8 That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the fees for Theological Students attending University College Lectures.
- 9 That the Students be allowed to remain for a period of not less than three years at the College, unless called out in cases of necessity by the President.
- 10 That a copy of the Annual Report of the Theological Institution for the year ending October 31st be furnished by the Governor to each Chairman of District in time to lay before his Synod.
- 11 That quarterage be allowed to each Student at the rate of £2 per quarter.
- 12 That a separate account be presented showing the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Theological Institution.
- 13 That the sanction of the Conference be given to the necessary appropriations for the training of five European Students for the Ministry at Prince Albert College, and also for the training of one Maori Student for the Ministry, at the rate of £5 per quarter, at Three Kings College.
- 14 That Mr. G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological Institution, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

QUESTION X.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting our Educational Institutions ?

Answer—

I.—WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix F, p. xxv.

The Report of the Principal was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Principal's Report be adopted.

- 2 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. H. Simmonds for his faithful and acceptable services in connection with the training of Native scholars at Three Kings College, and that he be re-appointed.
- 3 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1903, viz.:—The Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. J. Heron, F. L. Prime, J. Edson, R. Hobbs, T. Buddle, T. McMaster, G. Winstone, S. J. Ambury, P. H. Mason, A. C. Caughey, F. A. White, T. Allen, J. Gunson, F. W. Wilson, and W. S. White.
- 4 That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.
- 5 That a Retiring Collection be made in all our churches and preaching places on behalf of the Building Fund of the Three Kings College during the month of May, and the money remitted to the Treasurer before the end of June; also, that an appeal be prepared by the Rev. J. H. Simmonds.

II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

The Report of the Head Master and of the Chairman of the Board of Governors were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Conference learns with much satisfaction of the marked success of the Prince Albert College as shown by the very large percentage of honours gained by the pupils, and warmly commends the Institution to the hearty support of parents and guardians desirous of securing for their children a high-class education on a sound moral and religious basis.
- 2 That the Conference gives full power to the Board of Governors and Trustees to take whatever course they may deem necessary in the future of the Institution.
- 3 That in accordance with the Rule relating to the government of the College, the following be the Members of the Board of Governors appointed by the Conference :—Revs. J. H. Simmonds, J. J. Lewis and W. Slade, with Messrs A. C. Caughey, W. S. Allen, M.A., and S. J. Ambury.

QUESTION XI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Funds ?

Answer—

I. THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix G, page xxvi.)

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Balance Sheet be adopted.

- 2 That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. J. J. Lewis and T. Buddle for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that they be re-appointed for 1903.
- 3 That the Reports of the General Treasurer be bound up with the copies of the Conference Minutes.
- 4 That attention be called to the Resolutions of the General Conference requiring that Circuit Levies be paid Quarterly to the Conference Treasurers, who shall remit as early as possible to the Board of Treasurers.
- 5 That the request of the Rev. A. Peters having been heard by the Conference, he be absolved from the obligation devolving upon him to purchase half benefits, in accordance with the plan of Methodist Union.
- 6 That this Conference recognises the necessity of securing prompt payments to the Supernumerary Fund, and believes that the fine will prove a wholesome stimulus. Nevertheless, the Conference suggests to the Treasurers that it will be both politic and desirable to remit the fines for 1902, as that was the first year of a new departure, after a long period of lax methods, and as not a few of the Ministers fined had paid well within the time.
- 7 That the following Committee be appointed to carefully investigate the proposal to divide the Supernumerary Fund into Annuitant and Auxiliary Funds, and to report to next Synods and Conference as to whether such a proposal is practicable, and also to include in the report a clear statement of the meaning of the phrase "actuarial principle" as applied to the Supernumerary Fund:—The President and Secretary of Conference, Revs. C. H. Garland, J. J. Lewis, J. G. Chapman, W. Ready, and Messrs. T. Allen, A. C. Caughey, T. Buddle, G. A. Buttle, with the Revs. P. W. Fairclough, D. McNicoll, S. J. Gibson, and Mr T. E. Corkill as Corresponding Members; Rev. W. Ready, Convener.
- 8 The following was adopted by the Conference of 1902, and is now in operation:—

I.—FURNITURE GRANTS.

That Furniture Grants be reduced to £25 for Ministers of over fifteen years' standing, and to £17 10s for Ministers of between eight and fifteen years' standing.

II.—MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CIRCUIT LEVIES.

That the sum of £3 per annum additional for each Minister be contributed to the Fund in equal parts by Ministers and Circuits—*i.e.*, Ministers' subscriptions to be increased from £7 7s to £8 17s per annum. Circuit levies to be increased from £10 to £11 10s per annum. That the increased payments be in the case of Circuit levies, for and after the year 1902, and in the case of Ministers who pay in advance, for and after the year 1903.

III.—REDUCTION OF ANNUITIES.

That until the next General Conference there shall be a reduction in the annuities of supernumeraries and widows of twenty (20) per cent. on the present scale of allowances (Scale C), such reduction taking effect from and after June 30, 1902.

PLAMPIN BEQUEST FUND.

Rev. H. Bull, Treasurer, presented the Report and Balance Sheet, which showed:—Interest on Investments for 1902, £45.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
- 2 That the sum of £45 be devoted to four needy cases.
- 3 That the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury be appointed agent in Wanganui to forward all moneys arising from interest on the investment to the Rev. H. Bull.
- 4 That the following Trustees be appointed: Rev. H. Bull, and Messrs. W. Harris, W. G. Bassett, John Stevenson, and F. M. Spurdle.

II. THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

(For Balance Sheet, see Appendix G, page xxvii.)

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Balance Sheet now presented be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
- 2 That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. C. Oliver and Mr J. H. Helliwell for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.
- 3 That the payments on account of the Children's Fund be £8 10s for each child per year, as per General Conference Regulations.
- 4 That the Three Kings Institution and the Connexional Secretary's Committee be assessed in the interests of the Children's and Contingent Funds on the basis of Circuits.
- 5 That the Assessment for the ensuing year be 15 per cent.
- 6 That the levies for the Children's Fund and Contingent Fund shall be made upon the current "expenditure" of the Circuit, such expenditure to be reported to the Treasurers, and to be printed in the Minutes.
- 7 That the term "Circuit Expenditure" shall, as far as these funds are concerned, be understood to be the amounts of Ministers' Stipend and Connexional Charges due for the year.

N.B.—It shall be understood to exclude all payments made or amounts due for house rent for Ministers, furnishing Ministers' houses, and costs of removal of Ministers, and all other items of Circuit expenditure.
- 8 That for the purposes of the Children's Fund there shall be deducted from the expenditure so ascertained the sum of £120 for each Married Minister and £80 for each Single Minister in the Circuit, and the levy shall be made on the net amount.
- 9 That in future the Balance Sheet of the Children's Fund be duly audited
- 10 That all matters in dispute regarding this Fund be referred to the Treasurers for settlement.

III. THE CONTINGENT FUND.

(For Balance Sheet and Table of Circuit Levies, see Appendix G,
pp. xxviii.-xxxv.)

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
- 2 That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. W. Baumber and Mr W. Harris for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that they be re-appointed.
- 3 That in every Circuit where a Home Missionary is employed under the charge of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, the expenditure on behalf of the Home Missionary be deducted from the taxable amount.
- 4 That the necessary amount be given to the Editor of "The Outlook" for contingent expenses.
- 5 That special cases of ministerial affliction, when such claims are not paid by the Quarterly Meetings, be recognised as having a claim upon the Contingent Fund.
- 6 That the levy for the present year be 4 per cent. upon the current expenditure of the Circuit, as reported to the Treasurers, and printed in the Minutes.
- 7 The following are the ordinary charges on this Fund, as sanctioned by Conference:—
 - a* Expenses of Chairman, Representatives, Secretary of Conference, General Secretary of Church Property, and Methodist Editor of "The Outlook," travelling to Conference, steamer fares, with official charges, and incidental expenses.
 - b* Travelling expenses to General Conference.
 - c* Postage, &c., for President and Secretary (£5 each).
 - d* Probationers travelling to Conference for ordination when directed by District Synods.
 - e* Printing Minutes of Conference and Society tickets.
 - f* Ministers travelling to District Synod.
 - g* Chairmen's Postage (£2 each).
 - h* District Synod stationery.
 - j* Chairmen travelling in Districts.
 - k* Expenses of District Secretaries of Church Property travelling to District Synods.
 - l* Amount required for Supplementary Fund for Ministers coming from England.
 - m* To furnish half the cost of supplies for deceased and disabled Ministers.
- 8 That a copy of the Minutes be supplied gratis to every Minister and Home Missionary, to the Lay Treasurers of Connexional Funds, and to each Lay Representative attending Conference.
- 9 That any cases of over-taxation be referred to the Treasurers of the Fund.
- 10 That Maori Ministers be requested to attend the Meeting of the Home Mission Committee prior to the Synod, to present a report of their work thereto, and that they be excused from attending the Synod.

That £15 be voted from this Fund towards a compassionate allowance of £30 to the Rev W. G. Thomas.

IV.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix G., p. xxx.

REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee regrets that so little interest has been manifested in this Fund during the past year.

The amount received during the year from Circuits on account of subscriptions has been £1,237 7s 10d, and the amount paid by the Treasurers to Church Trusts has been £2,982. A sum of £50 has also been paid to the Home Mission Fund.

The total amount of unpaid promises on Feb. 1st was £2,805 9s 2d.

The Committee believes that of this amount, reported as unpaid, a considerable sum has been paid to the local treasurers without having been forwarded to the General Treasurers, and recommends Conference to direct Superintendents to forward a list of all subscriptions thus paid.

The Committee further recommends that, owing to the difficulty of securing signatures, the Conference give authority to local Committees to enter the names of subscribers on the Historic Roll.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. BAUMBER,

Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report and Balance sheet be received and adopted.
- 2 That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. W. Baumber, Secretary, and to the Rev. W. Lee and Mr G. H. Blackwell, Treasurers, for their faithful services during the year, and that they be re-appointed.
- 3 That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Central Committee for their services, and that the following be the Committee for 1903 :—The President, Rev. H. Bull, the Superintendents of the first three Christchurch Circuits, with Messrs W. Harris, G. H. Blackwell, J. T. Smith, and A. K. England.
- 4 That the Committee be empowered to settle all disputes with regard to allocations, and to deal with all unallocated amounts.
- 5 That a list of Circuit promises be forwarded to each Superintendent, with the direction that the lists be returned to the Treasurers not later than September 30th next, with an explanation of every promise unredeemed, and that the Committee then send a circular to those persons concerning whom no satisfactory explanation is given.

QUESTION XII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Foreign Missions?

Answer—

(For Balance Sheet, *see* Appendix H., pp. xxxvi., xxxvii.)

The Foreign Mission Secretary reported that the Rev. J. W. Collier had been designated for deputation work in New Zealand during the months of April and May. A plan of work was submitted and approved by the Conference.

A Statement of Income for 1902, and an Abstract of Minutes of the Board of Missions were presented by the Rev J. N. Buttle.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Statement of Income be received and adopted.
- 2 That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr C. Hicks for their efficient work as Secretaries.
- 3 The Conference expresses appreciation of the very helpful services of the Rev. W. Slade as deputation.
- 4 The Conference directs that in each Circuit and Home Mission Station sermons be preached on one Sunday in each year in all our churches, and collections made at such services, in aid of Foreign Missions ; also, that public meetings for the advocacy of Foreign Missions be held in each church, at which collections shall be made for the Fund ; also, that wherever practicable subscriptions be solicited.
- 5 That each District be recommended to form a Ladies' Foreign Mission Auxiliary with the object of supporting a Missionary Sister.
- 6 That the Foreign Mission Sunday be the first Sunday in August, and that meetings held during that week bear relation to Foreign Mission Work.
- 7 That at each District Synod the question be asked : " Have the amounts collected for Foreign Missions been duly remitted to the Conference Treasurers ? "
- 8 That with a view to promote the systematic support of Foreign Missions, our people be requested more generally to adopt the Collecting Cards and Mercy Boxes provided by the Mission House.
- 9 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the anonymous donor of £50 in Cargill Road Circuit.
- 10 That the attention of the officials in Sunday Schools, where nothing has been done in the interests of the Fund, be drawn to the claims of Foreign Missions, with a view to institute efforts in aid of the same.
- 11 That the Mission Office be asked to forward a new set of Missionary Lantern Slides, if possible of the Solomon Islands.
- 12 That the Foreign Mission Secretary and a layman be appointed Treasurers.
- 13 That a Report and Balance Sheet be prepared and presented to the Conference.
- 14 That the Foreign Mission Secretary's travelling expenses to Conference be paid out of the Missionary Income.
- 15 That in connection with the New Zealand Auxiliary of the Foreign Missionary Society an Executive Committee be appointed, to have charge of all the business of the Auxiliary, the Conference Foreign Mission Secretary to be convener.
- 16 That all income, together with lists of contributors, be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Secretary not later than December 31st in each year, and that all moneys received after that date be carried forward into the following year.

- 17 That the Rev. J. N. Buttle be appointed Foreign Mission Secretary.
- 18 That the Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr. W. Ambury be the Conference Treasurers of this Fund.
- 19 That the following Committee be appointed:—The Superintendents of the New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits; the Rev. W. Cannell, and Messrs. Whittaker, Neal, S. B. White, F. Okey, W. Hooker, W. A. Collis, W. Ambury, G. Pearce, J. C. Peach, with power to add; the Rev. W. Slade and Mr. C. Hicks to be corresponding members.
- 20 That the Executive Committee, in conjunction with Superintendents of Circuits, arrange a plan of deputations to cover the whole of the Colony.
- 21 That Circuit Superintendents be requested to call the attention of congregations to our Mission literature, with a view to secure a wider circulation.
- 22 The Conference again commits the Foreign Mission enterprise of the Church to the prayerful consideration of its members. From many lands voices call for help; most of New Guinea is still without the Gospel; in those fields we have entered there is great need of extension; and from distant India our brethren repeat the old invitation, "Come over and help us" to save these millions of mankind. Without a large augmentation of means these cries must be disregarded. The Conference therefore urges on all the members of the Church the needs of the millions who, whilst we are satisfied with every good thing, look up and are not fed.

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QUESTION XIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Answer—

The Report of the Home Mission Executive and Balance Sheet for 1902, and also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1903, were presented by the General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Balance Sheet for the past year, and the Estimates of Income and expenditure for 1903 be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
(See Appendix J, pp. xxxviii-xli.)
- 2 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. J. Lewis and Mr F. L. Prime for their services as General and Financial Secretaries, and also as Treasurers of the Fund for the past year, and that they be re-appointed to these offices for 1903.
- 3 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Executive Committee for their services during the past year; and that the following gentlemen be the Executive Committee for 1903:—viz., the General and Financial Secretaries, the Rev. H. Bull (Corresponding Secretary), the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs T. Buddle, P. H. Masor, T. Allen, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, S. Parker, J. Heron, W. S. Allen, M.A., J. Edson, J. E. Wheeler, R. Hobbs, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. Montgomery, T. W. Jones, P. Crowe and J. Burton.

- 4 That in adopting the Balance Sheet, the Conference expresses its gratification at the spirit of liberality manifested by the Churches in the contributions to this important Fund.
- 5 That the Home Mission Executive be requested to issue the Annual Reports as soon as possible after the close of Conference.
- 6 That the Conference recognises the necessity of more heartily supporting the Home Mission Fund, and that an effort be made in all our Circuits to increase the number of annual subscribers, and by efforts through the Sunday School, the Blake System, and our Endeavour Societies, and in other ways through the year, rather than by a spasmodic effort during two months of the year, to deepen the interest in this Fund.
- 7 That no grant be made from the Home Mission Fund to any Circuit where Church Anniversary Services have not been held.
- 8 That a copy of the Report be furnished to every subscriber of five shillings and over.
- 9 That each Home Mission Station be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the nearest Circuit whenever so directed by Conference.
- 10 That before any new Station is opened or Home Missionary placed in charge of such Station, steps be taken to ascertain what sum is available for paying his stipend.
- 11 That with a view to overtaking the needs of new districts constantly being opened up, in making the ordinary grants to Circuits, the precedent of the English Conference be followed, and that the grants be made on a sliding scale, diminishing from year to year, such intimation being printed in the Minutes.
- 12 That the General Treasurers publish in the "Outlook," at least once a quarter, the amounts received by them from the several Circuit Treasurers up to date, in order that it may be seen whether the remittances have been promptly made; also that extracts from the reports of the agents be occasionally made through the paper.
- 13 That in our Home Mission operations in the principal cities, particular attention be given to the various philanthropic agencies, especially to the establishment of a Connexional Orphanage, when practicable.
- 14 That in our large town and city congregations the employment of Deaconesses be encouraged.
- 15 That as soon as practicable, Ministers or Probationers be appointed to Home Mission Stations.
- 16 That the deputation arrangements of Auckland, Wanganui, Nelson, and Canterbury Districts be made by the Chairmen of the respective Districts, in conjunction with Superintendents of Circuits; that Wellington District be, if possible, visited by a Native minister as a deputation; and that the Rev. H. Bull be the deputation for the Otago District.
- 17 That the Home Mission Executive be left free to exercise their judgment as to the general fitness of applicants for Home Mission work, without being necessarily bound to select men who will regard Home Mission work as a stepping-stone to the Ministry.
- 18 That the matter of formulating a plan which shall ensure a retiring allowance for men who have served the Church as Home Missionaries be again referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration and report.

- 19 That, where possible, Laymen associated with Ministers in Home Mission Deputation Work.
- 20 That in considering the Home Mission grants the Conference begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.
- 21 Conference calls the attention of Christian Endeavour Societies to the urgent claims of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, and appeals to them for financial help in the evangelisation of New Zealand. (See Resolution 6.)
- 22 The Conference directs the Chairmen of Districts to enforce the rule which requires every Home Missionary to furnish a report in duplicate half-yearly to the Executive Committee through the Chairman of the District.
- 23 That £15 be voted from this Fund towards a compassionate allowance of £30 to the Rev. G. W. Thomas.
- 24 That the Rules and Regulations of the Fund as found in Minutes of Conference, 1897, pp. 41-44, and in the Home Mission Report, 1902, pp. 4, 5, 6, be re-affirmed.

QUESTION XIV.—What is the number of Members in our Churches?

Answer—

Sept. 1901.		Sept. 1902.	Sept. 1901.		Sept. 1902.
	AUCKLAND DIST.			WANGANUI DISTRICT.	
608	Auckland (Pitt St.)	625		<i>(continued)</i>	
143	„ (Freeman's B.)	144	74	Opunake	62
156	„ (North Shore)	209	189	Wanganui	206
215	„ (Grafton Rd.)	242	49	Rangitikei	47
113	Mahurangi	106	190	Sandon and Feilding	191
166	Thames	133	241	Palmerston North	275
207	Upper Thames	200	59	Kiwitea	50
178	Manukau	180	48	Mangaweka	56
209	Franklin	214	22	Waimarino	28
100	Cambridge	130	—	Eltham	33
148	Hamilton	177			
120	Paparoa	118	1753	(Increase, 14)	1767
129	Northern Wairoa	123		WELLINGTON DIST.	
103	Whangarei	96	464	Wellington (Taranaki St.)	460
51	Tauranga	44	141	Wellington South	147
41	Coromandel	46	141	Hutt	148
42	Helensville	54	134	Greytown	143
50	Bay of Islands	53	127	Masterton	150
33	Whangaroa	41	116	Napier	119
18	Hokianga	15	80	Hastings	83
16	Wade	—	42	Gisborne	86
2846	(Increase, 104)	2950	47	Eketahuna	53
			107	Otaki	105
			30	Dannevirke	47
	WANGANUI DIST.		28	Waipawa	28
302	New Plymouth	306	101	Woodville	105
309	Waitara	263	67	Pahiatua	69
119	Stratford	97	45	Ormondville	46
151	Hawera	153			
			1670	(Increase, 119)	1789
	<i>(continued)</i>				

Sept. 1901.		Sept. 1902.	Sept. 1901.		Sept. 1902.
	NELSON DIST.			OTAGO DIST.	
152	Nelson	170	275	Dunedin (Trinity)	290
141	Richmond	148	290	Dunedin (Central Mis'n)	291
150	Blenheim	159	310	Dunedin (Cargill Road)	308
59	Hokitika	64	240	Dunedin (Mornington)	247
130	Greymouth	112	82	Port Chalmers	87
103	Motueka	127	55	Balclutha	50
76	Reefton	88	62	Milton	62
50	Westport	33	70	Lawrence	72
45	Kumara	38	138	Invercargill	149
34	Havelock	35	108	Oamaru	134
940	(Increase, 34)	974	49	Gore	44
	CANTERBURY DIST.		66	Riverton	85
694	Ch'church (Durham St.)	739	58	Roxburgh	54
314	Ch'church (South)	320	55	Cromwell	64
158	Ch'church (St. Albans)	193	29	Wakatipu	18
125	Ch'church (Papanui)	128	22	Tapanui	25
76	Lyttelton	72	39	Palmerston	27
210	Springston	202	1948	(Increase, 59)	2007
174	Leeston	175		MAORI MEMBERS.	
343	Kaiapoi	267	500	Hokianga	510
258	Rangiora	267	250	Kaipara	250
39	Oxford	31	200	Waikato	211
28	Amberley and Waikari	25	200	Whangaroa	200
211	Timaru	201	26	West Coast Mission	25
177	Waimate	178	1176	(Increase, 20)	1196
67	Temuka	69			
163	Ashburton	168			
160	Willowby	141			
73	Malvern	46			
36	Methven	38			
15	Cheviot	16			
16	Banks Peninsula	15			
3337	(Decrease, 46)	3291			

For General Returns, Summary, etc., see Appendix K., pp. xlii-xlix.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES, 1903.

That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Statistical Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for 1903:—

Auckland District :	Rev. C. Griffin
Wanganui District :	Rev. T. W. Vealie
Wellington District :	Rev. B. F. Rothwell
Nelson District :	Rev. G. W. J. Spence
Canterbury District :	Rev. R. J. Murray
Otago District :	Rev. W. A. Sinclair

QUESTION XV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting our Sunday Schools?

Answer—

For Summary of Returns, see Appendix L, p. 1.

The Annual Sunday School Report was presented by the General Secretary, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Central Committee and the General Report on Sunday Schools be received and adopted.
- 2 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Secretary to the Central Committee, for his services during the past year, and that he be re-appointed.
- 3 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Central Committee of the Sunday School Union for their valuable services rendered during the year; and that the following be the Committee for 1903: The Rev. H. Bull, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch (South), Christchurch (St. Albans), and Lyttelton Circuits, together with Rev. R. J. Murray, Mrs Lockwood, Misses Chaplin and Kitchingman, Messrs. W. H. Bowen, H. A'Court, J. A. Flesher, C. S. Howard, S. Hulbert, J. C. Prudhoe, F. Thompson, J. Lomas, the President and Secretary of the North Canterbury Branch, and the General Secretary of the S.S. Union.
- 4 That the Statistical Secretaries forward their returns, together with a report on the state of the schools within their respective Districts, immediately after the Synods, to the General Secretary, who shall prepare statistics and a Sunday School Report of the whole Colony, to be laid before the Annual Conference.
- 5 That the following inquiries be made, and returns obtained from every Circuit, by the Statistical Secretaries:—1 Number of Schools; 2 Number of Scholars; 3 Average Attendance; 4 Number of Teachers; 5 Average Attendance; 6 Number of Teachers Church Members; 7 Number of Scholars Church Members; 8 Number of Scholars Junior Members; 9 Number of Volumes in Library; 10 Number of Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets; 11 Number of Schools which belong to the Connexional S.S. Union; 12 Approximate Number of Methodist Children attending undenominational Sunday Schools.
- 6 That the Curriculum for Teachers' Examination, 1903, be:—
 - Grade I.: The Book of Exodus (Facts and History); The Gospel of St. Mark (Cambridge Smaller Bible); Dr. Beet's "Firm Foundation of the Christian Faith."
 - Grade II.: Dr. Morrison's "The Sunday School Teacher's Handbook;" The Gospel of St. John (Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools); Rev. C. A. Row's "A Manual of Christian Evidences."
- 7 Teachers shall be allowed to take up one or more books at a time, and two Examinations shall be held during the year, in May and October.
- 8 That the Scholars' Examinations be the International Lessons (afternoon) for the months of May, June, July, and August, and the Catechism

Question on the Tablets for the same period, and that the date of the Examinations be the second Friday in September.

- 9 Recognising the importance of the work that is being carried on by our Sunday School Union, the Conference urges upon the attention of all our Sunday Schools the importance of being connected with it, and of securing thereby the valuable aid in Bible instruction that is rendered by the system of Teachers' and Scholars' Examinations. The Conference asks our Ministers to bring the matter forward from time to time in the Teachers' Meetings of their several Circuits.
- 10 The Conference regrets to observe that in a large number of our Schools neither the Conference Catechisms nor the Tablets are used. It calls the attention of our Ministers and of the Teachers' Meetings to this matter, and recommends the adoption of the International Lessons and Tablets.
- 11 The Conference affectionately urges upon parents the importance of daily and systematic reading of the Holy Scriptures in their homes, and suggests to the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools the importance of encouraging their scholars to commit to memory regularly portions of God's Holy Word.
- 12 The Conference directs all our preachers to earnestly and affectionately exhort parents to bring their children to the regular Church services.
- 13 Profoundly impressed with the desirability of gaining our Sunday scholars for Christ and His Church, the Conference affectionately directs the attention of the Teachers' and Leaders' Meetings to the provision whereby the boys and girls of our Church, who have intelligently accepted Christ, may be reckoned as Junior Members, and advises the formation, wherever practicable, of Junior Society Classes.
- 14 The Conference recommends that in the Country Circuits, where ordinary Sunday Schools cannot be conducted, cottage Sunday Schools be established, with a view to the religious instruction of Methodist children, such schools to be returned as Methodist Sunday Schools.
- 15 The Conference fixes the third Sunday in October as "The Young People's Sunday," upon which, throughout our Circuits, special services shall be held for the young, with a view to leading them to decision for Christ.
- 16 That the Sunday School accounts be audited annually.

QUESTION XVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Temperance?

Answer—

For Summary of Returns, *see* Appendix M, p. li.

General Report was presented by Rev. T. G. Brooke.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2 That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as Temperance Secretary, and that the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be appointed.

- 3 That a Temperance Meeting be held at least quarterly in each church and preaching place wherever practicable.
- 4 That Conference directs that on the last Sunday in November sermons be preached in all our churches on the subject of Temperance.
- 5 That all Superintendents of Circuits be required to furnish returns to District Secretaries under the following heads:—Number of Connexional Bands of Hope and members of same, and number of Sunday School Scholars who are members of non-Connexional Bands of Hope.
- 6 That the whole question of the effect of liquor on the Maoris and on the Natives of the Cook Islands be referred to the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals.
- 7 That our Sunday School officials be urged to make pledge-signing a part of their regular school work.
- 8 That a Committee on Temperance and Public Morals be appointed, whose duty it shall be to watch all movements affecting questions of public morality, to consider the Temperance Returns, and all Resolutions passed by District Synods relating to Temperance, Sabbath Observance, Gambling, etc., and present a Report with Recommendations to Conference. The Secretaries of District Synods shall forward all such Returns and Resolutions to this Committee not later than December 15th in each year. The following is the Committee for 1903: The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, with Messrs. E. Aslin, E. Rosevear, A. King, J. P. Simon, C. Duke, Dr. DeLautour; Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Convener.

QUESTION XVII.—What is the Resolution of the Conference on the Work of God?

Answer—

The work of God in its several aspects having been reviewed by this Conference, we desire to place on record our profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of success that has attended the labours of the past year, as indicated in the tabulated returns, and also for spiritual progress, which cannot be set down in figures. We rejoice that the year has been marked by a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in many of our Circuits. The Missions conducted in a number of our Churches by Sister Elinor and her companion, Miss Layton, were, with the Divine blessing, the means of a gracious ingathering to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, while the visit of the Rev. Dr. Torrey and Mr Alexander to our shores resulted in far-reaching and beneficent influences to our own and other Churches. We bless God for the quickened conscience of our people on moral and social questions, which, we believe, contributed in no small degree towards the heavy vote cast for "No License" at the recent poll, and we earnestly pray that under the influence and guidance of the Holy Ghost we may as a Church deal a yet mightier blow at those social evils that so seriously hinder the establishment of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our land. Encouraged by the past, and relying on the fulfilment of the promises of God in the future, we solemnly dedicate ourselves afresh to Him, resolving in His strength to be more faithful in the great service unto which we have been called.

QUESTION XVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature ?

Answer—

Report of Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2 That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as Methodist Editor of the "Outlook," and that he be re-appointed.
- 3 That the Committee consist of Revs. P. W. Fairclough, J. Ward, T. G. Brooke and W. A. Sinclair, Messrs E. Rosevear, J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, and W. C. Allnutt.
The Committee to report each year to the Conference.
- 4 That the "Outlook" Committee be authorised to make the best possible arrangements with the Publishing Committee of the Presbyterian Church for continuing the publication of the paper on similar lines to those laid down in the contract which will expire in February next.
- 5 That an honorarium of £25 be voted to the Editor from the Contingent Fund.
- 6 That the Committee and Editor be elected at the Conference.
- 7 That Superintendents be directed to urge the claims of the "Outlook" in their pastoral visitations and in other ways.

QUESTION XIX.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to District Synods or Other Committees for Reports ?

Answer—

I.—ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

The Report recommended the Conference to elect the President and Secretary for the ensuing Conference.

After consideration, the recommendation was negatived, and the Committee thanked and discharged.

II.—MINISTERS' REMOVAL EXPENSES.

A lengthy Report was presented, recommending that such expenses be made a charge on the Contingent Fund.

After discussion, it was resolved that the Report be not adopted.

The Committee was thanked and discharged.

III.—ALTERATION IN THE NAME OF THE CHURCH.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

1 In accordance with the direction of the last Conference (Minutes, 1902, p. 70), the Committee has taken steps successfully to obtain legislative sanction to the change of the name of the Church from "The

Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church" to that of "The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand." At the request of the Committee, Mr. J. C. Stephens drafted the Bill, of which, in the absence of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon in England, Sir Joseph Ward took charge and kindly treated it as a public measure.

Resolved that the Act be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

The following is a copy thereof :

AN ACT to give statutory sanction to the change of the name of the Wesleyan Church in New Zealand.

WHEREAS the United Methodist Free Churches of Australia and New Zealand, the Bible Christian Churches of Australia and New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Church of Australia have entered into an organic union with the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church (including therein the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Zealand). And it has been agreed that the name of such Church shall be changed to "The Methodist Church of Australasia." AND WHEREAS it is expedient to grant statutory sanction to the change of name of the New Zealand branch of the said United Church.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows :

Short Title. 1 The short title of this Act is "The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand Act, 1902."

Change of Name. 2 From and after the passing of this Act the name of the New Zealand branch of the said United Church shall be "The Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand."

2 The Committee recommends that the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. C. Stephens for drafting the Bill. Also to the Right Hon. the Premier and Sir Joseph Ward for their acceptable services in connection with the passing of the Act as a public measure through the General Assembly of New Zealand.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report of the Committee be adopted, and that the Solicitors' account (£3 10s. 3d.) be paid by the Contingent Fund.

IV.—NEW HYMN BOOK.

Report of Committee was adopted, and the Committee thanked and discharged.

V.—WORK OF LAYMEN IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Report be received.
- 2 That this Conference endorse the principle embodied in the recommendation of the Committee, viz., that the questions on Ministerial character and efficiency be considered in Ministerial Conference, and that all other questions be considered in Conference of the whole.
- 3 That the Committee be re-appointed, and directed to state the principle, in the form of a recommendation to the General Conference. (For Committee, see Minutes, 1902, p. 69.)

- 4 That the alternative suggestions *re* the election of Lay Members of the Standing Committee, with any other suggestions bearing on the matter, be remitted to the above Committee for consideration, a report to be presented to the next Conference through the Synods.

VI.—HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING ALLOWANCE.

See p. 53, Question XIII., No. 18.

VII.—LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee's Report was received, and the following Resolutions were adopted:—

- 1 That there be written as well as oral examinations before Local Preachers be received on full plan.
- 2 That Banks' "Manual of Christian Doctrine" (latest edition) and Catechism II. be the text books for such examinations.
- 3 That Local Preachers be encouraged to pass examinations for three successive years, and that suitable certificates be awarded; the examination to be held during the June quarter.
- 4 That any candidate who cannot shew evidence that he has passed an examination equivalent to the Sixth Standard be requested to pass a written examination in English.
- 5 That the Local Preachers' Meeting appoint its own examiner for the written examination of a candidate prior to his reception on full plan, and that the Committee for the examination of candidates for the Ministry be directed to prepare the papers for the examinations recommended in Section 3.
- 6 That Training Classes and Libraries for Local Preachers be established wherever practicable.
- 7 That Local Preachers who have become fully accredited be recognised as such at a public service.

VIII.—CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

(*See* page 44, Question VIII, No. 7.)

IX.—EXTENSION IN WELLINGTON.

A Report was received, and it was resolved to re-appoint the following Committee to report to the next Conference:—The Ministers of the Wellington Circuits, and Messrs Moxham, Benbow, Tiller, McIntosh, Field, Brittain, Salkeld, Green; Rev. G. Bond, convener.

QUESTION XX.—What is the Report on early Church Records?

Answer—

The Revs. H. Bull and C. H. Laws presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

During the year we have received the following:—

- 1 A pamphlet entitled "The Early History of Missions in Otago," by the Rev. P. W. Fairclough. Attached to the work are a number of newspaper articles and letters from the Public Press of Dunedin and

Christchurch. Mr Fairclough's researches embrace a wide extent of early Colonial literature. A long biographical list indicates the extensive character of the sources of information from which he has drawn, and upon which his conclusions respecting the pioneer position of the Wesleyan Methodist Church with regard to Missionary operations among the Maoris of Otago are based.

- 2 Copious extracts from the Journal of the late Rev. James Watkin, by Mr J. E. Watkin, of Sydney. These deal with the late Mr Watkin's Missionary labours among the Maoris of Otago during the four years, 1840-44.
- 3 Copy of Blue Book containing "Report of House of Commons Select Committee on New Zealand," 1840, presented by Mr Hanson Turton, District Land Registrar, Dunedin.

We recommend, that the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. P. W. Fairclough for his historical researches, and to the donors for their valuable gifts.

QUESTION XXI.—Who are the Members of the following Connexional Committees ?

Answer—

COMMITTEES FOR 1903.

I.—FINANCIAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

The Ministers of the respective Districts and the Circuit Stewards (or their duly elected substitutes) of the various Circuits of those Districts, with the Lay Treasurers of the Connexional Funds, Conference Funds, District Lay Treasurers of Connexional Trust Funds, and District Secretaries of Church Properties are members of the Financial District Synods, as are also those Probationers who are in charge of Circuits under the direction of the Chairman.

II.—COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

- 1 The President, Ex-President, Secretary, the Ministers of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits, Rev. H. Bull, with Messrs T. Buddle, F. L. Prime, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, J. A. Flesher, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Stephens, and J. B. Shacklock; Secretary of Conference, Convener and Secretary.
- 2 The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington and Hutt Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the Minister of the Wellington (South) Circuit to be Convener and Secretary.
- 3 The Committee of Exigency is specially directed to take steps to secure the rights of the Church and its official representatives at all public functions, and in regard to the Chaplaincies of all public institutions, and that by correspondence and otherwise they obtain the co-operation and hearty support of the Committee of Privileges.

QUESTION XXII.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on matters relating to the General Conference ?

Answer—

For Recommendations on Work of Laymen in Conference *see* page 60, Question XIX., Section 5.

That a Committee be appointed to sit during the year and report to next Conference as to the best method of nominating and electing the representatives to the General Conference; the Committee to consist of the Revs. W. Lee, W. Baumber, W. G. Parsonson, C. H. Laws, and Messrs W. Harris, J. A. Flesher, C. E. Salter, A. F. Drayton, with the Secretary of the Conference; Rev. W. G. Parsonson, Convener.

QUESTION XXIII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held ?

Answer—

In the Pitt Street Church, Auckland, as near as possible to the last Tuesday in February, 1904, the President to fix the exact date.



NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee begs to report that the offer of the last Conference to set apart one of its Ministers as Chaplain, should a Tenth Contingent be sent to South Africa, was accepted by the Defence Minister, and on the nomination of the Committee the Rev. J. A. Luxford, with the sanction of the President, was appointed to the position.

The Lyttelton Circuit having consented to release Mr. Luxford, the President sent Mr. Tylee as supply, the Committee undertaking to provide the cost, in addition to meeting other expenses.

Owing to the declaration of peace, the Chaplain returned to his Circuit within six months.

The total expenditure has been £82 17s. 6d. This has been met by collections and subscriptions, the latter including a special subscription of £20 by the Chaplain.

The Committee desires to express its entire satisfaction with the Chaplain's work, and believes that no better appointment could have been made. He did excellent service, both on shipboard and in hospital, and won for himself the respect and esteem of officers and men. The special thanks of the Conference are due to him for the work done.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. BAUMBER,

Acting Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1 That the Conference apply to the Defence Minister for the creation of chaplaincies in each of the chief centres, in accordance with English practice, and that appointments to such chaplaincies be made by the Conference.
- 2 That the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church be communicated with in order, if possible, to secure united action.

- 3 That in accordance with the provisions of the General Conference (Minutes, pp. 71, 72), a Standing Committee be appointed to watch our interests as a Church.
- 4 That the Committee consist of Revs. H. Bull, W. Lee, W. Baumber, and J. A. Luxford (convener), with Captains G. J. Smith and A. F. Drayton; the President to exercise the powers of Conference in appointing chaplains during the present year.
- 5 That the names of the Superintendent Ministers in the ports of the colony visited by His Majesty's ships of war be annually reported to the Rev. R. W. Allen, in order that the naval authorities may be notified of the chaplaincies in these places.

Copy of Resolution adopted by the Army and Navy Committee of the Wesleyan Conference, September 23rd, 1902:—

- “ The Committee in welcoming the Rev. E. P. Lowry, one of its oldest members, on his return from South Africa, resolved to place on record its hearty appreciation of the faithful and efficient services rendered during the recent war by our Methodist Chaplains, belonging not only to the British Conference, but to the Conferences of the Methodist Church in the Dominion of Canada, the Australasian Commonwealth, and South Africa.
- “ The Committee rejoices that the lives of our brethren have been preserved amidst the perils and hardships of war, and recognises in their services, as well as in the godly lives and devotion of many of our Methodist soldiers, abundant evidence of the value of the Army and Navy work of our Church, and an additional incentive to its more complete and careful organisation.
- “ It was resolved to send a copy of this Resolution to the representatives of our Methodist Church in Canada, Australasia, and South Africa. In doing this the Committee also resolved to express its gratification at the establishment of Army and Navy Committees in all branches of the Methodist Church.”



UNION OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.

RESOLUTION.

That this Conference has received with much satisfaction the Resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand on the great subject of the Union of the Evangelical Churches, and has also listened with pleasure to the fraternal sentiments expressed by the deputation which presented the Resolution. The Conference gladly recognises the fading of mere sectarian differences and the growth of inter-denominational amenities and co-operation. Believing that movement along these lines will be accelerated year by year, it appoints a Central Committee in Christchurch, with corresponding Committees in the other Districts, to sit during the year and consult with the Committees of the other Churches as to the basis upon which a comprehensive Union may be carried out.

Central Committee :—Revs. the President, Orchard, Bull, Lee, Baumber, and Parsonson, with Messrs. W. Harris, G. J. Smith, J. T. Smith, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, and E. C. Brown; Rev. H. Bull, Convener.

That the following Corresponding Committees be appointed for the various Districts :—

Auckland : Revs. J. J. Lewis, C. Griffin, W. Slade, J. G. Chapman, W. Ready, with Messrs. T. Allen, J. W. Shackelford, T. Buddle, J. E. Wheeler, and J. Burton; Rev. J. G. Chapman, Convener.

Wanganui : Revs. H. R. Dewsbury, S. Lawry, J. N. Buttle, A. C. Lawry, with Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. M. Spurdle, W. Ambury, and J. G. Cobbe; Rev. H. R. Dewsbury, Convener.

Wellington : Revs. W. C. Oliver, G. Bond, W. J. Elliott, with Messrs. W. Moxham, G. Tiller, R. W. Waterhouse, and C. E. Green; Rev. G. Bond, Convener.

Nelson : Revs. W. J. Williams, J. Crump, J. D. Jory, with Messrs. J. Boon, A. A. Lucas, and W. H. Hodson; Rev. W. J. Williams, Convener.

Otago : Revs. P. W. Fairclough, T. G. Brooke, J. Ward, W. A. Sinclair, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, H. D. Bedford, M.H.R., J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., C. Duke, D. C. Cameron, Dr. Delatour; Rev. T. G. Brooke, Convener.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Resolved—That a Central Committee, with District Committees, be appointed to co-operate with other Churches for the purpose of selecting a text-book for use in the State Schools, and to take such other steps as may be deemed expedient to promote the interests of this movement.

COMMITTEES.

Central: Revs. the President, W. Lee, H. Bull, W. Baumber, W. G. Parsonson, C. H. Laws, with Messrs J. A. Flesher, W. Harris, C. S. Howard, J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, and R. H. Turner; J. A. Flesher, Convener.

Auckland: Revs. C. H. Garland, J. J. Lewis, W. Ready, with Messrs. J. Burton, J. W. Shackelford, and T. Hodgson; Rev. J. J. Lewis, Convener.

Wanganui: Revs. H. R. Dewsbury, C. Eaton, with Messrs. W. G. Bassett, J. Stevenson, G. Spurdle, J. R. Johns, and Norman Lee; Norman Lee, Convener.

Wellington: Revs. W. C. Oliver, G. Bond, with Messrs. W. Moxham, G. Tiller, H. Sanson, and T. A. Mills; Rev. G. Bond, Convener.

Nelson: Revs. J. Crump, W. J. Williams, with Messrs. W. H. Hodson and M. Smith; Rev. J. Crump, Convener.

Otago: Revs. P. W. Fairclough, T. G. Brooke, J. Ward, W. A. Sinclair, with Messrs. R. N. Vanes, A. King, J. Young, W. Wardrop, and T. Holgate; Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Convener.



MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

THANKS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

That this Conference gratefully recognises the conspicuous ability, courtesy and fidelity with which throughout the year the President has discharged the onerous duties of his important office.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARY.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Secretary, the Rev. S. Lawry, for the courteous, diligent and able manner in which he has fulfilled his duties during the year.

ORDINATION CHARGE.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ex-President, the Rev. D. J. Murray, for his able and helpful charge delivered to the newly-ordained Ministers at this Conference, and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Outlook."

FOREIGN LITERARY DEGREES.

That this Conference can recognise only such Foreign Literary Degrees as can also be held as *Ad Eundem* Degrees in connection with the New Zealand University.

APPOINTMENT OF ROMAN CATHOLIC GOVERNOR TO FIJI.

The Conference recommends the Board of Missions to communicate to the British Government its strong sense of the unsuitability of the appointment of a Roman Catholic Governor to Fiji, in view of the recent conversion of the Natives from savagery by Protestant Missionaries, and of the fact that the presence of a Roman Catholic Governor is an encouragement to the French Priests to increase their mischievous attempts to disturb the religion of the people, 90 per cent. of whom are attached to the Protestant faith.

REV. F. W. MACDONALD'S VISIT.

The Conference has learned with great pleasure of the expected visit to New Zealand of the Rev. F. W. Macdonald in connection with the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Conference takes advantage of the present opportunity to extend very hearty greetings to Mr Macdonald on the occasion of his visit to this Colony, and also to assure him of the warm welcome with which his ministrations, in furtherance of the aims of the Bible Society, will be received.

REV. J. BERRY.

That this Conference hears with regret of the break-down in the health of the Rev. J. Berry, and extends to him its hearty sympathy in his illness, and prays for his speedy recovery and restoration to the active work of the Ministry.

THE LATE REV. H. P. HUGHES.

The Conference expresses its deep sense of the loss sustained by the Christian Church through the death of the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes.

As an earnest evangelist owned of God in the conversion of many souls, an ecclesiastical leader whose wide outlook and stimulating counsel resulted in a new life and fuller adaptation to modern needs in Methodism, as head of the London West End Mission and an eloquent advocate of the re-union of Christendom, Mr Hughes rendered invaluable service not only to his own Church, but to the whole world. The Conference thanks God for such a man, sympathises with Mrs Hughes and her family as well as with the English Conference under their heavy bereavement, and prays that the mantle of our departed brother may rest upon all our ministers, and that his example may lead the entire Church to fuller consecration to God and more fruitful labour for the good of humanity.

THE EDUCATION ACT.

- 1 That this Conference expresses its deep regret that the Education Bill has passed through the British Parliament, and its entire sympathy with the Nonconformists in the Home Country who feel called upon in the interests of religious liberty to offer passive resistance to the operations of this unjust measure.
- 2 That a copy of the above resolution be sent to the "British Weekly," the "Methodist Times," and to Dr. John Clifford, the President of the Conference, and Mr R. W. Perks, M.P.

THE LATE DR. PARKER.

The Conference begs respectfully to offer to the Union of the Congregational Church of England its deep sympathy in the great loss it has sustained in the death of the late Dr. Parker. It rejoices in the record of his noble life and work, and prays that the Divine blessing may continue to rest on the great Church of which he was so distinguished a Minister.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

That this Conference views with deep regret the manifest disposition of the Minister of Railways to run Sunday passenger trains during the Christmas and New Year holidays, and expresses the opinion that the running of such trains is inimical to the truest interest of this Colony, and an unwarranted trespass of the Railway employees' day of rest.

MAORI WORK.

That the following question be placed in the Order of Business for the District Synods:—"What is the state of the Maori work in the District?"

BI-CENTENARY OF WESLEY'S BIRTH.

That, as the bi-centenary of the birth of the Founder of Methodism will take place on June 17th, 1903, Superintendents of Circuits be requested to initiate measures to fittingly commemorate the event.

OPIUM TRADE WITH CHINA.

This Conference joins its voice with that of British Christendom generally in protesting against the national iniquity of the Indian Government growing opium for export to China for the sake of revenue, and that notwithstanding the repeated but futile protests of China against its introduction; and we urge the British Government to bring to an end this disgraceful policy. And that the foregoing be forwarded to His Majesty King Edward through His Excellency the Governor;

the Prime Minister of England; the London "Times" and "Daily News," and our own leading Methodist organs.

RETIREMENT OF LAY MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES.

- 1 That in connection with all standing Connexional Committees, except the Building and Loan Fund Committee, it be a regulation of Conference making it obligatory that no less than one of the lay members retire annually from each Committee having less than eight lay members, and not less than two from each Committee having eight or more lay members, the retiring member or members to be ineligible for re-election for at least one year; and that in connection with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee the retirement take place every second year.
- 2 That those members, outside the officers, who have been longest on the Committee shall be the first to retire.

CONFERENCE QUORUM.

That the next Conference be recommended at its first session to fix a quorum.

METHODIST COUNCILS.

That Conference recommends that Methodist Councils be established in the principal cities and suburbs thereof, with a view to taking up new causes, and otherwise for the extension of Methodism.

MEDICAL BOARD.

That Drs. Parkes and McDowell, of Auckland, be thanked for past services as a Medical Board and re-appointed in accordance with General Conference Regulations.

AGENDA BOOK.

That the following Committee be appointed to prepare and issue the Agenda Book, and supply the same to the Members of the Conference at 2s. each:—The Secretary of the Conference, with Rev. C. H. Garland and Mr T. Allen.

COST OF AGENDA.

That a Committee consisting of the Revs. W. Lee, W. Baumber, W. G. Parsonson, C. H. Laws, and Messrs W. Harris, J. A. Flesher, C. E. Salter and A. F. Drayton, with the Secretary of the Conference, consider during the year the increasing cost of the Agenda, with a view to some substantial reduction therein, the report to be submitted to the ensuing Conference.

NOMINATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the President and Secretary of the Conference, with two Ministers and two Laymen to be appointed by the President (such Ministers and Laymen being Members of the next Conference), be a Committee to nominate the several members of the Conference Committee.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE.

That a Committee, consisting of all the Ministers who shall have intimated their intention of attending the next Conference, meet for two days before the date fixed for the first meeting of the Stationing Committee, and consider all possible Ministerial business, and report to

Conference in Ministerial session, the President to be responsible for convening the Committee.

GAMBLING.

That the Conference, recognising the evil of legalised and other gambling in the Colony, expresses its deliberate opinion that the totalisator ought to be abolished, and urges our Ministers and people to do their utmost to secure this reform. Also, that sermons and addresses on the subject of gambling be given on every suitable opportunity. This matter is remitted to the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals.

SISTERS OF THE PEOPLE.

That the Conference rejoices to hear that several "Sisters of the People" are employed in the various Circuits, and are being supported by local contributors.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

That the following be a Committee to consider the advisability of securing a suitable site for the erection of a large public hall for the Dunedin Central Mission:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin Circuits, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, J. Sparrow, C. Payne, E. Aslin, W. C. Allnutt, J. C. Stephens, C. Duke, J. C. Liggins, S. C. Phillips, A. King, W. R. Cole, J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., and H. D. Bedford, M.H.R.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the following Committees shall be appointed on the second day of the Representative Sessions of Conference, and a time fixed when they shall sit, and during that time no session of Conference shall be held:—

- A *Committee on Circuits.*—To this Committee shall be remitted all Synod recommendations relating to Questions I. to IV. of Representative Conference business. The findings of Committee A shall be reported to Committee D, when help is required from the Home Mission Fund.
- B *Committee on Connexional Funds and Balance Sheets.*—This Committee shall consider all recommendations relating to the following Funds: (1) Children's Fund; (2) Supernumerary Fund; (3) Contingent Fund; also those relating to Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Trust Properties; they shall also examine all Balance Sheets presented to Conference to see that they are in proper form, and duly audited.
- C *Committee on Foreign Missions.*—This Committee shall consider all business relating to Foreign Missions, and especially enquire if Conference Rules are observed with regard to raising and remitting Foreign Mission moneys.
- D *Home Mission Committee.*—This Committee shall consider all Reports, the Balance Sheet, and Recommendations relating to the Home Mission Fund, as per Rule 20.
- E *Committee on Institutions, &c.*—This Committee shall consider all Reports and Synod Recommendations relating to the Theological Institution, Three Kings Institution, Prince Albert College, Sunday Schools, the "Outlook," and all Synod Recommendations not remitted to any other Committee.

CIRCUIT SCHEDULE BOOKS.

Resolved that the Rule that requires the production and examination of the Circuit Schedule Books at the Synod be rescinded.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

That the Resolution requiring attendance at Committee Meetings to be tabulated be rescinded.

AUDITING OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS.

That the Rule requiring Circuit accounts to be audited be rescinded.

STATIONING, AND H.M. GRANTS.

That, in considering the Station Sheet and Home Mission Grants, the Conference begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

LOCAL PREACHERS FROM OTHER CIRCUITS.

President's ruling on the following question :—

“Is a Local Preachers' meeting bound to accept all who present credentials from other Circuits?”

Though there is no definite law on the question, yet it is in accordance with the law of usage for a Local Preachers' meeting to receive a duly accredited Local Preacher from another Circuit, and this seems to be in harmony with the general spirit of our laws.

JOHN A. LUXFORD, *President.*

SAMUEL LAWRY, *Secretary.*



A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST
OF THE
Ministers and Probationers
IN CONNECTION WITH
The New Zealand Conference of the Methodist
Church of Australasia.

- 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary
1846 Kirk, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1877, Supernumerary
1856 Gittos, William
1857 Crump, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1878, Supernumerary
" Watkin, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1889, Supernumerary
1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary
1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary
" Orchard, John, President New Zealand Conference, 1899, Supernumerary
1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary
" Smith, John, Supernumerary
1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary
" Lee, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1880
" Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary
1867 Oliver, William C., President New Zealand Conference, 1887
1868 Bull, Henry, President New Zealand Conference, 1886
" Law, John, Supernumerary
" McNicoll, David, President New Zealand Conference, 1894
" Smalley, Joseph S., F.R.G.S., President New Zealand Conference, 1900, Supernumerary
" Thomas, William G., Supernumerary
1869 Beck, William H.
" Keall, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1893
" Simmonds, Joseph H., President New Zealand Conference, 1895
1870 Isitt, Francis Whitmore
" Lewis, John J., President New Zealand Conference, 1890
" Pendra, John J.
" Williams, William J., President New Zealand Conference, 1888
1871 Bond, George, President New Zealand Conference, 1892
" Carr, Thomas G.
" Dewsbury, Henry R., President New Zealand Conference, 1891
" Thomas, James
" Marten, William B.
1874 Fairclough, Paul W., President New Zealand Conference, 1897
" Hammond, Thomas G.

- 1874 Jory, John D.
 „ Worboys, John W.
 1875 Prior, Samuel F.
 „ Standage, Charles H.
 1876 Baumber, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1896
 „ Garlick, Samuel J.
 „ Luxford, John A., President New Zealand Conference, 1903
 „ Penney, Charles
 „ Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A.
 1877 Fee, Thomas
 „ Griffin, Cornelius
 „ Lawry, Samuel
 „ Peters, Alfred
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman
 1879 Abernethy, Christopher
 „ Hounsell, George
 „ Isitt, Leonard M.
 „ Murray, Daniel James, President New Zealand Conference, 1902.
 „ Spence, George William James
 „ Tinsley, William
 1880 Brooke, Thomas G.
 „ Griffin, Thomas Nicholas
 „ Dukes, John
 1881 Garland, Charles Hughlings, President New Zealand Conference,
 1901
 „ Parsonson, William George, President New Zealand Conference,
 1898
 „ Pinfold, James Thomas, F.G.S., F.R.M.S.
 „ Gibson, Samuel J.
 „ Slade, William
 1882 Griffith, Samuel
 „ Jones, Thomas Francis
 1883 Marshall, George T.
 „ Mather, Joseph J.
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J.
 1885 Ginger, Barton H.
 „ Lawry, Albert C.
 „ Ready, William
 „ Rothwell, Benjamin F.
 „ Wallis, T. Jackson
 „ Ward, Josiah
 1886 Ellis, John G. W.
 „ Taylor, Robert
 1887 Blight, Joseph
 „ Joughin, Thomas A.
 „ Laws, Charles Henry, B.A.
 „ Wrigley, James
 1888 Grigg, William
 „ Trestrail, Thomas
 1889 Chapman, James G.
 „ Murray, Richard J.
 „ Read, Frederick T.
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur
 „ Newbold, Thomas W.
 1891 Becroft, Charles E.
 „ Sinclair, William A.
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.

- 1893 Elliott, William J.
 „ Frost, George
 „ Harrison, Colin C.
 1894 Beggs, Hugh
 „ Bellhouse, Harold E.
 „ Dawson, William
 „ Porter, Charles
 „ Vealie, Thomas W.
 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur
 „ Griffin, John W.
 „ Lochore, John A.
 „ Richards, Thomas R.
 1896 Blamires, Henry L.
 „ Bowie, William S.
 „ Chappell, Albert B.
 „ Hosking, James A.
 1898 Beckett, William
 1899 Keall, Robert P.
 „ Wills, William
 1900 Blamires, Edward P.
 „ Greenslade, William
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H.
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N.
 „ Tuck, William R.
 „ Wilson, Richard
 1901 Barnett, Samuel
 „ Boys, Frederick W.
 „ Cook, George Samuel
 „ Eaton, Clarence
 „ Reader, Amos
 1902 Belton, Joseph
 „ Godbehear, Charles E.
 „ Oxbrow, Walter J.
 „ Patchett, Ernest D.
 „ Roget, Henry H.
 „ Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A.
 1903 James, Benjamin J.
 „ Pratt, Major A. R.
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

- 1879 Pawa, Wi Warena
 1882 Paul Hauraki
 „ Rakena Piripi
 1894 Kingi, Hami
 1896 Te 'uhi, Heretini
 1900 Haddon, Robert (Ropata Tahu Potiki)
 „ Renata, Hapeta
 1903 Hari, Hone

APPENDIX.

The following Minister was received by the English Conference in the undermentioned year:—

- 1870 Beecroft, Charles E.

The following Minister, a Supernumerary of the English Conference, resides in New Zealand:—

- 1863 Turner, Thomas, Richmond, Christchurch

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH

The New Zealand Conference of the Methodist
Church of Australasia.

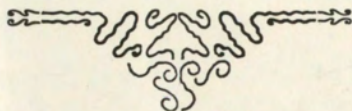
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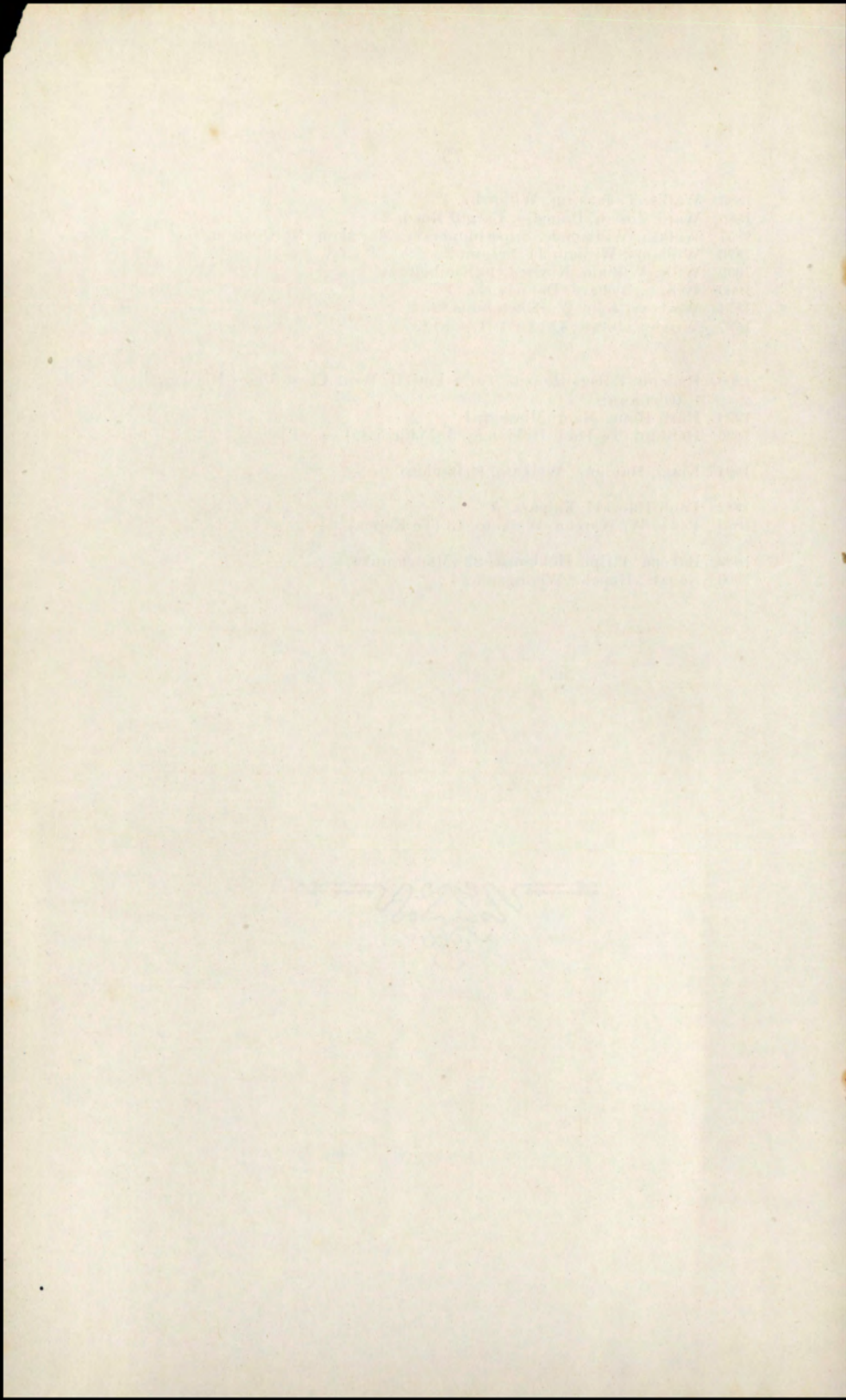
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- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Upper Thames, 3 (Te Aroha)
1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Paparoa, 1
- 1901 Barnett, S., Pahiatua, 2
1876 Baumber, William, Christchurch, Durham Street, 5
1869 Beck, William H., Leeston, 4
1898 Beckett, William, Roxburgh, 2
1891 Beecroft, Charles E., Napier 3
1902 Belton, Joseph, Upper Thames, 2 (Paeroa)
1894 Beggs, Hugh, Auckland, Freeman's Bay, 1
1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Kaiapoi, 2 (Belfast)
1900 Blamires, Edgar P., Westport, 2
1896 Blamires, Henry L., Gore, 1
1887 Blight, Joseph, Temuka, 2
1871 Bond, George, Wellington South, 3 (Newtown)
1896 Bowie, William S., Waipawa, 4
1901 Boys, Frederick W., Otautau, 3
1880 Brooke, Thomas G., Dunedin, 2 (Mornington)
1868 Bull, Henry, Connexional Secretary, 2 (Armagh St., Christchurch)
1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary, 10 (Stanmore, N.S. Wales)
1878 Buttle, J. Newman, New Plymouth, 1
- 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 4
1871 Carr, Thomas G., Hastings, 1

- 1889 Chapman, James G., Auckland, North Shore, 3 (Devonport)
 1896 Chappell, Albert B. (resting), 2 (Christchurch)
 1901 Cook, George Samuel, Wellington, Taranaki St., 1 (Karori)
 1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary, Nelson, 6
- 1894 Dawson, William, Papanui, 3
 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., Wanganui, 3
 1880 Dukes, John, Kaiapoi, 2
- 1901 Eaton, Clarence, Wanganui, 2 (Aramoho)
 1893 Elliott, William J., Wellington, 3 (Thorndon)
 1886 Ellis, John G. W., Opunake, 2
- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., Dunedin Trinity, 5 (York Place)
 1877 Fee, Thomas, Rangiora, 1
 1893 Frost, George, Northern Wairoa, 1 (Mangawhare)
- 1881 Garland, Charles H., Auckland, Pitt Street, 3
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Waitara, 4
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J., Cambridge, 3
 1885 Ginger, Barton H., Lawrence, 2
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland, Maori Mission, 10 (Devonport)
 1902 Godbehear, Charles E., Greytown, 2 (Featherston)
 1900 Greenslade, William, Auckland, North Shore, 2 (Birkenhead)
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Auckland, Grafton Road, 1 (Parnell)
 1895 Griffin, John W., Whangarei, 4
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Christchurch South, 3 (Addington)
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Auckland, Pitt Street, 3 (Mount Albert)
 1888 Grigg, William, Reefton, 5
- 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., Maori Mission, Patea, 17
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary, Sandon, 25
 1893 Harrison, Colin C., Upper Thames, 1 (Waihi)
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Hutt, supply, 1
 1896 Hosking, James A., Cromwell, 3
 1879 Hounsell, George, Woodville, 4
- 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 3
 1879 Isitt, Leonard M., Christchurch, Durham Street, without pastoral charge, 7
- 1903 James, Benjamin J., Blenheim, 1
 1882 Jones, T. Francis, Christchurch, Durham Street, 3 (Woolston)
 1874 Jory, John D., Richmond, 1
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., Rangiora, 3 (Woodend)
- 1899 Keall, Robert P., Oxford, 1
 1869 Keall, William, Rangitikei, 3 (Marton)
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 19 (Petone)
- 1868 Law, John, Supernumerary, Auckland, Pitt Street, 7 (Mount Albert)
 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Feilding, 3
 1845 Lawry, Henry H., Supernumerary, Auckland, Grafton Road, 40 (Carlton Gore)
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Palmerston North, 4 (Church Street)
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., Christchurch, Durham Street, 5 (East Belt)
 1864 Lee, William, Christchurch South, 3 (Sydenham)
 1870 Lewis, John J., Auckland, Grafton Road, 2

- 1895 Lochore, John A., Stratford, 4
 1876 Luxford, John A., Lyttelton, 2
- 1868 McNicoll, David, Oamaru, 2
 1883 Marshall, George T., Mahurangi, 2 (Warkworth)
 1871 Marten, William B., Hutt, 4
 1883 Mather, Joseph J., Springston, 4
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Balclutha, 2
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Masterton 2
 1889 Murray, Richard J., Christchurch, Durham Street, 5 (St. Asaph St.)
- 1890 Newbold, Thomas W., Palmerston North, 4 (Cuba Street)
- 1867 Oliver, William C., Wellington, Taranaki Street, 5
 1861 Orchard, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham Street, 2
 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J., Malvern, 1 (Darfield)
- 1881 Parsonson, William G., Christchurch, St. Albans, 3
 1903 Patchett, Ernest D., Hawera, 1 (Patea)
 1870 Pendray, John J., Greytown, 4
 1876 Penney, Charles, Franklin, 2 (Pukekohe)
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Ashburton, 1
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D., Coromandel, 1
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Hamilton, 1
 1894 Porter, Charles, Hawera, 2
 1903 Pratt, M. A. Rugby, Christchurch, Durham Street, 2 (Richmond)
 1875 Prior, Samuel F., Invercargill, 2
- 1889 Read, Frederick T., visiting England, 1
 1901 Reader, Amos, Motueka, 1
 1885 Ready, William, Auckland, Pitt Street, 5 (Ponsonby)
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington, 8 (Hawker Street)
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Hokitika, 5
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore, 6 (Devonport)
 1902 Roget, Henry H., Prince Albert College, 1
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F., Gisborne, 3
- 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., Dunedin, Mornington, 1 (Roslyn)
 1903 Seamer, Arthur J., Springston, 1 (Weedons)
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., Timaru, 1
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings (Mount Eden) 9
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Dunedin Central Mission, 5 (Fern Hill)
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., F.R.G.S., Supernumerary, Auckland, 1
 1862 Smith, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch, Durham Street, 7
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Blenheim, 3
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Milton, 2
- 1886 Taylor, Robert, Thames, 1
 1871 Thomas, James, Waitara, 1 (Inglewood)
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A., Port Chalmers, 2
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A., Auckland, Pitt Street, 2 (Mount Eden)
 1868 Thomas, William G., Supernumerary, North Shore, 2 (Devonport)
 1879 Tinsley, William, Waimate, 2
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas, Greymouth, 2
 1900 Tuck, William R., Hutt, 2 (Petone)
- 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Sandon, 5

- 1885 Wallis, T. Jackson, Willowby, 1
 1885 Ward, Josiah, Dunedin, Cargill Road, 2
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 10 (Onehunga)
 1870 Williams, William J., Nelson, 2
 1899 Wills, William, Kiwitea, 1 (Kimbolton)
 1900 Wilson, Richard, Dannevirke, 1
 1874 Worboys, John W., Eketahuna, 2
 1887 Wrigley, James, Otaki, 1 (Levin)
- 1900 Haddon, Robert (Ropata Tahu Potiki), West Coast Maori Mission, 4
 (Okaiawa)
 1903 Hari, Hone, Maori Mission, 1
 1896 Heretini, Te Tuhi, Hokianga, 3 (Whirinaki)
- 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Waikato, 8 (Raglan)
- 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 5
 1879 Pewa, Wi Warena, Waikato, 13 (Te Kopua)
- 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Hokianga, 22 (Mangamuka)
 1900 Renata, Hapeta, Whangaroa, 4





APPENDIXES.

	„ Grant towards Secretary's Stipend		160	0	0
	„ Stamps and Telegrams	5	3	0	
	„ Stationery and Printing	4	15	1	
	„ Bank Exchange	3	8	6	
	„ Bank Fee	0	10	0	
					13 16 7
	„ Cash on Deposit	600	0	0	
	„ Cash in Bank	525	12	3	
					1125 12 3
					<u>£2,706 8 10</u>
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Examined and found correct,

January 20th, 1903.

H. A'COURT
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors.

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N.B.—1 The Capital Account is the same as last year, £8,571 4s. 10d.

2 Profit and Loss Account submitted shows Credit £320 4s. 5d., which is included in Credit Balance shown in Cash Account.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

LIST OF LOANS.

DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1902	Amount yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1903
1891. March 3	Gisborne Church and Parsonage ...	Erection	Years. 11½	£ 500	£ s. d. 100 0 0 C.F.	£ s. d. 160 6 9	£ s. d. 160 6 9
1892. January 5	Blenheim Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	500	15 12 6	Nil	...
April 12	Patea Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	60	3 0 0	Nil	...
July 1	Ngaruawahia Church	Erection	12½	99/4.0	26 4 0 4 10 0 C.F.	Nil	...
1893. January 12	Marton Church	Erection	10	230	2 14 0 C.F.	55 13 1	55 13 1
February 7	Balclutha Parsonage	Erection	10	120	16 1 4 10 18 8 C.F.	Nil	...
March 23	Ashburton Church	Purchase Site, Removal and En- largement	10	350	29 1 3 4 8 2 C.F.	24 13 1	14 19 4
1894. March 16	Opunake Parsonage	Purchase	8	112	1 2 7	0 11 6	0 11 6
August 21	Palmerston N. Parsonage, Church St.	Liquidation of Debt	8	300	19 12 6 4 5 6 C.F.	135 2 4	135 2 4
October 18	Feilding Church	Erection	8½	190	30 5 4 17 17 4 C.F.	Nil	...
December 30	Roslyn Church	Purchase	10	150	12 10 0	53 10 10	3 10 10
1895. April 30	Cargill Road Church	Erection	10	500	37 10 0	137 10 0	12 10 0
August 13	Invercargill Parsonage	Erection	7½	225	Nil	9 11 9	9 11 9
Novemb'r 13	Newtown Church (No. 1)	Reduction of Debt	8	150	46 17 6	Nil	...
1896. February 19	Bombay Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	140	Nil	1 3 2	...
May 13	Paraparaumu Church	Erection	6	25	3 18 9	Nil	...
July 29	St. Albans Church	Erection	9	650	125 0 0	155 0 0	...

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DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1902	Amount yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Over-due Jan. 16, 1903
August 12	Southbrook Church ...	Removal and Enlargement ...	9½	100	23 17 6	5 16 5	...
Septemb'r 29	Newtown Church (No. 2) ...	Reduction of Debt ...	8	150	60 18 9	Nil	...
October 8	Belmont Church ...	Erection ...	5	30	3 0 0	Nil	...
October 8	Rangiora Church ...	Enlargement ...	6	75	18 15 0	Nil	...
1897.							
March 1	Kilbirnie Church ...	Erection ...	5	40	10 0 0	Nil	...
March 2	Hawera Parsonage ...	Erection ...	8	280	26 5 0	87 10 0	...
May 31	Ohakune Church ...	Erection ...	8	55	4 0 0	20 2 2	2 12 2
June 7	Balclutha Church ...	Erection ...	8	130	10 17 10 C.F.	Nil	23 2 7
June 17	Kimbolton Church ...	Liquidation of Debt ...	5½	60	1 0 0	36 19 5	36 19 5
June 21	Woolston Church ...	Erection ...	8	300	32 10 0	125 0 0	...
June 29	Newtown Church (No. 8) ...	Reduction of Debt ...	7½	50	22 8 0	Nil	...
August 6	Hastings Church ...	Liquidation of Debt ...	8	98/15/0	16 0 0	44 4 3	...
Septemb'r 16	Tinwald Church ...	Erection ...	8	60	3 4 5 C.F.	8 0 0	11 1 0
October 21	Kuaotunu Church ...	Erection ...	7	120	4 19 0 C.F.	4 5 9	59 19 6
October 22	Kingsland Church ...	Erection ...	8	270	55 0 0	35 14 2	...
					4 12 9 C.F.		
1898.							
January 27	Milton Parsonage ...	Erection ...	9½	120	9 7 6	63 15 0	3 2 6
February 23	Onehunga Church ...	Erection of Sunday School ...	8	150	21 13 1	Nil	...
					2 10 5 C.F.		
May 4	Karangahake Church ...	Erection ...	8	100	15 0 0	52 10 0	...
June 10	Mangaweka Church ...	Erection ...	8	60	Nil	55 12 11	35 6 7
June 25	Waihi Church ...	Erection ...	8	100	7 10 0	66 0 0	7 10 0
June 28	Manakau Church ...	Erection ...	7½	50	7 10 0	21 5 0	...
July 13	Mangatainoka Church ...	Re-erection ...	4	20	2 19 2	Nil	...
Septemb'r 22	Mount Albert Church ...	Enlargement of Sunday School ...	4	130	32 10 0	Nil	...
Septemb'r 27	Waitara Church ...	Liquidation of Debt ...	5	37/10/0	7 10 0	7 10 0	...
October 15	Levin Parsonage ...	Erection ...	8	150	48 8 9	Nil	...
November 8	Nikau Church ...	Erection ...	8	50	2 10 0	33 7 9	...
					6 6 0 C.F.		

DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1902	Amount yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Over-due Jan. 16, 1903
1899.							
January 21	Henderson Church	Erection	6	50	31 10 0	Nil	...
March 30	New Plymouth Church	Erection	10	600	62 0 0	388 1 6	...
April 8	Whangarei Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	70	4 7 6	43 1 8	7 8 4
June 5	Kaeo Parsonage	Erection	8	75	5 0 10 C.F.	27 7 10	...
June 6	Raetihi Church	Erection	9½	40	7 1 0	19 11 5	...
July 1	Coromandel Church	Erection	8	250	Nil	208 2 6	...
August 18	Coromandel Church—Specia	Erection	2	25	Nil	25 0 0	25 0 0
August 28	Reefton Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	115	31 10 2	Nil	...
Septemb'r 6	Hamilton Parsonage	Erection	8	100	19 8 6 C.F.	62 10 0	3 2 6
Septemb'r 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	135	9 7 6	113 4 0	27 9 6
Septemb'r 11	Grafton Road Church	Reduction of Debt	7	100	Nil	57 2 0	8 11 6
Septemb'r 30	Carterton Church	Enlargement	5	40	3 1 9	19 17 0	5 17 0
November 3	Aparima Church	Erection	5	40	4 3 0	Nil	...
November 11	Sheffield Church	Enlargement	2½	12 10 0	22 0 0	Nil	...
November 25	Huntly Church	Erection	8	50	2 10 0	38 0 0	...
December 21	Kimbolton Parsonage	Erection	10½	125	6 0 0	91 14 10	...
December 30	Oxford Church	Purchase	8	60	2 1 8	5 10 0 C.F.	33 12 0
1900.							
January 18	Warkworth Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	10	150	8 3 0 C.F.	106 3 1	...
January 27	Ballance Church	Erection of Vestry	2½	16	7 10 0	Nil	...
February 5	Mount Eden	Erection	7	150	6 12 6	125 0 0	...
February 13	Feilding Parsonage	Erection	9	280	6 17 6	5 12 6 C.F.	6 5 0
February 16	Darfield Church	Erection of Vestry	2	10	29 6 1	217 10 0	2 0 0
March 27	Waikuku Church	Erection	7	75	8 4 8 C.F.	2 0 0	2 0 0
April 20	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	85	3 0 0	32 2 8	...
April 30	Taikorea Church	Erection	8	50	10 14 4	42 19 11	...
May 18	Mount Albert Parsonage	Erection	7	150	2 15 0	25 0 0 C.F.	...
					9 8 4	38 6 8	...
					5 0 0	127 8 2	...
					5 1 10 C.F.		...

DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1902	Amount yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1903
May 28	Dannevirke Church	Erection	5	70	7 0 0	87 10 0	3 10 0
July 16	Coromandel Parsonage	Erection	8	100	4 10 0 C.F.	58 15 0	...
Septemb'r 6	Omaru Church	Erection	5	25	1 14 4	15 0 0	...
Septemb'r 8	Upper Wakefield Church	Erection	6	45	0 9 0 C.F.	35 0 0	...
Septemb'r 14	Oxford Parsonage	Erection	9	100	5 0 0 C.F.	83 19 6	...
Septemb'r 17	Tatairama Church	Erection	8	40	5 0 0	25 0 0	...
October 21	Okato Church	Erection	9	75	15 0 0	45 18 0	...
November 30 1901.	Marshland Church	Reduction of Debt	5	25	5 0 0	15 0 0	...
January 1	Sydenham Church	Reduction of Debt	8	200	6 5 0	150 0 0	...
January 7	Halswell Church	Liquidation of Debt	7	60	6 9 0	42 16 0	...
January 10	Te Aroha Church	Erection	8	225	18 15 0	187 8 1	...
January 25	Aratapu Church	Erection	8	100	7 11 11 C.F.	81 5 0	3 2 6
January 25	Northcote Church	Erection	8	70	12 10 0	54 13 9	...
January 27	Havelock Church	Erection	10	80	8 15 0	60 0 0	...
February 1	Nelson Parsonage	Erection	8	250	8 0 0	195 6 8	...
March 19	Dannevirke Church (2)	Enlargement	2 yrs aft F. Loan	83	31 5 0	33 0 0	...
April 1	Sumner Church	Erection	10	200	Nil	65 0 0	...
April 12	Thorndon Church	Renovations and Additions	4	80	120 0 0	42 15 3	...
April 23	Richmond Church	Liquidation of Debt	4	50	10 0 0	40 0 0	8 15 0
April 26	Willowby Church	Enlargement	6	100	17 4 9 C.F.	74 19 0	...
May 8	Warkworth Church	Erection	8	100	16 14 0	85 0 0	...
May 9	Takapuna Church	Erection	8	85	10 0 0	71 10 0	...
May 23	Woodside Church	Erection	5	160	9 0 0	70 0 0	...
August 17	Woodville Church	Erection	10	115	20 0 0	103 15 0	...
August 27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	80	7 10 0	25 12 6	...
Septemb'r 16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	4 7 6	137 10 0	6 5 0
Septemb'r 20	Prebbleton Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	50	6 5 0	45 0 0	...
Septemb'r 24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	75	5 0 0	70 0 0	2 10 0
Septemb'r 30	Addington Church	Reduction of Debt	8	150	2 10 0	131 5 0	4 13 9
October 11	Eketahuna Parsonage	Erection	10	200	14 1 3	200 0 0	10 0 0

DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1902	Amount yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1903
October 22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	80	9 7 6	70 12 6	...
October 30	Rongotea Church	Enlargement	3	30	10 0 0	20 0 0	...
December 1	East Belt Church	Reduction of Debt	6	250	41 13 4	268 6 8	...
December 2	Marshland Church (2)	Liquidation of Debt	5	25	...	25 0 0	...
December 23	Birk-nhead Church	Erection of Sunday School	7	150	10 14 4	139 5 8	...
December 30	Levin Century Hall and School	Erection	8	200	18 15 0	181 5 0	...
1902.							
January 10	Ponsonby Church	Reduction of Debt	8	400	50 0 0	350 0 0	...
February 17	Nukuroa Church	Erection	7	112	9 0 0	103 0 0	...
March 22	Hawera Church	Removal and Enlargement	8	150	7 10 0	142 10 0	3 15 0
March 30	Hastings Parsonage	Purchase of Land and Erection	10	200	9 10 0	190 10 0	...
June 18	Awatunu Church	Erection	5	35	Nil	35 0 0	3 10 0
June 18	Timaru Church	Reduction of Debt	8	375	23 8 9	351 11 3	...
June 18	Lawrence Parsonage	General Improvements	5	40	4 0 0	36 0 0	...
July 8	Ashburton School	Enlargement	6	45	...	45 0 0	...
July 8	Otautau Church	Erection	8	80	2 10 0	77 10 0	...
July 8	Cheltenham Church	Erection	6	60	3 0 0	57 0 0	...
Septemb'r 1	Ngaruawahia Church	Erection	6	30	...	30 0 0	...
Septemb'r 18	Grafton Road Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	150	...	150 0 0	4 13 9
November 17	Papanui Parsonage	Erection	8	100	...	100 0 0	...

REFERENCE—C.F., Repaid through Century Fund.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—SPECIAL BRANCH.

LIST OF LOANS.

DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1902	Amount yet Unpaid	Amount of Instalments Over-due Jan. 16, 1903
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1892. August 11	Tapanui Church	Liquidation of Debt	11	200	25 0 0	10 10 0	...
October 24	Waipuku Church Site	Purchase ... ..	...	9/1/0	4 10 0 c.f.	9 1 0	...
December 26	Hokitika Church	Reduction of Debt and Repairs	10	225	10 10 0	8 4 0	8 4 0
					2 14 0 c.f.		
1:93. July 18	Blackball Township	Lease of Church Site ... ..	...	17/5/0	Nil	17 5 0	...
November 22	Mackenzie Church	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	31	Nil	31 0 0	...
1894. December 30	Roslyn Church	Purchase	10	100	11 6 10 c.f.	44 1 11	1 3 2
1895. January 10	Stratford Church	Erection	10	130	Nil	57 5 6	39 2 0
July 12	Patea Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	7½	300	80 0 0	12 10 0	...
1896. October 22	Mackenzie Church	Purchase ... ..	...	199/14/6	2 14 6	156 14 4	...
December 1	Alexandra S. Church	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	7	Nil	4 14 0	...
1897. May 7	Pohangina Church	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	9/1/0	9 1 0	Nil	...
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	12	917/10/0	50 0 0	475 11 4	...
					6 7 11 c.f.		
August 6	Hastings Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	100	3 4 4 c.f.	39 11 5	...
Septemb'r 23	Dannevirke Parsonage	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	160	Nil	160 0 0	...
1898. June 2	Raetihi Church	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	28/10/9	Nil	4 15 0	...
August 6	Taihape Church	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	11/0/6	Nil	10 15 6	10 15 6
November 8	Nikau Church	Erection	8	10	0 12 6	Nil	...
1899. March 28	Highcliff Church	Exchange of Site	5/4/0	Nil	5 4 0	...
April 18	Waituna West	Purchase Church Site	21/10/0	Nil	21 10 0	...

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DATE	PLACE	OBJECT	Period	Amount	Instalments Paid During 1902	Amount yet Unaid	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1903
Septemb'r 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	40	Nil	23 11 6	16 8 6
November 11	Huntly Church	Erection	6	10	Nil	4 0 0	...
1900.							
February 5	Mount Eden Church	Erection	6	100	10 0 0	81 5 0	...
April 21	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	106/4/1	Nil	82 19 10	...
August 12	Seddon Township	Lease of Church Site ... ..	...	9/1/4	Nil	9 1 4	...
Septemb'r 14	Oxford Parsonage	Erection	9	50	1 2 6 C.F.	40 10 6	...
1901.							
August 17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	35	7 10 0	27 10 0	...
August 27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	40	4 7 6	33 8 9	...
Septemb'r 16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	100	12 10 0	87 10 0	...
Septemb'r 24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	20	5 0 0	15 0 0	...
Septemb'r 26	Prebbleton Church	Liquidation of Debt	4	30	80 0 0	Nil	...
October 22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	20	3 2 6	16 17 6	...
November 14	Kopu Church	Purchase Church and Site	8	60	15 0 0	45 0 0	5 0 0
November 20	Canvastown Church	Purchase Church and Site ... ..	...	30	Nil	30 0 0	...
1902.							
February 17	Nukuroa Church	Erection	7	14	4 10 0	9 10 0	...
March 27	Torere Utiku Church	Purchase Site and Erection	7	30	Nil	30 0 0	...
March 30	Hastings Parsonage	Erection	10	90	Nil	90 0 0	4 15 0
May 1	Otautau Parsonage	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	50	Nil	50 0 0	...
May 8	Eketahuna Parsonage	Erection ... ..	...	50	Nil	50 0 0	...
May 15	Spring Grove Church	Renovation	5	25	2 10 0	22 10 0	...
May 19	Broadfield Church	Renovation	2	10	2 10 0	7 10 0	...
May 21	Birkenhead Parsonage	Purchase of Site	3	135	Nil	135 0 0	...
June 4	Kamo Church	Liquidation of Debt ... ..	...	109/14/6	Nil	109 14 6	...
July 8	Otautau Church	Purchase of Site and Erection	8	20	Nil	20 0 0	2 10
December 4	Eltham Church	Purchase of Site ... ..	...	75	Nil	75 0 0	...

REFERENCE—C.F., Repaid through Century Fund.

APPENDIX D.

MISSION, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENERAL CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I.—MISSION PROPERTY TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1902.

Treasurer—Mr. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
1901—To Rents, Parliament Street, No. 1	..	77	0 0	1901—By Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	..	51	12 0
Oct. " " " " No. 2	..	104	0 0	Oct. " City and other Rates	.. ..	35	11 7
1902 " " " " No. 3	..	55	0 0	1902 " Fire Insurance	.. ..	14	1 9
" " Beach Road (3)	..	75	1 6	" Home Mission Fund..	.. ..	236	1 2
" " Kaeo Land	.. ..	21	0 0	" Superintending Estate and Collection of Rents, etc.	.. ..	17	15 0
" " Mount Wesley	.. ..	6	0 0				
" " Whatawhata	.. ..	2	10 0				
" " Newark	.. ..	12	0 0				
" " Tarawhau	.. ..	2	10 0				
		<u>£355</u>	<u>1 6</u>			<u>£355</u>	<u>1 6</u>

Audited and found correct.

November 13th, 1902.

PHILIP H. MASON }
W. D. BUTTLE } Auditors.

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II.—NATIVE EDUCATION TRUST BALANCE SHEET, 1902.

Treasurer—Mr. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
1901—To Rents, Three Kings ..	..	..	341 0 0	1901—By Three Kings Committee ..	..	..	646 15 8
Oct. " " Waikowai ..	..	..	5 0 0	Oct. " " " Fire Insurance ..	..	..	8 14 9
1902 " " Grafton Road ..	..	..	518 16 0	1902 " " " Grafton Road, Repairs, etc. ..	..	..	129 5 11
				" " " Fire Insurance ..	..	..	13 8 3
				" " " City and Water Rates ..	..	..	21 3 0
				" " " Solicitor's Charges ..	..	..	7 9 0
				" " " Survey Charges ..	..	..	4 0 0
				" " " Sundries ..	..	..	8 0 6
				" " " Superintending Estate, and Collection of Rents, etc.			25 18 11
			<u>£864 16 0</u>				<u>£864 16 0</u>

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November 13th, 1902.

Audited and found correct,

PHILIP H. MASON }
W. D. BUTTLE } Auditors.

IV.—PROBERT TRUST.

Treasurers—Messrs. T. BUDDLE & G. A. BUTTLE.

Receipts and Disbursements for year ending 31st October, 1902.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1901.				Oct. 31, 1902—			
Oct. 31—To Balance—Cash in National Bank of New Zealand ..			34 8 11	By Prince Albert College Trustees—			
				Training and maintaining Students ..		307 18 8	
1902.				Theological Institute—Payments on account of Students ..		55 10 0	
Oct. 31—Revenue Account—				Three Kings Trustees—Grant Native Student Board ..		10 0 0	
Interest	26	5	0	General Charges—			
Rents	931	9	6	Rates and Taxes	103	9	3
			957 14 6	Repairs, Maintenance, Insurance, Superintending Estate, and Collecting Rents and Interest	275	8	3
						378 17 6	
				Balance—Cash in National Bank of New Zealand		240 5 3	
			<u>£992 3 5</u>			<u>£992 3 5</u>	
Oct. 31st, 1902.—To Balance			£240 5 3				

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Auckland, N.Z., October 31st, 1902.

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 W. D. BUTTLE }

Real Estate Account year ended 31st October, 1902.

1901.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1902.		£	s.	d.
Oct. 31—To Valuation	..	12,132	2	0				Oct. 31—By Balance	..	..	..	10,971 11 9
<i>Less</i> Proceeds of Sale to date	..	1,160	10	3								
		<hr/>			10,971	11	9					
					<hr/>							£10,971 11 9
					<hr/>							<hr/>
To Balance..	..				£10,971	11	9					<hr/>

Investment Account year ended 31st October, 1902.

1902.		£	s.	d.	1902.		£	s.	d.
Oct. 31—To Real Estate Account — Proceeds of Sales Transferred	..	..	1160	10 3	Oct. 31—By Investments—				
To Balance	..	..	470	8 3	Anglesea Street Purchase	..	52	2 0	
					Newton Road Cottages	..	622	15 6	
					Arney Street Cottage	..	431	1 0	
					Freehold Mortgages	..	525	0 0	
							<hr/>		
							£1630	18 6	
							<hr/>		
					By Balance	£470 8 3

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W. D. BUTTLE }

Auckland, N.Z., 31st October, 1902.

VI.—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

Treasurers—Rev. H. R. DEWSBURY and Mr. F. G. BEAVEN.

Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
1902			£ s. d.	1902			£ s. d.
Jan. 1st	To Balance	.. ..	2 15 2	March	By Bank Keeping Account	.. ..	0 5 0
	„ Interest on Rent overdue last term	.. ..	0 16 6	„ 31st	„ Remittance to Treasurer	.. ..	58 10 0
March 31st	„ Rent .. ..	.. ..	58 10 0	Sept.	„ Bank Keeping Account	.. ..	0 5 0
Dec. 31st	„ Rent 30th September	.. ..	58 10 0		„ Bank Cheque Book	.. ..	0 2 6
	„ Interest on ditto	.. ..	0 18 0	Dec. 12th	„ Tax .. ..	.. ..	12 11 4
				„ 31st	„ Remittance to Treasurer	.. ..	45 0 0
					„ Boxthorn Hedge Plants	1 0 0
					„ Balance	3 15 10
			<u>£121 9 8</u>				<u>£121 9 8</u>
	To Balance	£3 15s. 10d.				

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January 10th, 1903.

Audited and found correct,

C. J. SHARPE.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1902.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance per Revenue Account ..	8,955	3 10	By Freehold Estate	1,963	6 11
			Fixed Deposits, Bank of Australasia ..	1,000	0 0
			Loans on Mortgage	5,725	0 0
			Bank of Australasia, Current Account ..	76	15 3
			Interest Accrued	78	14 8
			Rent Accrued	31	7 0
			Rent in Arrear (now paid off) ..	80	0 0
	<u>£8,955</u>	<u>3 10</u>		<u>£8,955</u>	<u>3 10</u>

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I have examined the within Balance Sheet and found it to be correct, after checking the Cash Account, seeing vouchers for payments, and examining the securities. Interest and rent have been duly charged. The deeds of Trafalgar Terrace are deposited, owing to the Government having reclaimed a large part of the grant.

19th October, 1902.

(Signed) W. C. HEMERY.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

VIII.-CANTERBURY HOME MISSION TRUST.

Treasurer—Mr. W. HARRIS.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest from deposit with Kaiapoi Woollen Co.	50	0 0	By amount remitted to Home Mission Treasurers	50	0 0
	<u>£50</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£50</u>	<u>0 0</u>

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APPENDIX F.

WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

Balance Sheet for Year ending September 30th, 1902.

Treasurers—Rev. J. H. SIMMONDS and Mr. A. C. CAUGHEY.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
To Educational Trust	646 15 8	By Balance	..	..	101 12 9
„ Produce Sold	49 6 2	„ Stipend	..	..	200 0 0
„ Discounts	2 6 4	„ Wages and Labour	..	..	156 10 0
„ Probert Trust	15 0 0	„ Connexional Charges	..	..	39 1 0
				„ Repaid Loan Fund	..	..	25 0 0
„ Balance	713 8 2	„ Maintenance, Repairs, Improvements and Farm Expenses	..	..	293 8 9
			129 0 5	„ Sundries, as per book audited	..	..	16 11 1
				„ Interest and Commissions	..	..	3 19 0
				„ Refund, Rev. J. H. Simmond's, on account Students' Expenses	6 6 0
			<u>£842 8 7</u>				<u>£842 8 7</u>
				Balance due to Loan Fund, Sept. 30th, 1902	£62 10 0

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Audited and found correct.

December 15th, 1902.

 PHILIP H. MASON }
 W. D. BUTTLE } Auditors.

APPENDIX G.

SUPERNUMERARY AND WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance Sheet, 1902.

Treasurers—Rev. J. J. LEWIS and Mr. T. BUDDLE.

RECEIPTS.				RECEIPTS— <i>continued.</i>			
To CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS—		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	To ARREARS AND FINES—	
Auckland District	24 Ministers at	11	2 6 =	267	0 0	Auckland	.. .. . £ s. d.
Wanganui	„ 16 „ „	11	2 6 =	178	0 0	Wanganui	.. .. . 14 14 0
Wellington	„ 17 „ „	2	10 0			Wellington	.. .. . 27 9 4
	and 18 „ „	8	12 6 =	197	15 0		.. .. . 24 14 0
Nelson	„ 8 „ „	11	2 6				<u>£66 17 4</u>
	and Minister resting 1 Quarter		=	91	10 0		
Canterbury	„ 25 „ „	11	2 6				
	and Minister resting 1 Quarter		=	280	12 6		
Otago	„ 15 Ministers at	11	2 6 =	166	17 6		
				<u>£1,181</u>	<u>15 0</u>		
To MINISTERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS—		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	
Auckland District	22 Ministers at	8	17 0 =	194	14 0	£1,181	15 0
Wanganui	„ 12 „ „	8	17 0 =	106	4 0	761	2 0
Wellington	„ 15 „ „	8	17 0 =	132	15 0	66	17 4
Nelson	„ 6 „ „	8	17 0 =	53	2 0	<u>£2,009</u>	<u>14 4</u>
Canterbury	„ 21 „ „	8	17 0 =	185	17 0		
Otago	„ 10 „ „	8	17 0 =	88	10 0		
				<u>£761</u>	<u>2 0</u>		
						EXPENDITURE.	
						By Remittances to General Treasurer	.. £2,009 14 4

II.—BALANCE SHEET OF CHILDREN'S FUND.

Treasurers—Rev. W. C. OLIVER and Mr. J. H. HELLIWELL.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.									
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To 1901 Balance brought forward	263	12	11	Auckland District..	53½	..	£8 10	454	15	0
„ Auckland District	353	0	0	„	..	..	..	4	5	0
„ Wanganui	202	17	3	„	..	..	..	459 0 0		
„ Wellington	198	6	7	Wanganui	28½	..	..	242	5	0
„ Nelson	119	14	10	„	..	..	1½	14	17	6
„ Canterbury	415	2	6	Wellington	18	..	..	153	0	0
„ Otago	220	14	0	„	..	..	1	8	10	0
„ Refund Otago District (H. Beggs)..	6	7	6	Nelson	10½	..	..	89	5	0
							„	½	4	5	0
							Canterbury	45¾	..	..	388	17	6
							„	1¼	10	12	6
							Otago	16	..	..	136	0	0
							„	1	8	10	0
											144 10 0		
							1902				REFUNDS.		
							Jan. 10	Connexional Secretary	..	..	20	1	7
							Feb. 4	Waitara (overcharge, 1901)	..	..	5	4	0
							May 31	Hastings	5	4	0
											30 9 7		
							Bank Commission	0 10 0		
							Sundry Expenses	1 5 0		
							Balance	232 8 6		
											£1,779 15 7		

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Wellington January 23rd, 1903.

Audited and found correct

CHAS. W. BENBOW.

III.—CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance Sheet for Year ending December 31st, 1902.

Treasurers—Rev. W. BAUMBER AND Mr. W. HARRIS.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance from 1901	.. ..	375 17 5		By Travelling of Chairmen and Representatives			
„ Balance additional	.. ..	5 7 1		to Dunedin Conference	.. ..	74 11 7	
			381 4 6	„ Travelling of Probationers for Ordination			
„ Sale of Agenda	.. ..	..	11 17 1	and Bible	.. ..	8 11 0	
„ Circuit Levies—				„ Conference Stationery	.. ..	5 6 9	
Auckland District	.. ..	199 2 0		„ Conference Telegrams and Postage	.. ..	7 15 9	
Wanganui District	.. ..	122 8 4		„ Conference Printing	.. ..	2 19 0	
Wellington District	.. ..	124 18 4					16 1 6
Nelson District	.. ..	64 4 7		„ Printing Conference Minutes and			
Canterbury District	.. ..	216 6 10		Postage	.. ..	73 10 6	
Otago District	.. ..	122 6 3		„ Printing Society Tickets	.. ..	9 2 6	
			849 6 4				82 13 0
„ Minutes of Conference Sold—				„ Half Cost Supply Disabled Ministers			33 16 8
Auckland District	.. ..	1 10 0		„ Printing Forms and Examination Papers			4 8 6
Wanganui District	.. ..	0 12 6		„ Refund Hastings Circuit	.. ..		1 8 0
Wellington District	.. ..	0 19 6		„ Sunday School Union grant	.. ..		10 0 0
Nelson District	.. ..	0 6 6		„ Removal Expenses, Revs. Bull and Lewis			70 14 6
Canterbury District	.. ..	1 17 0		„ Editor of "Outlook"	.. ..		25 0 0
Otago District	.. ..	0 10 6		„ Connexional Secretaryship Fund	.. ..		175 0 0
			5 16 0	„ General Conference including Inter-Confer-			
				ential Exchanges		127 0 0

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„ President and Secretary allowance for Postage	10 0 0
„ Cost of Circuit Returns, Bank Charge, Cheque Book and Exchange	2 9 6
„ Greytown Connexional Charges	5 19 2
„ Local Expenses, Travelling of Ministers to Synods—	
Auckland District	21 3 8
Wanganui District	13 16 1
Wellington District	15 4 9
Nelson District	14 13 3
Canterbury District	22 18 6
Otago District.. ..	18 16 2
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	106 12 5
„ Travelling of Chairmen and District Expenses—	
Auckland District	19 3 0
Wanganui District	16 17 6
Wellington District	16 10 3
Nelson District	11 1 0
Canterbury District	10 18 4
Otago District.. ..	17 19 6
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	92 9 7
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	846 15 5
Balance Forward	401 8 6
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	<u>£1,248 3 11</u>

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IV.—CENTURY COMMEMORATION FUND.

Balance Sheet for Year ending December 31st, 1902.

Treasurers—Rev. WILLIAM LEE and Mr G. H. BLACKWELL.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash Balance brought forward ..			977 13 10.	By Paid to Church Trusts ..	2982	0	0
„ Deposits brought forward ..			2000 0 0	„ Paid to Home Missions ..	50	0	0
„ Contributions—					3032	0	0
Auckland District ..	151	0	11	„ Miscellaneous—			
Wanganui „ ..	91	3	0	Expenses of General Treasurers			
Wellington „ ..	62	15	4	and Committee ..		22	15 11
Nelson „ ..	28	5	0	„ Deposit Mutual Building ..	1000	0	0
Canterbury „ ..	752	11	0	„ Cash Balance in Bank ..	175	1	9
Otago „ ..	151	12	7		1175	1	9
			1237 7 10				
„ Interest on Deposits ..			10 0 0				
„ Sale of Furniture ..			4 16 0				
			£4229 17 8				£4229 17 8

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Examined and found correct.

February 2nd, 1903.

H. A'COURT, }
C. E. SALTER, } Auditors.

RETURN of CIRCUIT EXPENDITURE for CONTINGENT and CHILDREN'S FUND PURPOSES.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Taxable Amount for Children's Fund.	Children's Fund Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland—Pitt Street	967 14 0	38 14 2	440 0 0	527 14 0	79 3 2
„ Freeman's Bay	177 12 2	7 2 1	120 0 0	57 12 2	8 12 10
„ Three Kings	239 11 4	9 12 0	120 0 0	119 11 4	17 8 8
„ North Shore	360 1 2	14 8 0	200 0 0	160 1 2	24 0 2
„ Grafton Road	484 17 10	19 7 11	240 0 0	244 17 10	36 14 8
„ Maori Mission	270 12 0	10 16 6	120 0 0	150 12 0	22 11 10
Mahurangi	177 4 10	7 0 4	120 0 0	57 4 10	8 11 9
Thames	258 10 3	10 6 10	120 0 0	138 10 3	20 5 6
Upper Thames	506 15 4	20 5 6	280 0 0	226 15 4	34 0 3
Manukau	242 8 4	9 14 0	120 0 0	122 8 4	18 7 3
Franklin	209 14 0	8 7 9	120 0 0	89 14 0	13 9 2
Cambridge	210 0 8	8 8 0	120 0 0	90 0 8	13 10 0
Hamilton	191 15 10	7 13 5	120 0 0	71 15 10	10 15 5
Paparoa	177 9 3	7 1 8	120 0 0	57 9 3	8 12 6
Northern Wairoa	215 12 3	8 12 6	120 0 0	95 12 3	14 6 10
Whangarei	178 14 6	7 3 0	120 0 0	58 14 6	8 16 2
Tauranga .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Coromandel	150 0 8	6 0 0	80 0 0	70 0 8	10 10 0

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Taxable Amount for Children's Fund.	Children's Fund Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth	301 10 0	12 1 2	120 0 0	181 10 0	27 4 6
Waitara	352 12 0	14 2 4	240 0 0	112 12 0	16 17 10
Stratford	174 4 5	6 19 4	120 0 0	54 4 5	8 2 8
Hawera	321 10 0	12 17 2	200 0 0	121 10 0	18 4 6
Opunake	190 0 11	7 12 0	120 0 0	70 0 11	10 10 2
Wanganui	419 3 8	16 16 0	200 0 0	219 3 8	32 17 6
Rangitikei	218 4 5	8 14 7	120 0 0	98 4 5	14 14 8
Feilding	206 8 11	8 5 3	120 0 0	86 8 11	12 19 4
Sandon—Rongotea	206 8 11	8 5 3	120 0 0	86 8 11	12 19 4
Palmerston North.. .. .	416 7 11	16 13 0	240 0 0	176 7 11	26 9 3
Kiwitea	176 4 0	7 1 0	120 0 0	56 4 0	8 8 8
West Coast Mission	239 11 0	9 11 4	120 0 0	119 11 0	17 8 8

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Taxable Amount for Children's Fund.	Children's Fund Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington—Taranaki Street ..	674 13 4	26 19 9	320 0 0	354 13 4	53 4 0
„ „ South ..	262 14 0	10 10 2	120 0 0	142 14 0	21 8 2
Hutt ..	335 12 9	13 8 6	200 0 0	135 12 9	20 7 0
Greytown ..	266 5 1	10 13 0	200 0 0	66 5 1	9 18 9
Masterton ..	295 17 10	11 16 9	120 0 0	175 17 10	26 7 8
Napier ..	239 1 6	9 11 3	120 0 0	119 1 6	17 17 2
Hastings ..	182 12 8	7 6 2	120 0 0	62 12 8	9 8 0
Gisborne ..	187 4 8	7 9 10	120 0 0	67 4 8	10 1 9
Eketahuna ..	169 3 7	6 15 4	120 0 0	49 3 7	7 7 8
Otaki ..	177 17 5	7 2 4	120 0 0	57 17 5	8 13 8
Dannevirke ..	144 18 5	5 15 11	80 0 0	64 18 5	9 14 9
Waipawa ..	157 4 8	6 5 9	120 0 0	37 4 8	5 11 9
Woodville ..	161 0 0	6 8 9	120 0 0	41 0 0	6 3 0
Pahiatua ..	166 4 2	7 1 0	120 0 0	46 4 2	6 18 8

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson ..	303 12 6	12 3 0	120 0 0	183 12 6	27 10 10
Richmond ..	178 6 0	7 2 8	120 0 0	58 6 0	8 15 0
Blenheim ..	244 11 8	10 3 4	120 0 0	124 11 8	18 13 9
Hokitika ..	188 10 8	7 10 10	120 0 0	68 10 8	10 5 6
Greymouth ..	212 10 0	8 10 0	120 0 0	92 10 0	13 17 6
Motueka ..	121 8 0	4 17 2	80 0 0	41 8 0	6 4 3
Reefton ..	208 18 0	8 7 2	120 0 0	88 18 0	13 6 9
Westport ..	115 8 7	4 12 5	80 0 0	35 8 7	5 6 4

Y.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Taxable Amount for Children's Fund.	Children's Fund Levy, 15 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch—Durham Street ..	1185 15 2	47 8 8	560 0 0	625 15 2	93 17 3
„ Connexional Secretary ..	363 19 3	14 11 2	120 0 0	243 19 3	36 11 10
„ South ..	444 12 0	17 15 8	240 0 0	204 12 0	30 13 10
„ St. Albans ..	240 5 6	9 12 3	120 0 0	120 5 6	18 3 10
„ Papanui ..	174 1 4	6 19 3	120 0 0	54 1 4	8 2 2
Lyttelton ..	239 5 5	9 11 6	120 0 0	119 5 5	17 17 9
Springston ..	372 19 2	14 18 4	200 0 0	172 19 2	25 18 10
Leeston ..	241 9 11	9 13 2	120 0 0	121 9 11	18 4 6
Kaiapoi ..	428 11 11	17 2 11	240 0 0	188 11 11	28 5 9
Rangiora ..	378 16 0	15 3 1	240 0 0	138 16 0	20 17 5
Oxford ..	177 3 2	7 1 9	120 0 0	57 3 2	8 11 6
Timaru ..	303 0 0	12 2 5	120 0 0	183 0 0	27 19 0
Waimate ..	202 6 4	8 1 10	120 0 0	82 6 4	12 6 10
Temuka ..	212 16 0	8 10 3	120 0 0	92 16 0	14 8 4
Ashburton ..	235 19 2	9 8 10	120 0 0	115 19 2	17 7 10
Willowby ..	211 12 1	8 9 3	120 0 0	91 12 1	13 14 10
Malvern ..	134 19 6	5 8 0	80 0 0	54 19 6	8 5 0

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.			Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.			Deductions.			Taxable Amount for Children's Fund.			Children's Fund Levy, 15 per cent.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—Trinity	334	1	2	13	7	2	120	0	0	214	1	2	32	2	4
„ Central Mission	302	6	2	12	1	10	120	0	0	182	6	2	27	7	0
„ Cargill Road	240	2	7	9	12	1	120	0	0	120	2	7	18	0	5
„ Mornington	373	17	10	14	19	2	200	0	0	173	17	10	26	1	8
Port Chalmers	188	15	10	7	11	3	120	0	0	68	15	10	10	6	4
Balclutha	191	11	0	7	13	3	120	0	0	71	11	0	10	14	8
Milton	178	16	10	7	3	1	120	0	0	58	16	10	8	16	6
Lawrence	189	15	8	7	11	10	120	0	0	69	15	8	10	18	4
Invercargill	237	18	11	9	10	5	120	0	0	117	18	11	17	13	10
Oamaru	241	4	5	9	13	0	120	0	0	121	4	5	18	3	8
Gore	175	19	5	7	0	9	120	0	0	55	19	5	8	8	0
Otautau	170	2	6	6	16	1	80	0	0	90	2	6	13	10	4
Roxburgh	152	10	8	6	2	0	120	0	0	32	10	8	4	17	7
Cromwell	139	12	8	5	11	8	120	0	0	19	12	8	2	18	10

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APPENDIX H.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

INCOME.				INCOME—Continued.						
AUCKLAND DISTRICT—				WANGANUI DISTRICT—Continued.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland (Pitt Street) ..	117	11	7	Opunake	4	0	0			
„ (Freeman's Bay) ..	6	11	6	Wanganui	8	3	2			
„ (North Shore) ..	26	2	10	Rangitikei	21	4	0			
„ (Grafton Road) ..	22	10	4	Sandon and Feiding ..	12	10	6			
Mahurangi	6	14	10	Palmerston North ..	14	17	10			
Thames	10	0	8	Kiwitea	3	7	9			
Upper Thames	16	14	8	Waimarino	0	15	0			
Manukau	35	12	9					135	7	10
Franklin	22	0	7	WELLINGTON DISTRICT—						
Cambridge	7	0	7	Wellington (Taranaki Street) ..	56	6	8			
Hamilton	7	10	11	„ (South)	4	5	0			
Paparoa	3	13	1	Hutt	26	2	10			
Northern Wairoa ..	..	..	..	Greytown	5	5	0		
Whangarei	17	12	4	Masterton	3	10	0			
Tauranga .. .. .	..	..	..	Napier	18	7	10		
Coromandel .. .. .	..	..	..	Hastings	4	1	3		
Helensville	1	0	0	Gisborne	3	1	5			
Bay of Islands ..	1	10	6	Eketahuna	5	0	0			
Hokianga	2	7	0	Otaki	12	12	9			
Whangaroa	0	10	0	Dannevirke	2	16	7			
				Waipawa	1	0	0			
			305	4	2	Woodville	3	14	6	
						Pahiatua	3	10	0	
WANGANUI DISTRICT—										
New Plymouth	34	11	8					149	13	10
Waitara	13	15	0	Woodville (Stamps to Mr. C. Hicks)	1	10	6			
Stratford	7	6	0					151	4	4
Hawera	14	17	4							

INCOME—Continued.

NELSON DISTRICT—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson .. .. .	.. .. .	29	3	7			
Richmond .. .. .	.. .. .	8	3	0			
Blenheim .. .. .	.. .. .	12	16	9			
Hokitika .. .. .	.. .. .	2	19	0			
Greymouth .. .. .	.. .. .	12	6	6			
Motueka .. .. .	.. .. .	3	0	0			
Reefton .. .. .	.. .. .	5	3	10			
Westport .. .. .	.. .. .	10	0	0			
Kumara .. .. .	.. .. .	1	2	0			
Havelock .. .. .	.. .. .	1	0	0			
					85	15	8

CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch (Durham Street) ..	..	115	15	3			
„ (South) .. .. .	..	31	8	9			
„ (St. Albans) .. .. .	..	11	13	10			
„ (Papanui) .. .. .	..	4	5	0			
Lyttelton .. .. .	..	5	10	0			
Springston .. .. .	..	20	10	0			
Leeston .. .. .	..	30	15	5			
Kaiapoi .. .. .	..	38	5	8			
Rangiora .. .. .	..	26	11	0			
Oxford .. .. .	..	3	4	2			
Amberley .. .. .	..	1	4	1			
Timaru .. .. .	..	22	4	7			
Waimate .. .. .	..	35	18	8			
Temuka .. .. .	..	4	1	8			

INCOME—Continued.

Ashburton .. .. .	.. .. .	22	0	0			
Willowby .. .. .	.. .. .	21	6	8			
Malvern .. .. .	.. .. .	2	15	0			
					397	9	9
OTAGO DISTRICT—							
Dunedin (Trinity) .. .. .	.. .. .	35	0	0			
„ (Central Mission) .. .. .	.. .. .	33	0	0			
„ (Cargill Road) .. .. .	.. .. .	25	6	8			
„ (Cargill Road) Special .. .. .	.. .. .	50	0	0			
„ (Mornington) .. .. .	.. .. .	17	6	5			
Port Chalmers .. .. .	.. .. .	15	7	3			
Balclutha .. .. .	.. .. .	3	15	8			
Milton .. .. .	.. .. .	3	12	4			
Lawrence .. .. .	.. .. .	2	15	0			
Invercargill .. .. .	.. .. .	17	14	1			
Oamaru	6	9	3			
Gore	2	0	0			
Riverton	3	6	5			
Roxburgh	5	0	0			
Cromwell	7	1	10			
Wakatipu	0	5	0			
					227	19	11

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EXPENDITURE.

Remitted to General Treasurers, Sydney,							
less Exchange	£1,303	1	8			

APPENDIX J.

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND

Treasurers—Rev. J. J. LEWIS

INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland, Pitt Street ...	149	9	10
" Freeman's Bay ...	4	14	4
" North Shore ...	25	9	7
" Grafton Road ...	56	17	4
Maori Mission, Waikato ...	10	0	0
" " Kaipara ...	20	0	0
" " Hokianga ...	16	0	0
" " Whangaroa ...	10	0	0
Mahurangi ...	10	0	0
Thames ...	20	12	0
Upper Thames ...	17	11	3
Manukau ...	50	0	0
Franklin ...	21	17	10
Cambridge ...	12	9	5
Hamilton ...	11	3	0
Paparoa ...	11	1	9
Northern Wairoa ...	14	3	2
Whangarei ...	12	6	0
Tauranga ...	5	0	0
Coromandel ...	4	0	0
Helensville ...	6	15	7
Bay of Islands ...	6	8	3
Hokianga ...	6	7	0
Whangaroa ...	12	0	6
Huntly ...	1	12	0
Special Donations for Maori Work ...	60	0	0
Tauranga, Furniture ...	12	10	0
		588	8
		10	0
II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
New Plymouth ...	31	0	0
Waitara ...	13	14	6
Stratford ...	8	0	0
Hawera ...	26	10	0
Opunake ...	7	0	0
Wanganui ...	30	0	0
Rangitikei ...	7	17	0
Sandon and Feilding ...	18	1	2
Palmerston North ...	35	12	6
Kiwitea ...	5	0	0
West Coast Maori Mission ...	10	0	0
Mangaweka ...	3	11	5
Waimarino ...	1	4	0
Eltham ...	2	0	0
		199	10
		7	0
III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Wellington, Taranaki St. ...	69	13	6
" " South ...	20	1	0
Hutt ...	21	16	7
Greytown ...	14	9	0
" " Donation Mr A. ...	5	0	0
Masterton ...	20	0	0
Napier ...	19	0	8
Hastings ...	9	0	0
Gisborne ...	10	0	0
Eketahuna ...	5	0	0
Otakei ...	12	0	0
Dannevirke ...	4	18	0
Waipawa ...	6	10	0
Woodville ...	7	0	6
Pahiatua ...	7	0	0
Ormondville ...	4	0	0
		235	9
		3	0
IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.			
Nelson ...	35	13	11
Richmond ...	7	10	0
Blenheim ...	60	3	2
Hokitika ...	6	11	9
Carried forward ...	£1,023	8	8
V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Christchurch, Durham St. ...	101	5	11
" " South ...	81	16	6
" " St. Albans ...	21	14	5
" " Papanui ...	10	10	0
Lyttelton ...	17	10	0
Springton ...	27	16	10
Leeston ...	27	18	10
Kaipoi ...	35	0	0
Rangiora ...	26	11	2
Oxford ...	4	10	0
Amberley and Waikari ...	2	15	0
Timaru ...	25	0	0
Waimata ...	16	0	0
Temuka ...	8	4	1
Ashburton ...	25	0	0
Willowby ...	20	0	6
Malvern ...	5	8	10
Methven ...	3	0	0
Banks Peninsula ...	1	0	0
		411	2
		1	0
VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.			
Dunedin, Trinity ...	55	1	0
" " Central Mission ...	32	7	2
" " Cargill Road ...	36	10	6
" " Special Donation ...	50	0	0
" " Mornington ...	20	0	0
Port Chalmers ...	8	3	2
Balclutha ...	11	0	0
Milton ...	6	6	4
Lawrence ...	8	0	0
Invercargill ...	17	0	6
Oamaru ...	11	18	4
Gore ...	5	0	0
Riverton ...	7	10	0
Roxburgh ...	5	4	0
Cromwell ...	12	13	11
Wakatipu ...	2	4	9
Tapanui ...	2	0	0
Palmerston South ...	3	0	0
Conference Meeting ...	2	1	6
		296	1
		2	0
Birthday League ...		65	12
		4	0
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.			
Auckland ...	236	1	2
Grey Institute ...	110	0	0
Kai Iwi ...	103	10	0
		449	11
		2	0
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.			
Auckland ...	120	0	0
Canterbury ...	50	0	6
		170	0
Century Fund ...		50	0
Returned Missionary ...		100	0
Maori Books sold ...		12	4
		272	0
Deficit 1902 ...		269	4
		9	0
		£2990	5
		7	0

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—BALANCE SHEET, 1902.

and Mr. F. L. PRIME.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
By Deficit Balance, 1902			272	13	1			Brought forward ...	1,693	10	3
GRANTS TO MAORI MISSIONS.											
AUCKLAND.											
Missionary Superintendent	225	0	0								
Connexional Funds	45	12	1								
House Rent	52	0	0								
Travelling and Horse Keep	41	5	0								
HOKIANGA.											
Native Minister	60	0	0								
"	40	0	0								
KAIAPARA.											
Native Minister	60	0	0								
Travelling	10	0	0								
WAIKATO.											
Native Minister	60	0	0								
"	40	0	0								
WHANGAROA.											
Native Probationer	40	0	0								
Special Native Agent	60	0	0								
WANGANUI AND WEST COAST.											
Missionary	200	0	0								
Connexional Funds	39	8	7								
Travelling and Horse Keep	15	0	0								
Native Probationer	75	0	0								
Patea House—Loan Fund	30	0	0								
			1093	5	8						
HOME MISSION STATIONS.											
AUCKLAND.											
Bay of Islands	15	0	0								
Whangaroa	15	0	0								
Hokianga	35	0	0								
Helensville	15	0	0								
Te Awamutu	16	11	6								
Poro-o-tarao	15	0	0								
WANGANUI.											
Mangaweka	40	0	0								
Waimarino	20	0	0								
WELLINGTON.											
Ormondville	35	0	0								
NELSON.											
Havelock	25	0	0								
CANTERBURY.											
Amberley	10	0	0								
Metbven	15	0	0								
Banks Peninsula	25	0	0								
OTAGO.											
Wakatipu	31	0	0								
Tapanui	10	0	0								
Palmerston South	5	0	0								
			327	11	6						
AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARY.											
AUCKLAND.											
Hamilton, Huntly	15	0	0								
Northern Waeroa, Kaihu	10	0	0								
Whangarei, Hikurangi	30	0	0								
Coromandel and Kuaotunu	65	4	1								
Upper Thames	30	0	0								
Tauranga	30	0	0								
WANGANUI.											
New Plymouth, Coast M.	15	0	0								
Stratford, Eltham	25	0	0								
Carried forward			£1,693	10	3						
NELSON.											
Blenheim	12	10	0								
OTAGO.											
Cargill Road, Peninsula	10	0	0								
" Mosgiel	10	0	0								
Riverton	20	0	0								
			272	14	1						
AIDED CIRCUITS.											
AUCKLAND.											
Mahurangi	20	0	0								
WANGANUI.											
Opunake	10	0	0								
Rangitikei	80	0	0								
Kiwitea	30	0	0								
WELLINGTON.											
Hutt	15	0	0								
Greytown	25	19	2								
Hastings	25	0	0								
Gisborne	20	0	0								
Eketahuna	40	0	0								
Dannevirke	15	0	0								
Waipawa	25	0	0								
Woodville	30	0	0								
Pahiatua	27	10	0								
NELSON.											
Richmond	15	0	0								
Motueka	10	0	0								
Hokitika	20	0	0								
Westport	20	0	0								
CANTERBURY.											
Papanui	30	0	0								
Springston	15	0	0								
Oxford	65	15	6								
OTAGO.											
Mornington	20	0	0								
Milton	20	0	0								
Gore	10	0	0								
Roxburgh	20	0	0								
Cromwell	30	0	0								
			£89	4	8						
SPECIAL.											
Binding and Printing											
Maori Sheets	36	10	6								
Wakatipu Retiring Allowance	10	0	0								
Compassionate Allowance	10	0	0								
Minister from Melbourne	28	5	0								
Coromandel Special	3	0	0								
Connexional Secretary	90	0	0								
Birthday League Exp'n's	5	4	5								
Ministerial Supply	28	16	9								
			211	16	8						
GENERAL.											
Printing Reports, etc.	33	0	10								
Office Rent	21	0	0								
Interest and Exchange	59	5	9								
General Secretary to Conference	9	13	6								
Advertisements, etc.	2	6	0								
Land Tax	3	2	6								
Cheque Book	1	0	0								
Deputations	58	19	4								
H.M.'s Travelling to D.S.	81	12	0								
Postage and Stationary	3	0	0								
			222	19	11						
			£2,990	5	7						

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND
ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND
INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland, Pitt Street ...	140	0	0			
„ Freeman's Bay ...	7	0	0			
„ North Shore ...	30	0	0			
„ Grafton Road ...	55	0	0			
Maori Mission, Waikato ...	10	0	0			
„ Kaipara ...	20	0	0			
„ Hokianga ...	20	0	0			
„ Whangaroa ...	10	0	0			
Mahurangi ...	10	0	0			
Thames ...	30	0	0			
Upper Thames ...	17	10	0			
Manukau ...	50	0	0			
Franklin ...	20	0	0			
Cambridge ...	12	0	0			
Hamilton ...	10	0	0			
Paparoa ...	12	0	0			
Northern Wairoa ...	12	0	0			
Whangarei ...	12	0	0			
Tauranga ...	5	0	0			
Coromandel ...	8	0	0			
Helensville ...	6	0	0			
Bay of Islands ...	5	0	0			
Hokianga ...	6	0	0			
Whangaroa ...	10	0	0			
Huntly ...	2	0	0			
				519	10	0

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ...	30	0	0			
Waitara ...	15	0	0			
Stratford ...	8	0	0			
Hawera ...	20	0	0			
Opunake ...	8	0	0			
Wanganui ...	35	0	0			
Rangitikei ...	10	0	0			
Sandon and Feilding ...	20	0	0			
Palmerston North ...	30	0	0			
Kiwitea ...	5	0	0			
West Coast Maori Mission ...	15	0	0			
Mangaweka ...	4	0	0			
Waimarino ...	2	5	0			
Eltham ...	3	0	0			
				205	5	0

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington, Taranaki St. ...	80	0	0			
„ South ...	20	0	0			
Hutt ...	20	0	0			
Greytown ...	12	0	0			
Masterton ...	20	0	0			
Napier ...	18	0	0			
Hastings ...	10	0	0			
Gisborne ...	10	0	0			
Eketahuna ...	5	0	0			
Otaki ...	12	0	0			
Dannevirke ...	4	10	0			
Waipawa ...	7	0	0			
Woodville ...	10	0	0			
Pahiatua ...	5	0	0			
Ormondville ...	5	0	0			
				238	10	0

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson ...	30	0	0			
Richmond ...	7	10	0			
Blenheim ...	55	0	0			
Hokitika ...	8	0	0			
Greymouth ...	12	0	0			
Motueka ...	5	0	0			
Carried forward ...				963	5	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...				963	5	0
Reefton ...	10	0	0			
Westport ...	5	0	0			
Havelock ...	2	0	0			
Kumara ...	3	0	0			
				187	10	0

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch, Durham St. ...	120	0	0			
„ South ...	35	0	0			
„ St. Albans ...	20	0	0			
„ Papanui ...	13	0	0			
Lyttelton ...	17	10	0			
Springton ...	25	0	0			
Leeston ...	25	0	0			
Kaiapoi ...	35	0	0			
Rangiora ...	25	0	0			
Oxford ...	5	0	0			
Amberley and Waikari ...	6	0	0			
Timaru ...	35	0	0			
Waimate ...	16	0	0			
Temuka ...	12	0	0			
Ashburton ...	25	0	0			
Willowby ...	20	0	0			
Malvern ...	7	0	0			
Methven ...	3	0	0			
Banks Peninsula ...	1	0	0			
				445	10	0

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin, Trinity ...	55	0	0			
„ Central Mission ...	30	0	0			
„ Cargill Road ...	30	0	0			
„ Mornington ...	20	0	0			
Port Chalmers ...	8	0	0			
Balclutha ...	9	0	0			
Milton ...	7	10	0			
Lawrence ...	8	0	0			
Invercargill ...	17	10	0			
Oamaru ...	12	0	0			
Gore ...	5	0	0			
Otautau ...	7	10	0			
Roxburgh ...	5	0	0			
Cromwell ...	7	10	0			
Tapanui ...	2	0	0			
Palmerston South ...	3	0	0			
				227	0	0
Birthday League ...				70	0	0

CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.

Auckland ...	230	0	0			
Grey Institute ...	110	0	0			
Kai Iwi ...	110	0	0			
				450	0	0

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.

Auckland ...	120	0	0			
Canterbury ...	50	0	0			
				170	0	0
Century Fund ...				50	0	0
Returned Missionary ...				100	0	0
Maori Books sold ...				10	0	0
				2,623	5	0
Deficit ...				250	8	1

£2,873 13 1

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

EXPENDITURE, AS RECOMMENDED FOR 1903.
EXPENDITURE.

By Debit Balance, 1902 ... £ s. d. 263 4 9

MAORI MISSIONS.

AUCKLAND.	
Missionary Superintendent	225 0 0
Connexional Funds	44 10 10
House Rent	52 0 0
Travelling	35 0 0
Student Probationer	20 0 0
" Travelling	10 0 0
HOKIANGA.	
Native Minister	60 0 0
Native Minister	40 0 0
KAIPARA.	
Native Minister	60 0 0
" " Travelling	10 0 0
WAIKATO.	
Native Minister	60 0 0
Native Minister	40 0 0
WHANGARUA.	
Native Probationer	40 0 0
WEST COAST, WANGANUI.	
Missionary	200 0 0
Connexional Funds	38 2 6
Travelling	15 0 0
Native Probationer	75 0 0
Patea House—Loan Fund	12 10 0
	1,037 3 4

HOME MISSION STATIONS.

AUCKLAND.	
Bay of Islands	15 0 0
Whangaroa	15 0 0
Hokianga	35 0 0
Helensville	20 0 0
Te Awamutu	10 0 0
Huntly	10 0 0
Kuaotunu	15 0 0
WANGANUI.	
Mangaweka	35 0 0
Waimarino	20 0 0
Eltham	80 0 0
WELLINGTON.	
Norsewood	15 0 0
NELSON.	
Havelock	25 0 0
CANTERBURY.	
Amberley	10 0 0
Methven	15 0 0
Banks Peninsula	40 0 0
OTAGO.	
Tapanui	16 0 0
Palmerston South	5 0 0
Wakatipu	7 10 0
	351 5 0

AIDED CIRCUITS WITH HOME MISSIONARIES.

AUCKLAND.	
Northern Wairoa, Kaihu	10 0 0
Whangarei & Hikurangi	35 0 0
Coromandel	75 0 0
Upper Thames	40 0 0
Mahurangi	15 0 0
Carried forward	175 0 0

Brought forward ... £ s. d. 175 0 0

WANGANUI.	
N. Plymouth (Coast Miss'n)	15 0 0
OTAGO.	
Cargill Road, Peninsula	15 0 0
" Mosgiel	5 0 0
Otautau	20 0 0
	230 0 0

AIDED CIRCUITS.

WANGANUI.	
Rangitikei	25 0 0
Kiwitea	50 0 0
WELLINGTON.	
Hutt	10 0 0
Greytown	20 0 0
Hastings	20 0 0
Gisborne	20 0 0
Eketahuna	50 0 0
Dannevirke	20 0 0
Waipawa	20 0 0
Woodville	25 0 0
Fahiatua	25 0 0
NELSON.	
Richmond	15 0 0
Hokitika	20 0 0
Westport	30 0 0
Blenheim	30 0 0
CANTERBURY.	
Papanui	20 0 0
Springston	15 0 0
Oxford	50 0 0
OTAGO.	
Mornington	10 0 0
Milton	25 0 0
Gore	10 0 0
Roxburgh	20 0 0
Cromwell	25 0 0
	555 0 0

SPECIAL.

Printing Maori Sheets	50 0 0
Kiwitea—Liquidation of Debt	40 0 0
Connexional Secretary	80 0 0
Ministerial Supply	40 0 0
Oxford	10 0 0
	220 0 0

GENERAL.

Printing Reports, etc.	40 0 0
Interest and Exchange	50 0 0
Office Rent	21 0 0
Miscellaneous	100 0 0
	211 0 0

£2,873 13 1

GENERAL RETURNS, 1902.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Members	On Trial	Other Communicants	Junior Members	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
Auckland—Pitt Street ..	7	4	5	..	24	22	625	4	111	111	13	8	136	1313	3580
„ Wesley College ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
„ Freeman's Bay ..	1	..	1	..	3	3	144	4	24	70	1	1	24	220	600
„ North Shore ..	5	4	4	..	8	..	209	2	31	9	..	5	52	305	928
„ Grafton Road ..	5	5	3	..	6	4	242	7	..	27	1	6	64	545	1400
„ Maori Mission ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mahurangi ..	3	10	2	..	8	..	106	1	20	..	..	4	12	138	500
Thames ..	2	3	1	..	5	3	133	5	16	..	1	2	34	296	800
Upper Thames ..	5	12	3	1	14	4	200	6	20	31	4	5	36	310	1500
Manukau ..	6	1	2	..	11	8	180	..	50	29	1	4	30	223	950
Franklin ..	7	14	1	1	7	2	214	1	30	39	1	4	20	123	1200
Cambridge ..	4	6	1	1	6	..	130	2	3	..	1	4	13	120	700
Hamilton ..	3	17	1	1	6	3	177	9	37	..	..	2	13	89	1000
Paparoa ..	5	6	1	..	7	..	118	..	15	..	..	4	14	87	530
Northern Wairoa ..	5	9	1	1	13	..	123	..	..	..	1	6	24	292	1070
Whangarei ..	4	6	1	1	7	..	96	4	30	..	2	3	22	243	700
Tauranga ..	1	3	..	1	2	..	44	..	..	..	2	1	5	62	300
Coromandel ..	2	4	1	1	1	1	46	1	..	..	..	2	13	80	240
Helensville ..	4	7	..	1	1	1	54	..	..	..	..	4	5	60	340
Bay of Islands ..	2	6	..	1	3	1	53	..	..	..	..	4	7	55	320
Hokianga ..	2	5	..	1	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	2	4	30	300
Whangaroa ..	1	8	..	1	2	..	41	..	..	..	..	1	5	30	260
Totals ..	74	130	30	12	134	52	2950	46	387	316	28	72	533	4621	17,218

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Members	On Trial	Other Communicants	Junior Members	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
	New Plymouth	6	8	2	1	12	5	306	..	30	20	4	7	50	375	1200
Waitara	5	9	2	..	11	6	263	8	16	..	2	7	41	387	1200
Stratford	2	5	1	..	6	..	97	13	22	14	1	1	8	70	478
Hawera	4	8	2	..	10	1	153	1	20	20	2	2	14	185	900
Opunake	4	7	1	..	6	..	62	2	..	..	..	1	3	35	480
Wanganui	3	3	2	..	7	2	206	11	25	60	4	3	32	350	1200
Rangitikei	3	..	1	..	1	..	47	..	4	..	..	2	7	70	176
Sandon and Feilding	6	1	2	..	6	..	191	..	26	31	..	6	34	330	825
Palmerston North	6	2	2	..	13	..	275	59	24	7	2	6	55	617	1500
Kiwitea	3	3	1	..	6	..	50	..	20	..	..	4	13	139	380
West Coast Maori Mission..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mangaweka	3	4	..	1	3	..	56	6	..	..	..	3	9	130	300
Waimarino	2	1	..	1	1	..	28	2	..	..	2	3	5	45	188
Eltham .. ..	..	5	..	1	1	..	33	3	..	..	..	1	3	25	200
Totals	47	56	17	4	83	14	1767	105	187	152	17	46	274	2758	9027

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.		Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Members	On Trial	Other Communicants	Junior Members	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
Wellington—Taranaki Street	..	5	3	5	..	20	4	460	40	..	200	6	6	78	1141	3200
Wellington South	..	2	1	1	..	3	..	147	20	25	10	..	2	33	347	700
Hutt ..	..	5	2	3	..	6	2	148	1	..	40	2	6	46	405	800
Greytown ..	..	6	3	2	..	3	2	143	6	8	..	1	7	34	286	750
Masterton ..	..	2	3	1	..	10	..	150	12	5	..	2	3	29	324	900
Napier ..	..	4	1	1	..	3	2	119	14	5	26	1	4	22	255	625
Hastings ..	..	1	1	1	..	7	1	83	..	5	..	2	2	11	117	350
Gisborne ..	..	1	3	1	..	3	1	86	10	14	20	..	1	8	125	400
Eketahuna ..	..	2	7	1	..	2	..	53	..	5	..	1	4	13	135	400
Otaki ..	..	4	2	1	..	3	..	105	..	12	10	3	4	14	136	420
Dannevirke ..	..	1	6	1	..	2	..	47	..	22	..	..	1	12	110	620
Waipawa ..	..	2	5	1	..	..	..	28	..	16	..	..	1	2	10	400
Woodville ..	..	2	..	1	..	4	..	105	2	4	..	1	2	9	84	250
Pahiatua ..	..	3	5	1	..	4	..	69	10	6	4	..	2	9	77	475
Ormondville ..	..	2	4	..	1	5	2	46	..	..	..	1	1	4	50	322
Totals ..	..	42	46	21	1	75	14	1789	115	127	310	20	46	324	3602	10,612

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Members	On Trial	Other Communicants	Junior Members	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
	Nelson	1	2	2	..	4	..	170	6	..	20	..	1	17	189	500
Richmond	6	2	1	..	6	..	148	1	7	34	..	6	33	223	735
Blenheim	4	5	1	1	8	4	159	2	..	54	..	4	41	402	1070
Hokitika	3	2	1	..	4	1	64	..	61	..	1	1	8	50	357
Greymouth	2	2	1	..	5	4	112	..	..	20	1	2	27	260	600
Motueka	2	5	1	..	2	..	127	..	..	34	1	4	26	182	610
Reefton	2	1	1	..	1	..	88	15	47	14	..	2	18	161	500
Westport	1	..	1	..	..	..	33	..	4	..	..	1	6	77	200
Kumara	2	6	..	1	1	1	38	..	..	7	3	1	5	41	170
Havelock	1	7	..	1	..	..	35	..	..	..	1	1	4	28	420
Totals	24	30	9	3	31	10	974	24	119	183	9	23	185	1613	5162

Y.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Members	On Trial	Other Communicants	Junior Members	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
Christchurch, Durham Street	.. 10	..	10	..	22	7	739	88	45	98	7	10	137	1454	4150
„ South	.. 5	1	3	..	9	6	320	40	..	65	2	5	85	764	2120
„ St. Albans	.. 2	..	1	..	6	..	193	6	..	12	2	2	41	385	770
„ Papanui	.. 4	..	1	..	4	..	128	..	17	..	..	4	26	250	520
Lyttelton	.. 2	..	1	..	3	2	72	..	10	24	2	2	19	224	500
Springston	.. 9	1	2	..	8	..	202	7	20	..	2	4	30	204	900
Leeston	.. 5	1	1	..	5	1	175	..	15	..	..	5	26	141	900
Kaiapoi	.. 7	1	2	..	7	2	267	33	10	40	1	8	47	542	1180
Rangiora	.. 7	..	2	..	12	3	267	4	..	..	3	6	44	323	1000
Oxford	.. 2	2	1	..	2	..	31	1	14	..	..	3	10	88	300
Amberley and Waikari	.. 1	4	1	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	1	1	5	40	350
Timaru	.. 2	6	1	..	13	1	201	4	19	48	1	1	24	250	950
Waimate	.. 2	2	1	..	9	2	178	..	..	36	1	1	17	120	600
Temuka	.. 2	3	1	..	3	..	69	2	2	30	1	2	11	72	380
Ashburton	.. 3	1	1	..	3	..	168	12	10	..	3	2	28	194	689
Willowby	.. 4	6	1	..	11	2	141	2	12	19	2	4	28	160	550
Malvern	.. 4	3	1	..	6	..	46	..	6	..	1	1	4	20	280
Methven	.. 1	5	..	1	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	290
Cheviot	.. 1	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banks Peninsula	.. 1	2	..	1	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113
Totals	.. 74	38	1	2	123	26	3291	199	180	366	29	61	582	5231	16,542

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.			Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Probationers	Heme Missionaries	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Members	On Trial	Other Communicants	Junior Members	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
Dunedin —	Trinity ..	..	2	..	1	..	8	5	290	..	10	30	6	2	32	287	950
	Central Mission ..	..	1	..	1	..	3	2	291	70	20	22	1	1	20	172	2300
	Cargill Road ..	..	3	9	1	2	13	5	308	11	..	30	1	4	42	367	1440
	Mornington ..	..	3	1	2	..	5	4	247	17	12	..	..	4	51	348	875
Port Chalmers ..	..	..	2	2	1	..	5	3	87	9	2	12	..	1	13	88	350
Balclutha ..	..	..	2	1	1	..	1	1	50	..	20	17	..	2	10	95	477
Milton ..	..	..	1	5	1	..	1	..	62	5	5	6	1	1	10	75	325
Lawrence ..	..	..	3	3	1	..	3	..	72	..	..	..	..	2	8	54	320
Invercargill ..	..	..	1	2	1	..	2	..	149	..	..	..	..	1	16	132	465
Oamaru ..	..	..	2	4	1	..	7	2	134	..	21	23	1	1	19	114	560
Gore ..	..	..	1	4	1	..	4	..	44	1	20	..	..	1	8	71	320
Riverton ..	..	..	4	4	1	1	2	1	85	23	14	..	..	3	14	121	550
Roxburgh ..	..	..	3	1	1	..	3	2	54	..	12	..	..	2	8	61	230
Cromwell ..	..	..	2	3	1	..	2	1	64	3	..	1	..	1	3	24	280
Wakatipu ..	..	..	2	3	..	1	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	1	2	12	133
Tapanui ..	..	..	1	3	..	1	1	..	25	..	..	..	..	1	3	23	190
Palmerston ..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	27	..	5	..	1	1	6	54	230
Totals ..	..	..	35	46	15	6	60	26	2007	139	141	141	11	29	265	2098	9995

MAORI WORK.

Hokianga ..	..	..	4	18	2	1	24	4	510	42	..	..	7	2	5	145	1900
Kaipara ..	..	..	5	7	1	1	13	1	250	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	350
Waikato ..	..	..	..	16	2	2	10	2	211	..	..	..	9	2	2	30	1925
Whangaroa ..	..	..	2	5	1	..	..	..	200	..	..	..	..	1	1	12	300
West Coast ..	..	..	2	33	1	..	6	..	25	..	40	..	..	2	..	30	700
Totals ..	..	..	13	79	7	4	53	7	1196	42	52	..	16	7	8	217	5175

GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS.

I.—EUROPEAN WORK.

DISTRICTS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Members	On Trial	Other Com- municants	Junior Members	Deaths	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Scholars	Attendants on Public Worship, in- cluding S.S. Scholars
Auckland	74	130	30	12	134	52	2950	46	387	316	28	72	533	4621	17,218
Wanganui	47	56	17	4	83	14	1767	105	187	152	17	46	274	2758	9027
Wellington	42	46	21	1	75	14	1789	115	127	310	20	46	324	3602	10,612
Nelson	24	30	9	3	31	10	974	24	119	183	9	23	185	1613	5162
Canterbury	74	38	31	2	123	26	3291	199	180	366	29	61	582	5231	16,542
Otago	35	46	15	6	60	26	2007	139	141	141	11	29	265	2098	9995
Totals	296	346	122	28	506	142	12,778	628	1141	1468	114	277	2163	19,923	68,556
Increase	8	..	5	3	..	..	284	228	..	..	..	..	..	..	775
Decrease .. ..	..	19	..	..	40	3	..	..	127	130	26	2	6	265	..

II.—MAORI WORK.

Auckland	11	46	6	4	47	7	1171	42	12	..	16	5	8	187	4475
Wanganui	2	33	1	..	6	..	25	..	40	..	..	2	..	30	700
Totals	13	79	7	4	53	7	1196	42	52	..	16	7	8	217	5175
Increase .. ..	..	8	..	..	2	..	20	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	50
Decrease .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	10	..

GENERAL RECAPITULATION, 1901-02.

I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1901.	1902.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Trial.
Auckland	2846	2950	104	..	46
Wanganui	1753	1767	14	..	105
Wellington	1670	1789	119	..	115
Nelson	940	974	34	..	24
Canterbury	3337	3291	..	46	199
Otago	1948	2007	59	..	139
Maori Members ..	1176	1196	20	..	42
Totals	13,670	13,974	350	46	670

II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	European Probationers.	Super-numeraries.	Maori Ministers.	Maori Probationers.	Totals.
Auckland	20	5	5	5	1	36
Wanganui	14	2	1	..	1	18
Wellington	15	4	2	..	..	21
Nelson	6	2	1	..	..	9
Canterbury	24	4	3	..	..	31
Otago	14	1	..	..	..	15
Totals	93	18	12	5	2	130

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, 1902.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools	No. of Scholars	Average Attendance of Scholars.	No. of Teachers	Average Attendance of Teachers	No. of Teachers who are Church Members.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members.	No. of Scholars who are Junior Members	No. of Volumes in Libraries	No. of Schools using Conference Catechisms	No. of Schools belonging to Sunday School Union	Approximate No. of Methodist Children in Undenominational Schools.	Scholars.		Teachers.	
													Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Auckland ..	72	4621	3120	533	442	420	255	316	10,037	27	..	..	..	86	2	..
Wanganui ..	46	2758	1891	274	222	244	121	152	4690	29	3	..	55	..	3	..
Wellington ..	46	3602	2346	324	281	263	184	310	6834	35	..	74	..	6	..	8
Nelson ..	23	1613	1068	185	152	169	80	183	3920	12	3	..	..	31	..	8
Canterbury ..	61	5231	3835	582	476	497	208	366	11,343	45	24	215	..	209	..	7
Otago ..	29	2098	1545	265	231	240	107	141	5490	22	3	49	12	..	12	..
Totals ..	277	19,923	13,805	2163	1804	1833	955	1468	42,314	170	33	338	67	332	17	23
Totals last year ..	279	20,188	13,894	2169	1794	1720	1088	1598	42,653	145	30
Increase	10	113	25	3
Decrease ..	2	265	89	6	133	130	339

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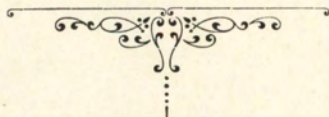
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C. H. LAWS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

APPENDIX M.

TEMPERANCE RETURNS, 1902.

DISTRICTS.			No. of Bands of Hope.	Number of Members.	S.S. Scholars in Non-Connexional Band of Hope.	No. of Connexional Temperance Societies.	No. of Members in Connexional Temperance Societies.
Auckland	..	..	23	1288	..	..	..
Wanganui	..	..	14	916	146	..	..
Wellington	..	..	19	1197	83	..	..
Nelson ..	..	..	10	572	228	..	..
Canterbury	21	1904	798	2	60
Otago	10	460	53	2	176
Totals ..			97	6337	1308	4	236
Increase ..			13	..	17
Decrease	817



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Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church
Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers'
Widows' Fund

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1902

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURERS OF
THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND
MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND

For the Year ending 31st December, 1902.

As required by Rule 9 of the Fund, the Treasurers present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the following Report for the year ending 31st December, 1902:—

The books and accounts have been duly audited, and the Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure, Revenue Account, and Balance-sheet, signed by the Auditors, are appended.

It will be noted that there has been received during the year £6016 14s. 10d. for purchase of benefits, from Ministers who have come into the Church, and joined the Fund, through the operation of Methodist Union. In some cases these Ministers had agreed to purchase benefits under Rev. J. Cope's tables. Those agreements have been cancelled, and new ones entered into in accordance with the tables prepared by the Actuary, and published in the Special Committee's Report. By far the larger amount, however, represents agreements made during the present year. This has entailed an extensive correspondence. Eighty-nine agreements have been signed and returned to the office, and the remainder will be completed as soon as possible. Meantime, it should be noted that the amount thus paid is simply provision for liabilities which have been incurred.

The sum received for Circuit Levies is in excess of the average; and had the direction of the General Conference, which requires these to be remitted quarterly, been carried out in all the Districts, the amount would have been still larger. The Conference Treasurers have been commendably prompt, but from some of the districts the amounts have not been forwarded at the due dates. Chairmen of Districts and Financial Secretaries will see that any delay means a loss to the Fund.

The £3606 16s. 2d. from the English Annuitant Societies is not the ordinary yearly payment, but includes arrears, which are only now brought to account.

Formal possession has, during the year, been taken of a number of properties which for some time past had been practically in the hands of the Treasurers. The number of such properties has therefore been increased. Some of them, including two on which the largest advances had been made, it has been deemed wise to sell. The loss incurred was, in most instances, in excess of that allowed for in the Reserve Account, but in one a considerable amount was realised beyond that to which it had been written down. The management of these properties entails constant watchfulness, and considerable anxiety and expense. The heavy outlay during the past year has been chiefly for sewerage and removal of buildings, and will be reproductive. It is the intention of the Board of Treasurers to review the present condition and value of all the properties now in possession during the coming year, and to report fully thereon prior to the General Conference. The Treasurers are of opinion that it will be wise to realise the properties held as favourable opportunities occur.

During the past year the properties in New South Wales on which loans have been granted have, with two exceptions, been inspected by Committees of the Board, and a renewed inspection of the bulk of those in Victoria has also been made. Notes of the condition and value have been preserved for reference, and such inspections will be repeated from time to time. The inspection of the remainder of the Victorian properties is also being carried out.

It has been the aim of the Board to keep the current credit balance at the lowest figure consistent with effective working, and the fact that it was so large at the end of the year is because it was necessary to provide for large loans which had been promised during January.

The work of the year has been onerous. Board meetings have been held every fortnight, and meetings of Committees in the alternate weeks. Besides attending the meetings, the members of the Board devote considerable time and attention to the inspection of properties offered as securities.

A plan for dealing with the long-pending account with the Connexional Buildings Trust, Melbourne, has been agreed upon, and a considerable sum paid on account. Since the Balance-sheet was closed the amount due from

the General Conference for the Book of Laws, and interest on the same, has been received.

As shown by the accounts, the net result of the year is that £20,642 6s. 5d. have been added to the assets. It is necessary to emphasise the statement that this is not a piling-up of capital, but only the absolutely necessary provision to meet obligations actually incurred on behalf of those who are members of the Fund.

The following Statement of Receipts from the several Annual Conferences on account of Ministers' subscriptions and fines, together with list of Arrears, is presented as directed:—

RECEIPTS.

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

New South Wales Conference	..	£1439	6	6
Victoria and Tasmania	..	1176	1	7
South Australia	..	636	12	0
New Zealand	..	768	17	9
Queensland	..	256	10	0
Western Australia	..	208	15	0
		£4486	2	10

Circuit Levies.

New South Wales Conference	..	£1587	10	0
Victoria and Tasmania	..	1811	5	0
South Australia	..	1076	1	0
New Zealand	..	1490	0	7
Queensland	..	567	1	8
Western Australia	..	415	2	6
		£6947	0	9

Less Expenses of Remittances and other charges by Conference Treasurers	..		32	0	7
		£6915	0	2	

ARREARS.

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

	ARREARS.		FINES.		TOTALS.
New South Wales Conf.	£921 1 0	..	£254 9 9	..	£1175 10 9
Victoria & Tas.	2345 5 5	..	692 6 0	..	3037 11 5
South Australia	770 1 0	..	311 10 0	..	1081 11 0
New Zealand	402 3 3	..	87 1 0	..	489 4 3
Queensland	588 4 0	..	115 15 0	..	703 19 0
Western Australia	428 16 6	..	143 8 0	..	572 4 6
	£5455 11 2	..	£1604 9 9	..	£7060 0 11

These arrears are much too heavy, and, in the interests of the Ministers themselves, it is most desirable that they should promptly arrange to meet their liabilities.

The approximate amount of Circuit levies due as up to 30th September last, and including arrears, was £2357. This should have been sent to the General Treasurers before the balance-sheet was closed.

The number of Annuitants on the 31st December, 1902 was: Supernumeraries, 69; Widows, 85.

The Treasurers record with regret that Mr. E. Whitehead, who has occupied a seat at the Board for eight years, and rendered signal service, has been compelled to retire on account of ill health. The Rev. J. A. Marsland, who was only appointed at the Brisbane General Conference, has also been obliged to retire for the same reason. To fill these vacancies, Mr. Geo. Sweet, F.G.S., and the Rev. J. G. Wheen, have been elected.

THOMAS GROVE	} General Treasurers.
WILLIAM R. BENNETTS	
E. WASON NYE	
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	
WILLIAM MORLEY	
THOMAS LOCKWOOD	
JOHN G. WHEEN	
GEO. SWEET	

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR

RECEIPTS.

To Bank Balances at Dec. 31st, 1901	£4,746	3	8	
„ Cash on hand „ „			115	2 9
				£4,861 6 5
„ Loans repaid				9,728 12 6
„ Sales of Property				5,648 5 2
„ Rents, &c.—Properties in possession				1,696 7 6
„ Interest				9,334 19 6
„ Ministers' Subscriptions				4,486 2 10
„ Purchase of Benefits, ex-Minor Methodist Ministers—				
Victoria & Tasmania Conference	£3,210		9	0
New South Wales „		1,956	14	4
South Australia „		650	6	1
Queensland „		151	5	6
New Zealand „		47	19	11
				6,016 14 10
„ Levies on Circuits				6,915 0 2
„ Second Marriage Premiums				434 5 10
„ Dividends—Commercial Bank Preference Shares				54 0 0
„ English Annuitant Societies				3,606 16 2
„ Mission Districts, in lieu of Circuit Levies				471 18 3
„ Bills Receivable				33 2 9
„ Refund Furniture Grant				12 10 0
„ Commission				3 8 0
„ Exchange				0 15 7

£53,304 5 6

We have examined the above Statement, and having compared it with the Books of the Fund, and the Books with the Vouchers, certify that it is correct.

WM. A. MEWTON, F.I.A.V. }
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, A.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 2nd February, 1903.

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

DR. REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

To Ministers' Annuities ..	£5,573	17	7	
„ Widows' Annuities ..	3,044	13	7	
				£8,618 11 2
„ Furniture Grants ..				132 10 0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned	£149	8	0	
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Arrears written off Ministers resigned	163	7	0	
				312 15 0
„ Auditors' Fees ..				77 14 0
„ Salaries ..				509 3 4
„ Rent—House ..				87 0 0
„ Rent—Office ..				100 0 0
„ Furniture Allowance and Renewals ..				46 7 0
„ Travelling Expenses ..				31 14 0
„ Printing and Stationery (including Committee)				121 11 3
„ Exchange ..				41 18 0
„ Committees of Advice—New South Wales and Queensland				85 11 7
„ Expenses Commission and Special Committee				61 1 6
„ Actuarial Fees ..				26 5 0
„ Petty Cash and Postages ..				39 18 0
„ Clerical Assistance ..				65 16 0
„ Incidental Expenses ..				106 3 0
„ General Expenses ..				161 3 11
„ Acting-Treasurer—Arrears of Circuit Levies ..	£58	15	3	
„ Managing Treasurer—Levies	11	2	6	
				69 17 9
„ Balance transferred to Capital Account ..				20,642 6 5
				£31,337 6 11

We have examined the above Statement, and having compared it with the Books of the Fund, certify that it is correct.

WM. A. MEWTON, F.I.A.V. }
H. G. M'CUTCHEON, A.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 2nd February, 1903.

METHODIST CHURCH
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1902.

CR.

By English Annuitant Societies.. ..	£1,019	12	2
„ Interest	10,102	11	11
„ Rents on Properties in possession	1,276	14	7
„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines	£5,583	15	0
„ Ministers' Subscriptions—Amount received from Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund	5,087	14	9
		10,671	9 9
„ Circuit Levies	7,283	17	6
„ Mission Stations, in lieu of Collections and Levies	354	3	0
„ Second Marriage Premiums	559	0	0
„ Furniture Grants	12	10	0
„ Dividends	54	0	0
„ Commission Received	3	8	0

£31,337 6 11

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
 SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

BALANCE-SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1902.

LIABILITIES.			
To Capital	£251,009	7	3
Plus Balance of Revenue Account transferred	20,642	6	5
			£271,651 13 8
„ Sundry Creditors .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	31 10 0
„ Suspense .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	4 2 10

ASSETS.			
By Investments—			
Loans on Mortgage and Interest	£189,131	9	11
Properties in possession	44,530	15	10
Preference Shares, Commercial Bank	1,800	0	0
Debentures, Victorian Government and Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works	36,334	4	4
Interest and Dividend Accrued	355	12	5
			£272,152 2 6
Less Provision for Shrinking in the Value of Securities and Losses of Interest, &c.	20,331	10	3
			£251,820 12 3
„ Ministers' Subscriptions	£10,796	14	11
Less amount Paid in Advance	£70	5	1
„ amount to be paid by Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund	3,666	8	11
			3,736 14 0
			7,060 0 11

By Circuit Levies	4,074	14	5
„ Mission Districts, in lieu of Col- lections	198	9	0
„ Furniture Grants	302	10	0
„ Second Marriage Premiums	238	0	5
„ General Conference	262	8	0
„ Bills Receivable	446	5	0
„ Committee of Advice, Sydney	182	14	10
„ English Annuitant Societies	740	3	5
„ Federal Bank, Adelaide	11	10	5
„ House Furniture	130	0	0
„ Office Furniture	27	16	9
„ Petty Cash and Stamps	2	11	3
„ Cash on hand	65	14	1
„ Balance at Bankers	6,123	15	9
	<u>£271,687</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
		<u>£271,687</u>	<u>6</u> <u>6</u>

DR.	RESERVE ACCOUNT	(PROVISION FOR LOSSES).	CR.
1902—Dec. 31.—To Loss on Properties Sold ..	£8,752	4	7
„ Balance (See Amount deducted from Investments on Balance- sheet)	20,331	10	3
	<u>£29,083</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
		1901—Dec. 31.—By Balance	£29,083
			14
			10
			<u>£29,083</u>
			<u>14</u>
			<u>10</u>

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Reserve Account for Provision for Losses, compared them with the books of the Fund, and found them to agree therewith. We have also seen the securities, and found them in order, each advance being represented by a mortgage for its amount, with two exceptions, viz.:—Connexional Buildings, £598 8s. 6d.; No. 434, £275.

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

WM. A. MEWTON, F.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.
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MELBOURNE, 2nd February, 1903.

