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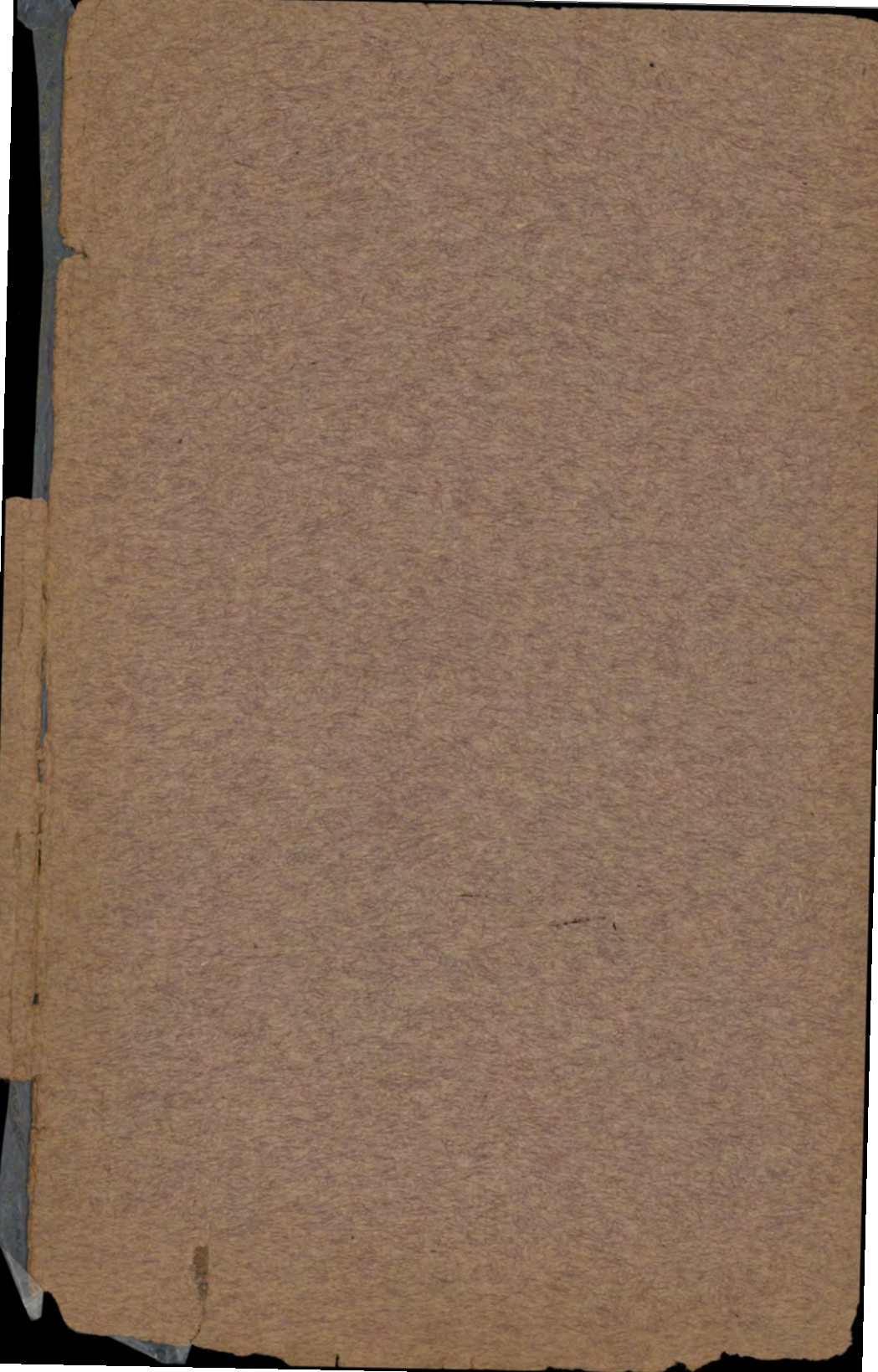
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NOTE 1.—The Circuits not enumerated in the foregoing list did not elect a Lay Representative.

2.—The Representatives to whose names 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?

Benjamin J. James
 Major A. R. Pratt
 Arthur J. Seamer
 Who have travelled four years.
 Also James Wilson.

QUESTION II.—What Preachers Remain on Trial?

1 Ernest O. Blamires
 Angus McBear
 Alexander J. Reed
 George F. Stockwell
 Who have travelled three years.

2 Fred Copeland
 Arthur C. Randerson, M.A.
 Raymond Richards
 Richard F. Williams

Who have travelled two years.

James R. Clark
 John D. McArthur (See under Question IV.)
 Charles Roberts
 George Snadden

Who have travelled one year.

William W. Avery
 Percy R. Paris

HONOURS LIST.

The following passed their examinations with honours :—M. A. R. Pratt, A. J. Seamer, Alexander J. Reed, and A. C. Randerson, M.A.

N.B — B. J. James, A. J. Reed, and R. Richards, the matter of whose passing was last year held in abeyance, are this year credited with having passed two years.

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

William H. E. Abbey
 Charles Blair
 Henry A. G. Keek
 William G. Maslin
 William B. Scott
 Robert H. Wylie

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

1 Edwin Cox

Is continued for a third year.

2 Frederick Rands

Charles B. Jordan
 Robert B. Tinsley

Are continued for a second year.

3 John D. McArthur

Who, by vote of the last Conference, was to have entered College, has (by direction of the President) spent the whole year in supply work at Lawrence, and is now credited with having passed the first year of his probation.

4 Alexander Allen

William A. Burley

Who have been on the President's List of Reserve, and employed as Home Missionaries, are to enter the Theological Institution.

N.B.—The Conference directs Theological Students and Candidates appointed as such, to take their places at the Institution not later than during the second week in March.

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

1 Charles H. Olds

James Richards
 Herbert L. Richards

Are to enter the Theological Institution as vacancies arise.

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

Hone Marena Hare

Who has travelled four years.

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

Nehe Hemi Papakakura

Who has travelled three years.

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

None.

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

George Manning Piper

Who was received last year, is permitted to study at Canterbury College for another year.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

W. H. E. Abbey and H. A. G. Keck, accepted candidates for the ministry, were received from the Victoria and Tasmania Conference.

QUESTION XIII.—Does any Minister or Preacher on Trial Offer for Foreign Mission Work ?

None.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers become Supernumeraries ?

William Lee

James Thomas (for one year)

RESOLUTION.

The Conference, in acceding to the Rev. W. Lee's wish to retire, desires to place on record its sense of the value of the services rendered to the Church by him during forty-three years, all but one of which have been spent in connection with the New Zealand work. As President and Secretary of the Conference, for many years Chairman of Districts, Superintendent of important Circuits, and also as Treasurer of the Children's Fund, a member of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and other Committees, Mr. Lee has given ample proof of his connexional spirit, administrative ability, and sound judgment. The Synod rejoices in the excellent health vouchsafed to Mr. Lee, and trusts that his life may be extended for many years, so that, as a Supernumerary Minister, he may, as opportunity offers, continue, whether in England or in this Colony, to render further service in the interests of the Church and for the spread of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

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

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers or Preachers on Trial have Permission to Rest during the Year ?

None.

1. A supply is granted to the Rev. S. J. Garlick for the year, on account of his ill-health.

2. Barton H. Ginger has permission to visit England, a Probationer being sent as supply to his Circuit.

QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers are Left without Pastoral Charge ?

Francis W. Isitt
T. Francis Jones

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

Henry H. Lawry
John Orchard
William Keall
William B. Marten
William Dawson

HENRY HASSEL LAWRY was born at Parramatta, New South Wales, in the year 1821. He was the son of the Rev. Walter Lawry, who for a number of years acted as General Superintendent of Methodist Missions in the South Pacific. While still a child of tender age he sustained an irreparable loss in the death of his mother. As a lad he was sent to England in order to complete his education. It was while he was a scholar at Kingswood School that he experienced the converting grace of God. In the year 1844 he returned to New Zealand, with the intention of entering upon a commercial career; God, however, had other work for him to do. The call to give himself to missionary effort among the Maoris was very clear, and in response thereto Mr. Lawry offered himself to the Church, was accepted, and began the work that he loved to his latest hour. Owing to failure of health, the period of his active ministry was comparatively short, but during the years in which he did the full work of a missionary his labours were much owned of God. For some time he held the responsible position of Principal of Wesley College, Three Kings. During the long period in which he sustained a supernumerary relationship to the Church he continued to render valuable service in a variety of ways to the cause of the Master. For thirty years he filled the position of Secretary of the Educational Institution afterwards known as Prince Albert College; he was also a Trustee of the same. His services in the revision of the Maori Prayer-book were specially acknowledged by the Conference of 1895. The subject of this obituary notice died as he lived, trusting in the merits of the Saviour whom he had preached. He passed peacefully away, at his residence, Carlton Gore, Auckland, on May 8th, 1906, in the eighty-fifth year of his age, and the sixty-first of his ministry.

JOHN ORCHARD was born in Devonshire on the 12th of December, 1838. In 1861 he was admitted on probation to the ministry of the Bible Christian Church in England. In 1863 he was transferred to Victoria, where he laboured with conspicuous ability till 1886, when he was appointed to New Zealand. For ten years, up to the time of Methodist Union in 1896, he was the most prominent personality in that Church, and that branch of Methodism made marked progress in the Colony. During his colonial ministry he showed himself to be the possessor of exceptional qualifications for Church extension. His labours in this connection were abundantly blessed, and he achieved quite a distinction as a Church builder. He rose to positions of great honour and responsibility. In 1884 he was elected to be Chairman of the Victorian District. In 1889 he was made General Superintendent of the Church in New Zealand. In 1899 he was elected President of the New Zealand Conference, and on two occasions was elected a representative to the General Conference. Apart from his ministerial activities, he took a lively interest in all public movements. He was, at the time of his death, a member of the Christchurch City Council, of the Licensing Bench, and of the Charitable Aid Board, and one of the Governors of the Technical School. In a variety of other ways he manifested interest in the general well-being of the community. Though he had been superannuated some few years prior to his death, which occurred on January 6th, 1907,

his energies continued unabated to the last, and it may be said of him that he "ceased at once to work and live." His end was the consummation of an eminently useful life, and he passed to his great reward with vision unimpaired, intellect unclouded, and hope unquenched. He has left behind a very precious memory.

WILLIAM KEALL was born at Penny Hill, Lincolnshire, May 5th, 1838. Through the influence of his father's class, which he attended, he gave his heart to God at the age of thirteen. He began to preach when eighteen. He arrived in New Zealand in January, 1868. At the Conference of 1869 he was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry, and appointed to the Lawrence Circuit. The following were his Circuits: Lawrence, Springston, Richmond, Port Chalmers, Ashburton, Leeston, Sydenham, Thames, Palmerston North, Sandon, Blenheim, and Rangitikei. He was elected President of the Conference in 1893, and was for some years Chairman of a District. Some of his best, certainly his most trying work, was done at Ashburton, and with the most encouraging results. In many Circuits Mr. Keall's work was largely reconstructive and financial, but was also rich in spiritual good. His ministry was marked by unswerving loyalty to his Lord and Saviour, stern devotion to duty, the fearless reproof of wrong, and diligent application to his great work. Its gentler features appeared in sympathy with the sick and suffering, brotherliness and homeliness. His preaching was direct, earnest, practical and useful. He was faithful to the doctrines, the discipline, and the life of Methodism. He became a Supernumerary at the Conference of 1906. Symptoms of serious illness showed themselves on Tuesday, August 28th of that year. For some time he was unconscious, but recovered for a brief interval. On the Thursday morning, very early, he was comforted by hearing his favourite hymn sung, "How do Thy mercies close me round." The following morning saw the end. He said to a friend whom he recognised, "I am going home; going to the beautiful gates." At five o'clock, very quietly, and without a struggle, he entered into rest.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN MARTEN was born in Essex, England, sixty years ago. His parents were Unitarians, and he himself was brought up with a view of being trained for the Unitarian ministry. Coming to New Zealand in the early sixties, he was drawn to unite himself in worship with the Methodists at Port Chalmers. His conversion took place at a service held in the Port Chalmers Church, during the singing of the hymn beginning

Come, Saviour, Jesus, from above,
Assist me with Thy heavenly grace;
Empty my heart of earthly love,
And for Thyself prepare the place.

After serving the Church in various positions for several years, he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry at the Conference of 1871. The following are the Circuits in which he laboured: Timaru, Christchurch, Hokitika, Motueka, Richmond, Ashburton, Manawatu, Lyttelton, Invercargill, Timaru, Rangiora, Blenheim, Oamaru, Hastings, Hutt, Opunake and Temuka. For some years he rendered excellent service as Secretary of Church Property. As a preacher he was thoughtful, devout, and intensely practical. In some of his earlier Circuits he was greatly honoured as a winner of souls. He had strong poetical and musical tastes, which he diligently cultivated. His kindly, sympathetic nature added much to his usefulness as a pastor. He was not favoured with a robust constitution, yet there was never a call of duty that was not readily responded to as long as health permitted. He was made a Supernumerary at the Conference of 1906, and settled at the Hutt. He became increasingly enfeebled by successive strokes of paralysis, and his useful life came to an end on Friday, February 15th, 1907. He left no dying testimony, and none was needed; his life was a clear testimony to the blessedness of the Christian faith.

WILLIAM DAWSON was born at Scotland Gate, Northumberland, in the year 1865. Blessed with parents who were eminent for piety, he became in early years subject to those Divine convictions which were such a marked feature throughout his life. At the age of fourteen he began to deliver exhortations, and soon gave evidence of that gift of convincing and forceful speech which afterwards characterised his public ministry. He came to New Zealand in 1886, and shortly after became a local preacher. So acceptable was his preaching, that he was induced to offer himself as a candidate for the ministry. With this in view, he commenced his studies at Otago University, continuing them for a year at Wesley College, Three Kings. In the year 1893, he entered upon his work as a Methodist minister. He laboured with great acceptance and fruitfulness at Inglewood, Otaki, Eketahuna, Papanui and Lawrence. Much of his work was done in affliction and weakness; but his heroic spirit so mastered his feeble health, that he never missed an appointment. When appointed to Lawrence, it soon became evident that his health was seriously affected, and he was advised to rest. This did not avail, and he became gradually worse. He passed away on the 25th of July, 1906, at the age of forty-one, having served thirteen years in the Ministry. His piety was unobtrusive, but of a high order; he saw into the deep things of God. By nature he loved retirement, but by those who were privileged to know him intimately, his consecrated character and Christian devotion were greatly appreciated. He was a close student and an unusually able preacher, having in a marked degree the faculty of touching the imagination and hearts of his hearers. Wherever he laboured he was greatly beloved. His earthly life and ministry were short, but they served the highest ends. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

THOMAS TURNER, a Supernumerary of the British Conference, died in Christchurch during the year.

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

The names were duly considered.

QUESTION XX.—What Persons who were in Full Connexion with the Conference now cease to be Recognised as Ministers among us?

Charles E. Godbehear.

QUESTION XXI.—How are our Ministers and Preachers on Trial Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

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LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

Methodist Church of Australasia

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REV. W. SLADE.SECRETARY :
REV. C. H. LAWS, B.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1907.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 93 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)—J. A. Luxford ; W. C. Oliver (Mount Albert) ; A. N. Scotter, B.A. (Kingsland) ; J. Law, J. S. Smalley and J. Thomas (Supernumeraries).
 WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS, NATIVE INSTITUTION.—J. H. Simmonds, Principal (Mount Eden).
 THEOLOGICAL TRAINING INSTITUTION.—J. H. Simmonds, Governor.
 HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—S. Griffith, General Secretary.
 CHAPLAIN TO THE NEW ZEALAND MILITIA.—J. A. Luxford.
- 2 **Auckland West**.—G. Bond (Ponsonby).
 3 **Auckland East**.—G. W. J. Spence (Grafton Road) ; W. R. Tuck, B.A. (Mount Eden) ; one wanted (Newmarket).
 4 **Auckland Methodist Mission**.—J. Wilson.
 5 **Auckland** (North Shore).—S. Griffith (Devonport) ; J. S. Rishworth and W. G. Thomas (Devonport) (Supernumeraries).
 6 **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—G. S. Cook.

- 7 **Auckland Maori Mission.**—W. Gittos (Devonport), who shall superintend the Maori Work in the Auckland District; A. J. Seamer (Kaeo, North Auckland).
- 8 **Manukau.**—R. Taylor (Onehunga); a Home Missionary (Otahuhu); W. J. Watkin (Supernumerary).
- 9 **Mahurangi.**—J. D. Jory (Warkworth); a Home Missionary (Port Albert).
- 10 **Thames.**—J. Blight.
- 11 **Upper Thames.**—J. Dukes (Te Aroha); T. W. Newbold (Waihi); G. Snadden (Paeroa); a Home Missionary (Morrinsville); an additional Home Missionary (Putaruru).
- 12 **Franklin.**—J. J. Mather (Pukekohe); one wanted (Waiuku).
- 13 **Cambridge.**—W. H. Beck; a Home Missionary (Te Awamutu).
- 14 **Hamilton.**—T. Fee.
- 15 **Huntly.**—W. W. Avery.
- 16 **Paparua.**—R. P. Keall.
- 17 **Northern Waioa.**—W. Wills (Mangawhare); a Home Missionary (Rehia).
- 18 **Whangarei.**—C. C. Harrison; a Home Missionary (Hikurangi).
- 19 **Rotorua.**—G. F. Stockwell.

MAORI MISSION, HOKIANGA.—Piripi Rakena (Mangamuka); Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).

MAORI MISSION, KAIPARA.—Hauraki Paul (Reweti).

MAORI MISSION, WAIKATO.—Hone Mareta Hare (Kopua); one wanted (Raglan); Supernumeraries—Wi Warena Pewa (Kopua) and Hamiora Kingi (Raglan).

MAORI MISSION, LOWER WAIKATO.—One wanted.

MAORI MISSION, WHANGAROA.—Hapeta Renata.

TAURANGA.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary (Kaukapakapa).

BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary (Kawakawa).

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).

WHANGAROA.—A Home Missionary (Kaeo).

AOTEA-KAWHIA.—Vacant.

GEORGE BOND, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT.

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 20 **New Plymouth.**—T. G. Brooke; H. A. G. Keck; W. Cannell (Supernumerary).
- 21 **Waitara.**—F. T. Read.
- 22 **Inglewood.**—E. D. Patchett.
- 23 **Stratford.**—W. S. Bowie.
- 24 **Eltham.**—A. J. Reed.
- 25 **Hawera.**—S. J. Gibson; W. H. E. Abbey (Manaia).
- 26 **Cape Egmont.**—J. W. Worboys; a Home Missionary (Rahotu).
- 27 **Kaponga.**—W. B. Scott.
- 28 **Wanganui.**—J. G. Chapman.
- 29 **Aramoho.**—W. J. Oxbrow.
- 30 **Rangitikei.**—T. G. Carr (Marton).
- 31 **Sandon.**—D. McNicoll (Sanson).
- 32 **Felding.**—C. E. Beecroft.
- 33 **Palmerston North.**—J. J. Lewis; H. Beggs (Cuba Street); a Home Missionary (Ashurst); G. S. Harper (Supernumerary).

- 34 **Taihape.**—F. Copeland; a Home Missionary (Mangaweka).
 35 **Waimarino.**—One wanted.
 36 **West Coast Maori Mission.**—T. G. Hammond (Patea); Robert Tahu Potiki Haddon (Okaiawa); one wanted.
 PATEA.—A Home Missionary.
 KIMBOLTON.—A Home Missionary.
 TAUMARANUI.—A Home Missionary.
 TONGAPORUTU.—A Home Missionary.
 MAIN TRUNK LINE.—A Home Missionary (Rauimu).

THOMAS G. BROOKE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT.

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

- 37 **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—P. W. Fairclough, F.R.A.S.; C. E. Porter (Thorndon); H. B. Redstone (Supernumerary); F. W. Isitt and T. F. Jones (without Pastoral Charge).
 ORGANISING SECRETARY, BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.—H. L. Blamires.
 38 **Wellington South.**—W. J. Williams (Newtown).
 39 **Wellington Suburban.**—E. P. Blamires.
 40 **Johnsonville.**—C. Eaton.
 41 **Hutt.**—S. J. Garlick; Supply; R. Wilson (Petone); W. Kirk (Petone) Supernumerary.
 42 **South Wairarapa.**—W. J. Elliott (Carterton); C. Blair (Greytown); a Home Missionary (Featherston).
 43 **Masterton.**—J. N. Buttle.
 44 **Napier.**—A. C. Lawry.
 45 **Hastings.**—W. Tinsley.
 46 **Gisborne.**—C. Griffin.
 47 **Eketahuna.**—G. T. Marshall.
 48 **Dannevirke.**—T. T. Thomas, B.A.
 49 **Levin-Otaki.**—J. Wrigley (Levin); P. R. Paris (Otaki).
 50 **Waipawa.**—G. Frost.
 51 **Woodville.**—B. H. Ginger (Supply; W. G. Maslin).
 52 **Pahiatua.**—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.
 WAIPUKURAU.—A Home Missionary.

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT.

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

- 53 **Nelson.**—C. H. Garland; J. Crump (Supernumerary).
 54 **Richmond.**—S. H. D. Peryman.
 55 **Blenheim.**—C. Penney; H. Ranston (Blenheim); a Home Missionary (Flaxbourne).
 56 **Hokitika.**—J. G. W. Ellis.
 57 **Greymouth.**—T. W. Vealie.
 58 **Motueka.**—C. Roberts.
 59 **Reefton.**—B. F. Rothwell.
 60 **Westport.**—M. A. R. Pratt.
 KUMARA.—A Home Missionary, under the supervision of the Hokitika Superintendent.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
 THE SOUNDS.—Vacant.
 BLACKBALL.—Vacant.

CHARLES H. GARLAND, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT.

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- 61 Christchurch (Durham Street).—H. R. Dewsbury; W. Ready (East Belt); T. R. Richards (Woolston); A. B. Chappell, M.A. (Richmond); a Home Missionary; R. S. Bunn and J. Smith (Supernumeraries).

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Henry Bull.

- 62 Christchurch Methodist Mission (Durham Street South).—W. Baumber.
 63 Christchurch South—L. Hudson (Sydenham); J. A. Lochore (Addington).
 64 Christchurch (St. Albans).—W. A. Sinclair.
 65 Christchurch (Papanui).—S. Lawry.
 66 Lyttelton.—A. Peters; W. Lee (Supernumerary).
 67 Springston.—C. Abernethy.
 68 Tal Tapu.—B. J. James.
 69 Leeston.—T. E. Thomas, M.A.
 70 Kalapoi.—T. Trestrail; E. O. Blamires (Ohoka).
 71 Rangiora.—J. T. Pinfold, F.G.S.; A. Asheroft (Woodend).
 72 Malvern.—J. R. Clark (Sheffield).
 73 Timaru.—S. J. Serpeli; a Home Missionary.
 74 Waimate.—T. A. Joughin.
 75 Temuka.—J. H. Haslam.
 76 Ashburton.—H. E. Bellhouse; R. Richards (Chertsey).
 77 Willowby.—C. H. Standage.
 OXFORD—A Home Missionary.
 AMBERLEY.—A Home Missionary (under the supervision of the Rangiora Minister).
 BANKS PENINSULA.—A Home Missionary (Little River).
 CHEVIOT.—Vacant.

HENRY R. DEWSBURY, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT.

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

- 78 Dunedin (Trinity).—C. H. Laws, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference); R. H. Wylie (North-East Valley).
 79 Dunedin Central Mission.—W. Slade (President of the Conference); a Home Missionary.
 SOUTHERN MAORI MISSION.—Neho Hemi Papakakura (under the direction of the Chairman of the District.)
 80 Dunedin (Cargill Road).—W. Grigg; R. F. Williams (St. Kilda).
 81 Dunedin (Morningson).—D. J. Murray.
 82 Dunedin (Roslyn).—T. J. Wallis.
 83 Mosgiel.—A. C. Randerson, M.A.
 84 Port Chalmers.—J. Ward.
 METHODIST EDITOR, "OUTLOOK."—J. Ward.
 85 Balclutha.—F. W. Boys.
 86 Milton.—J. W. Griffin.
 87 Lawrence.—J. J. Pendray.
 88 Invercargill.—A. Mitchell; A. McBean (South Invercargill).
 89 Oamaru.—T. N. Griffin.
 90 Gore.—J. A. Hosking.
 91 Otautau.—W. Beckett; a Home Missionary (Nightcaps).
 92 Roxburgh.—W. Greenslade.

93 Cromwell.—A. Reader.

RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.

TAPANUL.—Vacant.

PALMERSTON.—A Home Missionary.

WINTON.—A Home Missionary.

WAKATIPU.—Vacant.

WILLIAM SLADE (President of the Conference), CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT.

1. R. S. Bunn, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Australia.
2. J. S. Smalley, Supernumerary, has permission to reside in Scotland.
3. W. Læe, Supernumerary, has permission to visit England.
4. B. H. Ginger has permission to visit England.
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.**

Auckland East (Newmarket)	...	...	W. H. Thomas
Manukau (Otahuhu)	...	...	Vacant
Mahurangi (Port Albert)	...	...	One to be sent
Upper Thames (Morrinsville)	...	...	W. J. Scott
Upper Thames (Putaruru)	...	...	One to be sent
Franklin (Waiuku)	...	...	M. J. Evans
Cambridge (Te Awamutu)	...	...	A. Hislop
Northern Wairoa (Rehia)	...	...	C. J. Bush
Whangarei (Hikurangi)	...	...	J. A. Lamond
Tauranga	...	...	A. Hopper
Coromandel	...	...	J. Martyn
Helensville (Kaukapakapa)	...	...	H. Foston
Aotea-Kawhia	...	...	Vacant
Bay of Islands (Kawakawa)	...	...	One to be sent
Hokianga (Rawene)	...	...	R. Gosnell
Whangaroa (Kaeo)	...	...	C. Aker

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Cape Egmont (Rahotu)	...	...	R. E. Evans
Palmerston North (Ashurst)	...	...	One to be sent
Taihape (Mangaweka)	...	...	One to be sent
Waimarino (Raetihi)	...	...	J. B. Beeche
Patea	...	...	One to be sent
Kimbolton	...	...	J. H. White
Tongaporutu	...	...	One to be sent
Taumaranui	...	...	One to be sent
Main Trunk Line (Raurimu)	...	...	F. Martin

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Hutt (Supply for Rev. S. J. Garlick)	...	...	James Richards
South Wairarapa (Featherston)	...	...	R. Blackmore
Pahiatua	...	...	W. H. Speer
Norsewood	...	...	J. Oliver
Waipukurau	...	...	One to be sent

NELSON DISTRICT.

Blenheim (Flaxbourne)	...	...	One to be sent
Kumara	...	...	One to be sent
Havelock	...	...	H. L. Richards
The Sounds	...	...	Vacant
Blackball	...	...	Vacant

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	...	...	Rev. J. Richards
Timaru	...	...	C. H. Olds
Oxford	...	...	One to be sent
Amberley	...	...	G. Hinton
Banks' Peninsula (Little River)	...	...	T. Bryant
Cheviot	...	...	Vacant

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central Mission	...	...	One to be sent
Riverton	...	...	C. A. Foston
Tapanui	...	...	Vacant
Winton	...	...	W. T. Hooper
Palmerston	...	...	W. Rowe
Otautau (Nightcaps)	...	...	G. N. Wheaton
Wakatipu	...	...	Vacant

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

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The following appointments are made for the year 1907 :—

- Rev. H. E. Bellhouse : Secretary and Convener.
- Rev. S. Lawry : Section A for Candidates.
- Rev. J. H. Simmonds : Section B for Candidates.
- Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A. : Section C for Candidates.
- Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A. : Latin for Probationers.
- Rev. H. R. Dewsbury : Hebrew and Greek.
- Rev. J. Wrigley : English Bible—Old Testament.
- Rev. G. T. Marshall : English Bible—New Testament.
- Rev. W. Grigg : Wesley's Sermons.
- Rev. W. Slade : Clarke's Theology.
- Rev. A. C. Lawry : Gregory's History and Polity.
- Rev. J. A. Luxford : Fisher's History.
- Rev. T. A. Joughin : Bruce's Apologetics.
- Rev. C. H. Garland : Smyth's Christian Ethics.
- Rev. J. J. Lewis : Robertson's Early Religion.
- Rev. S. J. Gibson : Row's Manual.
- Rev. C. E. Becroft : Shedd's Homiletics.
- Rev. W. A. Sinclair : Bennett and Adeney's Introduction.
- Rev. D. J. Murray : Book of Laws.
- Rev. T. E. Thomas, M.A. : Pope's Compendium.
- Rev. T. Fee : Geden's Studies.
- Rev. W. J. Williams : Moulton's Literary Study.
- Rev. W. Gittos : Maori Language.
- Revs. W. Gittos and B. F. Rothwell : Examiners for Maori Probationers.

II.—REGULATIONS.

1. The time allowed for each Examination Paper shall be three hours in the case of Probationers and two hours in the case of Candidates.
2. The questions for Probationers shall be so arranged as to require a knowledge of all the work prescribed in the Syllabus in any given subject.
3. Probationers must themselves communicate with their respective Examiners, and also with their Chairmen, not later than June 30th, stating the subjects in which they are preparing to be examined, and seeking any needed direction in their work.
N.B.—This regulation must be strictly enforced, except in the case of students called out after May 31st.
4. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Examiners for Candidates the names and scholastic status of all Candidates recommended in his Circuit.
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 10th.
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. (Instructions to Supervisors have been drawn up by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and printed for use in future examinations.)

7. The Probationers' and Candidates' Examinations shall be held in the last week of November; 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 shall also report to the Secretary of the Board what Candidates have matriculated and what Probationers have been excused any part of the ordinary examination.
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 is to 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 President's 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 an average of 75 per cent. in seven or more subjects, will be mentioned in the Minutes of Conference as having passed with Honours.

III.—PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

(AS DECIDED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.)

FIRST YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—1 Samuel i.-v., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar; or ENGLISH—1 Samuel, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—Acts i.-vii., Cambridge Greek Testament for Schools and Colleges, with Green's Greek Grammar; or ENGLISH—Acts, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
3. Wesley's Sermons, 1-20.
4. W. N. Clarke's Outline of Theology, pp. 1-226.
5. The Book of Laws.
6. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 1-287 (Ancient and Mediæval Sections.)
7. Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—Zechariah i.-v., with Davidson's Hebrew Grammar; or ENGLISH—Amos and Hosea, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—Philippians, Lightfoot's Commentary, with Green's Greek Grammar; or ENGLISH—Ephesians and Philippians, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
3. Wesley's Sermons, 21-53.
4. W. N. Clarke's Outline of Theology, pp. 227-427.
5. Gregory's Scriptural Church Principles, Part II.
6. Fisher's History of the Christian Church, pp. 288 to end.
7. C. A. Row's Manual of Christian Evidences.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—Isaiah xlix.-lv.; or ENGLISH—Book of Isaiah, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—Epistle of James, Mayor's Edition; or ENGLISH—James and 1 Peter, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
3. Pope's Compendium, Vol. II.
4. Biblical Introduction, by Bennett and Adeney, Old Testament.
5. Newman Smyth's Christian Ethics, Part I., pp. 1-292.
6. Bruce's Apologetics.
7. Shedd's Homiletics.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible, Old Testament.—HEBREW—Psalms xc.-xciv.; or ENGLISH—Book of Joshua, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
2. Bible, New Testament.—GREEK—Epistles of St. John, Westcott's Commentary; or ENGLISH—Epistle to the Romans, Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.
3. Pope's Compendium, Vol. III.
4. Biblical Introduction, by Bennett and Adeney, New Testament.
5. Newman Smyth's Christian Ethics, Part II., pp. 293-494.
6. R. G. Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
7. Geden's Studies in Comparative Religion.

REGULATIONS.

1. The minimum number of marks required for a pass in any subject shall be 50 per cent.

2. Except as hereinafter provided, Probationers shall in each year be examined in at least six subjects, including Nos. 1 to 5, and they must pass in five subjects. (The New Zealand Conference has decided that so long as Probationers secure pass marks in *any* five subjects out of those taken by them, they will pass the examination.)

3. In any year in which a Probationer is keeping terms at a local University or University College, it shall be sufficient for him to be examined, and to pass in Nos. 2 and 3 only.

4. In the case of a Probationer who may desire to sit for the London University B.D. Examination, and who can satisfy the Board of Examiners that he has a reasonable prospect of gaining the B.D. Degree, it shall be sufficient for him to be examined and to pass in No. 3 only.

5. The New Zealand 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 College 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 College, are of opinion that these examinations cannot reasonably be required in his case.

LATIN.

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. This subject, it is to be noted, is an additional one, and must not be taken in place of one of the subjects set by the General Conference. The Books set for 1907 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.

I. 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.
- Bruce's Training of the Twelve.
- 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.
- Davison's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets.

Green's Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch.
 Riehm's Messianic Prophecies.
 Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.
 Ramsay's St. Paul the Traveller.
 Nicol's Recent Archæology and the Bible.
 Forrest's Christ of History and of Experience.
 R. J. Drummond's Relation of Apostolic Teaching to the Teaching of Christ.
 Ramsay's Commentary on Galatians.
 Shaw's Pauline Epistles.
 Way's Letters of St. Paul.
 Somerville's St. Paul's Conception of Christ.
 Stanton's Gospels as Historical Monuments.
 Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
 Ramsay's Was Christ Born at Bethlehem ?

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's 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.
 Stevens' New Testament Theology.
 Walker's The Spirit and the Incarnation.
 Laidlaw's Bible Doctrine of Man.
 Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion.
 Walker's Cross and Kingdom.
 Westcott's Gospel of the Resurrection.
 Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.
 Illingworth's Divine Immanence.
 Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
 Starbuck's Psychology of Religion.
 Lambert's Sacraments of the New Testament.
 James' Varieties of Religious Experience.

3. APOLOGETICS.

Butler's Analogy : Gladstone's Essay.
 Paley's Evidences.
 Paley's Horæ Paulinæ.
 Brace's Gesta Christi.
 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 Evolution and Christianity.
 Orr's Christian View of God and the World.

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 in History and 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.
 Lindsay's Church and Ministry in the Early Centuries.
 Workman's Church in the West in the Middle Ages.

5. PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

Baxter's Reformed Pastor.
 Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
 Dale's Lectures on Preaching
 Horton's Verbum Dei.
 Stalker's Preacher and His Models.
 Beecher's Yale Lectures.
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.
 Phillips Brooks' Lectures on Preaching.
 Fletcher's Thoughts on Preaching.

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

Spier's Methodist Temperance Manual.
 Buckley's Short History of the Physical Sciences.
 Rowntree and Sherwell's Temperance Problems
 Black's Culture and Restraint.

1. The Conference recommends Probationers in their general reading to acquaint themselves with the best classics of English and other literature.

2. Probationers are advised to consult, when possible, Hastings' Bible Dictionary. Those who read Hebrew and Greek will find the Volumes of the International Critical Commentary, and the Expositor's Greek Testament, of great service

3. The Reading List required to be supplied by each Probationer at the District Synod shall include at least one book in each of the first five sections under "List of Works Recommended to Probationers."

CURRICULUM FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Eldridge's Theology (first half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 12.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (portions to be selected by Examiner), with Peloubet's Notes.
4. Gordon's "Quiet Talks on Power."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Eldridge's Theology (second half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 13 to 24.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (portions to be selected by Examiner), with Peloubet's Notes.
4. Gordon's "Quiet Talks on Prayer."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Gregory's "Theological Student" (first half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 25 to 37.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (portions to be selected by Examiner), with Peloubet's Notes.
4. Arthur's "Tongue of Fire" (first half).

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Gregory's "Theological Student" (second half).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 38 to 53.
3. Bible, Old and New Testaments (portions to be selected by Examiner), with Peloubet's Notes.
4. Arthur's "Tongue of Fire" (second half).

IV.—STUDENTS' COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study in the Theological Institution 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. Elocution.
6. English Language and Literature.
7. Latin Language and Literature.
8. Greek Language and Literature, including the Greek Testament.
9. Logic.
10. Mathematics.

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

REGULATIONS.

That three Lecturers be appointed as follows :—

- (a) Systematic Theology and Elocution—Rev. J. A. Luxford.
 - (b) Ecclesiastical History and Bible Exegesis—Rev. G. Bond.
 - (c) Homiletics and Logic—Rev. J. H. Simmonds.
2. That each of the Theological Students in the Institution preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland, North Shore, 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. Also that arrangements be made whereby the students shall preach periodically before the Ministers of the Auckland Circuits.
 3. 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.
 4. That the Chairman of the District furnish the Secretary of the Board of Examiners with the complete results of the Students' Examinations, including Examiners' reports and marks gained, as soon as possible after the holding of such Examinations.

V.—CANDIDATES' COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY.

1. General Bible Knowledge and Church History—Old and New Testaments, and "Landmarks of Church History" (Cowan).
2. Systematic Theology.—Second Catechism and Banks' Manual of Christian Doctrine.

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.

LANGUAGES, 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 Græca. (a) Accidence to end of comparison of Adjectives. (b) Exercises i. to xxvii.; Greek into English only.
4. Geography—Longman's 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. (Longman's 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. Hamblin 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.
 - e. Greek.
 - f. Geography, History and Science.
 - g. Arithmetic.
 - h. Euclid.
 - i. 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 passed the matriculation examination must also take English, Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. Others, including 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. Superintendents must send to Examiners of Candidates for the Ministry a list of the subjects in which Candidates propose to be examined. In the case of Candidates who have not passed the matriculation examination, or 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 OF
AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

BRETHREN IN THE LORD,—In the name of our common Saviour and Master we send you affectionate greeting. In all the sessions of our Conference we have had you much in our thoughts, and have remembered you in our prayers.

THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference, you will be gratified to learn, has been marked by a record attendance of Ministers and Laymen, who have been most exemplary in the discharge of their various duties. The results of their labours, we are confident, will work for good in our Churches for many years.

OBITUARY.

Upon this occasion we have had to mourn the loss of several of our fathers and brethren in the Ministry, and other brethren who have hitherto been prominent in the service of the Church. We refer more particularly to the late Rev. H. H. Lawry, who had been in our Ministry for sixty-two years; Rev. J. Orchard, who, though nominally retired, was ever full of good works, yet to whom, with apparently little notice, the summons came, and his "promotion was effected;" the Revs. W. Keall and W. B. Marten, who last Conference, on the ground of ill-health, became Supernumeraries, and the Rev. W. Dawson, who was called upon to lay down his weapons of holy warfare while comparatively young, also the Rev. T. Turner, who, as a Supernumerary of the British Conference, came to our shores some years ago. Of Laymen, not a few have during the year responded to the last call. Let us take this record as an admonition and a call to be also ready.

Since last Conference, the ranks of the elect ladies of our parsonages have been seriously broken. Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. J. Orchard, Mrs. C. Abernethy, and Mrs. R. F. Williams; these, after varying periods of loving service, have crossed the bar,

and met their Pilot face to face. Over their record in the ministry of the Church you will with us rejoice, and also pray that divinest comforts may come into the hearts of the bereaved.

RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE WORK.

It is with much regret we have to inform you that during the Conference the Rev. W. Lee requested and received permission to become a Supernumerary, after a ministry in the Colony of forty-three years. Mr. Lee is known and greatly honoured in all our Churches, and the loss is felt to be great. A fitting resolution of sympathy and good wishes has been recorded. You will unite with us in the prayer that unto him and his devoted wife may be granted a long and a bright eventide.

GENERAL RETURNS.

The annual record of our forces has this year been the subject of special and serious consideration. The feeling of the Conference was at the outset evidenced in the first representative session being set apart for considering, in committee, what the Census meant, and the reasons for our not making greater progress. In this session, while there was much heart-searching and much reason felt for humbling ourselves before God, the presence of the Most High was richly experienced. This conversation on the State of the Work of God gives us hope for the future prosperity of our Zion. Our returns show an increase in almost every department. The chief of the total returns are: Churches 316, Ministers and Probationers 134, Local Preachers 572, Members 14,763, Sunday School Teachers 2,232, Sunday School Scholars 21,716, attendants upon public worship 73,560; while among the Maoris we have labouring 9 European and Native Ministers, 52 Local Preachers, and a Membership of 1,445. As regards the return of adherents, it is considerably larger than that shown in the Government Census. This has been the subject of serious consideration, and it behoves us to see in it grave reasons for giving ourselves more earnestly to prayer, fuller consecration, and more aggressive effort. In our Sunday Schools we have to report a general step forward. It is a joy to us that so many are engaged in this important sphere of service. For them we seek at your hands sympathy, and the practical aid needed to complete success in their work.

MISSIONS.

To the consideration of the operations and requirements of our Missions at home and abroad we have ungrudgingly devoted much time. While the calls for our help come from all parts of the Colony, more especially from the new districts in the North Island, the response is felt to be humiliatingly weak.

Once again we seek your assistance in order that the present liabilities may be discharged, services established where new populations are settled, our work strengthened in our Maori, Home and City Missions and dependent Circuits. We anticipate your sympathy and fullest help in this work. It will be gratifying to you that at the Mission Breakfast, when the needs for Church extension were specially set forth, the hand of liberality was stretched out, and no less than £3,000 promised to be paid during the next three years, and the present debt of the Home Mission Fund, £700, practically liquidated by Circuit guarantees of one shilling per member. The gathering has been aptly designated a "Financial Pentecost." In the appeal which is to be made for the enlargement of the above list of special donations we ask you to assist.

The Report on Foreign Missions gave us much reason for devout thanksgiving. There is, however, a great field still unentered, and the cry is louder than ever, "Come over, and help us." We rejoice that the Missionary spirit is deepening in the hearts of our people, as manifested in the income of the year, which has established an excellent record, being no less than £2,210, which is more than double the amount raised seven years ago. The Ladies' Auxiliary at Dunedin continues successful in its work, and the Conference has requested the President to visit the chief cities, with a view to the establishment of similar Auxiliaries. Our earnest desire and hope is that there may ever be found in our Churches the fullest realisation of the obligation involved in the great commission to make disciples of all the nations.

BIBLE-CLASS MOVEMENT.

We would also commend to you the work being done in connection with the Bible-Class Movement. During the year considerable progress has been made. The Organising Secretary has done much in the resuscitation and establishment of Bible Classes, and in his evangelistic missions has had the joy of leading many of our young people to a true Christian decision.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

We are much concerned about the training of our Students for the Ministry. Our present provision is felt to be utterly inadequate. Though our accepted candidates are so few, yet we have been unable to provide for the training of some who were accepted last year. This is to be deplored. Our hope is that soon, through the liberality of the Church, provision will be made, not only for the reception of all our accepted candidates, but also for their more efficient preparation for the work of our Ministry. In order to do this, a Select Committee has been appointed to deal with our Theological Institution, and to prepare some scheme in the direction indicated.

Needless to say, our interest is as great as ever in the work of the Endeavour and kindred Societies among our youth, also in the Temperance reform and the crusades against Gambling, Sabbath desecration and the great social evils that prevail in our midst. Space, however, forbids us enlarging further.

We would, in closing, exhort you to abiding fellowship with the great Head of the Church, in order that His spirit of faith and prayer and loving self-sacrifice may ever be reproduced in you, and that the glory thereof may be so manifested, that others, beholding it, may be led to glorify the Father which is in heaven.

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, 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 and by order of the Conference,

W. SLADE, *President,*

C. H. LAWS, B.A., *Secretary.*



SECTION II.

REPRESENTATIVE SESSION.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **AUCKLAND** (Pitt Street) to consist of Pitt Street, Mt. Albert, Kingsland, Arch Hill, Avondale, Henderson, Oratia, Waikumete, and, until the Ponsonby Circuit is prepared to take a probationer, Richmond. The boundary to be Ponsonby Circuit on the west, Symonds Street, Eden Terrace, Mt. Roskill Road, and the district lying west from Mt. Roskill Road to the Manukau Harbour on the S.E. The Circuit to have three married ministers, one of whom shall give a Sunday a quarter to the Ponsonby Circuit until they can take Richmond and a probationer.
2. **AUCKLAND WEST** to consist of Ponsonby and Bayfield. The boundary to be Hepburn Street, Williamson's Avenue, and Great North Road from Williamson's Avenue to the bridge at Western Springs. The Circuit to have one married minister, and to receive one Sunday a quarter from one of the Pitt Street ministers, and another from one of the Auckland East ministers. When able to take a probationer, Richmond to be attached to this Circuit, and until this time the boundary to be Richmond Road to bridge only.
3. **AUCKLAND EAST** to consist of Grafton Road, Newmarket, Parnell, Remuera, Mt. Eden, Epsom, Panmure, Ellerslie, and Pakuranga. The boundary to be Pitt Street Circuit on the West and Manukau Circuit on the S.E. The Circuit to have one married man and two probationers, and one minister to give one Sunday a quarter to the Ponsonby Circuit.

N.B.—AUCKLAND EAST AND MANUKAU.—The question of the boundary between the proposed Auckland East Circuit and the Manukau Circuit was referred to the Quarterly Meetings concerned and to the Auckland Synod.

2. **AUCKLAND (North Shore).**—That the Circuit be divided as follows :—
 1. **AUCKLAND (North Shore)** to comprise Devonport, Takapuna and Sunnyside, with one married minister.
 2. **AUCKLAND (Birkenhead)** to comprise Birkenhead, Northcote, Mayfield, Birkdale and Albany, with one married minister.

The North Shore Circuit to contribute the sum of £150 during five years on a sliding scale to the Birkenhead Circuit.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. CAPE EGDMONT CIRCUIT.—That the places now worked as the West Coast Mission, together with Opunake, Pihama, Oanui, and Eltham Road, be constituted a new Circuit, to be called the Cape Egmont Circuit, such Circuit to have a married Minister (Opunake) and a Home Missionary (Rahotu).
2. KAPONGA CIRCUIT.—That a new Circuit be formed to be called the Kaponga Circuit, and that it include Kaponga, Riverlea, Awatuna, Mangawhero Road, Kapuni and Rowan from the present Opunake Circuit, together with Mahoe from the Eltham Circuit.
3. That the following adjustments be made :—
 - (a) Otakeho to be transferred from the Opunake to the Hawera Circuit.
 - (b) Ngaire to be transferred from the Stratford to the Eltham Circuit.
 - (c) Stanley Road and Salisbury Road to be transferred from the Waitara to the Stratford Circuit.
4. WAITARA.—That the Waitara Circuit be divided, and that Inglewood be the head of a new Circuit to consist of Inglewood, Midhurst, Lincoln Road, Tarata, Kaimata, Purangi and Waipuku. The Waitara Circuit to consist of Waitara, Lepperton, Tikorangi, Huirangi and Urunui.
5. PATEA and KIMBOLTON.—That these places appear on the List of Stations as Home Mission Stations.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON MISSION.—That Wellington Mission be deleted from the List of Stations.
2. SOUTH WAIRARAPA.—That the proposed division of the South Wairarapa Circuit be deferred for a year, and referred back to the Quarterly Meeting and Synod.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (Durham Street) and CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH.—That the arrangement made between these Circuits whereby Opawa and Heathcote Valley are henceforth to be included in the Durham Street Circuit be approved.
2. CHRISTCHURCH (Durham Street) and PAPANUI.—That Belfast be transferred from the Christchurch (Durham Street) to the Papanui Circuit.
3. OXFORD-MALVERN.—That the places comprised in the former Oxford Circuit be detached, and made a Home Mission Station.

QUESTION II.—What Circuits ask for Additional Preachers ?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. AUCKLAND (Pitt Street).—In connection with the division of the Circuit, a Probationer for Auckland East.
2. UPPER THAMES.—That an additional Home Missionary be appointed to reside at Putaruru, the stipend to be not less than £100.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. HAWERA.—That a Probationer be appointed, to reside at Manaia.
2. PALMERSTON NORTH.—That a Home Missionary be appointed to work Ashurst, Pohangina, Stoney Creek, Hiwinui, and Salisbury Block, the stipend to be not less than £100.
3. TAIHAPE.—That a Home Missionary be appointed, to reside at Mangaweka.
4. That the Mokau-Kaitieke Station be known as Taumaranui.

NELSON DISTRICT.

- BLENHEIM.—That a Home Missionary be appointed, to reside at Flaxbourne, the stipend to be not less than £100.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. DUNEDIN (TRINITY).—That a Probationer be appointed to North Dunedin.
2. DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.—That a Home Missionary be appointed as an assistant to the Missioner.

WITHDRAWALS, ETC.

1. AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.—That one Minister be withdrawn.
2. PATEA.—That Patea remain detached from the Hawera Circuit, and a Home Missionary be appointed.
3. PAHIATUA.—That the Minister be withdrawn, and a Home Missionary be appointed, to work under the supervision of the Woodville Minister.

QUESTION III.—What New Stations are now Sanctioned.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. MONGONUI COUNTY.—That the Chairman of the Auckland District and the Rev. A. J. Seamer visit the Mongonui County, with a view to placing an Agent there, and report through the Home Mission Executive and the Auckland Synod to the next Conference.
2. KAWHIA.—That the Chairman of the District visit this locality, and report to the next Synod and Conference as to the advisability of appointing an Agent.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. TONGAPORUTU.—That a Home Missionary be appointed to Tongaporutu, to work the adjacent district.
2. NORTH TRUNK LINE.—That a Saddle-bag Missionary be appointed, to work under the direction of the Chairman of the Wanganui District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON SUBURBAN CIRCUIT.—That a separate Circuit be constituted, to be called the Wellington Suburban Circuit, and a married man be appointed, with a grant of £150 for the first year, £100 for the second year, £50 for the third year, from the Home Mission Fund.
2. WAIPUKURAU.—That a Home Missionary be appointed, at a stipend of not less than £100, to work under the supervision of the Waipawa Minister.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

- FAIRLIE.—That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be recommended to purchase a site at Fairlie.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

QUEENSTOWN.—That arrangements be made for holding services during the summer season at Queenstown.

QUESTION IV.—What Circuits are now due to provide for Married instead of Single Ministers ?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

UPPER THAMES (Paeroa) is relieved for another year.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

ARAMOHO is relieved for another year.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA (2nd) is relieved for another year.

NELSON DISTRICT.

BLENHEIM (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a year.

MOTUEKA is relieved for another year.

WESTPORT is relieved for another year.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

TAI TAPU fulfils its obligation.

OXFORD-MALVERN is due, but is relieved for a year.

RESOLUTION.

That where a Probationer is appointed to a Circuit, the Superintendent shall at the end of the first year and of each succeeding year report to the Synod and Conference what steps are being taken towards the fulfilment of the obligation to provide for a married man.

QUESTION V.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Church and Other Properties ?

I.—SALES REPORTED.

1. Allotment 97, 76 acres at Karioi, for £83 12s., by Mission Property Trustees. Proceeds invested for Home Mission Fund.
2. Tarawaua Block, 76 acres 3 roods 25 perches, for £250, by Mission Property Trustees. Proceeds invested for Home Mission Fund.
3. The Mission Property Trustees to lease for a period of twenty-one years with purchasing clause the Aotea Harbour Block, 167 acres. Proceeds, if sold, to be invested for the Home Mission Fund.
4. AUCKLAND (PITT ST.) CIRCUIT.—Sale of Russell Street site, Arch Hill, for £99. Proceeds devoted to erection of new church on site at corner of Great North Road and Northcote Street.
5. PATEA CIRCUIT.—Patea parsonage and site (1 rood) for £250.
6. TEMUKA CIRCUIT.—(1) Sale for £60 of vacant allotment, No. 146, one rood 6 perches. Proceeds towards Parsonage Enlargement Fund. (2) Sale of Waitohi building for £35. Proceeds invested in G.S.B. for future use.

7. WAIMATE CIRCUIT.—Sale of portion, 1 acre, of present parsonage site at Waimate, for £120. Proceeds to be devoted to cost of new house and land.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES COMPLETED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. AUCKLAND (NORTH SHORE) CIRCUIT.—Erection of detached class-room at Sunnyside, in wood, 20 feet x 12 feet. Cost, £48; no debt.
2. MANUKAU CIRCUIT.—Erection of new hall at Onehunga in wood, 45 feet x 30 feet. Cost, £120; debt, £25.
3. UPPER THAMES CIRCUIT.—Erection of nine-roomed Parsonage at Te Aroha, of wood. Cost, £683 3s. 6d.; debt, £318 16s. 4d., being £300 in securities at 4 per cent., and the remainder debt on current account.
4. WHANGAREI CIRCUIT.—Erection of new church in wood at Whangarei, 39 feet x 54 feet, to seat 280. Cost, £708. Debt to Loan Fund, £235.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. NEW PLYMOUTH CIRCUIT.—Purchase of Parsonage site, 2 roods, £650.
2. WAITARA CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection of Vestry, 24 feet x 12 feet, to Waitara church. Cost, £53; debt, £17.
(2) Purchase of land and Parsonage thereon at Inglewood. Cost, £600; debt, £475.
(3) Addition of vestry at Waipuku. Cost, £25; debt, £4.
3. STRATFORD CIRCUIT.—Church at Kahouri Bridge, on leasehold site given, 1 rood. Cost of church, 28 feet x 20 feet, to seat 80, £100; debt, £20 10s. 9d.
4. HAWERA CIRCUIT.—Erection of new church of wood at Hawera, 51 feet x 44 feet, to seat £350. Cost, £1,587; loan promised, £500.
5. WANGANUI CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection of church hall at Gonville, 35 feet x 25 feet, vestry, 23 feet x 9 feet, to seat 150. Cost of site, 1 rood, £50; cost of hall, £250; debt, £220.
(2) Erection of church hall at Kaitoke, 35 feet x 25 feet; vestry, 25 feet x 11 feet, to seat £150. Cost, £250; debt, £150.
6. KIMBOLTON CIRCUIT.—Erection of church of wood at Waituna West, 21 feet x 33 feet, to seat 100. Cost including land, £257 1s. 5d. Advanced by Loan Fund, £81 10s.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON (TARANAKI ST.) CIRCUIT.—(1) Erection of Infant School of wood at Taranaki Street, to seat 240. Cost of building and furniture, £396 4s. 4d.; no debt.
(2) Purchase of church site at Brooklyn, 230 feet x 60 feet, with house and shop thereon, of wood. Cost, £1,100 at 4½ per cent. Income from rent, £98 10s.
(3) Purchase of Parsonage site, 27 perches, at Karori, for £140; £40 paid, balance advanced by Loan Fund.

2. WELLINGTON SOUTH CIRCUIT. — Enlargement of church at Kilbirnie. Cost, £190; £50 promised from Loan Fund, no other debt.
3. JOHNSONVILLE CIRCUIT.—Erection in wood of new church at Johnsonville, 40 feet x 30 feet, to seat 200. Cost, £679; debt on securities, £400.
4. HUTT CIRCUIT.—New Pipe Organ, £300.
5. NAPIER CIRCUIT.—Erection of new church, 35 feet x 20 feet of wood, to seat 90, at Western Spit, on land, 20 perches, presented by Mr. T. C. Williams. Cost, £225 5s. 5d.; no debt.
6. HASTINGS CIRCUIT.—Erection of hall of wood (Young Men's Institute), 30 feet x 24 feet, to seat 100. Cost of material, £100. Labour gratuitous, valued at £50.
7. WAIPAWA CIRCUIT.—Enlargement of Parsonage at Waipawa. Cost, £47; no debt.

NELSON DISTRICT.

1. BLENHEIM CIRCUIT.—Purchase of church site, 1 acre, in the town of Ward, Flaxbourne, by the Loan Fund, £50.
2. GREYMOUTH CIRCUIT.—Erection of new church vestry at Greymouth, 15 feet x 10 feet. Cost, £20; no debt.
3. REEFTON CIRCUIT.—Purchase of church site, 24 perches, and erection thereon of church of wood, 58 feet x 30 feet, to seat 250, at total cost of £850. Debt to Loan Fund, £275.
4. HAVELOCK STATION.—Purchase of Church site at Mahakipawa, 1 acre, £26, by Loan Fund. Erection thereon of church of wood, 30 feet x 18 feet, to seat 100. Cost, £100. Debt on securities, £125.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH CIRCUIT. — (1) Enlargement of school-room, 18 feet x 24 feet, providing for infant-room. Cost, £103. Temporary loan of £50—arrangements made for liquidation.
- (2) Enlargement of Addington Church, and general renovation and improvement of the property. Cost, £758 13s. 4d. Present debt on this undertaking, £380 12s. 6d.
- (3) Purchase of church site at Opawa, 1 rood 21 perches. Cost, £105; no debt.
- N.B.—Opawa has since this purchase been transferred to the Durham Street Circuit.
- (4) Purchase of church site at Clarence Road, Lower Riccarton, 1 rood. Cost, £120; £15 from Loan Fund, and £100 on other securities.
- (5) Erection of detached Bible-class hall of wood at Lincoln Road, 18 feet x 26 feet, to seat 75. Cost, £122 3s. 11d.; no debt.
2. LYTTELTON CIRCUIT.—Erection of three additional rooms to Sunday School at Lyttelton. Cost, £100; no debt.
3. OXFORD-MALVERN CIRCUIT.—Erection of vestry to the Oxford Church 18 feet x 12 feet; no debt.

4. **TIMARU CIRCUIT.**—Purchase of site, 1 rood 33 perches, at Waimataitai (Belfield) for £172 7s. 6d.; erection of church thereon, 30 feet x 20 feet, to seat 100. Cost of building, £254 4s. 6d.; debt on securities, £200.
5. **WAIMATE CIRCUIT.**—Purchase of 1 acre, new parsonage site at Waimate. Cost, £130; no debt.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. **DUNEDIN (TRINITY) CIRCUIT.**—Erection of church of brick and stone with vestries of wood, at Glenaven. Church, 34 feet x 29 feet, to seat 200. Cost, £966; land, £325; debt to Loan Fund, £400.
2. **DUNEDIN (CARGILL ROAD) CIRCUIT.**—Erection of church in brick, with vestries, at St. Kilda, 40 feet x 30 feet, to seat 220. (Financial statement incomplete.)
3. **DUNEDIN (ROSLYN) CIRCUIT.**—Erection of new parsonage of wood, seven rooms, on site reported last year. Cost, £542 8s. 8d. Sinking fund provided, and arrangements made for balance of cost to be advanced by Loan Fund in January, 1909.
4. **BALCLUTHA CIRCUIT.**—Enlargement of church. Cost, £200; no debt.

SUMMARY—NEW ERECTIONS, ETC.

- 12 Freehold sites.
 1 Leasehold site.
 13 Churches, and three enlarged
 3 Parsonages, and 2 enlarged.
 4 Halls.
 1 Sunday School and 2 enlarged.
 3 Vestries.
 1 Shop.
 1 Pipe organ.

LAND PRESENTED.

At Waharoa, Upper Thames Circuit, 1 acre for Church purposes, the gift of Mr. John C. Allen. Valued at £40.

At Kahouri Bridge, Stratford, the lease of one rood for new church, by Mr. C. Wilmshurst.

At Kaitoke, Wanganui, 20 perches, valued at £25, by Mr. J. H. J. Bowater.

At the Western Spit, Napier Circuit, a church site, 20 perches, by Mr. T. C. Williams.

At Elsthorpe, Waipawa Circuit, a site for Church, by the Rev. A. C. Lawry.

At Johnsonville, a parsonage site, by Mr. G. Petherick.

At Horrelville, Kaiapoi Circuit, a site of two roods, by Mr. Samuel Horrel.

III.—MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

New Plymouth	...	...	£16	Gisborne	...	...	£20
Rahotu	...	...	54	Eketahuna	...	...	8
Waitara	...	...	109	Hutt	...	...	343
Wanganui	...	...	20	Taylorville	...	...	33
Feilding	...	...	7	Johnsonville	...	...	25
Palmerston North	...	...	18	Springston	...	...	99
Kimbolton	...	...	54				
Waimarino	...	...	39				£845

IV.—SALES, ETC., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1907.

1. THAMES CIRCUIT.—The Thames Parsonage and site, proceeds to be expended in the purchase or erection of more suitable property.
2. WAIMATE CIRCUIT.—The present Parsonage and lands at Waimate, proceeds to be devoted to purchase of site and erection of new house.

EXTENDED LEASES SANCTIONED.

1. AUCKLAND (PITT ST.) CIRCUIT.—To lease, by the Education Property Trustees, to the Grafton Road Church Trustees for a period of 21 years, from July 1st, 1906, site on Grafton Road for church, school and parsonage.
2. AUCKLAND EDUCATION TRUST.—To lease to private tenant by the Education Property Trustees, Lot No. 4, Grafton Road, for period of 42 years.
3. AUCKLAND EDUCATION TRUST.—To lease to private tenant by same lessors two lots, 1B, 1C, Carlton Gore Road, for period of 42 years.
4. THAMES CIRCUIT.—To Trustees of Thames Parsonage, to lease the property for period not exceeding 21 years.
5. MANUKAU CIRCUIT.—To the Trustees of Papakura site, to lease same to the Loan and Mercantile Agency Company for a period of 10 years.
6. WANGANUI CIRCUIT.—A seven-year extension for the present Kai Iwi lease.

V.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, ETC., SANCTIONED TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1907.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

ROTORUA CIRCUIT.—To erect new church at Rotorua, at estimated cost of £800. Conference regulations to be observed.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. NEW PLYMOUTH CIRCUIT.—Parsonage at New Plymouth of wood, 9 rooms. Estimated cost, £817.
2. PALMERSTON NORTH CIRCUIT.—Church at Pohangina of wood, 20 feet x 36 feet, porch 8 feet x 6 feet, and vestry 8 feet x 14 feet. Estimated cost, £215. Conference regulations to be observed.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

1. WELLINGTON (TARANAKI ST.) CIRCUIT.—The erection of two houses for letting purposes on the Tasman Street site, Wellington.
2. HUTT CIRCUIT.—Erection of eight-roomed new parsonage of wood at the Hutt. Estimated cost, £750.
3. NAPIER CIRCUIT.—(1) Extension of Sunday School at Napier. Estimated cost, £150; no debt.
(2) Also erection of new porch for Trinity Church, Napier; no debt.
4. DANNEVIRKE CIRCUIT.—Erection of parsonage at Dannevirke. Estimated cost, £500.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

1. CHRISTCHURCH (SOUTH) CIRCUIT.—(1) To purchase church site at Dyers' Road, Cashmere Hills, 30.4 perches. Cost, £175. Debt on securities, £100.
(2) To erect church hall at Clarence Road, at cost of £275. Loan promised.
2. TIMARU CIRCUIT.—(1) To purchase two roods at Gleniti for church purposes. Deposit paid, £10.
(2) To purchase one acre for church purposes at South Road. Deposit paid, £10.
(3) To erect new Sunday School in brick, 90 feet x 60 feet, providing 12 class-rooms and assembly hall, 60 feet x 36 feet. Estimated cost, £2,200.
3. WAIMATE CIRCUIT.—To erect parsonage at Waimate of nine rooms, in brick, as per plans sanctioned by the Loan Fund Committee.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

1. MOSGIEL CIRCUIT.—Sanction given to purchase parsonage site at Mosgiel.
2. INVERCARGILL CIRCUIT.—To erect new church at Teviot Street, Invercargill South, at estimated cost of £1,000.
3. OTAUTAU CIRCUIT.—(1) To erect parsonage at Otautau. Estimated cost, £470. Loan promised.
(2) To erect church vestry at Aparima. Cost, £40; no debt.
4. CROMWELL CIRCUIT.—To erect parsonage of wood at Cromwell. Only debt when completed to Loan Fund.

GENERAL REPORT OF CHURCH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1906.

The Secretary was unable, owing to the late arrival of some of the District Returns, to prepare the usual report.

A.—PROPERTIES.

	Cost as Reported.
Sites—Freehold, 583; leasehold, 33; vacant, 108; incomplete titles, 14	£61,757 11 7
Churches—Brick or stone, 18; wood, 313; seating, 56,782	173,819 5 11
Schoolrooms—Brick or stone, 10; wood, 86; seating, 18,820	41,136 13 11
Parsonages—Brick or stone, 3; wood, 104	53,627 0 2
Other buildings, 79	24,198 13 8
	£354,539 5 3

B.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.—Credit balances brought forward, £2,017 12s. 11d.; Seat Rents, £2,563 3s. 9d.; Trust Collections, £1,910 8s.; Anniversary or Opening Services, £2,167 15s. 4d.; Subscriptions and Donations, £6,585 9s. 2d.; Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund or other loans, £5,500 8s. 3d.; all other income, £7,386 11s. 10d.; Total Receipts, £28,131 9s. 3d. Credit balances carried forward, £2,778 17s. 8d.

Expenditure.—Debit balances brought forward, £3,789 16s. 10d.; Lighting and Cleaning, £2,710 13s. 7d.; Alterations and Repairs, £1,889 1s. 6d.; Enlargements and Minor Improvements, £6,967 7s. 5d.; Interest, £2,253 18s. 11d.; Insurance Premiums, £738 10s. 5d.; Paid to Circuit Boards, £451 6s. 8d.; All other expenses, including debt reduced, £10,506 19s. 11d.; Total Expenditure, £29,307 15s. 3d. Debit balances carried forward, £3,903 8s. 9d.

HENRY BULL, General Sec.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries (especially Mr. J. P. Leary and Mr. J. C. Stephens, who retire after many years of faithful and efficient work) for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—Mr. W. D. Buttle, Auckland; Mr. W. T. Bowater, Palmerston North; Mr. C. W. Benbow, Wellington; Mr. J. Boon, Nelson; Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C., Christchurch; Mr. E. Rosevear, Dunedin.
3. 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.
4. That the Conference regrets that, owing to the late arrival of some District Returns of Church Property, the General Secretary has been unable to present the usual Report to Conference. To avoid this in future, the Conference directs Chairmen of Districts to call the attention of Superintendents of Circuits to the above rule, which requires the Church Property Schedules to be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, in order to enable the revised Schedules, with Summaries and Reports, to be sent to the General Secretary not later than December 15th.

5. That inquiry 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 to making 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.
7. That the Conference, having heard the explanation re special financial features in connection with erection of new Church at Opawa, and of the Sinking Fund provided for the removal of the debt, hereby gives its sanction to the work.
8. That permission be given to purchase the proposed site in East Street, Newton, Auckland, and to build a Mission Hall thereon, plans and specifications to be submitted to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund; and that the financial arrangements receive special consideration from that Committee. Also that the Trustees of the Union Street property have permission to apply the proceeds of sale to the Mission Hall Building Fund.
9. That the Chairman of the Wanganui District, with Messrs. C. Carter, J. Boon, T. Joll, E. Dixon, and G. Watson, be a Committee to secure sites in the rising townships of Taranaki, and that they be empowered to collect and expend money for this purpose.
10. That the proposed sales of the Kimbolton Parsonage and the Grey-mouth Church and Parsonage site be referred to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
11. That the proposed lease of the Bulls Church be sanctioned by the Conference.

CHURCH PROPERTY REGULATIONS.

1. Superintendents of Circuits are directed to take the necessary steps, in connection with the acquisition of Church Property held under the Land Transfer Act, to have inserted in the Transfer, after the names of the Trustees, as provided by the Wesleyan Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887, Further Amendment Act, 1896, section 6, the following words: "As Trustees under the provisions of 'The Wesleyan Methodist Model Deed of 1887.'" Should there be through any cause an omission to have the Trusts of the Model Deed inserted, then a Declaration of Trust must be signed by the Trustees, and forwarded to the Custodian of Deeds. In the case of all newly-acquired properties, whether under the Land Transfer Act or not, the Trustees should sign a form provided for the purpose, giving evidence of consent to act.

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 of 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	...	...	99
District Land Registry Office, Napier	...	...	80
Land Registry Office, Wellington	...	...	2,117
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
Southland 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 1s. ; if under £1,000, 10s. 6d.
 - (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. In order to secure accuracy in the returns, the District Secretaries are empowered to compare the figures supplied to them on the A and B annual returns with the entries in the Circuit Schedule Books, Superintendents being directed to produce their Schedule Books when required for this purpose.
5. The question of completing Titles where necessary is referred to the General Secretary of Church Property, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the circuit concerned.
6. In order to prevent rash and premature undertakings in church building, which must prove a source of embarrassment to the Connexion and oppressive to the circuits, it is enacted as a Standing Order that no church shall be erected unless there is a reasonable expectation that two-thirds of the entire cost will be raised by subscription, including the collections at the opening services ; but the Conference strongly urges that, wherever it is practicable, all the churches be erected free of debt.—(Paragraph 455, Book of Laws.)
7. 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.
8. The Secretary of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall supply to the Financial District Synods the reply to Question 2 of Section III. (Church Properties and Connexional Trusts), in the Order of Synod Business, and shall also report upon any cases where the Regulations have not been observed. He shall also supply to Conference the reply to Question 5 in the Business of the Represent-

tative Session, 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.

9. 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 CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

The following Deeds have been received during the year ending October 31st, 1906 :—Waihi Parsonage, Mareretu Church Declaration of Trust, Ponsonby Church and Parsonage Declarations of Trust, Aratiatia Church site, Devonport Church and Parsonage, Longburn Church Declaration of Trust, Makeno Church site Declaration of Trust, Hawera Sunday School, Western Spit Church, Norsewood Parsonage, Tory Street Mission, Karori Parsonage, Westport Church Deed of Mortgage, with receipt endorsed, Stoke Church, Reefton Church, Clarence Road Church site, Tai Tapu Parsonage site, Belfield Church, Waimate Parsonage sites (2), Linwood Church, Gore Church, Gore Parsonage, Maori Hill Church.

The following deeds have been received from the Loan Fund Treasurers on repayment of loans :—Woodside Church and Cottage, Helensville Church, Marton Church, Spring Grove Church, and Maori Hill Church site.

The following deeds have been removed from the Custodian's care :—Arch Hill Church for sale of site, Hawera Church for temporary assistance of Trustees, Tasman Street site to raise money for erection of dwellings, Mahakipawa Church for purpose of mortgage, Temuka Social Hall, section No. 131, to be returned, Temuka vacant section No. 146 for sale, Waimate old Parsonage sections for sale.

Handed to Loan Fund Treasurers as security for loans advanced :—Glenaven Church, Gore new Church and Parsonage, Waituna West Church, Reefton Church, Whangarei Church, Karori Parsonage site, Devonport Church and parsonage.

As required by Conference Regulations, reports have been sent to each Financial District Synod, and a copy of same is now placed upon the table for reference.

HENRY BULL, Custodian.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Custodian be directed to keep a Register of Deeds, and to report annually to the Financial District Synods and the Conference.
3. That the Custodian be requested to take the necessary steps for the recovery or the replacing of missing deeds of church property.
4. That the Custodian be authorised to obtain the necessary documents to secure the titles to those properties, the deeds of which have been reported as missing.

REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

I beg to report that, during the past year, in connection with 38 Trusts on the Register, 152 new and additional Trustees have been registered, and the names of 100 persons removed. Seventeen additional Trusts have been registered, and nine certified copies of Trusts issued.

The following is the Yearly Cash Statement :—Balance from last year, 2s. 2d. ; Sale of Roll Books, 10s ; Registration Fees, £27 10s ; Total, £28 2s. 2d.

Expenditure.—Paid to Connexional Secretary's office, £21 5s. ; stamps, stationery and telegrams, £5 3s. 4d. ; Printing, £1 5s. 6d. : Letter Book, 8s. ; Credit Balance carried forward, 4d. : Total, £28 2s. 2d.

During the year 189 Certificates of Title have been endorsed with the Trusts of the Model Deed, rendering Declarations of Trust unnecessary. These Certificates relate to properties in the Land Registrar's Districts as follows :—Auckland, 16 ; Gisborne, 2 ; Hawke's Bay, 9 ; Taranaki, 21 ; Wellington, 43 ; Nelson, 9 ; Westland, 3 ; Canterbury, 54 ; Otago, 20 ; Southland, 12 ; Total, 189.

HENRY BULL, Authorised Representative.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Statement be adopted.
2. That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Welseyian Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Henry Bull be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1907-8.
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 Accounts and List of Loans, see Appendix A, pp. ii.-x.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. Fourteen meetings of the Committee have been held during the year.
2. Nine new loans have been issued, six from the General Account and three from the Special Branch.
3. Final payments of loans have been received from Marshland Church, Woodside Church, Spring Grove Church, Helensville Church, Marton Church, Waihi Church, and Oxford Parsonage.
4. The following undertakings have been sanctioned by the Committee :—Young Men's Institute, Hastings ; Otautau Parsonage ; Temuka Parsonage renovation and enlargement ; Roslyn Parsonage ; Karori Par-

sonage site; Whangarei Church; Western Spit Church; Balclutha Church extension; Springston Parsonage improvements; Belfield (Waimataitai) Church; Dannevirke Parsonage; Cashmere Hills site; Clarence Road site and Church Hall; Hutt Pipe Organ; Rotorua Church; Waimate Parsonage; Cromwell Parsonage; Gisborne Parsonage addition; Lyttelton Sunday School additional class-rooms; Invercargill (Teviot Street) Church; Feilding Church structural alterations; Brooklyn Church site and house; Kilbirnie Church enlargement; Mosgiel Parsonage site; Pohangina Church; Aparima Church vestry; Oxford Church vestry; Timaru new Sunday School; New Plymouth Parsonage; Te Huna Church site; Sunday School enlargement, Napier; New porch, Trinity Church, Napier; Gleniti Church site; Church site at Waharoa; erection of two dwelling houses, Tasman Street, Wellington.

5. The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties :— Allotment, 97, at Karioi, Raglan District, 76 acres, on application of Mission Property Trustees. Proceeds invested for Home Mission Fund. Vacant allotment, Mackenzie. The Tarawaua block, 76 acres 3 roods 25 perches, for £250. Proceeds invested for Home Mission Fund. Old parsonage and land, Waimate, Russell Street, Arch Hill, church site. Prince Albert College property; application of proceeds reserved for decision of Conference. Lease of Aotea Harbour block, 167 acres, for 21 years, with purchasing clause. Proceeds in favour of Home Mission Fund. Thames Parsonage property.

6. The following extended leases have been sanctioned :—Grafton Road Church school and parsonage sites from the Education Property Trustees to the Church Trustees for a period of 21 years. Papakura Church site for ten years. Sections No. 1 B and No. 1 C, Carlton Gore Road, and No. 4, Grafton Road, for 42 years. Kai Iwi, a seven-year extension of present lease. Thames Parsonage property for period of 21 years.

7. The Committee regrets that, without obtaining its sanction, and contrary to the Rules of the Church, the Patea Parsonage property has been sold by the Trustees. In consideration of the circumstances, but under protest, the Committee gave a conditional consent, in order to legalise the sale, which had already been virtually effected.

8. In accordance with the directions of the Conference, the Committee has relieved the Coromandel Trust of its obligations to the Bank of New Zealand by the payment of £502 11s. 3d. The trust is still indebted to the Loan Fund for the balance of unpaid loans to the Church, £228 2s. 6d.; and to the Parsonage, £47 4s; also for the latter, on mortgage security to the Auckland Savings Bank, £200.

9. The Committee has received the following sums, per Rev. S. Lawry, being portion of profits as per arrangements made on the sale of New Hymn Book: Auckland Sunday School Union Depot, £62 12s. 9d.; New Zealand Bible, Tract, and Book Society, Dunedin, £29 9s. 7d.; ditto Wellington Branch, £52 19s. 4d.; Mr. J. T. Smith, Book Depot, Christchurch, £35; total, £180 1s. 8d. This amount has been, as per resolution of Conference, credited to the Special Branch of the Fund. The sum of £49 9s. 3d. remains due on sales from the English Book Room to the Agents during the year 1905.

10. At a meeting held on August 21st, 1906, the sanction of the Committee was requested to the proposed purchase of site in East Street, New-

ton, at a cost of £1,300, on behalf of the Auckland Methodist Mission, on which site it was intended to erect a hall to seat 1,000 persons. No statement of ways and means being sent, this was requested, and was afterwards received and considered at meeting held September 4th. Having respect to the nature of the proposals, and also to the resolutions adopted by the Conference of 1905 (Minutes, p. 81) on the Auckland City Mission, it was deemed prudent to determine that the proposals should be reported to the Auckland District Synod, and dealt with by the Conference of 1907.

Signed on behalf 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.
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 1907-8, viz., the Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street), Christchurch South, Christchurch (St. Albans), and Christchurch Mission Circuits, with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, J. A. Flesher, R. W. England, John Brown, and A. F. Drayton.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. G. H. Blackwell for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That for the future only the actual amount received by the special branch of the Fund on account of working expenses be paid towards the Secretary's stipend.

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. Contributions from Boards of Trustees in proportion to the number of the congregation :—

If the congregation numbers less than 100,	Five shillings
" " " 100	" 200, Ten
" " " 200	" 400, Twenty "
" " " 400	" 500, Forty "
" " " 500 and over,	Fifty

N.B.—Superintendents are instructed to urge Trustees to contribute to the Fund as above, and to forward amounts so donated 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 Trust properties, and afford advice to Trustees in difficult cases.
4. To receive the Annual Report from the 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 Church Property, and to present an Annual Report to the Conference.

V.—CONDITIONS OF LOANS.

1. No application shall 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.

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.
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.
10. Each Trust receiving a loan for liquidation of debt shall raise a sum at least equal to such loan before becoming 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 Treasurer of the Fund.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH 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?

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix B, p. xi.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

1. The Committee begs to report that the business of the office shows a steady yearly increase. The average annual increase for the past five years has been £9,209. The net increase for the past year has been £7,470.

2. The total insurable value of Church property on which levies are now paid is £129,585. This sum is distributed over the Districts as follows: Auckland, £23,333; Wanganui, £14,292; Wellington, £14,529; Nelson, £9,855; Canterbury, £44,036; Otago, £23,540.

3. In addition to the above, 40 Ministers (an increase of 11) have their personal effects insured through the agency of the Connexional Office, covering £7,055, and raising the grand total to £136,640.]

4. The total amount received for levies (£524 10s. 2d.) and interest on deposits (£72) is £597 19s. 4d. After repayment of re-insurances (£198 15s. 3d.) and of expenses incidental to the working of the Fund, the sum of £300 has been added to interest-bearing deposits and £41 3s. 6d. carried forward as credit balance to next year's account. The total amount of cash on deposit is now £2,100.

5. As per rule, Mr. J. A. Flesher retires from the Committee this year, and Mr. George Bowron is recommended as the new member.

6. The Committee desires to place on record its sense of the value of the services rendered by Mr. Flesher in the interests of the fund during the past seven years.

7. The Committee desires also to express its cordial thanks to the Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees of Church Property for their deep interest shown in the prosperity of the Fund, and respectfully invites a continuance of the same hearty co-operation.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Committee,

HENRY BULL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. 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 :—Rev. H. Bull, the Superintendents of the Christchurch (Durham Street) and Christchurch South Circuits, with Messrs. E. C. Brown, C. E. Salter, R. W. England, W. H. Seed, and George Bowron.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. A. Flesher for his valuable and acceptable services as a member of the Connexional Fire Insurance Committee.
4. That 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.
5. That the Treasurers of the Connexional Trust Properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.

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

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The work of the Connexional Secretary during the year has been exceptionally heavy, as in addition to the ordinary duties of the office, special work has been done in connection with the endorsements of the Trusts of the

Model Deed on 189 Certificates of Title of Methodist Church Property. This work has necessitated visits by Mr. Bull to Circuits in various parts of the Colony, involving considerable expenditure of time.

It is scarcely necessary, however, to say that this has not prevented the Secretary from giving due attention to every part of his work, which has been done to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The Committee cordially and unanimously recommends the re-appointment of the Rev. H. Bull as Connexional Secretary for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. T. Smith retires, as per Rule, from the membership of the Committee, and the Hon. G. J. Smith is recommended by the Committee to fill the vacancy.

The following appropriations are recommended for the ensuing year :— Church Building and Loan Fund, £175; Contingent Fund, £175; Home Mission Fund, £55; Fire Insurance Fund, £100; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee, and the Report of the Connexional Secretary, be adopted.
2. That the cordial 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. G. H. Blackwell be appointed Treasurer.
3. 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), Christchurch Methodist Mission, Papanui, and Lyttelton Circuits, together with Messrs. G. H. Blackwell, Hon. G. J. Smith, A. F. Drayton, E. C. Brown, A. K. England, John Thompson, R. H. Turner, and the Connexional Secretary.
4. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. J. T. Smith for his efficient services rendered for many years as a member of the Connexional Secretary's Committee.
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; also Secretary and one of the Treasurers 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.
6. 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, £55; Fire Insurance Fund, £100; Authorised Representative's Office, £20.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Mission Property Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiii.
2. Native Education Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xiv.
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xvi.
4. Probert Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, pp. xvii., xviii.
5. Auckland Book Association.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xix.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

6. Grey Institute.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xx.
7. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xxi.
For President's Ruling re Chairmanship of this Trust, see p. 83.

RESOLUTION.

That the Chairman of the District present a special report to the next Conference, on the Grey Institute and Kai Iwi Trusts.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

8. Native and Destitute Children's Education Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, pp. xxii.-xxiii.
- That Mr. G. Tiller be appointed a Trustee in the place of Mr. O. G. A. Harvey, resigned.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

9. Canterbury Home Mission Trust.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix D, p. xxiv.
10. Century Fund Orphanage Allocation.
For Balance Sheet, see Appendix C, p. xii.

RESOLUTION.

That the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund be appointed the Treasurers of this Trust, and that they be instructed to invest the money on mortgage for a period of three years.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

In reference to the above Trusts it was resolved —

1. That the Balance Sheets be adopted.
2. That a brief report of what has been done in connection with these properties be submitted with the Balance Sheets.
3. That the Treasurers 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.

4. That the Reports of the Rev. H. Bull re the acquisition of various Trust Properties be entered in the Journal, and an abstract of the same be printed in next year's Minutes.

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

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix E, p. xxv.

The Reports of the Governor and Head Master were presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Mr. G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological Institution, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
3. That the sanction of the Conference be given to the necessary appropriations for the training of six European students for the ministry in the Institution.
4. That in order to assist in the support of additional theological students in the Institution, and to aid in their higher education, this Conference trusts that some of our wealthy laymen will see their way to found bursaries or scholarships.
5. That Mr. C. E. Godbehear, who has retired, be relieved from the obligation to refund cost of training.
6. That, as Prince Albert College has been closed, the Committee of Discipline, in consultation with the Probert Trustees resident in Auckland, be empowered to arrange for the boarding, lodging and tuition of the Students until such time as Conference shall be able to provide for them in some other way ; and that the arrangements reported as having been made for the present year be approved.
7. That it is urgently needful to make better provision for the training of our young Ministers than is possible under present circumstances.
8. That a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and submit to the next Synods and Conference a scheme for providing an Institution in which the Students can reside and receive tuition under the supervision of a resident house-master.
9. That the following be the Committee : The Revs. the President of the Conference, H. Bull, J. H. Simmonds, W. J. Williams, G. Bond, H. R. Dewsbury, J. J. Lewis, P. W. Fairclough, W. Gittos, J. A. Luxford, S. Lawry, T. G. Hammond, J. N. Buttle, C. H. Garland, C. H. Laws, B.A., and A. B. Chappell, M.A. ; together with Messrs. A. C. Caughey, T. Buddle, R. Hobbs, J. W. Shackelford, G. H. Blackwell, R. C. Allen, M.A., G. A. Buttle, J. G. Harkness, Hon. G. J. Smith, R. Meredith, W. G. Bassett, J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., S. J. Ambury, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, and E. Rosevear.
10. That the Chairman of the Auckland District be the Chairman of the Committee, and the Rev. J. H. Simmonds Convener and Secre-

tary; that meetings be held in Auckland; and that members who are too distant to attend be consulted by correspondence; expenses to be charged to the Institution Account.

REGULATIONS.

1. 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.
2. That a separate account be presented, showing the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Theological Institution.
3. That the Minister appointed to the pastoral oversight of the students be known as Governor of the Theological and Training Institution.
4. That the Principal of Wesley College, Three Kings, be appointed to the Governorship of the Theological Institution, and be empowered to arrange the students' preaching services.
5. That the theological training of the students be provided for by the appointment of Ministers as lecturers, each lecturer to receive an honorarium of not more than £15 per annum.
6. That the Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits be a Committee of Discipline for the Theological Institution (the Governor to be convener); 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.
7. That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the fees for theological students attending University College lectures.
8. That quarterage be allowed to each student at the rate of £2 per quarter.
9. That the students be allowed to remain for a period of not less than three years in the Institution, unless called out in cases of necessity by the President.
10. 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 as Probationers, be drawn up in legal form and kept in the custody of the Governor, who shall be responsible for the stamping and the signing of the same by each student received.

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

I.—WESLEY COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix F, p. xxvi.

Report of Principal was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet and the Principal's Report be received and 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 1907-8, viz. :—The Ministers of the Auckland and Manukau Circuits, with Messrs. J. Heron, F. L. Prime, J. Edson, T. Buddle, T. McMaster, G. Winstone, S. J. Ambury, A. C. Caughey, T. Allen, J. H. Gunson, G. Hatcher, J. Veale, R. Hobbs, J. Henderson, J. Burton and J. Murgatroyd.
4. That the school curriculum be arranged for instruction up to the Matriculation Grade.

II.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

The Reports of the Head Master and of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, together with the Balance Sheet for the year, were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the action of the Board of Governors in closing the College be sustained.
2. That the Trustees having applied for a renewal of permission to sell the property, power be given either to sell or lease for a lengthened term, as they may deem in the best interests of the Connexion.
3. That in the event of the sale being effected before the next Conference, the Trustees be advised to invest the proceeds until Conference shall decide on the object to which those proceeds shall be devoted.

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

I.—THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, see Appendix G, p. xxvii.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr. E. Rosevear for their services as Treasurers during the past year, and that they be re-appointed for 1907-8.
3. That the Reports of the General Treasurer be received and ordered to 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 Treasurers write to each Minister owing arrears and fines who has not already made arrangements with the General Treasurers, drawing attention to the Regulations adopted at the last General Conference.
6. That the Treasurers call the attention of the Ministers who joined at the time of Union, but have not yet purchased benefits into the Fund, to the advisability of doing so at once.
7. That all moneys in connection with this Fund should go through the hands of the Chairmen of Districts to the Conference Treasurers.
8. That at each Conference a Committee shall be appointed to consider the Report and Balance Sheet of the Conference Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, such Committee to report to the Conference.

POLICY AND PRINCIPLES OF FUTURE ADMINISTRATION.

For recommendations to General Conference, see under Question xxv., p. 77.

GRANTS AND PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND.

The following Resolution of the General Conference is now in force :—
That until the next General Conference—

- (a) The payment to annuitants shall be on Scale C.
- (b) That furniture grants be restored to the amounts latterly paid—viz., £40 to Ministers of 15 years of standing and over, and £20 to Ministers between 5 and 15 years of standing.
- (c) That the payments to annuitants on Scale C be retrospective, as from 1st January, 1904.
- (d) That the amount of furniture grants be paid as per clause (b) to claimants for 1903 and 1904.

(For Scale C, see Minutes 1905, p. 50.)

PLAMPIN BEQUEST FUND.

Rev. H. Bull, Treasurer, presented the Report and Balance Sheet as follows :—

Balance from 1906	...	...	...	...	...	£0 11 0
Interest on Investments	...	...	...	...	...	56 14 0
						£57 5 0

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That £55 10s. be distributed among eight needy cases.
3. That Rev. H. Bull be re-appointed Treasurer.
4. That the Treasurer be requested to state to the next Conference what inquiry has been made as to the legal administration of this Fund, and the result of that inquiry.

II.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix G, p. xxviii.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet now presented be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. P. W. Fairclough and Mr. J. H. Helliwell for their services as Treasurers of the Fund during the past year, and that they be reappointed Treasurers for the ensuing year.
3. That the Assessment for the ensuing year be 12 per cent.
4. That the Three Kings Institution, the Connexional Secretary's Committee, and the Bible Class Movement be assessed in the interests of the Children's and Contingent Funds on the basis of Circuits.
5. That the payments on account of the Children's Fund be £8 10s. for each child per year.
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' Stipends for the year.
8. That for the purpose 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 the proposal to base the deduction (see Resolution 8) on the Ministerial Staff of the current year be referred to the Treasurers for consideration and report to next Conference.
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. xxix.-xxxvi.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe be thanked for their services as Treasurers, and that they be re-appointed for the ensuing year.
3. 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. (See Resolution 7, Children's Fund.)
4. That in future the President shall receive, in addition to the usual postage allowance (£5), the amount paid to Chairmen of Districts (£2).

5. That in the case of Messrs. Abbey and Keck, accepted Candidates from the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, the travelling expenses to the nearest New Zealand port be paid in equal proportions by the Contingent and Home Mission Funds.
6. That a compassionate allowance of £20 be voted from this Fund to the Rev. J. Thomas.

REGULATIONS.

1. 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.
 2. That any cases of over-taxation be referred to the Treasurers of the Fund.
 3. The following are the ordinary charges on this Fund as sanctioned by Conference :—
 - (a) Travelling expenses of Ministerial and Lay Representatives to the General Conference.
 - (b) Travelling expenses to the Annual Conference (to include official charges and incidental expenses) of Chairmen and Representatives of Districts, Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, and the Methodist Editor of the "Outlook," also expenses of Probationers proceeding to Conference for ordination by direction of their Synods.
 - (c) Travelling expenses of Ministers and District Secretaries of Church Property attending the District Synods.
 - (d) Expenses of Chairmen travelling in Districts on official business.
 - (e) Postage Allowances :—President and Secretary of Conference, £5 each ; Chairmen of Districts, £2 each.
 - (f) Cost of Conference and Synod stationery, printing and postage, also of Ordination Bibles.
 - (g) Printing Conference Agenda, Minutes of Conference, and Society Tickets.
 - (h) Cost of medical examination of Candidates for the Ministry.
 - (i) Contingent and local travelling expenses of Methodist Editor of "Outlook."
 - (j) Amount required for Supernumerary Fund for Ministers coming from England.
 - (k) Half the cost of supplies for deceased and disabled Ministers.
 4. 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.
 5. 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.
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QUESTION XII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Foreign Missions ?

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix H, pp. xxxvii.-xxxix.

A Statement of Income for 1906 was presented by the General Secretary, 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 the General Secretary (Rev. J. N. Buttle) and to the Rev. J. N. Buttle and Mr. James Elliott (Treasurers) for their services during the past year, and that the Rev. J. N. Buttle be re-appointed General Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. James Elliott, Lay Treasurer.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee for its work during the past year, and that it be discharged.
4. That the Conference gratefully acknowledges the liberality of our people, who have contributed in 1906 £1,977 12s. 2d. to the support of Foreign Missions—an increase on the previous year.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the following donors of special amounts to the Fund: Friend, Cargill Road; Rev. J. Crump; Anonymous, Wellington, £20; Executors late Mrs. Nosworthy, Blenheim, £100; Anonymous, per President of Conference, £50; Otago Ladies' Auxiliary, £20 (for Indian Coolie Orphanage work), also £20 for Dobu Orphanage work.
6. That the Conference desires to acknowledge the excellent services rendered by the Rev. C. Doley as Foreign Mission deputation during the past year, his addresses having created a profound impression as to the pressing needs of the work.
7. That, for the stimulation of our people, the list of circuits, societies, and individuals who are supporting teachers in the Foreign Mission Field be printed in the Minutes of Conference and the "Outlook."
8. That Circuit Superintendents be requested to call the attention of congregations to our Mission literature, with a view to securing a wider circulation, and that an active agent be appointed in each Circuit to push the sale of the "Missionary Review."
9. That the basis of distribution of the Annual Report be the amount raised in each Circuit, instead of personal subscription, and that the Foreign Mission Secretary forward to the Head Office a list, suggesting the number of reports to be forwarded to each Circuit.
10. That the Conference acknowledges with satisfaction the services of the "Outlook" in connection with Foreign Mission work, and trusts that the "Notes" by "T. R." and other correspondents will continue to find a place in its columns.
11. That the Conference arrange for a Foreign Mission deputation to visit New Zealand during the year, and that the itinerary be defined by the Chairmen of Districts and the Foreign Mission Secretary during the sessions of Conference. The Secretary to obtain, if possible, a portrait block for advertising purposes.
12. That the President of the Conference be requested to visit the chief centres, with a view to establishing Ladies' Missionary Auxiliaries similar to that in Otago.

13. The Conference strongly urges the desirability of placing at least one missionary box in every Methodist home in the Colony, and that the contents be equally divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Funds.
14. That the Mission Office be asked to forward new sets of Missionary lantern slides.
15. That the duty of sending Maori agents to assist in the evangelisation of the heathen of the South Seas be urged on our Maori congregations, and an opportunity afforded any suitable volunteers from among the Maori people to proceed to that work.
16. 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.
17. That the Conference gratefully acknowledges the generous support accorded to the work of our Foreign Missions during the year, and notes with satisfaction the steady increase in the amount contributed to the Fund, as also the ever widening interest in the great work of evangelising the heathen. It again records its sense of obligation in regard to the pressing claims of the work, as presented by the repeated requests for additional workers which come from every part of the field, and earnestly commends this great enterprise to the prayerful sympathy and practical support of our people.
18. The Conference having learned of the retirement of the Rev. George Brown, D.D., from the office of General Secretary of Foreign Missions, tenders to him its warm appreciation of the great services he has rendered to the cause of Methodist Missions in the South Seas, extending over a period of forty-four years, during which he has occupied the office of General Secretary of Foreign Missions for more than twenty years. Dr. Brown having been sent out by the Church in New Zealand, the Conference rejoices in the splendid results of his missionary labours, which have raised him into the front rank of the world's great missionary workers, and still holds him in affectionate remembrance. The Conference prays that the eventide of life may be to both Dr. and Mrs. Brown calm and still.

REGULATIONS.

1. That 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.
2. That the Foreign Mission Sunday be the first Sunday in August, and that meetings held during that week bear relation to Foreign Mission work.
3. 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.

4. That the Conference directs Home Mission Stations to send in returns of amounts raised for this Fund separate from the returns of the Circuit to which they are attached.
5. That the Foreign Mission Secretary's travelling expenses to Conference be paid out of the missionary income.

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

The Report of the Home Mission Executive and Balance Sheet for 1906, and also the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1907, were presented by the General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for the past year, and the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1907, be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

(See Appendix I., pp. xl.-xliii.)

2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. Slade 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 the Rev. S. Griffith and Mr. F. L. Prime be appointed to these offices for 1907.
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 1907—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. Mason, T. Allen, S. J. Ambury, J. Heron, J. Edson, J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. McMaster, T. W. Jones, P. Crowe, J. Buttle, G. H. Fleming, J. C. Allen, J. Veale, R. Hobbs, and G. Hatcher.
4. That, in view of the urgent need for Church Extension throughout the Colony and the state of the Home Mission Fund, the Conference appeals to the Circuits throughout the Connexion for additional contributions, equal to the amount of one shilling per member, payable by June next, in order to extinguish the deficit on the Home Mission Fund.
5. That the President be requested to issue a circular to the Superintendents of Circuits, urging them to make suitable arrangements for the collection of the one shilling per member (see Resolution 4), and also to secure additional promises of donations on the lines of the promises made at the Conference Missionary Breakfast.
6. That the claims of the Home Mission Fund be brought more fully before our people at Sunday Services and Public Meetings.
7. That the Revs. W. J. Williams and P. W. Fairclough draw up suggestions as to the future policy of the Fund, which shall be remitted to the September Quarterly Meetings and Synods for consideration.

8. That in the case of Messrs. Abbey and Keck, accepted Candidates from the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, the travelling expenses to the nearest New Zealand port be paid in equal proportions by the Home Mission and Contingent Funds.
9. That the Home Mission Executive Committee determine the extra amount which Circuits relieved from their obligation to take married men shall contribute to the Fund.
10. That the Conference fully appreciates the excellencies of the Home Mission Report, and congratulates the Committee thereon.
11. That the Rev. T. G. Hammond be appointed a deputation to the Wellington and Otago Districts.
12. Home Mission Collecting Boxes. (For Resolution, see under Question xii., p. 60).
13. That the Home Mission Committee be instructed to set apart out of the Special Fund inaugurated at the Home Mission Breakfast a sum of £200 per year for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of a Methodist City Mission in Wellington or Christchurch.
14. That, seeing Home Mission Grants have been made to certain Home Mission Stations on the assumption that married agents will again be appointed, the Conference directs the Committee of Chairmen of Districts to re-adjust such grants should the married agents be removed and appointed elsewhere.
15. That where the Conference directs an increase or reduction of Home Mission grants, such alteration shall not take place until the second quarter of the year.
16. That the Home Mission Treasurers be directed to close the accounts on January 31st in each year.
17. That 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.
18. That the rules and regulations of the Fund (as published in the Annual Report) be re-affirmed.
19. That the following be added to Regulation 11 (Home Mission Report)—
 "One such meeting shall be held early in the Conference, so that Home Missionaries and Stewards may be informed of prospective appointments before appointments are finally made."

FURTHER REGULATIONS.

1. That the special attention of Superintendents be directed to the importance of adopting systematic methods in all our Circuits, with a view to deepening the interest in and increasing the income of the Home Mission Fund. To this end the Conference recommends:—

- (1) That wherever practicable Home Missionary Prayer Meetings be held.
 - (2) That interesting facts relating to the progress of Christian work in Home Mission Circuits, as well as on Home Mission Stations, be published in the "Outlook"
 - (3) That Home Mission Boxes be introduced more freely into the homes of our people. (See Resolution 13 under Question xii., p. 60.)
 - (4) That the Blake system be brought more extensively into use.
 - (5) And in particular that the services of lady collectors be employed in each of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations to secure personal subscriptions, and thus augment the income of the Fund.
2. 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 public through the paper.
 3. That the Secretary of each District Synod forward to the General Secretary, immediately after the District Synod, a statement of the receipts and expenditure on account of the Fund within the District, with list of applications for grants to be laid before the Conference, and estimates of income for the following year.
 4. That the Home Mission Executive be requested to issue the Annual Reports as soon as possible after the close of the Conference.
 5. That a copy of the Report be presented to every subscriber of five shillings and over.
 6. That no grant be made from the Home Mission Fund to any Circuit where church anniversary services have not been held.
 7. That, where possible, laymen be associated with Ministers in Home Mission deputation work.
 8. That each Home Mission Station be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the nearest Circuit, whenever so directed by Conference.
 9. 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.
 10. That, as soon as practicable, Ministers or Probationers be appointed to Home Mission Stations.
 11. 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.

RETIRING ALLOWANCES FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. Every Home Missionary retiring from the work with the full approval of the Executive Committee, and on the recommendation of the Chairman of his District, shall be entitled to an allowance on the following scale :—
 - (a) For five years' service, £25. No shorter term to have any claim.
 - (b) For each additional year of service £5 shall be added, but no payment shall exceed a total of £100.
2. If at any time a Home Missionary be compelled to leave the work through misconduct, he shall not be entitled to any allowance.
3. In the event of any Home Missionary being removed by death, the sum that would be otherwise due to him shall be paid to his widow or to his children, or to his parents if the said parents are dependent ; otherwise it shall revert to the Fund.
4. The above scheme shall take effect from the year 1900 in its application to the men now in the work.
5. The Home Mission Executive shall be empowered to give additional help to Home Missionaries whose many years of service may entitle them to special consideration.

QUESTION XIV.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and what can be done to promote its interests ?

1. That the Rev. A. J. Seamer's sphere of work be Hokianga, Whangaroa, and Bay of Islands, and that he reside within that area.
2. That he be in charge of the Maori Work, and have the supervision of the Maori Ministers, under the General Superintendency of Rev. W. Gittos ; and that he be instructed to give what assistance he can to the Home Mission Stations, but without neglecting the Maori Work.
3. That the Conference having heard that the Young Women's Bible-Class Union desires the appointment of two deaconesses to labour among the Maoris, and that the Union will be responsible for the financial liability, sanctions such appointment.

SOUTHERN MAORI MISSION.

The report of the Committee was presented to the Home Mission Committee by Mr. E. Rosevear.

RESOLUTION.

That the Committee be thanked, and the following be appointed for the ensuing year : The Superintendent Ministers of the Dunedin Circuits, with Messrs. S. C. Phillips, J. B. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, and E. Rosevear (Convener).

QUESTION XV.—What is the Number of Members in our Churches?

Sept. 1906.		Sept. 1905.	Sept. 1906.		Sept. 1905.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					
971	Auckland (Pitt St.) ...	913	169	Wellington South ...	180
276	{ Auckland (Freeman's Bay)	122	226	Hutt ...	203
	{ Auckland Meth. Mission	144	203	South Wairarapa ...	180
253	Auckland (North Shore)	230	172	Masterton ...	167
167	Manukau ...	180	171	Napier ...	155
103	Mahurangi ...	111	107	Hastings ...	105
121	Thames ...	123	90	Gisborne ...	109
305	Upper Thames ...	304	67	Eketahuna ...	56
197	Franklin ...	220	81	Dannevirke ...	77
171	Cambridge ...	152	155	Levin-Otaki ...	140
145	Hamilton }	201	50	Waipawa ...	43
27	Huntly }	117	101	Woodville ...	96
114	Paparoa ...	117	53	Pahiatua ...	43
154	Northern Wairoa ...	136	70	Norsewood ...	81
100	Whangarei ...	99	2,313	(Increase 128)	2,185
20	Rotorua ...	18			
59	Tauranga ...	54	NELSON DISTRICT.		
37	Coromandel ...	43	164	Nelson ...	165
42	Helensville ...	45	125	Richmond ...	123
34	Bay of Islands ...	36	174	Blenheim ...	172
15	Hokianga ...	15	67	Hokitika ...	66
46	Whangaroa ...	47	151	Greymouth ...	144
3,357	(Increase 47)	3,310	120	Motueka ...	117
WANGANUI DISTRICT.					
294	New Plymouth ...	266	115	Reefton ...	114
235	Waitara ...	234	67	Westport ...	62
82	Stratford ...	99	30	Kumara ...	34
81	Eltham ...	83	39	Havelock ...	59
149	Hawera }	180	1,052	(Decrease 4)	1,056
19	Patea }	90	CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		
90	Opunake ...	90	977	Christchurch (Durham	
191	Wanganui }	231		Street) ...	951
63	Aramoho }	40	96	Christchurch Meth. Mis.	106
54	Rangitikei ...	101	385	Christchurch South...	366
98	Sandon ...	98	207	Christchurch (St. Al-	
106	Feilding ...	342		bans) ...	195
350	Palmerston North ...	48	144	Christchurch (Papanui)	136
51	Kimbolton ...	45	75	Lyttelton ...	81
51	{ Taihape ...	11	146	Springston ...	137
	{ Mangaweka ...	40	93	Tai Tapu ...	97
36	Waimarino ...	40	170	Leeston ...	164
68	Mokau-Kaitieke ...	293	242	Kaiapoi ...	253
2,018	(Increase 110)	1,908	48	Rangiora ...	270
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.					
525	Wellington (Taranaki	550	242	Oxford-Malvern ...	52
	{ Street) ...		242	Timaru ...	250
73	Johnsonville ...		175	Waimate ...	178
			66	Temuka ...	74
			230	Ashburton ...	221

Sept. 1906.		Sept. 1905.	Sept. 1906.		Sept. 1905.
140	Willowby ...	140	71	Otautau ...	69
38	Amberley ...	38	52	Roxburgh ...	52
24	Banks' Peninsula ...	32	56	Cromwell ...	55
12	Cheviot ...	12	39	Riverton ...	38
			16	Tapanui ...	21
3,803	(Increase 50)	3,753	26	Palmerston ...	28
			17	Winton ...	15
			10	Wakatipu ...	10
	OTAGO DISTRICT.				
320	Dunedin (Trinity) ...	315			
355	Dunedin Central Mis. ...	350	2,220	(Increase 23)	2,197
231	Dunedin (Cargill Road) }	329			
77	Mosgiel ... }			MAORI MEMBERS.	
144	Dunedin (Morningt'n) }	287	525	Hokianga ...	650
139	Dunedin (Roslyn) ... }		254	Kaipara ...	251
89	Port Chalmers ...	89	440	Waikato ...	246
80	Balclutha ...	71	177	Whangaroa ...	142
57	Milton ...	55	40	West Coast Mission ...	25
68	Lawrence ...	82	9	Southern Maori Mission	
144	Invercargill ...	119			
131	Oamaru ...	130			
98	Gore ...	82	1,445	(Increase 131)	1,314

TOTALS.

Sept., 1906.		Sept., 1905.
14,763	European Members (Increase 354) ...	14,409
1,445	Maori Members (Increase 131) ...	1,314
16,208	(Total Increase 485)	15,723

For General Returns, Summaries, etc., see Appendix K, p. xlv.-liii.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

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 1907 :—

Auckland District	...	Rev. G. W. J. Spence
Wanganui District	...	Rev. T. G. Carr
Wellington District	...	Rev. W. J. Elliott
Nelson District	...	Rev. B. F. Rothwell
Canterbury District	...	Rev. J. A. Lochore
Otago District	...	Rev. T. J. Wallis

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

For Sunday School Returns, see Appendix K, pp. xlv.-lii.

The report of the General Secretary, Rev. T. N. Griffin, was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the General Report on Sunday Schools be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. T. N. Griffin be thanked for his services as General Secretary of Sunday Schools, and that the Rev. W. Grigg be appointed General Secretary.
3. That the Conference learns with great satisfaction of the very successful work done by the Canterbury Methodist Sunday School Union, and recommends the formation of similar Unions in the other Districts.
4. That the following be a Committee to consider all matters pertaining to Sunday School work, and report annually to the Synods and Conference — The Ministers of the Dunedin Circuits, the Superintendents of the Dunedin City Sunday Schools, and the Rev. T. N. Griffin; Convener, Mr. A. H. Reed.
5. That the Committee be empowered to incur expenditure to the amount of £5, and that this be a charge on the Contingent Fund.
6. That the preparation of a Decision Card for use on Decision Sunday be referred to the Committee on Sunday School affairs.
7. 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 a Sunday School Report of the whole Colony, to be laid before the Annual Conference.
8. 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.
9. That 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.
10. That 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.
11. That the Conference directs all our preachers earnestly and affectionately to exhort parents to bring their children to the regular Church services.
12. That, 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 provisions 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.

13. That the Conference fix 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; and that, as far as practicable, the Chairmen of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits so arrange Home Mission deputations and anniversary services as not to interfere with the Sunday so appointed.
14. That our preachers be urged to make the Sunday morning services interesting to children.
15. That Conference urges that the Ten Commandments be recited in all our Sunday Schools once a month.

QUESTION XVII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting the Bible Class Movement?

For Balance Sheet for 1906, see Appendix J, p. xlv.

The Report of the Central Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. L. Blamires (Organising Secretary) and Mr. G. S. Chisholm (General Treasurer), and that Mr. G. S. Chisholm be re-appointed General Treasurer.
3. That the Movement be called "The Methodist Bible Class Movement."
4. That the Organising Secretary's duties shall be :—
 - (a) To foster Bible Classes, Christian Endeavour Societies, and kindred movements, by organising and evangelistic work.
 - (b) To secure closer attachment of young people to Christ and the Church.
 - (c) To encourage young men to undertake aggressive work.
 - (d) To lead young men to place their lives where they will be most useful in extending the Kingdom of Christ.
5. That the necessary funds for financing the effort be provided :—
 - (a) By personal donations from sympathisers with the work.
 - (b) By donations from Bible Classes and Young People's Societies.
 - (c) By collections at meetings and missions conducted by the Secretary.
 - (d) By a special appeal in the "Outlook," where all donations shall be acknowledged.
6. That the members of Bible-Classes, C.E. Societies, and Wesley Guilds be urged to accept still further the privilege and responsibility of financing the movement, and thus avoid the necessity of appeals to the general membership of our Church.
7. That the Secretary's headquarters be Wellington, but that his place of residence be left to his own choice.

8. That the following Committee be appointed to manage and direct the work of this office :—The Ministers of the Wellington, Johnsonville, and Hutt Circuits, with Messrs. G. S. Chisholm, J. W. Black, H. D. Grocott, T. Sims, G. Tiller, T. Ralph, W. F. Brown, G. Dowland, L. J. Garrard, T. Fathers, A. A. Bennett, T. E. Corkill, C. V. S. Griffiths, and W. Rose ; Rev. C. Porter, Secretary and Convener.
9. That the Committee meet quarterly or oftener ; and that the Secretary report quarterly to the Committee, and the Committee report to the Synods and Conference.
10. That the preparation of an itinerary and details of finance be left to the Conference Committee.
11. That the Committee collect returns of membership of Bible Classes and Wesley Guilds, and include them in the Annual Report.
12. That District Bible Class Unions be formed in all our cities and large centres, where practicable.
13. That at each Annual Conference arrangements be made for a public meeting to be held in the interests of the young men and young women of our Church.

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QUESTION XVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Temperance and Public Morals ?

For Summary of Returns see Appendix K, p. xlv.-lii.

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals for 1907 :—The Ministers of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits, Messrs. E. Rosevear, S. C. Phillips, A. King, Dr. B. E. de Lautour, D. C. Cameron, J. B. Shacklock, E. Aslin, W. C. Allnutt, J. P. Simon, H. D. Bedford, M.A., LL.B., J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., and Hon. J. T. Paul ; Rev. T. J. Wallis, Convener. The duties of the Committee 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.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair for his services as Convener of the Committee on Temperance and Public Morals, and that the Rev. T. J. Wallis be appointed.
4. That the Committee be empowered to incur expenditure to the amount of £5, and that this be a charge on the Contingent Fund.
5. That Conference directs that on the last Sunday in November sermons be preached in all our Churches on the subject of Temperance.

6. That the Superintendents of Circuits be required to furnish returns to Statistical Secretaries under the following head.—Number of Connexional Bands of Hope.
7. That a Quarterly Temperance Sunday be observed in all our Sunday Schools on the day of the Temperance lesson as provided for in the International Series of Lessons; that an address by a competent person be given dealing with Temperance, Gambling, the Evils of Juvenile Smoking, etc.; that special music and suitable recitations be provided by the scholars; and that pledges be taken.
8. That the Conference expresses its satisfaction that the Government issued regulations with the object of removing the evils with regard to beer depots, and regrets that the regulations could not legally be enforced, and now urges the Government to pass legislation effectively dealing with this matter.
9. That Mr. J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., be appointed to convene a deputation to wait on the Minister of Railways with reference to the abolition of packet licenses on the Government steamers on Lake Wakatipu.
10. That the Conference places on record its gratitude to God for the deep interest taken in the cause of Temperance throughout the Colony, and the good accomplished by the Methodist Church. It deeply regrets the hold the liquor traffic still has upon the people as shown by the ruin and desolation of which it is the cause, and urges upon our people the importance of doing their utmost to advance the anti-liquor sentiment, both in seeking to secure No License in those electorates where the open bar still holds sway, and in meeting the tactics employed by the liquor party to recapture the No License districts.
11. That the Conference rejoices to know that the action of the local Licensing Committee in refusing to permit the sale of liquor in the International Exhibition now being held in Christchurch, has been amply justified by the result, and is gratified to learn that the citizens generally and the vast number of those who have visited the Exhibition, have recognised the wisdom of the course adopted.
12. That Conference directs that on a Sunday (to be fixed by the President) immediately prior to the opening of Parliament, sermons be preached in all our churches on the question of Gambling.
13. That the Government be urged to give effect to the proposals made by Sir Joseph Ward with the view of lessening the evils of Gambling, but this Conference protests against the proposal to devote a percentage of the Totalisator income to local charities.
14. That this Conference expresses its satisfaction at the attitude of the English House of Commons in recently resolving that the Opium Traffic is indefensible. It also rejoices that the Chinese Government has decided to abolish the traffic during the next ten years. In view of the satisfactory attitude at Home and in China we urge our people to acquaint themselves with the serious evils which have arisen out of the sale of opium and to strengthen the hands of those who have for many years nobly fought against the continuation of this vicious traffic.

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

That the members of this Conference, both Ministers and Laymen, desire to humble themselves before Almighty God, and acknowledge each for himself the defects and imperfections of the past, and desire to re-consecrate their lives without reserve to Christ and the Church. We also declare our conviction that a spirit of resolute aggression, especially in the greater masses of population, is necessary to the health and progress of our Church. We further request the Home Mission Committee to submit a policy of expenditure which shall aim at the larger populations, and at localities whence we may reasonably expect new Circuits to arise in the near future.

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

The Report of the " Outlook " Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. Ward for his services as Editor of the Methodist section of the " Outlook," and that he be re-appointed for the ensuing year.
3. That the Committee consist of the Superintendents of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Circuits and Messrs. E. Rosevear (Convener), J. C. Stephens, J. B. Shacklock, W. C. Allnutt, and R. Ferguson; the Committee to report each year to the Conference.
4. That an honorarium of £25 be voted to the Editor from the Contingent Fund.
5. That the Editor's contingent and local travelling expenses be defrayed out of the Contingent Fund.
6. That the Committee and Editor be elected at each Conference.
7. That our Ministers and Home Missionaries be directed to urge the claims of the " Outlook," in their pastoral visitation and in other ways.
8. That a special Committee be appointed to consider all matters connected with the " Outlook," and report to next Conference; such Committee to consist of the Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, with the Rev. L. M. Isitt, Messrs. A. F. Drayton, W. H. Seed, J. L. Scott, George Bowron, J. T. Smith, G. H. Blackwell, R. H. Turner, J. Brown, J. C. Prudhoe, W. Dalley, E. Rosevear, and the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C.; E. Rosevear, Convener.

QUESTION XXI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Military and Naval Affairs ?

The Report of the Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. A. Luxford and the retiring Committee.
3. That the Committee consist of the Revs. J. A. Luxford (Convener), G. Bond and G. W. J. Spence, Colonel White, Messrs. R. C. Allen, M.A., and A. C. Caughey.
4. That the Rev. J. A. Luxford be authorised to correspond with the Rev. R. W. Allen on Admiralty affairs, and with the New Zealand Government on Military affairs during the 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 by the Convener, in order that the naval authorities may be notified of the Chaplaincies in these places.
6. That the following be appointed as Chaplains to Methodists on His Majesty's ships of war visiting the undermentioned ports of New Zealand :—Auckland, Rev. J. A. Luxford ; Wellington, Rev. P. W. Fairclough ; Lyttelton, Rev. A. Peters ; Port Chalmers, Rev. J. Ward ; Dunedin, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.

QUESTION XXII.—What are the Resolutions of this Conference on matters previously remitted to District Synods or other Committees for Reports ?

I.—PROPOSED CHILDREN'S HOME.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1. The present income of the Wellington Education Trust is £400.
2. The finding of the Court makes the keeping of a school the essential end to be kept in view.
3. Unless the scholars are to be injured, this school would have to be at least as efficient as a State school, and would have to add " industrial training," involving extra teaching, space and buildings.
4. Supposing a Home and School to be established with, say, twenty children ; there would have to be an efficient teacher with an assistant, perhaps a mechanic or a gardener, and a master and matron, with two or three helps. The premises would include a large house, a school, a workshop, a garden and a playground. The rent and salaries and board of staff would mean from £600 to £800 a year. The cost of twenty children at £20 a year each would be £400. The children would thus cost from £50 to £60 per capita. They would probably be on hand for eight or ten years on an average, so that the output would be two or three per annum.

5. The necessary school would practically absorb the whole of the income from the Trust only to compete with the National schools. The cost of the Children's Home, as such, would therefore have to be provided for by public subscription, just as if no Trust existed, and, from the Church's point of view, would be hampered by the conditions of the Trust.
6. The State has already entered with vigour into the care of unfortunate children, and every tendency is in the direction of more and more efficiency in the work of the State from year to year. The very laudable sentiment in favour of a Children's Home is based upon the heroic philanthropy that met the crying needs of other times and other countries, rather than upon any pressing need in our own time and land. The State has overtaken this branch of Christian philanthropy, and it is not for the vanguard to stay and dispute the camp with the rear, but to move on to things untried, and to create for itself a new halo, rather than contend for the old one, already fading into a State function.
7. The new field for Christian enterprise may be found in a system of Kindergarten Schools, which will deal, not with scores but with thousands of infants in the most plastic period of life, in which character receives many ineradicable stains. These schools supplement the imperfect home, teaching children piety, good manners, discipline, and the art of noticing and giving attention. They brighten young lives, and lay parents under the kind of obligation they are most likely to feel. Moreover, they can be made to feed the Sunday School.
8. The spirit of the Wellington Trust will be carried out by rendering to the children of Wellington some service not already provided for. The Kindergarten promises to do this, and also to fulfil the conditions of the Trust. The Committee therefore recommends :—

That Kindergarten Schools be substituted for a Children's Home as the objective of the Wellington Education Trust. It also believes that such a sum as would be required to be raised by subscription for a Children's Home would be of vastly more practical service if devoted to opening Kindergartens in all our large towns.

P. W. FAIRCLOUGH,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee previously set up by the Conference to institute a Children's Home in or near Wellington be thanked for its services and discharged.

II.—BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

The Report of the Central Conference Committee was presented.

RESOLUTIONS.

- I: That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That a Committee, consisting of the Revs. H. Bull, H. R. Dewsbury, S. Lawry, W. Baumber and W. A. Sinclair, Messrs. J. A. Flesher (Convener), J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, R. H. Turner, C. A. Newman, and H. Chapman, be appointed to take such action as it thinks best, either alone or conjointly with the Committees of other denominations, with a view to securing permission from the Educational Authorities to conduct Bible Classes in the Primary Schools of the Colony during school hours.
3. That the Committee be recommended to consider the feasibility of supplying placards of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Beatitudes, to be hung on the walls of schoolrooms.

III.—THE NEW HYMN BOOK.

The Report was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the case of the agent in arrears of payments of the Conference share of profits be referred to the Committee, with power to act.
3. That the moneys receivable during this year be paid to the Special Branch of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
4. That the Committee be thanked for past services, and the following be appointed as a Committee for the present year:—The Revs. H. Bull and S. Lawry (Convener), with Mr. J. A. Flesher.

IV.—DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

RESOLUTION.

That the following be a Committee to consider the advisability of securing suitable premises for the 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, C. J. Liggins, S. C. Phillips, A. King, J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., H. D. Bedford, M.A., LL.B., R. Ferguson, D. McFaull and the Hon. J. T. Paul, M.L.C.; Rev. W. Slade, Convener.

V.—UNION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.

Report of the Sectional Committee of the General Conference for New Zealand to the Annual Conference.

The Committee begs to report that it has held two meetings during the year. It has received from the New South Wales section of the joint committees its printed Report for private circulation only on the proposed Basis of Doctrine, and also the Interim Report of proposed Basis of Polity. An official letter has also been received from the Rev. A. T. Thompson, B.A., B.D., Secretary of the Evangelical Union and Co-operation Committee of the Presbyterian Church, enclosing resolutions adopted by the last General Assembly of New Zealand dealing with matters affecting Union, and, inter alia, proposing a working basis for mutual action in furtherance of the eventual consummation of an incorporating union of the Evangelical Churches of this Colony. The following are the resolutions referred to above:

1. That a joint Committee consisting of representatives of the Presbyterian, Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist, Congregational, and Baptist Churches be appointed to deal with certain matters common to each of these denominations, as set forth in clause four of this schedule.

2. That the question of representation on the Committee be referred back to the Committee, to confer with the representatives of other Churches, with power to arrange an equitable representation of the respective Churches.

3. That the Committee shall meet at least once each year; the place and date of the first meeting shall be Wellington, and the month of June; but thereafter the Committee shall determine its own place and date of meeting.

4. That the duty of the Committee shall be to consider and make recommendations anent:—

1. Church Extension. In this connection the Committee shall consider (a) cases of alleged overlapping of congregations of different denominations in the same district; (b) cases of a proposed overlapping; (c) the occupation of territory suffering, not from an overplus, but a dearth, of churches.

But this question shall be dealt with only in the event of the Methodist Conference reconsidering the decision recorded in the Minutes of the Wellington Conference, March, 1905, p. 72, Resolution 2, lines 10, 11 and 12.

N.B.—The words embodying the decision of the Conference of 1905 are as follows: "The Conference also adopts the view of the Committee that the appointment of a joint Committee to prevent overlapping in rural districts would not be expedient."

2. Questions affecting the moral well-being of the community. The aim of the Committee in this connection shall be to suggest a platform for the Churches, and so bring them into line, that they shall present a united front in regard to all civic and moral issues that rightly come within the cognisance of the Christian Church.

5. That the Committee shall deal with these public questions of its own initiative; but in the matter of Church Extension it shall restrict its deliberations to such issues as may be submitted to it from time to time by any congregation of the Churches concerned in this movement, or by any of the courts of these Churches.

The Committee recommends these proposals to the favourable consideration of the Conference.

H. BULL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That that part of the Report dealing with the setting up of a Committee on Church Extension be not agreed to.
2. That the recommendation re questions affecting the moral well-being of the community be approved.

VI.—MINISTERIAL INTERCHANGES WITH BRITAIN.

The Report of the Committee was presented by the Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference be recommended to appoint Chairmen of Districts with the Secretary of the Conference, as a Standing Committee, to consider and sanction, if advisable, private arrangements that may be made by ministers of this Conference for temporary interchange with ministers of other Conferences.
2. That the Conference be urged to secure, if possible, periodical visits to the Colony of prominent ministers of the British and other Conferences, and that the foregoing Committee be authorised to enter into the necessary negotiations, with power to act and report to next Conference.

VII.—FREEDOM OF THE CHURCH.

A statement was received from the Committee, stating that no action had been taken, and the Conference resolved that the Committee be discharged.

VIII.—MINISTERS' STIPENDS.

The Report of the Committee was presented to Conference.

RESOLUTION.

That it be a direction to Chairmen of Districts to select suitable laymen, and with them to visit Circuits where the minimum stipend of £200 is not paid to married ministers, and endeavour, in conjunction with the local office-bearers, to secure the payment of that amount.

IX.—CHAPLAINCIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

The Report of the Committee was received, and during its consideration "the previous question" was carried.

X.—EXTENDED APPOINTMENTS TO MISSIONS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference determines to avail itself of the permissive legislation set forth in Sec. (2), Par. 294, Book of Laws, by which appointments beyond five years may be made to Missions.
2. That a Mission for the purposes of this provision shall be any church or building which is so designated in the Minutes by vote of the Conference, and to which a Minister is appointed.
3. That each such Mission furnish an annual report to the Synod of the District.
4. That the following be designated Missions in the terms of Resolution 2 :—
Auckland Methodist Mission, Christchurch Methodist Mission, Dunedin Central Mission.

QUESTION XXIII.—What is the Report on Early Church Records?

The Revs. H. Bull and S. Lawry reported having received, per favour of the Rev. H. R. Dewsbury, one volume containing the Minutes of Canterbury Circuit and Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit Quarterly Meetings from July 3rd, 1861, to April 8th, 1896.

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

COMMITTEES FOR 1907.

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 and Secretary of the Conference, 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 by correspondence and otherwise to obtain the co-operation and hearty support of the Committee of Privileges.

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

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Ex-officio.—The Rev. W. Slade (President of the Conference), the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference), the Rev. W. Baumber (Clerical General Treasurer of the Children's Fund), Mr. G. H. Blackwell (Lay General Treasurer of the Children's Fund).

Ministers.—The Revs. C. H. Garland, T. G. Brooke, S. Lawry, G. Bond, W. J. Williams, H. Bull, P. W. Fairclough, J. J. Lewis, T. Fee.

Laymen.—Messrs. A. C. Caughey, W. G. Bassett, J. W. Shackelford, C. E. Salter, J. G. Harkness, J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., James Boon, E. Dixon, E. Rosevear, T. E. Corkill, J. A. Flesher.

SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES.

Ministers.—The Revs. H. R. Dewsbury, W. Ready, J. H. Simmonds, J. A. Luxford, D. J. Murray, C. Abernethy, S. J. Gibson, T. G. Hammond, D. McNicoll.

Laymen.—Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, W. T. Bowater, G. H. Bennett, G. Manchester, J. C. Prudhoe, G. A. Fairbrother, G. Tiller, G. Watson, R. C. Allen, M.A., C. Carter, R. Hobbs.

(The General Conference meets in Sydney on Thursday, May 30th, 1907.)

I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

A.—POLICY OF THE FUND.

By 102 to 32, the Conference recommended :—

1. That for the purpose of administration the Fund shall be divided into two departments, to be called respectively the Annuitant and Auxiliary Departments, to be managed as one Fund, the Annuitant Department to be worked on actuarial principles, and the Auxiliary Department on non-actuarial lines as hereafter provided.
2. That Scale C be provisionally the scale of Annuities, 40 per cent. of the amount to be provided by the Annuitant Department and 60 per cent. by the Auxiliary Department. Furniture grants also shall be provided by the Auxiliary Department.
3. That from the capital of the Fund an amount equal to the liabilities of the Annuitant Department, calculated on a $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. basis, and upon the present ministers' subscriptions, be credited to this Department, and the remainder to the Auxiliary Department.
4. That every minister in active service shall be required to contribute to the Annuitant Department an annual premium sufficient, on actuarial calculation, to secure the provision that will be made by this Department, which shall be managed on strictly actuarial principles. The surplus interest earned by this Department, together with all gains which may be found on periodical examination to exist in respect of improved experience, may be applied as the General Conference shall direct in increasing annuities payable out of this Department, or in reduction of subscriptions, or both.
5. For the purposes of the Auxiliary Department, a direct levy per minister shall be made on the funds of the Circuits, Departments, and Institutions to which ministers are appointed, the amount of which levy, together with earnings of capital and other income, shall provide for not less than 60 per cent. of the annuities; the annual balances to be added to the capital.
6. That the income from levies (£11 10s. per minister, as at present) and earnings of capital credited to the Auxiliary Department, legacies, contributions from Bookrooms, and other benefactions, shall be available for meeting the allowances and other charges on this Department.
7. That 40 per cent. of the working expenses be charged to the Annuitant Department, and 60 per cent. to the Auxiliary Department.
8. That the capital of the two Departments of the Fund be *invested together as one Fund*, and the earnings be divided, and credited pro rata to the income of each Department in proportion to its share of the capital.

B.—SECOND MARRIAGES.

That arrangements be made whereby, for the payment of a reasonable amount to cover years of juniority, widows of re-married Ministers shall be entitled to the full benefits of both branches of the fund.

C.—FURNITURE GRANTS.

That in the case of a Minister who is a widower dying, and leaving young children, a grant equal to the usual furniture allowance shall be made for their benefit.

II.—CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

That the following matters be dealt with in the Representative Sessions of the Annual Conferences, viz. :—

- (1) Interconferential Exchange of Ministers
- (2) The Making of Ministers Supernumeraries
- (3) The Stationing of Ministers
- (4) Election of Chairmen of Districts

III.—CIRCUIT REPRESENTATION TO SYNOD.

That Circuits in which two or more Ministers are engaged shall, in addition to the representation in Synod by the two Circuit Stewards or their substitutes, have the right of electing additional representatives to Synod in the proportion of one layman for each Minister in full connexion.

IV.—REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS IN CHURCH COURTS.

1. That one representative for 50 members or fractional part thereof may be elected by each Society ; but no Society in the Circuit shall elect more than six representatives.
2. That representatives and electors be not less than eighteen years of age, and of twelve months' continuous membership.
3. That nominations be made by the members, and the voting open or by ballot, as the meeting may determine.
4. That the election take place at a meeting of members only of the local Society, to be held in each Church in the Circuit or Home Mission Station during the September quarter, and before the September Quarterly Meeting, under the chairmanship of the Superintendent or any deputy he may appoint in writing.
5. That in the event of the above or any similar recommendation being rejected, we recommend that the General Conference be requested to affirm the principle of direct representation of the members of Society in our Church courts, and that the Annual Conferences be directed to consider how this reform may be best secured, and report their finding to the following General Conference.

V.—ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS BY HOME MISSIONARIES.

That, as the policy of the New Zealand Conference is to attach, whenever practicable, a Home Mission Station to a Circuit, and as by that attachment the President can no longer authorise the Home Missionary to administer the Sacraments, paragraph 57 be altered to read as follows : " On the recommendation of the Chairman of a District, it shall be competent for the President of an Annual Conference to authorise from year to year Home Missionaries or any other person or persons residing within a Home Mission Station, or Circuit to which such Station is attached, to administer the Sacraments."

VI.—REPRESENTATION OF FIJI SYNOD IN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

That the Fiji Synod, owing to its size and the importance of the Mission, have the privilege of electing one of its European Ministers and a layman, whether native or European, as representatives to the General Conference.

VII.—FOURTH AND FIFTH YEARS' APPOINTMENTS.

That the General Conference be recommended to amend the law relating to Ministerial appointments, so that invitations for fourth or fifth years be allowed to be given on a bare majority of the votes of those present at the Quarterly Meeting giving such invitation.

VIII.—REPRESENTATION OF HOME MISSION STATIONS.

That provision be made for the representation of Home Mission Stations in the Synods and Annual Conferences.

IX.—REVISION OF THE BOOK OF LAWS.

[The Conference resolved that the matter of considering the Report of the Central Committee on the Revision of the Book of Laws be remitted to the consideration of a Committee consisting of the Revs. W. Lee, H. Bull (Convener), H. R. Dewsbury, S. Lawry, Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, and J. A. Flesher, with power to make recommendations in the name of the Conference.]

X.—PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR.

Substitute—Dods' Introduction to the New Testament for The Book of Laws, and Row's Manual of Christian Evidences for Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.

SECOND YEAR.

Substitute—Orr's Problem of the Old Testament for Row's Manual, and Slater's Methodism in the Light of the Early Church for Gregory's Polity.

THIRD YEAR.

Substitute—Angus' Bible Handbook (Revised Edition), Part I., for Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction, Old Testament.

FOURTH YEAR.

Substitute—Book of Job for Book of Joshua in English Bible, Old Testament; and Angus' Bible Handbook (Revised Edition), Part II., for Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction, New Testament.

LIST OF WORKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

I.—BIBLICAL CRITICISM AND EXEGESIS.

Delete—Fairbairn's Studies in the Life of Christ
Farrar's Early Days of Christianity
Nicol's Recent Archæology and the Bible
Ramsay's Was Christ Born at Bethlehem?

Add—David Smith's In the Days of His Flesh.
Pinches' Old Testament Records in the Light of the Babylonian and Assyrian Monuments.
G. A. Smith's Jerusalem.
Ramsay's Letters to the Seven Churches.
Forrest's Authority of Christ.
Robertson's Early Religion of Israel.

II.—THEOLOGY.

- Delete**—Davison's Christian Interpretation of Life.
Lambert's Sacraments of the New Testament.
- Add**—Denney's Atonement and the Modern Mind.
Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.
Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Social Question.
" Jesus Christ and Christian Character.
Orr's God's Image in Man.
Stearns' Manual of Theology.
Ullman's Sinlessness of Christ.

III.—APOLOGETICS.

- Delete**—Balfour's Foundations of Belief.
- Add**—Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.
" Haeckel's Monism False.
" Theo-Monism.
Lodge's Life and Matter.
Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.

IV.—CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY

- Delete**—Jacob's Ecclesiastical Polity.
Lefroy's Christian Ministry.
Quick's Methodism : A Parallel.
Fairbairn's Religion in History and in Modern Life.
Abbey and Overton's English Church in 18th Century.
Tyerman's Life and Times of Wesley.
Lindsay's Life of Luther.
- Add**—Farrar's Early Days of Christianity.
Lightfoot's Christian Ministry.
Dennis' Social Progress and Christian Missions.
Fitchett's Wesley and His Century.
Workman's Persecution in the Early Church.
Lindsay's Reformation.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Advise Probationers to consult Hastings' Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels.
2. The Conference further recommends that the List of Books be arranged alphabetically according to names of authors.

REPORTS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1. In accordance with par. 294 (c) of Book of Laws (new edition), by which an Annual Conference is empowered by the General Conference to make for itself regulations dealing with the constitution and operation of the Stationing Committee, the N.Z. Conference of 1905 resolved, "That the lay members should sit on the Stationing Committee during all its sessions, and that next year the first draft of stations be deferred till the lay members are elected;" and at the Conference of 1906 this resolution was acted on. Subsequently, on appeal by Rev. H. Bull, the President of the General Conference ruled that the action of the New Zealand Conference on the foregoing

matter was ultra vires; in consequence of which the Conference of 1907 reverted to its former method of appointing the lay members of the Stationing Committee after the first draft of stations had been read.

2. In accordance with par. 294, Book of Laws, the New Zealand Conference determined to avail itself of the permissive legislation by which appointments beyond five years may be made to Missions.

QUESTION XXVI.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

In the Pitt Street Church, Auckland, as near as possible to the last Tuesday in February, 1908, the exact date to be fixed by the President.

PRESIDENT'S RULINGS.

A.—CHAIRMANSHIP, KAI IWI TRUST.

A series of questions having been asked by the Rev. T. G. Hammond regarding the Chairmanship of the Kai Iwi Trust, the President gave the following ruling :—

The questions asked by Mr. Hammond may be reduced to one—viz., Who is the Chairman of the Kai Iwi Trust? The answer depends on the nature of the Trust itself. There are two classes of property held by the Methodist Church :—(1) Property held for the use and benefit of the people of the place in which the property itself is situate, such as Church and Parsonage sites. Most of this property was bought by the people themselves, or donated to the Church for their use, and as such is secured on the Model Deed which provides that the respective Superintendents of the Circuits in which these properties are shall be Chairmen of the Trusts. (2) Property held for general Connexional purposes, educational or mission. The administration of such property is under the direct control of the Conference, which receives and disburses the income derived from them. Most, if not all, of this class of property was either bought out of the general funds of the Church, or was donated to the Church as a whole, not to any particular Circuit or Mission of the Church, and is designated Connexional Property, the Balance Sheets being presented annually to the Conference, and needing Conference endorsement. Such being the case, I am of opinion that the fact of a Connexional Property being within the bounds of a particular Circuit does not really entitle the Superintendent minister of that Circuit to be the Chairman of the Trust. The Connexional Officer in whose District such property is situate is obviously the person to be Chairman of the Trust, and that Officer is the Chairman of the District. We have an example of this in the Auckland District, where most of our Connexional Properties lie. There the Chairman of the District is, and has always been, Chairman of Connexional Trusts. I am of opinion that this was the original intention of the Conference, but in the Wanganui District local considerations of convenience, as distance and difficulties of travel, have led to a departure from this usage. It would, I think, be absurd to follow any other rule. The Connexional Properties in the Auckland District are scattered over the Province, at Hokianga, Northern Wairoa, Upper Waikato, Aotea and elsewhere, but the Trustees live in the City of Auckland. It would lead to very serious inconvenience, if the Superintendent of each of these Circuits could claim to be Chairman of the Trust of the Connexional Property that happens to be within the bounds of his Circuit. The properties being Connexional, the Connexional Officer, who is the Chairman of the Auckland District, is Chairman of the Trusts. I hold, therefore, that the proper person to be Chairman of the Connexional Trusts in all our Districts is the Chairman of the District. Any difficulty in the way of his actual attendance at meetings could always be met by his appointing a Deputy in writing, as provided in other cases by the Model Deed. I think it is desirable that Conference shall affirm this usage by resolution. I may add that the Book of Laws contains no legislation directly bearing on this question.

B.—STATUS IN SYNOD OF KIMBOLTON AND WAIMARINO.

A question having been asked as to whether Kimbolton and Waimarino, to which, though numbered in the list of Circuits, Home Missionaries were appointed, were entitled to representation in the Synod, the President ruled as follows :—

The answer to this question depends on two considerations : (1) On the constitution of the Synod itself. Paragraph 268, page 53 of the Book of Laws gives the Constitution of the Synod to be—(1) All Ministers within the bounds of the District ; (2) The Circuit Stewards of the various Circuits within the bounds of the District, or their substitutes duly elected ; (3) Probationers in charge of Circuits within the same limits ; (4) The Lay Treasurers of the Connexional Funds, of Annual Conference Funds, of Connexional Trust Funds, and District Secretaries of Church Properties within the bounds of the District in which they reside. (2) On the definition of a Circuit. Paragraph 437, page 94, of the Book of Laws reads, "A Methodist Circuit consists of one or more churches or preaching places to which one or more Ministers are appointed year by year by the Annual Conference. From the Constitution of the Annual Synod, it will be seen that only Circuits and certain specified Funds are entitled to representation in Synod, and a Circuit is defined as consisting of "one or more churches or preaching places to which ONE OR MORE MINISTERS ARE APPOINTED YEAR BY YEAR BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE." If we apply these definitions to Kimbolton and Waimarino, it is plain that they are not Circuits at present within the meaning of the Book of Laws. The Conference does not appoint to either of them a Minister year by year ; they are therefore not Circuits according to the definition, and are not entitled to representation in the Annual Financial Synod. If any other consideration were needed to confirm this ruling, it is supplied by the fact that Kimbolton and Waimarino are exempt from Connexional charges, though this of itself would not be sufficient to make the ruling decisive. The Book of Laws is perfectly clear on this point.

MINISTERS FROM ENGLAND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the time has arrived when it is highly desirable that steps be taken immediately to secure from Great Britain or Ireland several trained young men for our ministry.
2. That the following be a Committee to raise the necessary funds for carrying out this resolution :—The Revs. H. Bull, H. R. Dewsbury, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, L. Hudson, and C. H. Laws, B.A., Messrs. A. F. Drayton, W. H. Seed, G. J. Smith, and R. Evans ; Rev. S. Lawry, Convener.
3. That subject to a sufficient sum of money being raised to cover all expenses, the Rev. W. Lee be commissioned to negotiate with the Home authorities, to select the young men, and to arrange for their passage to New Zealand.

TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR DEACONESSES.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Committee be received, and referred to the Committee hereafter mentioned, for consideration during the year.
2. That the Committee be thanked and discharged.
3. That a Committee be appointed to control and supervise the establishment of a Connexional Deaconess Training Home in Christchurch; the Committee to consist of the Revs. H. R. Dewsbury, H. Bull, W. Baumber, L. Hudson, W. A. Sinclair, and Messrs. G. Bowron, C. E. Salter, J. Hewitt, J. C. Prudhoe, Geo. Scott, A. F. Drayton (Convener), A. K. England, J. L. Scott, and the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C.
4. That the Committee have power (1) To fill any vacancies which may arise during the year; (2) To elect Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary; and (3) to draft rules and regulations for the conduct of the Home, and submit the same to the next Conference.

SEPARATE ENDOWED SCHOOLS BILL.

Whereas a Bill has been prepared for presentation to Parliament, entitled The Separate Endowed Schools Bill; whereas the said Bill proposes to transfer the management of certain educational endowments given to a Religious Denomination from the present Trustees to Boards to be appointed in part by the Government; whereas the Bill contains clauses that would seriously interfere with the discipline of the Schools supported by the endowments, and more or less weaken the benefit of the religious instruction prescribed or implied by the Deeds of Grant; and whereas Clause 34 of the said Bill would make the proposed Act applicable to any Grant or group of Grants for Educational purposes:

This Conference therefore resolves to offer the most strenuous opposition to the Bill, and appoints the following Committee to take such action as may be necessary to prevent its passage through Parliament:— The Revs. the President, Ex-President, and Secretary of Conference, W. Gittos, J. H. Simmonds, H. Bull, P. W. Fairclough, J. J. Lewis, T. G. Hammond, and W. J. Williams, with Messrs. T. Buddle, R. Hobbs, G. Tiller, J. G. Harkness, J. A. Flesher, G. H. Blackwell, J. C. Stephens, E. Rosevear, J. F. Arnold, M.H.R., and the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C.; Convener, Rev. W. J. Williams.

REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

1. That there be written as well as oral examinations before Local Preachers be received on full plan.
 2. That Gregory's "Theological Student" 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. (For Curriculum, see below).
 4. That any candidate who cannot show 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. (For suggested Order of Service see Minutes 1905, p. 69).
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CURRICULUM FOR LOCAL PREACHERS' COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Theology—Denney's "Studies in Theology."
2. Biblical—R. Waddy Moss' "From Malachi to Matthew."
3. Homiletics—Phillips Brooks' "Lectures on Preaching."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Theology—Pope's "Person of Christ."
2. Biblical—Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges (St. John's Gospel).
3. Greek—Clapperton's "First Steps."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Theology—Denney's "Death of Christ."
2. Biblical—Findlay's "Epistles of St. Paul."
3. Greek—Moulton's Greek Reader.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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 Conference, and consider all possible Ministerial business, and report to Conference in Ministerial Session; the President to be responsible for convening the Committee.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

That the following Committees be appointed on the second day of the Representative Session 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) Superaumerary 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 inquire 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, Home Mission Report.
- E COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS, ETC.—This Committee shall consider all Reports and Synod Recommendations relating to the Theological Institution, Three Kings Institution, Sunday Schools, the "Outlook," and all Synod Recommendations not remitted to any other Committee.

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 Committees.

STATIONING COMMITTEE.

1. That for the election of lay members of the Stationing Committee ballot papers be printed containing the names of all lay representatives present at the Conference and willing to act on the Committee, and that the method of election be by members of the Conference striking out the names of those for whom they do not desire to vote; the Secretaries of the Conference to be the scrutineers.
2. That members of the Conference must vote for the full number required in each District.
3. That in considering the Station Sheet the Committee begin with the District in which the Conference for the time being sits.

CHARACTER OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

In response to the enquiry in the Conference, "Are there any objections to any of our ministers or preachers on trial?" the names of the Districts only shall be called, the Chairman of each District then giving the required information from the Minutes of the District Synod. The right to challenge any name or to bring a charge against any minister or preacher on trial shall not be affected by the foregoing resolution.

STANDING REGULATIONS OF FUNDS AND INSTITUTIONS.

That the Rules and Regulations of the various Funds and Institutions be regarded as standing rules, liable, however, to alterations from year to year by Conference and that only such alterations be voted upon.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS.

1. That it be an instruction to the Committee arranging the functions in connection with the next Conference that not less than two evenings be left free for Conference business, exclusive of the opening night and the evening set apart for the Conversation on the Work of God.
2. That a public meeting be held during Conference at which the claims of both Home and Foreign Missions shall be advocated, the offerings to be equally divided between the two funds.
3. Seeing that the holding of the Conversation on the Work of God near the end of the Conference seriously interferes with the attendance thereat, it is desirable that this session be held not later than the third evening of the Conference.
4. That at each Annual Conference arrangements be made for a public meeting to be held in the interests of the young men and young women of our Church.

RETIREMENT OF LAY MEMBERS OF CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES.

1. That in connection with all standing Connexional Committees, except the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, it be a regulation of Conference making it obligatory that not 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.

FOREIGN LITERARY DEGREES.

That the Conference recognise only such Foreign Literary Degrees as can also be held as ad eundem degrees in connection with the New Zealand University.

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 the Medical Board be thanked for their past services, and that the following be now appointed :—Dr. W. C. McDowell, Auckland; Dr. W. A. Chapple, Wellington; Dr. A. J. Orchard, Christchurch; Dr. B. E. de Lautour, Dunedin.

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

That the Secretary of the Conference, Rev. G. W. J. Spence, and Mr. T. Allen be the Agenda Committee for the next Conference.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

For suggested Order of Service in our Churches, see Minutes, 1905, p. 68.

ORDER OF SYNOD BUSINESS.

For revised Order of Synod Business, see Minutes, 1905, pp. 84-88.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

1. That the mode of nomination be as at present, with the proviso that no person shall be nominated whose consent to attend the General Conference has not been obtained.
2. That no member of the Conference shall nominate more than two Ministers and two Laymen.
3. That ballot papers be printed, containing a complete list of those nominated, Ministers and Laymen in separate columns, with a statement in each case of the number required; the election to take place as soon as possible after the nominations close.
4. That those securing the highest number of votes be declared elected. Representatives up to the number required.
5. That Substitute Representatives be balloted for from among those already nominated, the names of those already elected being struck off the ballot papers issued, and that these be notified of their appointment to fill vacancies in the order of votes received.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

THANKS TO THE EX-PRESIDENT.

That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby presented to the Rev. T. G. Brooke, ex-President, for the zealous and efficient manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of the office during the year.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARY.

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., for the diligence, courtesy, and ability with which he has performed his duties as Secretary of the Conference during the past year.

ORDINATION CHARGE.

That the Rev. T. G. Brooke, ex-President of the Conference, be thanked for the eminently profitable charge delivered by him to the candidates for ordination, and that he be requested to allow the same to be published in the columns of the connexional paper.

REPRESENTATIVES TO BRITISH AND IRISH CONFERENCES.

That the Rev. W. Lee be appointed representative to the British and Irish Conferences.

That the Rev. B. H. Ginger be appointed representative to the Bible Christian and United Methodist Conferences.

RAILWAY AND STEAMER CONCESSIONS.

That a Committee consisting of the Revs. P. W. Fairclough and W. J. Williams, with power to add, co-operate with other religious bodies in an endeavour to obtain more satisfactory concessions in fares to representatives.

PRINTING NOTICES OF MOTION.

That all Notices of Motion submitted to the Conference, other than those which appear as Recommendations in the Agenda, shall be printed as early as practicable, and circulated among the members of the Conference.

PARSONAGE SANITATION CERTIFICATES.

That the form of Question 6, Section II., Synod Business, be altered so as to read, "Have the sanitary conditions of the parsonage been found satisfactory by the ingoing Minister?"

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

That the question of appointing an Examination Committee for Probationers and Candidates, who shall receive all reports, conduct the oral examinations, and make recommendations to Conference, be referred to the Board of Examiners for consideration and report.

INSURANCE ON CHURCH PROPERTIES.

That it be a recommendation to the Trustees of Church Properties to compare the value of properties held in Trust with the amount of insurance upon the same, in order to ascertain whether such properties are adequately covered against risk from fire.

Superintendents of Circuits are requested to take the necessary steps to give effect to the above resolution, and report the results to the Synods of 1907.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ROLL BOOKS.

That the supply of Church Membership Roll Books be kept by the Connexional Secretary.

WILLIAM SLADE, PRESIDENT.

CHARLES H. LAWS, SECRETARY.



A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH

The New Zealand Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

- 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
1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary
,, Smith, John, Supernumerary
1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary
,, Lee, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1880, Supernumerary
,, 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., President New Zealand Conference, 1900, Supernumerary
,, Thomas, William G., Supernumerary
1869 Beck, William H.
,, Simmonds, Joseph H., President New Zealand Conference, 1895
1870 Isitt, Francis W.
,, Lewis, John J., President New Zealand Conference, 1890
,, Pendray, 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, Supernumerary

- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., President New Zealand Conference, 1897
 " Hammond, Thomas G.
 " Jory, John D.
 " Worboys, John W.
- 1875 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, President New Zealand Conference, 1904
 " Peters, Alfred
- 1878 Buttle, J. Newman, President New Zealand Conference, 1905
- 1879 Abernethy, Christopher
 " Hudson, Lewis
 " Murray, Daniel J., President New Zealand Conference, 1902
 " Spence, George W. J.
 " Tinsley, William
- 1880 Brooke, Thomas G., President New Zealand Conference, 1906
 " Dukes, John
 " Griffin, Thomas N.
- 1881 Garland, Charles H., President New Zealand Conference, 1901
 " Gibson, Samuel J.
 " Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., F.R.M.S.
 " Slade, William, President New Zealand Conference, 1907
- 1882 Griffith, Samuel
 " Jones, T. 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 H., B.A.
 " Wrigley, James
- 1888 Grigg, William
 " Trestrail, Thomas
- 1889 Chapman, James G.
 " Read, Frederick T.

- 1890 Mitchell, Arthur
 ,, Newbold, Thomas W.
- 1891 Beecroft, Charles E. (received by British Conference in 1870)
 ,, Sinclair, William A.
- 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D.
- 1893 Elliott, William J.
 ,, Frost, George
 ,, Harrison, Colin C.
- 1894 Beggs, Hugh
 ,, Bellhouse, Harold E.
 ,, Porter, Charles E.
 ,, 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., M.A.
 ,, Hosking, James A.
- 1898 Beckett, William
- 1899 Keall, Robert P.
 ,, Wills, William
- 1900 Blamires, E. Percy
 ,, Greenslade, William
 ,, Haslam, Jonathan H.
 ,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.
 ,, Tuck, William R., B.A.
 ,, Wilson, Richard
- 1901 Boys, Frederick W.
 ,, Cook, George S.
 ,, Eaton, Clarence
 ,, Reader, Amos
- 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J.
 ,, Patchett, Ernest D.
 ,, Pratt, Major A. R.
 ,, Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A.
- 1903 James, Benjamin J
 ,, Seamer, Arthur J.
- 1904 Blamires, Ernest O.
 ,, McBean, Angus
 ,, Ranston, Harry
 ,, Reed, Alexander J.
 ,, Stockwell, George F.
 ,, Wilson, James
- 1905 Copeland, Fred
 ,, Randerson, Arthur C., M.A.
 ,, Richards, Raymond
 ,, Williams, Richard F.

- 1906 Avery, William W.
 „ Clark, James R.
 „ Paris, Percy R.
 „ Roberts, Charles
 „ Snadden, George
 1907 Abbey, William, H. E.
 „ Blair, Charles
 „ Keck, Henry A. G.
 „ Maslin, William G.
 „ Scott, William B.
 „ Wylie, Robert H.

N.B.—M. A. R. Pratt having served five years of probation, and the Circuit-levy to the Supernumerary Fund having been paid for each of these years, the Conference resolved that (on the understanding that he pay the additional £8 17s. personal subscription during the present year) his name appear in the Minutes as a Minister of five years' standing.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

- 1879 Pewa, Wi Warena, Supernumerary
 1882 Paul, Hauraki
 „ Rakena, Piripi
 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Supernumerary
 1896 Heretini, Te Tuhi
 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki
 „ Renata, Hapeta
 1903 Hare, Hone Marena
 1904 Papakakura, Neho Hemi

APPENDIX.

The Rev. W. L. Blamires, a Supernumerary of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, received in 1858, resides at Ohoka, Canterbury.



AN ALPHABETICAL LIST
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Ministers and Probationers

IN CONNECTION WITH
**The New Zealand Conference of the Methodist Church
of Australasia.**

The figures at the beginning of the line show the year in which each Minister commenced his ministry, and those at the end of the line denote his first, second, third, or further annual appointment to his present Circuit.

- 1907 Abbey, William H. E., Hawera, 1 (Manaia)
 1879 Abernethy, Christopher, Springston, 4.
 1895 Ashcroft, Arthur, Rangiora, 2 (Woodend)
 1906 Avery, William W. Huntly, 2.
- 1876 Baumber, William, Christchurch Methodist Mission, 2 (Durham Street South).
 1869 Beck, William H., Cambridge, 3.
 1898 Beckett, William, Otautau, 3.
 1891 Beecroft, Charles E., Feilding, 2.
 1894 Beggs, Hugh, Palmerston North, 4 (Cuba Street).
 1894 Bellhouse, Harold E., Ashburton, 1.
 1907 Blair, Charles, South Wairarapa, 1 (Greytown)
 1900 Blamires, E. Percy, Wellington Suburban, 1.
 1904 Blamires, Ernest O., Kaiapoi, 3 (Ohoka).
 1896 Blamires, Henry L., Organising Secretary B.C. Movement, 2 (Wellington).
 1887 Blight, Joseph, Thames, 1.
 1871 Bond, George, Auckland West, 2 (Ponsonby).
 1896 Bowie, William S., Stratford, 1.
 1901 Boys, Frederick W., Balclutha, 3.
 1880 Brooke, Thomas G., New Plymouth, 2.
 1868 Bull, Henry, Connexional Secretary, 6 (Armagh Street, Christchurch).
 1860 Bunn, Robert S., Supernumerary, 14 (Stanmore, N.S. Wales).
 1878 Buttle, J. Newman, Masterton, 2.
- 1861 Cannell, William, Supernumerary, New Plymouth, 8.
 1871 Carr, Thomas G., Rangitikei, 2 (Marton).
 1889 Chapman, James G., Wanganui, 4.
 1896 Chappell, Albert B., M.A., Christchurch (Durham Street), 2 (Richmond).
 1904 Clark, James R., Malvern, 2 (Sheffield).
 1901 Cook, George S., Auckland (Birkenhead), 3.

- 1905 Copeland, Fred, Taihape, 3.
 1857 Crump, John, Supernumerary, Nelson, 10.
- 1871 Dewsbury, Henry R., Christchurch (Durham Street), 4.
 1880 Dukes, John, Upper Thames, 2 (Te Aroha).
- 1901 Eaton, Clarence, Johnsonville, 1.
 1893 Elliott, William J., South Wairarapa, 1 (Carterton).
 1886 Ellis, John G. W., Hokitika, 1.
- 1874 Fairclough, Paul W., F.R.A.S., Wellington (Taranaki Street), 4.
 1877 Fee, Thomas, Hamilton, 2.
 1893 Frost, George, Waipawa, 4.
- 1881 Garland, Charles H., Nelson, 2.
 1876 Garlick, Samuel J., Hutt, 4.
 1881 Gibson, Samuel J., Hawera, 3.
 1885 Ginger, Barton H. (resting), 1.
 1856 Gittos, William, Auckland Maori Mission, 14 (Devonport).
 1900 Greenslade, William, Roxburgh, 3.
 1877 Griffin, Cornelius, Gisborne, 2.
 1895 Griffin, John W., Milton, 1.
 1880 Griffin, Thomas N., Oamaru, 1.
 1882 Griffith, Samuel, Auckland (North Shore), 4 (Devonport).
 1888 Grigg, William, Dunedin (Cargill Road), 1.
- 1874 Hammond, Thomas G., West Coast Maori Mission, 21 (Patea).
 1864 Harper, George S., Supernumerary, Palmerston North, 29.
 1893 Harrison, Colin C., Whangarei, 1.
 1900 Haslam, Jonathan H., Temuka, 2.
 1896 Hosking, James A., Gore, 4.
 1879 Hudson, Lewis, Christchurch South, 1 (Sydenham).
- 1870 Isitt, Francis W., Wellington, without pastoral charge, 7.
- 1903 James, Benjamin J., Tai Tapu, 2.
 1882 Jones, T. Francis, without pastoral charge, 1.
 1874 Jery, John D., Mahurangi, 2 (Warkwerth).
 1887 Joughin, Thomas A., Waimate, 2.
- 1899 Keall, Robert P., Paparoa, 2.
 1907 Keck, Henry A. G., New Plymouth, 1.
 1846 Kirk, William, Supernumerary, Hutt, 23 (Petone).
- 1868 Law, John, Supernumerary, Auckland (Pitt Street), 11 (Mount Albert).
 1885 Lawry, Albert C., Napier, 2.
 1877 Lawry, Samuel, Christchurch (Papanui), 1.
 1887 Laws, Charles H., B.A., Dunedin (Trinity), 4 (York Place).
 1864 Lee, William, Supernumerary, Lyttelton, 1.
 1870 Lewis, John J., Palmerston North, 2 (Broad Street).
 1905 Lochore, John A., Christchurch South, 4 (Addington).
 1876 Luxford, John A., Auckland (Pitt Street), 4.
- 1904 McBean, Angus, Invercargill, 2 (South Invercargill).
 1868 McNicoll, David, Sandon, 1.

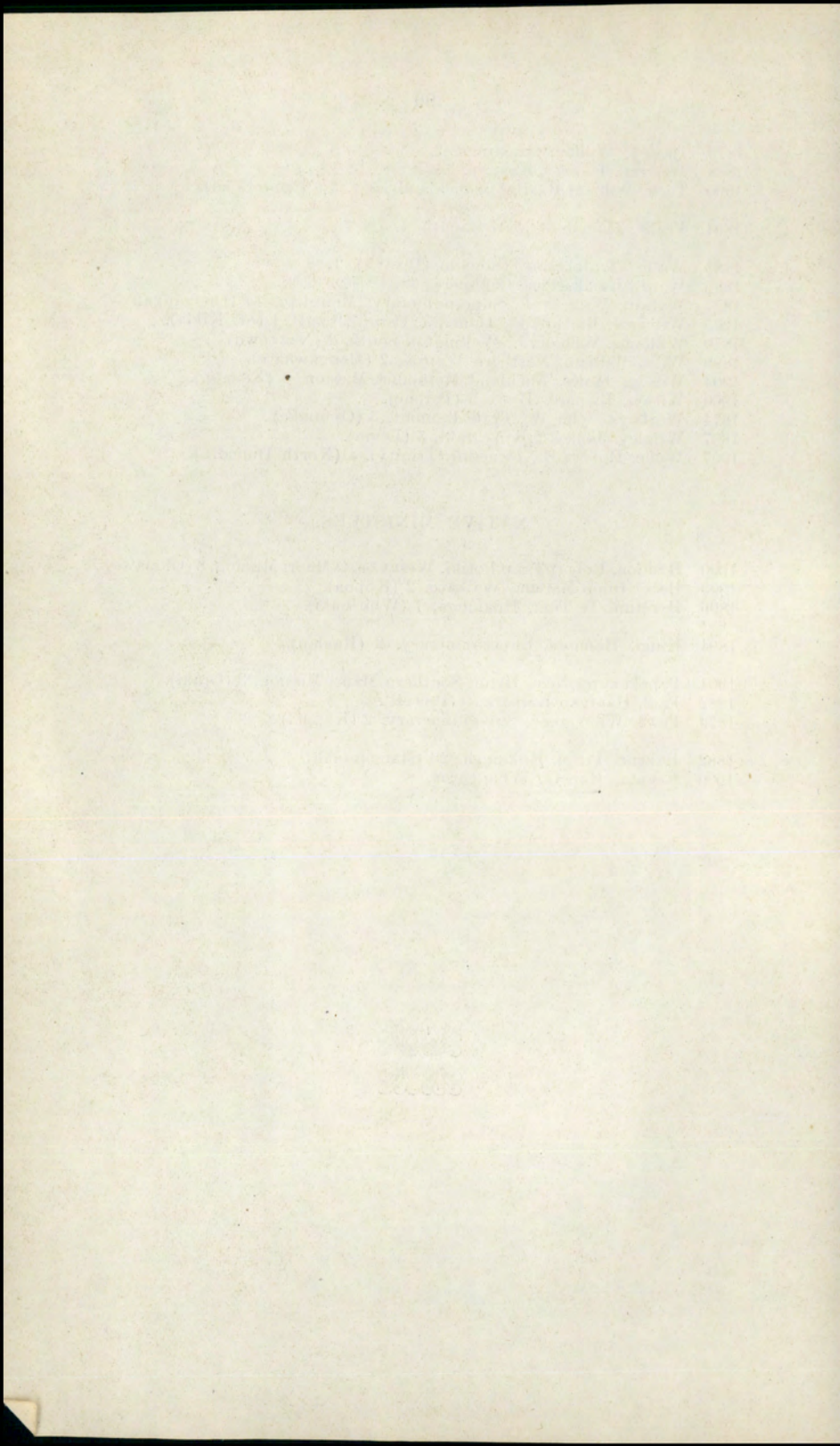
- 1883 Marshall, George T., Eketahuna, 3.
 1907 Maslin, W. G., Supply Woodville, 1.
 1883 Mather, Joseph J., Franklin, 2 (Pukekohe).
 1890 Mitchell, Arthur, Invercargill, 3.
 1879 Murray, Daniel J., Dunedin (Mornington), 2.
- 1890 Newbold, Thomas W., Upper Thames, 1 (Waihi).
- 1867 Oliver, William C., Auckland (Pitt Street), 1 (Mount Albert).
 1902 Oxbrow, Walter J., Aramoho, 3.
- 1906 Paris, Percy R., Levin-Otaki, 2 (Otaki).
 1903 Patchett, Ernest D., Inglewood, 1.
 1870 Pendray, John J., Lawrence, 1.
 1876 Penney, Charles, Blenheim, 2.
 1892 Peryman, Samuel H. D., Richmond, 2.
 1877 Peters, Alfred, Lyttelton, 1.
 1881 Pinfold, James T., F.G.S., Rangiora, 2.
 1894 Porter, Charles E., Wellington (Taranaki Street), 2 (Thorndon).
 1902 Pratt, Major A. R., Westport, 4.
- 1905 Randerson, Arthur C., M.A., Mosgiel, 3.
 1904 Ranston, Harry, Blenheim, 2 (Blenheim).
 1889 Read, Frederick T., Waitara, 1.
 1901 Reader, Amos, Cromwell, 2.
 1885 Ready, William, Christchurch (Durham Street), 4 (East Belt).
 1862 Redstone, Harry B., Supernumerary, Wellington, 12 (Hawker Street).
- 1904 Reed, Alexander J., Eltham, 1.
 1905 Richards, Raymond, Ashburton, 1 (Chertsey).
 1895 Richards, Thomas R., Christchurch (Durham Street), 4 (Woolston).
 1864 Rishworth, John S., Supernumerary, North Shore; 10 (Devonport).
 1906 Roberts, Charles, Motueka, 2.
 1885 Rothwell, Benjamin F., Reefton, 1.
- 1907 Scott, William B., Kaponga, 1.
 1900 Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., Auckland (Pitt Street), 1 (Kingsland).
 1903 Seamer, Arthur J., Auckland Maori Mission, 3 (North Auckland).
 1884 Serpell, Samuel J., Timaru, 5.
 1869 Simmonds, Joseph H., Wesley College, Three Kings, 13 (Mount Eden).
 1891 Sinclair, William A., Christchurch (St. Albans), 1.
 1881 Slade, William, Dunedin Central Misson, 1.
 1868 Smalley, Joseph S., Supernumerary, Edinburgh (Scotland), 5.
 1862 Smith, John, Supernumerary, Christchurch (Durham Street), 11 (Richmond).
- 1906 Snadden, George, Upper Thames, 2 (Paeroa).
 1879 Spence, George W. J., Auckland East, 2 (Grafton Road).
 1875 Standage, Charles H., Willowby, 1.
 1904 Stockwell, George F., Rotorua, 1.
- 1886 Taylor, Robert, Manukau, 1 (Onehunga).
 1871 Thomas, James, Supernumerary, Auckland (Pitt Street), 1.
 1876 Thomas, T. Eggleston, M.A., Leeston, 3.
 1902 Thomas, T. Theodore, B.A., Dannevirke, 2.
 1868 Thomas, William G., Supernumerary, North Shore, 6 (Devonport)

- 1879 Tinsley, William, Hastings, 2.
 1888 Trestrail, Thomas, Kaiapoi, 1.
 1900 Tuck, William R., B.A., Auckland East, 3 (Mount Eden).
 1894 Vealie, Thomas W., Greymouth, 1.
 1885 Wallis, T. Jackson, Dunedin (Roslyn), 1.
 1885 Ward, Josiah, Port Chalmers, 3.
 1857 Watkin, William J., Supernumerary, Manukau, 14 (Onehunga).
 1905 Williams, Richard F., Dunedin (Cargill Road), 1 (St. Kilda).
 1870 Williams, William J., Wellington South, 2 (Newtown).
 1899 Wills, William, Northern Wairoa, 2 (Mangawhare).
 1904 Wilson, James, Auckland Methodist Mission, 4 (Newton).
 1900 Wilson, Richard. Hutt, 2 (Petone).
 1874 Worboys, John W., Cape Egmont, 3 (Opunake).
 1887 Wrigley, James, Levin-Otaki, 5 (Levin).
 1907 Wylie, Robert H., Dunedin (Trinity), 1 (North Dunedin).

NATIVE MINISTERS.

- 1900 Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki, West Coast Maori Mission, 8 (Okaiawa).
 1903 Hare, Hone Marena, Waikato, 2 (Kopua).
 1896 Heretini, Te Tuhi, Hokianga, 7 (Whirinaki).
 1894 Kingi, Hamiora, Supernumerary, 2 (Raglan).
 1904 Papakakura, Noho Hemi, Southern Maori Mission, 3 (Oraki).
 1882 Paul, Hauraki, Kaipara, 9 (Reweti).
 1879 Pewa, Wi Warena, Supernumerary, 2 (Kopua.)
 1882 Rakena, Piripi, Hokianga, 26 (Mangamuka).
 1900 Renata, Hapeta, Whangaroa, 8.





APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 16TH, 1906, TO JANUARY 16TH, 1907.

Treasurers—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL AND REV. H. BULL.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Bank Balance brought forward	532 4 6		
.. Deposits brought forward ...	600 0 0	1132 4 6	
.. Loan Instalments paid by Truſts	1596 10 6		
.. Grant from Century Fund ...	50 0 0	1646 10 6	
.. Interest on Deposits ...	26 19 4		
.. Fees on Loans	14 0 6		
.. Interest on Loans	7 5 5		
.. Contributions from Truſts ...	98 14 2		
.. Bank Exchange	2 9 3	149 8 8	
		<u>£2928 3 8</u>	
			By Loans Granted—
			Gore Church and Parsonage
			Waituna West Church ...
			Three Kings Truſt ...
			Reefton Church ...
			St. Kilda Church ...
			Whangarei Church ...
			.. Grant to Secretary's Stipend
			.. Stamps and Telegrams ...
			.. Stationery and Printing ...
			.. Bank Exchange ...
			.. Bank Charge ...
			.. Cheque Book ...
			.. Cash on Deposit ...
			.. Cash at Bank ...
			<u>172 17 2</u>
			1485 6 6
			<u>£2928 3 8</u>

Examined and found correct.

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

N.B.—1. The Capital Account is thhe same as last year, viz., £8621 4s. 10d.

2. The Profit and Loss Account shows credit £221 7s. 1d., which is included in the Credit Balance shown in Cash Account.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Special Branch.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 16TH, 1906, TO JANUARY 16TH, 1907.

Treasurers—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL AND REV. H. BULL.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance brought forward	158	2	8	By Karori Parsonage Site Purchased	140	0	0
„ Deposits brought forward ...	300	0	0	„ Flaxbourne Church Site Purchased	50	0	0
			458 2 8	„ Gleniti Church Site Purchased	10	0	0
„ Loan Fund Instalments paid by Trusts			390 8 5				200 0 0
„ Special Payments on behalf of Coromandel Trust—				„ Payment Bank N.Z. Coromandel Trust debt ...	400	11	3
Coromandel Parsonage Rents	17	12	11	„ Expenses incurred ...	2	0	0
Contingent Fund ...	31	3	7				402 11 3
Home Mission Fund ...	31	3	7	„ Seddon Township Lease ...	2	0	6
			80 0 1	„ Blackball Township Lease ...	1	10	0
„ Cash Deposit on Sale of Mackenzie Site ...			25 0 0				3 10 6
„ Profits on Sale of new Hymn Books ...			180 1 8	„ Grant towards Secretary's Stipend	15	0	0
„ Interest on Deposits ...	12	0	0	„ Printing	1	17	0
„ Fees on Loans	3	10	0				16 17 0
			15 10 0	„ Cash on Deposit	300	0	0
				„ Cash in Bank	226	4	1
							526 4 1
							£1149 2 10
			£1149 2 10				£1149 2 10

Examined and found correct,

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

N.B.—1. The Capital Account is £2,863 12 11, being an increase of £180 1s. 8d., derived from profits on sales of the new Hymn Book voted by the Conference to this Branch of the Fund.

2. The Profit and Loss Account shows credit of £37 13s., which is included in the Credit Cash Balance shown above.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period.	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1906.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1907.
			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1893. Jan. 12	Marton Church	Erection	10	230	33 12 1	Nil	
1894. Mar. 16	Opunake Parsonage	Purchase	8	112	0 11 6	Nil	
1896. July 29	St. Albans Church	Erection	9	650	21 0 0	57 15 0	
1897. June 17	Kimbolton Church	Liquidation of Debt	5½	60	4 8 6	25 10 11	25 10 11
Oct. 21	Kuaotunu Church	Erection	7	120	Nil	57 19 6	57 19 6
1898. Jan. 27	Milton Parsonage	Erection	9¾	120	12 10 0	10 12 6	
May 4	Karangahake Church	Erection	8	100	Nil	37 8 8	37 8 8
June 10	Mangaweka Church	Erection	8	60	Nil	46 12 11	46 12 11
June 25	Waihi Church	Erection	8	100	11 5 0	Nil	
Nov. 8	Nikau Church	Erection	8	50	7 15 0	12 1 5	12 1 5
1899. Mar. 30	New Plymouth Church... ..	Erection	10	600	68 1 6	90 0 0	
April 8	Whangarei Church	Liquidation of Debt	8	70	6 11 3	6 11 3	
June 6	Raetihi Church	Erection	9½	40	2 12 6	14 1 5	
July 1	Coromandel Church	Erection	8	250	Nil	203 2 6	187 10 0
Aug. 18	Coromandel Church (Special	Erection	2	25	Nil	25 0 0	25 0 0
Sept. 6	Hamilton Parsonage	Erection	8	100	12 10 0	12 10 0	
sept. 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	135	Nil	113 4 0	120 11 0

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1899.				Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sept. 11	Grafton Road Church ...	Reduction of Debt	7	100	10 14 6	3 9 6	3 9 6
Nov. 25	Huntly Church ...	Erection	8	50	8 15 0	9 0 0	
Dec. 21	Kimbolton Parsonage ...	Erection	10½	125	Nil	91 14 10	48 18 10
Dec. 30	Oxford Church ...	Purchase	8	60	8 2 6	12 10 0	
1900.							
Jan. 18	Warkworth Parsonage ...	Liquidation of Debt	10	150	Nil	86 5 0	37 10 0
Feb. 5	Mt. Eden Church ...	Erection	7	150	25 0 0	53 15 0	55 0 0
April 20	Arrowtown Church ...	Erection	10	85	Nil	10 4 11	
April 30	Taikorea Church ...	Erection	8	50	6 13 4	20 0 0	
May 18	Mt. Albert Parsonage ...	Erection	7	150	15 0 0	45 0 0	30 0 0
May 28	Dannevirke Church ...	Erection	5	70	Nil	13 0 0	13 0 0
July 16	Coromandel Parsonage ...	Erection	8	100	Nil	47 4 0	28 9 0
Sept. 8	Upper Wakefield Church ...	Erection	6	45	5 0 0	15 0 0	
Sept. 14	Oxford Parsonage ...	Erection	9	100	30 3 6	Nil	
Sept. 17	Tataraimaka Church ...	Erection	8	40	4 0 0	11 0 0	
Oct. 21	Okato Church ...	Erection	9	75	9 8 0	16 5 0	
1901.							
Jan. 1	Sydenham Church ...	Reduction of Debt	8	200	31 5 0	37 10 0	
Jan. 7	Halswell Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	7	60	10 0 0	13 9 0	1 1 0
Jan. 10	Te Aroha Church ...	Erection	8	225	24 17 6	60 12 4	18 12 4
Jan. 25	Aratapu Church ...	Erection	8	100	Nil	56 5 0	27 12 6
Jan. 25	Northcote Church ...	Erection	8	70	8 15 0	19 13 9	
Jan. 27	Havelock Church ...	Erection	10	80	8 0 0	28 0 0	
Mar. 19	Dannevirke Church (2) ...	Enlargement	2 after 1st Loan	33	Nil	33 0 0	24 15 0
May 3	Warkworth Church ...	Erection	8	100	55 0 0	Nil	
May 9	Takapuna Church ...	Erection	8	85	12 5 0	30 12 6	

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1901.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
May 23	Woodside Church	Erection	5	100	15 0 0	Nil	
Aug. 17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	115	15 0 0	70 0 0	
Aug. 27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	30	14 13 9	Nil	
Sept. 16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	25 0 0	50 0 0	
Sept. 20	Prebbleton Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	50	5 0 0	27 10 0	
Sept. 24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	75	Nil	63 0 0	35 3 9
Sept. 30	Addington Church	Reduction of Debt	8	150	18 15 0	56 5 0	
Oct. 11	Eketahuna Parsonage	Erection	10	200	Nil	200 0 0	100 0 0
Oct. 22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	80	12 10 0	36 5 0	
Dec. 1	East Belt Church	Reduction of Debt	6	250	41 13 4	41 13 4	
Dec. 2	Marshland Church	Liquidation of Debt	5	25	5 0 0	Nil	
Dec. 23	Birkenhead Church	Erection of S. School	7	150	26 15 10	53 11 0	
Dec. 30	Levin Century Hall and School...	Erection	8	200	25 0 0	81 5 0	
1902.							
Jan. 10	Ponsonby Church	Reduction of Debt	8	400	37 10 0	212 10 0	62 10 0
Feb. 17	Nukuroa Church	Erection	7	112	13 10 0	49 10 0	9 0 0
Mar. 22	Hawera Church	Removal & Enlargement	8	150	9 0 0	84 15 0	10 10 0
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage	Purchase Land & Free.	10	200	14 5 0	147 15 0	
June 18	Awatuna Church	Erection	5	35	7 0 0	7 0 0	
June 18	Timaru Church	Reduction of Debt	8	375	46 17 6	187 10 0	
June 18	Lawrence Parsonage	General Improvements	5	40	4 0 0	8 0 0	4 0 0
July 3	Ashburton School	Enlargement	6	45	11 5 0	15 0 0	
July 8	Otautau Church	Erection	8	80	11 5 0	53 15 0	
July 8	Cheltenham Church	Erection	6	60	14 7 0	22 10 7	4 10 7
Sept. 1	Ngaruawahia Church	Erection	6	30	Nil	15 0 0	5 0 0
Sept. 18	Grafton Road Church (2)	Liquidation of Debt	8	150	14 1 3	79 13 9	

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1903.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 11	Karori Church	Improvements	5	24	8 8 0	9 12 0	1 18 0
April 15	Midhirst Church	Improvements	5	50	10 0 0	22 10 0	10 0 0
May 13	Drummond Church	Erection	7	40	Nil	5 0 0	
June 13	Cargill Road Parsonage	Erection	10	500	50 0 0	337 10 0	
June 22	Cambridge Parsonage	Enlargement	7	100	14 6 0	53 10 6	3 11 6
June 22	Napier Church	Reduction of Debt	7	100	Nil	49 19 6	
July 1	C. M. Sisters' Home	Erection	6	200	28 5 0	118 0 0	
July 10	Woolston Parsonage and School... ..	Erection	8	350	35 0 0	190 0 0	
July 23	Fernhill Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	4	100	8 15 0	20 0 0	
Sept. 1	Carrington Road Church	Erection	6	50	8 6 8	27 1 8	4 3 4
Nov. 12	Makotuku Church	Erection	5	40	8 0 0	16 0 0	
Nov. 21	Morrinsville Church	Erection	8	150	37 10 0	75 0 0	
1904.							
Jan. 5	Mayfield Church	Erection	6	50	18 14 4	18 15 8	
Feb. 8	Waitara Church	Erection	8	100	12 10 0	68 15 0	
April 30	Newmarket Church	Reduction of Debt	6	50	8 6 8	29 3 4	
May 17	Petone Church and Parsonage	Purchase of Site	8	200	25 0 0	150 0 0	
July 25	Roxburgh Church	Erection	7	140	115 0 0	Nil	
Aug. 1	Waitoa Church	Erection	10	100	15 0 0	67 10 0	
Oct. 6	Eltham Church	Purchase Site & Erection	10	145	16 10 0	117 10 0	
Nov. 14	Balclutha Parsonage	Enlargement	5	50	15 0 0	30 0 0	
Dec. 22	Crofton Church	Erection	8	140	17 10 0	96 5 0	
1905.							
Jan. 13	Mornington Church	Erection	10	600	60 0 0	495 0 0	
Jan. 13	Kuripuni Church	Enlargement	6	50	10 8 4	33 6 8	
Jan. 25	South Road School	Enlargement	5	50	2 10 0	40 0 0	7 10 0

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1905.			Years.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
April 3	Waiuku Parsonage ...	Purchase	10	170	17 0 0	140 5 0	
April 3	Otorohanga Church ...	Erection	6	50	5 15 3	40 9 9	5 1 5
April 11	Ponsonby Infant School ...	Erection	6	65	10 16 8	48 15 0	
April 11	Ponsonby Sunday School ...	Enlargement	6	60	10 0 0	45 0 0	
April 28	Woodville Parsonage ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	50	12 10 0	35 0 0	
May 3	Norsewood Parsonage ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	40	8 0 0	28 0 0	
May 20	New Plymouth Church (2) ...	Reduction of Debt	7	100	13 19 0	78 11 0	
June 30	Paparoa Church ...	Improvements	4	20	5 0 0	15 0 0	
Oct. 25	Selwyn Street S. Church ...	Reduction of Debt	5	50	10 0 0	40 0 0	
Nov. 22	Helensville Church ...	Improvements	3½	12 10	12 10 0	Nil	
1906.							
Jan. 6	Glenavon Church ...	Erection	10	400	30 0 0	370 0 0	
Jan. 6	Devonport Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	4	335	62 16 3	272 3 9	
Jan. 30	Gore Church and Parsonage ...	Purchase	10	350	17 10 0	332 10 0	
Mar. 22	Waituna West Church ...	Erection	8	60	2 11 0	57 9 0	
July 1	Three Kings' College ...	Liquidation of Debt	6	150	6 5 0	143 15 0	
Aug 1	Reefton Church ...	Erection	8	175	8 12 0	266 8 0	
Sept. 19	St. Kilda ...	Erection	10	200	Nil	200 0 0	
Oct. 12	Whangarei Church ...	Erection	10	235	Nil	235 0 0	

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Special Branch.

LIST OF LOANS.

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1906.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1907.
			Years.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1893.							
July 18	Blackball Township	Lease of Church Site		23 5 0	Nil	23 5 0	
Nov. 22	MacKenzie Church	Purchase of Site		31 0 0	25 0 0	6 0 0	
1895.							
Jan. 10	Stratford Church	Erection	10	130 0 0	Nil	17 5 6	17 5 6
1896.							
Oct. 22	MacKenzie Church	Purchase		199 14 6	3 4 8	143 13 6	
1897.							
May 12	Oamaru Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	12	917 10 0	81 3 4	252 10 0	
Sept. 23	Dannevirke Parsonage	Purchase of Site		160 0 0	Nil	160 0 0	
1898.							
June 2	Raetihi Church	Purchase of Site		23 10 0	2 2 6	Nil	
Aug. 6	Taihape Church	Purchase of Site		11 0 6	4 2 6	2 10 6	
1899.							
Mar. 28	Highcliffe Church	Exchange of Site		5 4 0	Nil	5 4 0	
April 18	Waituna West Church	Purchase of Site		21 10 0	7 13 0	13 17 0	
Sept. 10	Eketahuna Church	Erection	8	40 0 0	Nil	23 11 6	
1900.							
Feb. 5	Mt. Eden Church	Erection	6	100 0 0	25 0 0	13 15 0	
April 21	Arrowtown Church	Erection	10	106 4 1	Nil	70 19 10	11 10 8
Aug. 12	Seddon Township	Lease of Church Site		17 6 2	Nil	17 6 2	
Sept. 14	Oxford Parsonage	Erection	9	50 0 0	40 10 6	Nil	
1901.							
Aug. 17	Woodville Church	Liquidation of Debt	10	35 0 0	3 15 0	1 5 0	
Aug. 27	Little River Church and Parsonage	Liquidation of Debt	8	40 0 0	1 1 9	21 8 3	
Sept. 16	Hamilton Church	Liquidation of Debt	6	100 0 0	25 0 0	Nil	
Sept. 24	Waitekauri Church	Erection	8	20 0 0	Nil	10 0 0	
Oct. 22	Mosgiel Church	Enlargement	8	20 0 0	Nil	1 5 0	

Date.	Place.	Object.	Period	Amount.	Instalments Paid During 1906.	Amount yet Unpaid.	Amount of Instalments Overdue Jan. 16, 1907.
1902.				Years.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 27	Torere Church ...	Purchase Site & Erection	5	31 12 0	Nil	31 12 0	30 0 5
Mar. 30	Hastings Parsonage ...	Erection	10	90 0 0	9 10 0	52 0 0	
May 8	Eketahuna Parsonage ...	Erection		50 0 0	Nil	50 0 0	
May 15	Spring Grove Church ...	Renovation	5	25 0 0	2 10 0	Nil	
June 4	Kamo Church ...	Liquidation of Debt		109 14 6	Nil	59 14 6	
Dec. 4	Eltham Parsonage ...	Purchase of Site		75 2 2	Nil	75 2 2	
1903.							
Jan. 27	Brightwater Church ...	Purchase of Site		32 17 0	Nil	32 17 0	
Dec. 24	Kokatahi Church ...	Purchase of Site		14 14 0	Nil	14 4 7	
1904.							
May 2	Paeroa Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	50 0 0	7 10 0	32 0 0	7 0 0
May 14	Waitara Church ...	Erection	After 1st	20 0 0	Nil	20 0 0	
May 17	Runanga Church ...	Lease of Site		2 15 0	Nil	2 15 0	
May 17	Coromandel Church and Parsonage	Reduction of Debt	Special	502 11 3	80 0 1	422 11 2	8
July 19	Pahiatua Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	7	87 10 0	5 0 0	70 0 0	
Oct. 4	Brookland Church ...	Purchase of Site		36 7 8	36 7 8	Nil	
Oct. 6	Eltham Church ...	Purchase Site & Erection	10	75 0 0	5 10 0	58 10 0	
Oct. 25	Timaru Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	8	150 0 0	9 7 6	121 17 6	
Nov. 1	Whangarei Parsonage ...	Reduction of Debt	5	50 0 0	10 0 0	30 0 0	
Nov. 1	Canvas Town Church ...	Erection and Site	8	90 0 0	17 0 0	57 6 8	
Dec. 22	Winton Church ...	Purchase of Site		150 0 0	Nil	150 0 0	
1905.							
Feb. 1	Mahakipawa Church ...	Purchase of Site		26 0 0	23 0 0	Nil	
April 3	Aratiatia Church ...	Purchase of Site		15 0 0	Nil	15 0 0	
April 26	Rotorua Church ...	Lease of Site	8	100 0 0	12 10 0	81 5 0	
Oct. 1	Kimberley Church ...	Liquidation of Debt	5	30 0 0	10 10 0	19 10 0	
Oct. 23	Oroua Valley Church ...	Erection	5	25 0 0	5 0 0	20 0 0	
1906.							
Jan. 10	Clarence Road Church ...	Purchase of Site		15 0 0	Nil	15 0 0	
Feb. 2	Karori Parsonage ...	Purchase of Site	10	140 0 0	40 0 0	100 0 0	
July 4	Flaxbourne Church and Parsonage	Purchase of Site		50 0 0	Nil	50 0 0	
July 4	Gleniti Church ...	Purchase of Site		10 0 0	Nil	10 0 0	

APPENDIX B.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

CASH ACCOUNT FROM JANUARY 9TH, 1906, TO JANUARY 9TH, 1907.

Treasurers—REV. H. BULL AND MR. C. E. SALTER.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance forward—Deposits ...	1800	0	0	By Re-insurances with the N.Z. Company	...	198	15 3
„ Balance forward—Cash in Bank	51	2	7	„ Working Expenses	...	95	0 0
				„ Stamps and Telegrams	3 19 6		
„ Levies ...				„ Printing and Stationery	7 7 5		
„ Interest on Deposits				„ Bank Exchange	2 3 0		
„ Bank Exchange				„ Bank Charge	0 10 0	13	19 11
				„ Cash on Deposit	2100 0 0		
				„ Cash in Bank	41 3 6	2141	3 6
						<u>£2448</u>	<u>18 8</u>

Examined and found correct,

H. A' COURT,

A. K. ENGLAND,

} Auditors,

APPENDIX C.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1906.

Treasurer—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Church Building and Loan Fund	175	0	0						
„ Contingent Fund ...	175	0	0				300	0	0
„ Fire Insurance Fund ...	95	0	0				76	0	0
„ Home Mission Fund ...	55	0	0						
„ Authorised Representative's Office ...	21	5	0						
				521	5	0			
„ Donation ...				0	2	2			
							55	7	9
							52	0	0
							15	0	0
							5	0	11
							17	18	6
				£521	7	2	£521	7	2

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CENTURY FUND—ORPHANAGE ALLOCATION.

Treasurers—MR. G. H. BLACKWELL AND REV. H. BULL.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
From Late Century Fund Treasurers ...	593	2	1	By Mutual Benefit Building and Investment Society Deposit Receipt, No. 5305 ...	616	16	6
„ Twelve months' Interest at 4 per cent...	23	14	5				
	£616	16	6		£616	16	6

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Examined and found correct,

H. A'COURT, Auditor.

APPENDIX D.

MISSION, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENERAL CONNEXIONAL TRUSTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

I.—MISSION PROPERTY.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurer : MR. F. L. PRIME.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Rents, Parliament Street—No. 1	108	13	4	By Repairs, etc., to Buildings	...	92	11	8
" " No. 2	78	10	0	" City and other Rates	...	43	12	8
" " No. 3	60	0	0	" Fire Insurance	...	7	14	10
" Beach Road (3)	82	19	0	" Clearing Gorse, etc.	...	14	17	6
" Kaeo Lands	20	0	0	" Surveyor	...	5	0	0
" Mount Wesley	10	0	0	" Hapeta Renata, House	...	19	0	0
" Newark	12	0	0	" Printing and Advertising	...	2	2	6
" Whatawhata	2	10	0	" Home Mission Fund	...	171	18	8
" Sold Old Material	1	0	0	" Invested in H.M. Fund	...	250	0	0
" Sold Land, Tarawaua	250	0	0	" Commission	...	18	14	6
				<u>£625</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>£625</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

Audited and found correct,

27th November, 1906.

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A.,

THOMAS ALLEN,

} Auditors.

II.—WESLEYAN NATIVE INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurer : MR. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.									
				£	s.	d.							
To Rents, Grafton Road	493	9	4	By Repairs, etc., to Buildings	...	...	...	105	5	0
„ Three Kings	224	15	0	„ City and other Rates	...	...	...	33	12	0
							„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	13	11	1
							„ Printing and Advertising	...	...	...	0	16	2
							„ Surveyor	...	...	...	9	2	6
							„ Bank Charges	...	...	...	0	5	0
							„ Commission	...	...	...	24	18	4
							„ Three Kings Committee	...	...	...	530	14	3
											<u>£718</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Auckland, November 27th, 1906.

Audited and found correct,

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A.,

THOMAS ALLEN.

} Auditors.

NATIVE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT, THREE KINGS.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1906.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.										
					£	s.	d.								
To Rents, Three Kings		232	10	0	By Interest on Loan, Waikowhai	...	...	...	5	11	3	
„ Kawhia		5	0	0	„ Bank Charges	...	...	...	0	5	0	
					£237	10	0	„ Three Kings Committee	...	...	...	231	13	9
					£237	10	0						£237	10	0

Audited and found correct,

Auckland, November 27th, 1906.

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A.,
THOMAS ALLEN, } Auditors.

III.—EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurer : MR. F. L. PRIME.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				£	s	d.	EXPENDITURE.				£	s	d.
To Rents, Mount Eden	...	...	...	10	0	0	By Repairs, etc.	...	...	...	13	0	6
" Curran Street	...	...	...	35	2	0	" City and other Rates	...	...	...	10	13	9
" Sarsfield Street	...	...	...	39	19	6	" Fire Insurance	...	...	...	1	16	8
" Interest	10	15	0	" Printing Balance Sheets	0	4	0
							" Commission	4	16	0
							" Treasurer Theological Institution	65	5	7
											<u>£95</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>

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CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				£	s	d.	EXPENDITURE.				£	s	d.
To Sale of Property, Mount Eden	771	5	6	By Mortgage	115	0	0
							" Mortgage	...	...	...	400	0	0
							" Waiting Investment	...	...	...	256	5	6
											<u>£771</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

Auckland, November 27th, 1906.

Audited and found correct,

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A.,
THOMAS ALLEN,

Auditors.

IV.—PROBERT TRUST.

Receipts and Disbursements for Year ended 31st October, 1906.

Treasurers—MESSRS. T. BUDDLE AND G. A. BUTTLE.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1905.—Oct. 31.								£	s. d.
To Balance—									
Cash in National Bank of N.Z.	...	...		322	11	1			
1906.—Oct. 31.									
To Revenue Account—									
Interest		105	0	0					
Rents		1018	19	4					
					1123	19	4		
To Real Estate Account—									
Deposit on Sale of Wellesley Street Property for £5,000		1250	0	0					
Less Auctioneer's Commission and advertising ...		140	18	0					
					1109	2	0		
					<u>£2,555</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>		
By Prince Albert College Trustees—								£	s. d.
Training and Maintaining Students	...							578	0 0
Theological Institution—									
Payments on Account Students	...							63	13 3
General Charges—									
Rates and Taxes					131	13	0		
Insurance Premiums					26	9	8		
Repairs and Maintenance					163	6	0		
Supervising Estate—Collecting Rents and Interest and Sundries					96	13	0		
								418	1 8
Deposit Account—									
Cash at Call at 4 per cent.	...							1000	0 0
Real Estate Account—									
Amount paid for Buildings on Expiry of Leases					111	14	8		
Balance—									
Cash in National Bank of New Zealand	...							385	2 10
								<u>£2,555</u>	<u>12 5</u>

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Auckland, N.Z., 31st October, 1906.

(Signed) W. D. BUTTLE,

F. J. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A.

} Auditors.

PROBERT'S TRUST.

Real Estate Account for Year ended 31st October, 1906.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1905.—Oct. 31.			By Balance ...	9974 4 5
To Valuation ...	12132 2 0			
1906.—Oct. 31.				
„ Proceeds of Sale to date ...	2157 17 7			
		9974 4 5		
		<u>£9974 4 5</u>		
To Balance ...		9974 4 5		<u>£9974 4 5</u>

Investment Account for Year ended 31st October, 1906.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1906.—Oct. 31.		1906.—Oct. 31.	
To Real Estate Account ...	2157 17 7	By Anglesea Street Purchase ...	52 2 0
„ Balance ...	2023 0 11	„ Newton Road Cottages ...	622 15 6
		„ Arney Street Cottages ...	431 1 0
		„ Freehold Mortgages ...	2075 0 0
		„ Deposit at Call ...	1000 0 0
	<u>£4,180 18 6</u>		<u>£4,180 18 6</u>

(Signed) W. D. BUTTLE,

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A.

} Auditors.

Auckland, N.Z., 31st October, 1906.

V.—THE AUCKLAND BOOK ASSOCIATION (ESTABLISHED 1870).

Balance Sheet for the Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurer : MR. J. EDSON.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
1905.	£ s. d.	1906.	£ s. d.
Sept. 30—To Cash, Auckland Savings Bank ...	90 1 8	June 14—By "Use of Scripture in Theology" (6 vols.)	1 4 0
Nov. 3—,, Interest, Treasurer Three Kings College	4 0 0	July 25—,, Magazines	1 11 0
Dec. 31—,, Interest, Auckland Savings Bank... 1906.	3 1 10	,, ,, Legal Expenses (Registering Notice of death of Rev. H. H. Lawry)...	0 10 0
May 7—,, Interest on Investment (£400) ...	15 0 0	Sept. 30—,, Balance, Auckland Savings Bank ...	111 15 2
July 17—,, Interest, Treasurer Three Kings College	2 16 8		
	<u>£115 0 2</u>		<u>£115 0 2</u>

Audited and found correct,

December 5th, 1906.

F. L. PRIME, Auditor.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

VI.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Balance Sheet for the Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurers : REV. T. G. BROOKE AND MR. J. C. GEORGE.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.						
					£ s. d.						£ s. d.
To Balance	...	...	...	...	42 0 5	By Rates	...	...	...	...	46 11 10
„ Rents	...	...	...	...	422 19 6	„ Land Tax	...	...	...	...	61 5 1
„ Interest	...	...	...	...	32 8 0	„ Law Costs	...	...	...	...	19 6 0
„ Rates Refunded	...	...	...	...	5 0 0	„ Fire Insurance Premiums	...	...	...	...	2 1 2
						„ Sundries	...	...	...	...	33 10 1
						„ Interest and Rent Collecting	...	...	...	...	30 9 0
						„ General Treasurer Home Mission Fund	...	...	...	...	265 0 0
						„ Balance	...	...	...	...	44 4 9
					<u>£502 7 11</u>						<u>£502 7 11</u>

Audited and found correct,

November 16th, 1906,

ALFRED H. ARNOLD,	}	Auditors.
JOS. WHITAKER.		

VII.—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

Cash Statement for Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurers : REV. J. G. CHAPMAN AND MR. F. G. BEAVEN.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Rent, Sept. 30th, 1905	...	...	58 10 0	By Balance, Sept., 1905	...	...	18 10 0
„ „ March, 31st 1906	...	...	58 10 0	„ Remit to Treasurers Home Mission Fund	...	...	45 0 0
„ Balance in Bank	...	...	2 3 2	„ Remit to Treasurers Home Mission Fund	...	...	57 0 0
				„ Land Tax	...	...	12 11 4
				„ Disbursements	...	...	3 3 0
				„ Bank Charges, March, 1905	...	...	0 5 0
				„ Bank Charges, Sept., 1906	...	...	0 5 0
			<u>£119 3 2</u>				<u>£119 3 2</u>

Audited and found correct,

November 20th, 1906.

C. J. SHARPE,

E. TINGEY,

} Auditors.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

VIII.—NATIVE AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST.

Revenue Account for the Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurer : MR. W. J. HARLAND.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE.					
				£	s.	d.	xxii.		
To Balance of Funds, Oct., 1905	10,230	7	4	By Postages, Duty Stamps, etc.		2	10	0
„ Interest	278	13	0	„ Bank Charge	0	10	0
„ Rent	161	1	4	„ Exchange	0	7	3
						„ Law Costs (Part of Costs going to Supreme Court)	22	6	4
						„ Balance	10,644	8	1
			<u>£10,670</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£10,670</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

NATIVE AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION TRUST—(Continued).

Balance Sheet as at September 30th, 1906.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, per Revenue Account	10,644	8 1	By Loan on Mortgage	4,000	0 0
			.. Freehold, Foxton	45	0 0
			.. Freehold, Moutoa	475	0 0
			.. Freehold, Wellington	1,200	0 0
			.. Fixed Deposits	3,675	0 0
			.. Bank of Australasia (now Fixed Deposit) ...	1,085	17 9
			.. Rent in Arrear	75	0 0
			.. Rent Accrued due 1st Oct.	41	0 4
			.. Interest Accrued due 1st Oct.	47	10 0
	<u>£10,644</u>	<u>8 1</u>		<u>£10,644</u>	<u>8 1</u>

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Audited and found correct,

November 1st, 1906.

JAMES KELLOW, Auditor.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.
IX.—HOME MISSION FUND.
CANTERBURY DISTRICT INVESTMENT.

Treasurers—REV. H. P. DEWSBURY AND MR. J. C. PRUDHOE.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
To Interest on Loans on Mortgage, 5 per cent. on		By Amount Remitted to the Treasurer of the Home	
£1,000	50 0 0	Mission Fund	50 0 0
	£50 0 0		£50 0 0

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Examined and found correct,

C. E. SALTER,
 J. T. SMITH, } Auditors.

January 25th, 1907.

APPENDIX E.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1906.

Treasurer—MR. G. A. BUTTLE.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Cash Savings Bank	...	...	0 6 4	By Cash P.A. College	...	...	480 0 0
„ Balance in hand	...	...	42 18 3	„ Students' Quarterages	...	...	44 0 0
„ Probert's Trustees	...	...	483 0 0	„ University Fees	...	...	37 10 0
„ Emsly Trust	...	...	65 5 7	„ Lecture Fees	...	...	45 0 0
„ W. G. Maslin	...	...	17 11 0	„ C. B. Jordan	...	...	35 0 0
„ C. B. Jordan	...	...	35 0 0	„ Stamps, Exchange, etc.	...	...	2 4 10
„ Savings Bank Interest	...	...	0 3 5	„ Balance in Savings Bank	...	...	0 9 9
			<u>£644 4 7</u>				<u>£644 4 7</u>

NOTE.—The sum of Thirty-five Pounds was received from Mr. C. B. Jordan when he entered the Institution as a private student, but, as Mr. Jordan was subsequently placed as one of the Conference students, the amount was returned to him under instructions from the President.

Audited and found correct,

G. A. BUTTLE.

F. L. PRIME,
W. D. BUTTLE, } Auditors.

Auckland, January 9th, 1907.

APPENDIX F.

WESLEY COLLEGE THREE KINGS.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30th, 1906.

Treasurers : REV. J. H. SIMMONDS AND MR. A. C. CAUGHEY.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Educational Trust	...	...	762 8 0	By Balance	...	...	301 15 3
.. Produce Proceeds	...	...	24 17 8	.. Stipend, Principal	...	...	200 0 0
.. Discounts	...	...	1 15 3	.. Connexional Charges	...	...	35 15 11
.. Rents, Nathan	...	...	65 0 0	.. Salaries and Wages	...	...	181 18 6
.. Advance from Loan Fund	...	...	150 0 0	.. Extra Labour	...	...	64 17 0
.. Advance from Mr. Edson...	...	...	100 0 0	.. Tradesmen's Accounts	...	...	280 0 10
.. Balance	...	...	122 18 6	.. Interest	...	...	21 11 2
				.. Repairs	...	...	5 19 0
				.. Expenses Principal Conference	...	...	10 0 0
				.. Expenses Loan	...	...	2 10 0
				.. J. Edson, Refund Loan	...	...	100 0 0
				.. Sundries, as per Book Audited	...	...	22 11 9
			<u>£1,226 19 5</u>				<u>£1,226 19 5</u>
				By Balance Current Account, Oct. 1, 1906	...	...	122 18 6
				.. Amount Owing to Loan Fund	...	...	150 0 0
							<u>£272 18 6</u>

Audited and all Vouchers compared with Cash Book, and found correct,
December 14th, 1906.

J. H. GUNSON, ACTING TREASURER.

THOMAS ALLEN,

GEORGE H. FLEMING, }

AUDITORS.

APPENDIX G.

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending December 31st, 1906.

Hon. Treasurers—REV. C. H. LAWS, B.A., AND MR. E. ROSEVEAR.

	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.			
To Circuit Contributions—							
Auckland District	...	236	12	6			
Wanganui	..	149	10	0			
Wellington	..	147	10	0			
Nelson	..	69	0	0			
Canterbury	..	175	0	0			
Otago	..	152	7	6			
			930	0	0		
.. Ministers' Subscriptions—							
Auckland District	...	53	2	0			
Wanganui	..	9	9	6			
Wellington	..	88	10	0			
Nelson	..	36	6	0			
Canterbury	..	213	0	0			
Otago	..	61	19	0			
			462	6	6		
			<u>£1392</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>		
.. Arrears, 28th February, 1906							
Circuit Levies	...	Nil					
.. Ministers' Arrears and Fines— (Exclusive year, 1907)							
Auckland District	...	204	16	3			
Wanganui	..	97	3	0			
Wellington	..	30	5	8			
Nelson	..	72	12	3			
Canterbury	..	80	15	0			
Otago	..	41	3	9			
			<u>£526</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>		
						<u>£1392</u>	<u>6</u>
						<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

Audited and found correct.

February 27th, 1907.

EDMUND ACKROYD,
SAML. CHAS. PHILLIPS, }

Auditors.

II.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST., 1906.

Treasurers—REV. P. W. FAIRCLOUGH AND MR. J. H. HELLIWELL.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.										
				£	s.	d.	No. Arrears.	Rate.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	...	...	...	320	7	1	By Auckland Dist.	37½	£8 10	316	12	6		
„ Auckland District	...	...	...	334	18	2	„ „	3¼	"	27	12	6		
„ Wanganui District	...	...	...	204	11	2			"	344	5	0		
„ Wellington District	...	...	...	220	13	8	„ Wanganui Dist.	20¾	"	176	7	6		
„ Nelson District	...	...	...	115	15	5	„ Wellington Dist.	28½	"	242	5	0		
„ Canterbury District	...	...	...	369	13	11	„ „	¼	"	2	2	6		
„ Otago District	...	...	...	207	10	5			"	244	7	6		
							„ Nelson	13	"	110	10	0		
							„ Canterbury Dist.	34½	"	293	5	0		
							„ „	½	"	4	5	0		
									"	297	10	0		
							„ Otago Dist.	21	"	178	10	0		
							„ „	1	"	8	10	0		
									"	£187	0	0		
							„ Bank Commission	...	"	0	10	0		
							„ Exchange and Sundries	...	"	1	0	0		
							„ Balance	...	"	411	19	10		
									"	£1773	9	10		

Wellington, 7th January, 1907.

January 18th, 1907.

Audited and found correct,

P. W. FAIRCLOUGH, }
J. H. HELLIWELL. } Treasurers.

F. E. CORKILL, Auditor.

III.—CONTINGENT FUND.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1906.

Treasurers—REV. H. R. DEWSBURY AND MR. J. C. PRUDHOE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from the year 1905...	...	...	352 1 4	By Expenses of Dunedin Conference—			
„ Sale of AGENDA ...	...	...	14 10 11	Travelling to Conference—			
„ Sale of Circuit Schedules ...	...	...	4 4 9	Twelve Official Ministers ...	67	17	5
„ Circuit Levies—				Probationers ...	23	17	7
Auckland District ...	192	8	1				91 15 0
Wanganui District ...	123	1	2	Printing AGENDA, MINUTES,			
Wellington District ...	141	11	10	Returns, Ballot-papers, etc.	122	16	10
Nelson District ...	64	15	8	Stationery and Ordination			
Canterbury District ...	198	19	4	Bibles ...	5	13	6
Otago District ...	124	16	4	Cables, Postage, etc. ...	4	10	7
			845 12 5				224 15 11
„ Sale of Conference Minutes—				„ Travelling of Chairmen and			
Auckland District ...	1	8	6	other District Expenses in-			
Wanganui District ...	0	11	0	cluding Exchange, Cheque			
Wellington District ...	0	6	6	Books, Bank Charges, Sta-			
Nelson District ...	0	13	0	tionery, Printing and Sun-			
Canterbury District ...	0	11	0	dries—			
Otago District ...	0	18	1	Auckland District ...	18	0	0
			4 8 1	Wanganui District ...	26	12	5
„ Balance of Collection at Public Meeting, Auck-				Wellington District ...	9	7	9
land District ...			3 5 0	Nelson District ...	16	0	7
				Canterbury District ...	17	3	9
				Otago District ...	16	8	5
							103 12 11
Forward ...			1224 2 6	Forward ...			420 3 10

Brought Forward 1224 2 6

Brought Forward	...	...	£420 3 10
„ Travelling of Ministers, Probationers, and Candidates; also District Secretary Church Property—			
Auckland District	...	21 7 0	
Wanganui District	...	13 8 1	
Wellington District	...	20 8 8	
Nelson District	...	15 0 3	
Canterbury District	...	26 5 3	
Otago District	...	22 6 0	
		<hr/>	118 15 3
„ Editor of "Outlook"—			
Honorarium	...	25 0 0	
Sundry Expenses	...	11 17 6	
		<hr/>	36 17 6
„ President's Travelling and Printing	...		4 16 10
By Printing—			
Slips re Children and the Church	...	4 4 0	
Baptismal Certificates	...	2 18 6	
Examination Papers	...	2 17 6	
Members' Tickets...	...	10 9 3	
Circulars, Forms, etc.	...	1 18 6	
		<hr/>	22 7 9
„ Postage Allowances—			
President and Secretary	...	10 0 0	
Chairmen of Districts	...	14 0 0	24 0 0
„ Half Cost of Supplies for Disabled Ministers	81 17 3

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Forward 1224 2 6

Forward 708 18 5

Brought Forward	1224	2	6	Brought forward	£708	18	5
							.. Half of Removal Expenses, Mahurangi Circuit	...	...	...	15	0	0
							.. Connexional Secretary	...	...	...	175	0	0
							.. One Sixth Share of Intercolonial Ministerial Exchanges	...	...	...	50	0	0
							.. Medical Fees	...	...	...	5	5	0
							.. Quota towards Liquidating Coromandel Trust Debt	...	...	...	31	3	7
							.. Legal Expenses, Oamaru Trust	...	...	...	3	6	6
							.. Expenses of Temperance and Morals Committee	...	...	...	3	15	0
							.. Removal Expenses, Secretary of Y.M. Forward Movement	...	...	...	13	5	9
							.. Compassionate Allowances—						
							Rev. W. Keall	...	35	0	0		
							Rev. W. B. Marten	...	35	0	0		
							Rev. J. Belton	...	20	0	0		
											90	0	0
							.. Bank Charges and Exchange	1	0	9
							.. Interest on Overdraft	2	14	6
							.. Postage	0	10	6
							.. Balance	215	17	6
											£1224	2	6

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Examined and found correct,

C. E. SALTER,
J. T. SMITH,

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Auditors.

January 24th, 1907.

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.	Children's Fund.			
				Taxable amount.		Levy, 12 per cent.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland (Pitt Street)	708 14 1	28 7 0	360	348 14 1	41 17 0		
Auckland West	330 14 7	13 4 8	120	210 14 7	25 5 8		
Auckland East	472 9 4	18 18 0	240	232 9 4	27 18 0		
Auckland, Three Kings	236 0 0	9 8 8	120	116 0 0	13 18 4		
Auckland Methodist Mission	405 8 2	16 4 4	200	205 8 2	24 13 0		
Auckland (North Shore)	232 13 0	9 6 0	120	112 13 0	13 10 4		
Auckland (Birkenhead)	191 19 2	7 13 8	120	71 19 2	8 12 8		
Auckland Maori Mission	403 0 0	16 2 4	200	203 0 0	24 7 0		
Manukau	265 3 0	10 12 0	120	145 3 0	17 8 4		
Mahurangi	198 15 0	7 19 0	120	78 15 0	9 9 0		
Thames	235 3 0	9 8 0	120	115 3 0	13 16 4		
Upper Thames	505 14 6	20 4 8	320	185 14 6	22 5 8		
Franklin	205 10 0	8 4 4	120	85 10 0	10 5 0		
Cambridge	231 1 0	9 4 8	120	111 1 0	13 6 4		
Hamilton	231 0 4	9 4 8	120	111 0 4	13 6 4		
Huntly	131 10 0	5 5 4	80	51 10 0	6 3 4		
Paparua	175 6 3	7 0 4	120	55 6 3	6 12 8		
Northern Wairoa	211 11 6	8 9 4	120	91 11 6	10 19 8		
Whangarei	188 14 8	7 11 0	120	66 14 8	8 0 0		
Rotorua	145 5 7	5 16 4	80	65 5 7	7 16 8		

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable amount.	Levy, 12 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth	428 15 5	17 3 0	200	228 15 5	27 9 0
Waitara	359 19 4	14 8 0	240	119 19 4	14 8 0
Stratford	187 0 0	7 9 8	120	67 0 0	8 0 8
Eltham	149 11 8	5 19 8	80	69 11 8	8 7 0
Hawera	307 2 6	12 6 0	120	187 2 6	22 9 0
Cape Egmont	74 16 0	3 0 0	48	26 16 0	3 4 4
Kaponga	112 4 0	4 9 8	72	49 4 0	4 16 4
Wanganui	293 10 0	11 15 0	120	173 10 0	20 16 4
Aramoho	163 19 8	6 11 4	80	83 19 8	10 1 8
Rangitikei	211 3 0	8 9 0	120	91 3 0	10 18 8
Sandon	210 10 7	8 8 4	120	90 10 7	10 17 4
Feilding	234 9 8	9 7 8	120	114 9 8	13 14 8
Palmerston North	433 14 0	17 7 0	240	193 14 0	23 5 0
Taihape	140 0 0	5 12 0	89	50 0 0	3 0 0
West Coast Maori Mission	237 13 7	9 10 4	120	117 13 7	14 2 4

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington, Taranaki Street ...	558 3 8	22 6 8	240	318 3 8	38 3 8
Wellington, Bible Class Movement ...	230 17 0	9 5 0	120	110 17 0	13 6 0
Wellington South ...	259 4 0	10 7 4	120	139 4 0	16 14 0
Johnsonville ...	160 0 0	6 8 0	120	40 0 0	4 16 0
Hutt ...	374 0 0	14 19 4	240	134 0 0	16 1 8
South Wairarapa ...	357 17 11	14 6 4	200	157 17 11	18 19 0
Masterton ...	295 5 0	11 16 4	120	175 5 0	21 0 8
Napier ...	235 14 2	9 8 8	120	115 14 2	14 0 8
Hastings ...	198 6 0	7 18 8	120	78 6 0	9 8 0
Gisborne ...	187 0 7	7 9 8	120	67 0 7	8 1 0
Eketahuna ...	182 3 4	7 5 8	120	62 3 4	7 9 0
Dannevirke ...	184 13 8	7 8 0	120	64 13 8	7 5 0
Levin-Otaki ...	346 19 0	13 17 8	200	146 19 0	17 13 0
Waipawa ...	170 4 0	6 16 0	120	50 4 0	6 0 4
Woodville ...	175 5 6	7 0 4	120	55 5 6	6 12 4

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IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

Nelson ...	301 10 0	12 1 4	120	181 10 0	21 15 4
Richmond ...	186 5 0	7 9 0	120	66 5 0	7 19 0
Blenheim ...	384 10 10	15 7 8	200	184 10 10	22 2 8
Hokitika ...	217 1 0	8 13 8	120	97 1 0	11 13 0
Greymouth ...	235 2 0	9 8 0	120	115 2 0	13 16 4
Motueka ...	132 3 0	5 5 8	80	52 3 0	6 5 0
Reefton ...	235 12 1	9 9 0	120	115 12 1	13 17 4
Westport ...	156 17 2	6 5 8	80	76 17 2	9 4 4

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable amount.	Levy, 12 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch, Durham Street ...	1047 12 6	41 18 4	480	567 12 6	68 2 4
Christchurch, Connexional Secretary ...	355 7 9	14 4 4	120	235 7 9	28 5 0
Christchurch Methodist Mission ...	235 0 6	9 8 0	120	115 0 6	13 16 0
Christchurch South ...	459 3 10	18 7 4	240	219 3 10	26 6 0
Christchurch, St. Albans ...	271 0 0	10 17 0	120	151 0 0	18 2 4
Papanui ...	210 7 8	8 8 4	120	90 7 8	10 16 8
Lyttelton ...	235 2 4	9 8 0	120	115 2 4	13 16 4
Springston ...	235 16 4	9 8 8	120	115 16 4	13 18 0
Tai Tapu ...	125 5 6	5 0 4	120	5 5 6	0 12 6
Leeston ...	236 4 0	9 9 0	120	116 4 0	13 18 8
Kaiapoi ...	384 12 0	15 7 8	200	184 12 0	22 3 0
Rangiora ...	398 0 0	15 18 4	240	158 0 0	18 19 0
Oxford-Malvern ...	146 5 8	5 16 8	80	66 5 8	7 19 0
Timaru ...	295 2 0	11 16 0	120	175 2 0	21 0 4
Waimate ...	234 19 0	9 8 0	120	114 19 0	13 16 0
Temuka ...	211 2 0	8 9 0	120	91 2 0	10 18 8
Ashburton ...	366 8 8	14 13 4	200	166 8 8	19 19 4
Willowby ...	211 2 6	8 9 0	120	91 2 6	10 18 8

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Expenditure Reported to Treasurers.	Contingent Fund Levy, 4 per cent.	Deductions.	Children's Fund.	
				Taxable amount.	Levy, 12 per cent.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin, Trinity	325 6 6	13 0 4	120	205 6 6	24 12 8
Dunedin Central Mission	296 5 6	11 17 0	120	176 5 6	21 3 0
Dunedin, Cargill Road	383 0 0	15 6 4	200	183 0 0	21 19 0
Dunedin, Mornington	232 6 0	9 6 0	120	112 6 0	13 9 4
Dunedin, Roslyn	189 0 0	7 11 4	120	69 0 0	8 5 8
Mosgiel	133 7 6	5 6 8	80	55 7 6	6 12 8
Port Chalmers	207 9 5	8 6 0	120	87 9 5	10 10 0
Balclutha	222 19 6	8 18 4	120	102 19 6	12 7 0
Milton	188 13 6	7 11 0	120	68 13 6	8 4 8
Lawrence	199 7 0	7 19 4	120	79 7 0	9 10 4
Invercargill	395 12 8	15 16 8	200	195 12 8	23 9 4
Oamaru	235 3 6	9 8 0	120	115 3 6	13 16 4
Gore	198 12 0	7 19 0	120	78 12 0	9 8 8
Otautau	185 3 6	7 8 0	120	65 3 6	7 16 4
Roxburgh	166 9 0	6 13 0	120	44 9 0	5 6 8
Cromwell	174 17 8	7 0 0	120	54 17 8	6 11 8

APPENDIX H.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, 1906.

Treasurers: REV. J. N. BUTTLE AND MR. JAS. ELLIOTT.

INCOME.				£ s. d.	
AUCKLAND DISTRICT—					
Auckland, Pitt Street ...	...	...	...	160	3 6
Auckland, Methodist Mission, 1905...	...	...	...	5	0 0
Auckland, North Shore ...	...	...	...	62	17 8
Auckland, Maori Mission ...	...	...	...	—
Manukau, 1905 ...	...	...	...	£1 9 2	
Manukau, 1906 ...	...	...	...	42 4 9	— 43 13 11
Mahurangi ...	...	...	...	6	0 0
Thames ...	...	...	...	6	18 7
Upper Thames ...	...	...	...	26	15 9
Franklin ...	...	...	...	23	1 1
Cambridge ...	...	...	...	13	14 0
Hamilton ...	...	...	...	10	14 6
Huntly ...	...	...	...	3	15 0
Paparua ...	...	...	...	9	5 1
Northern Wairoa, 1905 ...	...	...	...	5	18 6
Whangarei ...	...	...	...	11	9 0
Rotorua ...	...	...	...	2	13 3
Tauranga ...	...	...	...	10	0 0
Coromandel ...	...	...	...	—
Helensville ...	...	...	...	1	13 10
Bay of Islands ...	...	...	...	—
Hokianga ...	...	...	...	1	10 0
Whangaroa ...	...	...	...	—
				£405	3 8

INCOME—Continued.				£ s. d.	
WANGANUI DISTRICT—					
New Plymouth ...	...	...	...	—
Waitara, 1905 ...	...	...	...	£2 13 6	
Waitara, 1906 ...	...	...	...	16 4 11	— 18 18 5
Stratford ...	...	...	...	—	6 9 10
Eltham ...	...	...	...	—	1 18 5
Hawera ...	...	...	...	—	8 18 8
Patea ...	...	...	...	—	5 13 2
Opunake ...	...	...	...	—	11 6 8
Wanganui ...	...	...	...	—	11 3 11
Aramoho ...	...	...	...	—	2 1 6
Rangitikei ...	...	...	...	—	21 9 3
Sandon ...	...	...	...	—	—
Feilding ...	...	...	...	—	13 6 6
Palmerston North	—	39 11 1
Kimbolton	—	—
Taihape	—	6 3 1
Waimarino	—	2 0 0
West Coast Maori Mission	—	—
				£149	0 6

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FOREIGN MISSION FUND—Continued.

INCOME—Continued.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

	£	s.	d.
Wellington, Taranaki Street	105	16	5
Wellington South	15	0	7
Johnsonville			
Hutt	25	2	9
South Wairarapa	12	9	7
Masterton	53	2	11
Napier	37	3	10
Hastings, 1905	16	3	6
Gisborne	5	7	11
Eketahuna, 1905	£0	14	0
Eketahuna, 1906	6	17	6
Dannevirke	6	16	9
Levin-Otaki	14	2	8
Waipawa	6	0	0
Woodville	11	5	3
Pahiatua	3	0	0
Norsewood	1	0	0
	£320	3	8

NELSON DISTRICT—

Nelson	37	9	7
Richmond	7	10	0
Blenheim	31	9	10
Hokitika	3	18	6
Greymouth	11	12	8
Motueka, 1905	£1	10	0
Motueka, 1906	5	5	6
Reefton	6	6	6

INCOME—Continued.

	£	s.	d.
Westport	5	17	9
Kumara	0	9	6
Havelock			

£111 9 10

CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch, Durham Street	138	4	7
Christchurch, Methodist Mission	7	4	3
Christchurch South	34	3	0
Christchurch, St. Albans	23	8	5
Christchurch, Papanui	5	12	3
Lyttelton	8	0	0
Springston	13	4	0
Tai Tapu, 1905	£5	6	1
Tai Tapu, 1906	4	11	0
Leeston	9	17	1
Kaiapoi	28	10	3
Rangiora, 1905	70	6	0
Rangiora, 1906	15	0	0
Oxford-Malvern	20	0	8
Timaru, 1905	35	0	8
Timaru, 1906	3	13	3
Waimate	4	18	7
Temuka	24	13	0
Ashburton	29	11	7
Willowby, 1905	42	10	4
Willowby, 1906	7	11	6
Amberley	31	11	1
Banks' Peninsula	0	10	6
	19	7	10

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£508 6 7

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—Continued.

INCOME—Continued.

OTAGO DISTRICT—

		£	s.	d.
Dunedin, Trinity Church ...	...	59	14	4
Dunedin, Central Mission ...	...	48	14	11
Dunedin, Cargill Road, 1905 ...	£6 12 9			
Dunedin, Cargill Road, 1906 ...	9 1 11 —	15	14	8
Dunedin, Cargill Road, Special ...	...	50	0	0
Dunedin, Mornington ...	...	8	10	1
Dunedin, Roslyn ...	...	6	5	1
Mosgiel ...	...	9	4	1
Port Chalmers ...	...	15	16	11
Balclutha ...	...	12	13	9
Milton ...	...	3	5	2
Lawrence ...	...	3	11	0
Invercargill ...	...	48	14	11
Oamaru ...	...	18	18	0
Gore, 1905 ...	£7 8 0			
Gore, 1906 ...	6 15 3 —	14	3	3
Otautau ...	...	18	13	6
Roxburgh ...	...	4	10	0
Cromwell ...	...	3	12	1
Riverton ...	...	—	—	—
Tapanui ...	...	—	—	—
Palmerston South ...	...	—	—	—
Winton ...	...	1	5	0
		£343	6	9
Otago Ladies' Auxiliary ...	...	57	12	3
		£400	19	0

SUMMARY OF INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From Districts—						
Auckland ...	405	3	8			
Wanganui ...	149	0	6			
Wellington ...	320	3	8			
Nelson ...	111	9	10			
Canterbury ...	508	6	7			
Otago ...	400	19	0	—1895	3	3
Other Sources—						
Mr. W. S. Allen, Piako ...	5	0	0			
Rev. J. Crump ...	50	0	0			
Anonymous ...	20	0	0			
R. Burgon, Okaiawa ...	1	0	0			
Half Conference Collection ...	6	8	11	—82	8	11
Total				£1,977	12	2

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Remitted to General Treasurers, less Exchange and Charges ...	£1,977	12	2

APPENDIX I.

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND
TREASURERS—REV. W. SLADE
INCOME.

I.—AUCKLAND.		
	£	s. d.
Auckland, Pitt St....	250	0 0
" Methodist		
Mission	7	10 0
" North Shore	51	15 3
Maori Mission, Hokianga	23	16 0
" Kaipara ...	33	10 9
" Waikato ...	5	0 0
" Whangaroa	20	0 0
" Special		
Maori Agents	60	0 0
Manukau ...	60	0 0
Mahurangi ...	12	7 1
Thames ...	20	1 10
Upper Thames ...	32	19 5
Franklin ...	28	0 0
Cambridge ...	12	0 0
Hamilton ...	15	0 0
Huntly ...	6	0 0
Paparoa ...	15	9 9
" Donation, E. S. D.	3	0 0
Northern Wairoa ...	12	0 0
Whangarei ...	11	0 0
Rotorua ...	2	14 7
Tauranga ...	5	15 0
Coromandel ...	5	1 0
Helensville ...	7	3 4
Bay of Islands ...	3	9 0
Hokianga ...	5	3 0
Whangaroa ...	5	3 0
Te Awamutu ...	2	4 0

716 3 0

II.—WANGANUI.		
New Plymouth ...	33	12 9
Waitara ...	20	6 4
Stratford ...	11	11 3
Eltham ...	6	0 0
Hawera ...	30	0 0
Patea ...	5	0 0
Opunake ...	8	0 0
Wanganui ...	28	0 2
Aramoho ...	10	5 4
Rangitikei ...	9	18 2
Sandon ...	9	5 0
Feilding ...	17	15 9
Palmerston North ...	41	6 5
Kimbolton ...	7	5 11
Taihape ...	4	19 0
Waimarino ...	4	0 0
West Coast Maori		
Mission	25	0 0
Mokau-Kaitieke ...		

272 6 1

III.—WELLINGTON.		
Wellington, Taranaki		
Street ...	83	10 0
" South ...	23	0 0
Johnsonville ...	10	18 5
Hutt ...	27	16 10
South Wairarapa ...	15	13 0
Masterton ...	39	18 9
Napier ...	23	10 0
Hastings ...	11	18 10
Gisborne ...	10	0 0
Eketahuna ...	6	0 0
Dannevirke ...	5	5 5
Levin-Otaki ...	19	2 8
Waipawa ...	12	0 0
Woodville ...	16	8 3
Pahiatua ...	5	0 0
Norsewood ...	5	0 0

315 2 2

IV.—NELSON.		
Nelson ...	44	0 0
Donation, Rev. J. Crump	50	0 0
Richmond ...	14	0 0
Blenheim ...	58	2 8
Carried forward ..		

£1,303 11 3

Brought Forward			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Blenheim Donation,			1,303	11	3			
C.W.O. ...	10	0 0						
Hokitika ...	7	10 0						
Greymouth ...	12	0 0						
Motueka ...	5	14 6						
Reefton ...	11	10 0						
Westport ...	6	15 9						
Kumara ...	1	11 0						
Havelock ...	3	0 0						

224 3 11

V.—CANTERBURY.		
Christchurch, Dur-		
ham Street	115	0 0
" Methodist Mission	10	11 10
" South ...	30	0 0
" St. Albans ...	25	1 0
" Papanui ...	15	11 0
Lytelton ...	17	10 0
Springton ...	15	6 6
Tai Tapu ...	12	0 0
Leeston ...	37	1 8
Kaipoi ...	46	8 9
Rangiora ...	30	0 0
Oxford-Malvern ...	10	10 1
Timaru ...	44	2 4
Waimate ...	17	18 9
Temuka ...	7	5 3
Ashburton ...	44	7 9
Willowby ...	23	9 10
Amberley ...	3	0 0
Banks' Peninsula ...	2	10 0

507 14 9

VI.—OTAGO.		
Dunedin, Trinity ...	70	0 0
" Central Mission	30	0 0
" Cargill Road ...	25	10 2
" Donation, Anon.	50	0 0
" Mornington ...	15	3 4
" Roslyn ...	13	3 7
Mosgiel ...	7	16 1
Port Chalmers ...	8	10 11
Balclutha ...	12	7 7
Milton ...	7	11 3
Lawrence ...	4	14 6
Invercargill ...	34	7 9
Oamaru ...	22	10 0
Gore ...	6	15 8
Otautau ...	9	5 0
Roxburgh ...	6	9 6
Cromwell ...	7	0 9
Riverton ...	3	0 0
Tapanui ...	2	0 0
Palmerston ...	1	13 0
Winton ...	2	0 0

339 18 3

Birthday League ... 53 1 0

LEGACIES.		
The late Mr. Finch,		
Rangiora (net)	48	4 6
The late Mrs. Nos-		
worthy (net) ...	100	0 0

148 4 6

CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES.		
Auckland ...	171	18 8
Grey Institute ...	265	0 0
Kai Iwi ...	100	0 0

536 18 8

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS.		
Auckland ...	150	18 1
Canterbury ...	50	0 0

200 18 1

Maori Books Sold ... 24 7 2

Deficit ...			3,338	17	7
			581	4	11

Total £3,920 2 6

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—BALANCE SHEET, 1906.

AND MR. F. L. PRIME.

EXPENDITURE.

By Debit Balance, 1905		£	s.	d.	Brought forward		£	s.	d.
		533	6	5			2,611	19	5
MAORI MISSIONS.									
AUCKLAND.									
Missionary Superinten.	225	0	0		Waitara ...	20	0	0	
Connexional Funds	58	0	9		Waimarino ...	20	0	0	
House Rent	52	0	0		Rangitikei ...	10	0	0	
Travelling	35	0	0		Kimbolton ...	10	0	0	
Missionary Assistant	120	0	0		Taihape ...	30	0	0	
Travelling	30	0	0		Patea ...	37	10	0	
Special Native Work	60	0	0		WELLINGTON.				
HOKIANGA.									
Native Minister	80	0	0		Hutt ...	30	0	0	
" "	70	0	0		Eketahuna ...	50	0	0	
KAIPARA.									
Native Minister	90	0	0		Dannevirke ...	20	0	0	
Travelling	10	0	0		Levin-Otaki ...	10	0	0	
WAIKATO.									
Native Probationer	70	0	0		Waipawa ...	40	0	0	
Travelling	15	0	0		Pahiataua ...	50	0	0	
Wi Warena Pewa, Sup.	33	15	0		NELSON.				
Hamiora Kingi, Sup.	21	5	0		Blenheim ...	15	0	0	
WHANGAROA.									
Native Minister	80	0	0		Richmond ...	10	0	0	
WANGANUI.									
Missionary	200	0	0		Westport ...	20	0	0	
Connexional Funds	35	2	3		CANTERBURY.				
Travelling	7	10	0		Oxford-Malvern ...	7	10	0	
House Rent	35	0	0		Ashburton ...	20	0	0	
Native Minister	130	0	0		OTAGO.				
Travelling	7	10	0		Mosgiel ...	15	0	0	
Native Minister	80	0	0		Milton ...	20	0	0	
				1,545	3	0			
HOME MISSION STATIONS.									
AUCKLAND.									
Coromandel	47	10	0		Gore ...	10	0	0	
Helensville	10	0	0		Otautau ...	15	0	0	
Bay of Islands	10	0	0		Roxburgh ...	25	0	0	
Hokianga	20	0	0		Cromwell ...	35	0	0	
Whangaroa	10	0	0		Invercargill ...	37	10	0	
WANGANUI.									
Mangaweka	7	10	0		627 10 0				
Mokau-Kaitieke	40	0	0		SPECIAL.				
WELLINGTON.									
Norsewood	10	0	0		Retiring Allowance—				
NELSON.									
Havelock	25	0	0		Pearson ...	25	0	0	
CANTERBURY.									
Amberley	10	0	0		Michaelis ...	25	0	0	
Banks' Peninsula	30	0	0		Porter ...	25	0	0	
OTAGO.									
Tapanui	10	0	0		Amberley Removal Expenses	10	0	0	
Winton	43	0	0		Mahurangi, Half Expenses	15	0	0	
Riverton	23	0	0		H. Kingi, Removal Expenses	9	18	4	
Queenstown	6	0	0		Waimarino, Extra	10	0	0	
				296	0	0			
MAISON-ARIES.									
AUCKLAND.									
Mahurangi, Port Albert	40	0	0		Mokau-Kaitieke, Special Students' Travelling to Supply	10	19	5	
Upper Thames	30	0	0		Hone Hare, Board and Travelling	23	10	0	
Northern Wairoa, Kaihu	5	0	0		Wi Warena Pewa, Special	20	0	0	
Whangarei, Hikurangi	30	0	0		Okaiawa, Water and Fire Insurance	3	18	8	
WANGANUI.									
New Plymouth, Rahotu	15	0	0		Palmerston South	2	10	0	
WELLINGTON.									
South Wairarapa	30	0	0		Solicitor's Charges	4	4	0	
CANTERBURY.									
Durham St., Belfast	30	0	0		Refund to Otago Maori Mission	10	0	0	
Christchurch South	17	10	0		Coromandel Trust	31	3	7	
OTAGO.									
Cargill Rd., St. Kilda	40	0	0		Secretary Travelling to Conference, 1906	9	17	6	
				237	10	0			
MAISON-ARIES.									
AUCKLAND.									
Rotorua	40	0	0		Birthday League Expenses	3	1	6	
Huntly	30	0	0		Advert., "Outlook"	2	2	0	
				£2,611	19	5			
GENERAL.									
AUCKLAND.									
Printing Reports, etc.	98	9	0		Ministerial Supply	83	8	5	
Interest and Exchange	61	17	7		Connexional Secretary	55	0	0	
Mortgage Tax	5	9	5		394 13 5				
Office Rent	21	0	0		GENERAL.				
Cheque Book	0	10	0		Printing Reports, etc.	98	9	0	
Deputation Expenses	69	7	1		Interest and Exchange	61	17	7	
H. M. Travelling to D. S.	26	6	7		Mortgage Tax	5	9	5	
Postages, etc.	3	0	0		Office Rent	21	0	0	
				285	19	8			
Total									
							£3,920	2	6

APPENDIX J.

BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1906.

General Treasurer—MR. G. S. CHISHOLM.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Private Donations ...	83 1 0	By Balance at 31st December, 1905 ...	76 17 11
.. Missions (Circuit Donations and Collections) ...	123 11 8	.. Salary ...	200 0 0
.. Contributions from Bible- Classes and B.C. Unions...	76 19 1	.. House Allowance ...	78 0 0
.. Contributions from Christian Endeavour Societies ...	3 0 0	.. Travelling Expenses ...	43 9 2
.. Contributions from Other Church Institutions ...	8 11 1	.. Connexional Charges ...	30 17 0
		.. Removal Expenses ...	9 19 3
		.. Printing and Stationery and Literature ...	27 0 3
		.. Exchange and Bank Charges ...	1 19 0
		.. Postages and Petty Items ...	6 9 11
		.. Interest on Overdraft ...	3 12 9
.. Sales of Literature ...	2 3 3		
.. Refund of Rev. Porter's Removal Expenses ...	13 5 9		
.. Balance, Overdraft at Bank of N.Z., at 31/12/1906 ...	152 4 11		
.. Cheque Outstanding ...	15 8 6		
	167 13 5		
	<u>£478 5 3</u>		<u>£478 5 3</u>

Examined and found correct,

ERNEST W. HUNT, A.I.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

Wellington, January 28th, 1907.

APPENDIX K—GENERAL RETURNS, September 30, 1906.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BANDS OF HOPE.															
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.			Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.		Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.		Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.		Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
		Ministers and Probationers.		Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.			Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.													Average Attendance.	Members of Church.									
		Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.																														
Auckland (Pitt Street) ...	13	5	8	6	9	1	39	29	971	5	204	5	128	7	120	4	137	14	188	162	159	1907	1285	330	5892	11	6	600	...	5160			
Wesley College ...																																	
Auckland Methodist Mission ...	1	2	1	1	1	1	9	12	276	12	...	3	50	2	115	1	30	12	30	27	28	276	218	25	600	2	250	1700			
Auckland (North Shore) ...	5	5	3	2	4	...	6	253	...	4	19	3	60	56	49	51	463	356	31	1182	5	3	225	...	1200				
Auckland Maori Mission ...																																	
Manukau ...	5	3	3	2	1	...	10	3	167	...	12	1	50	2	35	1	12	4	30	26	23	266	192	31	1079	2	1	120	60	1000			
Mahurangi ...	14	3	1	1	1	...	6	103	1	...	2	1	10	...	...	...	...	7	6	4	104	61	2	160	...	...	104	700
Thames ...	3	1	1	1	1	...	2	121	19	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	21	14	18	181	92	11	300	...	...	600
Upper Thames ...	18	1	2	3	1	...	14	4	305	5	79	...	20	2	33	1	60	11	53	45	36	545	369	20	603	3	1	130	...	1712			
Franklin ...	9	12	1	1	1	...	8	4	197	4	...	3	30	...	...	...	...	19	18	19	156	120	...	...	...	...	...	1150
Cambridge ...	4	1	1	1	1	...	1	171	4	3	11	10	9	118	74	...	366	3	...	25	764				
Hamilton ...	2	10	1	1	1	...	8	145	5	25	...	4	1	28	1	25	1	9	7	8	108	79	25	181	1	...	60	752					
Huntly ...	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	24	1	...	1	10	1	24	...	9	7	3	77	55	...	...	2	...	...	450
Paparoa ...	5	3	1	1	1	...	7	114	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	2	78	45	...	...	2	1	15	450
Northern Wairoa ...	11	1	1	1	1	...	8	2	154	...	1	...	2	28	...	...	...	35	29	20	413	278	30	...	...	...	358	1020
Whangarei ...	7	1	1	1	1	...	5	100	...	4	25	2	19	...	...	...	...	27	17	11	228	150	3	780	2	...	100	750	
Rotorua ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	24	18	6	...	1	...	...	120
Tauranga ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	4	35	25	2	40	1	...	...	245
Coromandel ...	12	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	37	...	...	...	1	13	1	12	4	19	15	7	184	150	...	...	1	44	...	636
Helensville ...	4	7	1	1	1	...	4	42	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	2	55	40	...	40	1	...	...	393
Bay of Islands ...	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	9	5	99	68	2	100	1	...	...	350
Hokianga ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	3	30	24	1	...	1	...	...	250
Whangaroa ...	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	20	15	...	...	1	...	...	220
Totals ...	77	149	19	26	34	15	130	57	3357	41	351	29	392	21	441	10	300	79	555	461	425	5367	3714	519	11323	44	13	1134	957	19622			

II.—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.			CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BANDS OF HOPE.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.									
									Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior		Number of Schools.	TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.			Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies.				
														Active Members.	Societies.		Junior	Members.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.							Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
New Plymouth	7								294			15	50	9	52	48	45	454	289	18	586	9	6	250	1720					
Waitara	9								235			1	29	9	36	29	32	317	228	13	1300	5	5	183	1250					
Stratford	4								82			5	1	12	11	12	13	135	90		130	2	1	30	550					
Eltham	1								81			1	1	5	5	5	5	100	60		60		1	20	300					
Hawera	1								149	11	40	10	1	13	11	12	144	110			300	1			745					
Patea	1								19	5		3		3	7	7	4	89	76		5	56	1			207				
Opunake	6								90					5	5	5	45	40								400				
Wanganui	1								191		35	20	1	25	1	35	24	22	20	256	183	30	315	1	1	45	763			
Aramoho	2								63					11	9	11	136	93	10		120	1				200				
Rangitikei	3								98			6		2	2	2	73	49	3		100					406				
Sandon	3								5			15	1	7	1	9	8	7	7	80	60		2			250				
Feilding	1								106	4		2		10	15	11	13	146	85	26	255	1				390				
Palmerston North	5								350	1		2	45	3	145	2	75	5	54	47	49	741	535	73	1200	5	4	300	1450	
Kimbolton	5								51					11	11	8	139	102				2				320				
Taihape	3								51					9	7	3	85	60			30					460				
Waimarino	2								36	1				4	4	4	26	17	1							125				
West Coast Maori Mission																														
Mokau-Kaitieke	19								68		12																200			
Totals	53	77	13	12	20	5	95	8	2018	49	120	11	125	15	319	7	192	48	275	241	237	2966	2077	179	4452	30	18	828	20	9736

III.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.		Other Preaching Places.		Schoolrooms.		Parsonages.		Ministers and Probationers.		Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.		Local Preachers.		Class Leaders.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.			CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BANDS OF HOPE.																								
																	Members on Roll.			On Probation.			Junior Members.			Deaths.			Communicants other than Members.			Senior		Junior		TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.		Volumes in Libraries.		Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.		Connexional Societies.		S.S. Scholars who are Members.		S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies.		Attendees on Public Worship.	
																	Number on Roll.			Average Attendance.			Members of Church.			Number on Roll.			Average Attendance.			Members of Church.			Number on Roll.		Average Attendance.		Members of Church.		Number on Roll.		Average Attendance.		Members of Church.		Number on Roll.		Average Attendance.		Members of Church.	
Wellington (Taranaki Street)...	5	...	5	2	4	2	20	7	525	20	80	6	...	2	75	1	25	5	67	64	63	1089	622	60	1950	4	5	500	...	2800																						
Young Men's Forward Movem't.	1	1	1	...	6	169	...	39	1	20	1	39	2	29	24	26	356	226	49	900	800																						
Wellington South	1	1	1	1	...	6	73	...	36	...	...	...	1	36	3	29	21	18	252	160	...	450	3	1	20	...	524																				
Johnsonville	1	1	1	1	11	...	226	1	25	1	...	...	1	30	4	42	32	40	386	256	...	800	3	1	30	...	840																					
Hutt	6	6	3	1	2	6	203	2	31	3	12	3	68	1	27	6	32	31	30	254	166	52	920	5	1	100	140	900																						
South Wairarapa	3	3	1	1	1	9	172	...	22	2	1	29	1	24	3	31	28	30	443	264	...	845	...	1	75	...	950																							
Masterton	4	1	1	1	1	1	171	...	22	1	15	1	34	1	24	5	30	25	26	314	201	28	900	...	1	75	...	960																						
Napier	1	3	1	1	1	2	107	...	22	1	2	2	20	2	19	14	14	160	137	4	220	1	1	50	...	1090																						
Hastings	1	4	1	1	1	5	90	...	42	1	10	2	39	1	32	1	14	11	14	125	75	...	200	1	1	75	...	450																						
Gisborne	2	4	1	1	1	1	67	1	7	...	12	...	...	...	3	8	8	7	97	50	4	120	2	...	...	20	325																		
Eketahuna	1	5	1	1	1	4	81	3	15	...	7	1	12	1	15	1	12	7	12	120	60	15	85	1	...	...	450																					
Dannevirke	4	3	...	1	1	3	155	...	8	1	12	4	50	1	12	5	19	18	16	213	168	10	150	4	...	120	700																							
Levin-Otaki	7	...	1	1	3	50	...	1	30	...	...	...	1	3	3	3	3	3	30	23	...	100	1	...	...	500																		
Waipawa	1	1	3	...	101	...	1	...	1	6	1	50	2	10	8	10	150	120	...	220	...	1	100	...	300																							
Woodville	1	1	...	...	53	...	6	2	6	...	...	...	6	4	4	4	45	24	...	75	1	2	40	...	214																		
Pahiatua	1	1	2	1	70	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	1	6	5	4	83	60	...	80	1	2	100	...	400																			
Norsewood	1	2	1	70	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	1	6	5	4	83	60	...	80	1	2	100	...	400																			
Totals	...	46	45	17	15	24	4	91	16	23	3	29	314	19	116	17	353	12	314	46	357	303	317	4117	2612	228	8015	33	17	1090	280	11563																				

IV.—NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.			CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				BANDS OF HOPE.														
	Nelson	Richmond	Blenheim	Hokitika	Greymouth	Motueka	Reefton	Westport	Kumara	Havelock	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Senior		Junior	Number of Schools.	TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.		Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.			
																	Active Members.	Societies.			Members.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.							Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	164	2	34	1	20	1	31	1	34	1	18	15	17	201	154	20	341	1	1	184	600				
	7	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	125	2	10	2	6	1	12	1	3	3	17	14	14	141	99	12	452	1	1	...	630				
	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	174	14	40	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	44	35	36	390	253	22	1800	...	...	120	1250
	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	67	...	...	1	...	...	18	...	...	1	7	5	6	60	34	...	180	1	...	...	345
	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	5	151	7	25	...	5	1	40	1	25	3	29	22	22	220	155	20	466	2	2	...	600				
	12	12	1	1	1	1	1	4	120	1	1	10	10	1	17	...	...	13	12	13	143	76	14	265	1	1	...	500			
	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	7	115	...	21	...	12	1	30	1	25	2	16	14	16	155	110	12	600	2	...	...	510		
	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	2	67	...	19	...	2	1	25	...	...	1	13	10	12	101	71	6	334	1	1	...	250
	12	3	1	1	1	1	1	...	30	2	...	...	...	1	6	1	9	4	4	3	23	20	...	140	1	1	20	80		
	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	...	39	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	7	6	70	35	12	70	1	2	45	...	450
Totals	27	35	5	9	10	2	47	11	1052	26	161	5	45	9	179	4	93	22	165	136	147	1509	1007	108	4648	12	4	249	120	5265			

V.—CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches.		Other Preaching Places.				Schoolrooms.		Parsonages.		Ministers and Probationers.		Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.		Local Preachers.		Class Leaders.		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				BANDS OF HOPE.										
																			Members on Roll.		On Probation.		Junior Members.		Deaths.		Communicants other than Members.		Societies.	Active Members.	Junior		TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.					
																			Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.									
																			Senior	Junior	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.							
Christchurch (Durham Street)	11	2	5	5	7	2	32	4	977	30	130	15	53	6	190	3	102	11	137	117	127	1453	1025	118	3485	11	11	1200	...	4300										
Connexional Secretary's Office									
Christchurch Methodist Mission	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	96	...	...	1	...	...	26	1	18	1	13	12	11	105	68	14	230	1	1	...	...	440
Christchurch South	...	3	5	3	3	...	10	4	385	20	68	7	27	3	64	1	30	6	89	70	77	863	586	46	1522	6	5	514	16	2275										
Christchurch (St. Albans)	1	1	1	...	3	...	207	...	30	4	...	1	19	1	30	...	38	34	38	356	253	...	1200	...	1	170	186	890										
Christchurch (Papanui)	1	1	1	...	5	...	144	...	15	...	10	1	22	1	15	3	25	22	20	170	115	3	370	...	...	...	90	550							
Lyttelton	...	1	1	1	1	...	12	...	75	...	20	...	18	1	10	...	...	...	16	13	13	144	92	8	177	...	...	...	85	450				
Springston	1	1	1	...	3	...	146	4	6	...	15	4	28	24	23	170	129	3	500	3	1	50	15	500									
Tai Tapu	1	1	1	...	6	...	93	1	12	2	16	14	16	120	82	...	170	2	1	20	40	505									
Leeston	1	1	1	...	5	1	170	...	1	...	2	1	25	...	...	...	6	21	19	21	160	122	...	...	...	...	...	700		
Kaipoi	1	1	1	...	7	1	293	10	14	4	...	2	35	1	14	7	35	31	33	403	286	39	1000	7	...	...	200	1000								
Rangiora	3	2	2	...	11	...	242	...	7	...	12	...	56	6	42	33	40	324	247	38	1150	5	300	750									
Oxford-Malvern	4	...	1	...	4	...	48	7	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	15	11	11	140	111	...	...	3	...	30	431		
Timaru	3	1	1	1	13	3	242	...	30	7	26	4	35	30	30	416	297	30	700	4	110	1050									
Waimate	4	1	1	1	11	1	175	...	10	3	...	1	15	...	...	...	1	12	10	12	110	75	...	230	1	...	...	700					
Temuka	3	1	1	1	3	...	66	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	7	7	44	38	...	140	...	...	...	200		
Ashburton	5	1	1	1	6	2	230	...	37	...	...	1	24	1	36	1	25	16	23	154	108	26	400	1	1	154	80	915								
Willowby	6	...	1	1	10	...	140	9	19	1	20	2	34	1	20	4	24	16	20	145	112	15	700	3	1	35	30	550										
Amberley	4	...	...	...	1	...	38	...	1	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	...	30	20	...	96	1	...	...	200		
Bank's Peninsula	2	...	1	...	...	...	24	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	3	...	17	12	...	...	...	...	...	129		
Cheviot	12									
Totals	...	76	42	26	24	29	5	136	19	3803	82	383	58	181	24	542	10	265	68	585	485	525	5324	3778	344	12070	54	22	2183	1182	16535									

VI.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				BANDS OF HOPE.																																							
	Churches.										Senior		Junior		TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.																																									
	Other Preaching Places,		Schoolrooms,		Parsonages,		Ministers and Probationers,		Home Missionaries and Deaconesses,		Local Preachers,		Class Leaders,		Members on Roll,		On Probation,		Junior Members,		Deaths,		Communicants other than Members,		Societies,		Active Members,		Societies,		Members,		Number of Schools,		Number on Roll,		Average Attendance,		Members of Church,		Number on Roll,		Average Attendance,		Members of Church,		Volumes in Libraries,		Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets,		Connexional Societies,		S.S. Scholars who are Members,		S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies,		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.	
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Dunedin (Trinity) ...	3	1	1	1	1	1	10	3	320	10	25	4	15	1	25	1	40	4	47	43	39	348	285	45	875	3	1	75	...	1200																												
Dunedin Central Mission ...	12	12	12	12	12	12	6	3	355	10	27	12	20	1	60	1	30	1	15	14	14	130	95	31	300	1	1	...	2300																													
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ...	3	3	3	3	3	3	12	12	231	...	35	3	...	1	31	12	68	3	43	39	32	415	325	25	500	3	12	...	1100																													
Dunedin (Mornington) ...	12	1	1	1	1	1	6	12	144	...	3	...	12	12	29	1	10	10	29	26	25	200	149	16	410	3	12	...	493																													
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	139	...	26	6	6	1	30	1	26	3	26	24	22	217	166	4	742	12	1	30	...	482																												
Mosgiel ...	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	77	6	24	1	12	...	1	26	3	8	7	8	55	45	19	200	...	1	21	...	300																											
Port Chalmers ...	2	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	89	4	10	...	6	1	23	1	6	1	10	10	10	70	51	20	200	1	...	...	450																											
Balclutha ...	12	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	80	3	25	1	8	...	1	25	2	14	13	11	125	87	...	175	2	1	70	...	450																													
Milton ...	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	...	57	...	10	1	9	...	1	10	1	12	10	10	67	55	...	400	1	1	35	...	360																													
Lawrence ...	2	3	1	1	1	1	6	12	68	...	12	12	...	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	27	24	...	...	1	...	...	...	325																								
Invercargill ...	1	8	1	1	1	1	8	2	144	1	...	1	25	1	60	1	21	19	21	225	190	15	450	1	1	225	...	675																												
Oamaru ...	12	1	1	1	1	1	3	...	131	...	9	1	11	12	39	1	20	1	18	17	16	100	61	9	467	1	1	30	...	450																												
Gore ...	1	6	1	1	1	1	3	...	98	...	19	1	5	...	1	25	12	9	8	9	117	78	3	150	...	...	...	15	600																										
Otautau ...	4	2	1	1	1	1	3	...	71	...	3	1	10	...	...	3	15	13	13	13	110	73	6	300	3	...	...	30	490																									
Roxburgh ...	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	...	52	...	6	3	15	...	...	3	7	6	7	7	78	65	6	55	3	...	...	...	280																								
Cromwell ...	12	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	56	...	...	...	6	1	10	1	20	1	4	4	4	21	20	...	...	...	...	...	200																					
Riverton ...	1	8	...	...	...	...	2	...	39	6	...	...	20	...	...	12	5	5	5	5	50	35	...	30	...	1	25	...	360																					
Tapanui ...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	1	1	...	...	...	3	3	3	3	3	38	36	1	...	1	1	8	...	104																				
Palmerston ...	12	1	26	1	6	4	40	30	...	93	1	1	25	...	90																												
Winton ...	12	4	17	140																												
Wakatipu ...	2	10																												
Totals ...	37	55	11	14	17	7	73	18	2220	49	220	25	143	12	278	14	366	37	295	270	263	2433	1870	200	5347	26	14	957	90	10839																												

MAORI WORK.

CIRCUITS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										BANDS OF HOPE.								
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries and Deacons.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Societies.	Active Members.	Senior Junior Societies.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, Including S.S. Scholars.
Hokianga ...	5	10	3	1	24	4	525	540	14	1	5	4	4	4	55	30	1200
Kaipara ...	5	6	...	...	1	1	5	254	...	229	23	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	76	...	...	...	...	...	630
Waikato ...	...	16	...	...	12	1	5	440	...	312	30	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	...	...	3200
Whangaroa ...	...	13	...	...	1	1	9	177	...	141	10	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	6	7	38	30	...	...	...	...	...	650
West Coast Mission ...	2	33	...	...	5	1	5	40	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	700
Southern Maori Mission	21	1	1	4	9	7	7	50	650	
Totals ...	13	99	9	6	52	11	1445	10	1215	76	10	18	24	10	11	304	60	7030	

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GENERAL SUMMARY OF DISTRICTS.

I.—EUROPEAN WORK.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.			Ministers and Probationers, Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.			Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BANDS OF HOPE.										
	Other Preaching Places, Schoolrooms, Parsonages.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers, Home Missionaries & Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.			Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Deaths.	Communicants other than Members.	Senior		Junior		TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.		Volumes in Libraries.	Schools using Conference Catechisms or Tablets.	Connexional Societies.					
														Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Members.	Number of Schools.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	Number on Roll.			Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.	
																														Members.	Members.	Number on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members of Church.	S.S. Scholars who are Members.	S.S. Scholars Members of Non-Connexional Societies.	Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.
Auckland	77	149	19	26	34	15	130	57	3357	41	351	29	392	21	441	10	300	79	555	461	425	5367	3714	519	11323	44	13	1134	957	19622
Wanganui	53	77	13	12	20	5	95	8	2018	49	120	11	125	15	319	7	192	48	275	241	237	2966	2077	179	4452	30	18	828	20	9736
Wellington	46	45	17	15	24	4	91	16	2313	29	314	19	116	17	353	12	314	46	357	303	317	4117	2612	228	8015	33	17	1090	280	11563
Nelson	27	35	5	9	10	2	47	11	1052	26	161	5	45	9	179	4	93	22	165	136	147	1509	1007	108	4648	12	4	249	120	5265
Canterbury	76	42	26	24	29	5	136	19	3803	82	383	58	181	24	542	10	265	68	585	485	525	5324	3778	344	12070	54	22	2183	1182	16535
Otago	37	55	11	14	17	7	73	18	2220	49	220	25	143	12	278	14	366	37	295	270	263	2433	1870	200	5347	26	14	957	90	10839
Totals	316	403	91	100	134	38	572	129	14763	276	1549	147	1002	98	2112	57	1530	300	2232	1896	1914	21716	15058	1578	45855	199	88	6441	2649	73560
Increase	6	33	13	5	1	12	2	354	...	...	15	...	1	81	8	217	14	26	6	36	542	142	41	1388	14	...	...	270	933	
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166	23	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	9	241	...	...

II.—MAORI WORK.

Auckland	11	45	...	...	7	6	43	11	1396	...	1215	74	10	...	...	...	10	17	10	11	224	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	5680
Wanganui	2	33	...	...	1	...	5	...	40	10	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	700
Canterbury and Otago	...	21	...	...	1	...	4	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	650
Totals	13	99	...	...	9	6	52	11	1445	10	1215	76	10	...	...	...	18	24	10	11	304	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	7030
Increase	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	131	...	1038	31	...	...	...	...	6	17	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	547
Decrease	...	18	...	...	...	...	9	7	...	22	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

I.—MEMBERS.

DISTRICTS.	1906.	1905.	Increase.	Decrease.	On Probation.	Junior Members.
Auckland ...	3357	3310	47		41	351
Wanganui ...	2018	1908	110	...	49	120
Wellington...	2313	2185	128	...	29	314
Nelson ...	1052	1056	...	4	26	161
Canterbury ...	3803	3753	50	...	82	383
Otago ...	2220	2197	23	...	49	220
Maori Mission ...	1445	1314	131	...	10	1215
Totals ...	16208	15723	489	4	286	2764

II.—MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.

DISTRICTS.	European Ministers.	European Probationers	Supernumeraries.	Maori Ministers.	Maori Probationers	Totals.
Auckland ...	24	5	5	6	1	41
Wanganui ...	16	2	2	1	...	21
Wellington ...	19	2	3	24
Nelson ...	7	2	1	10
Canterbury ...	22	4	3	29
Otago ...	15	2	1	18
Totals...	103	17	14	7	2	143

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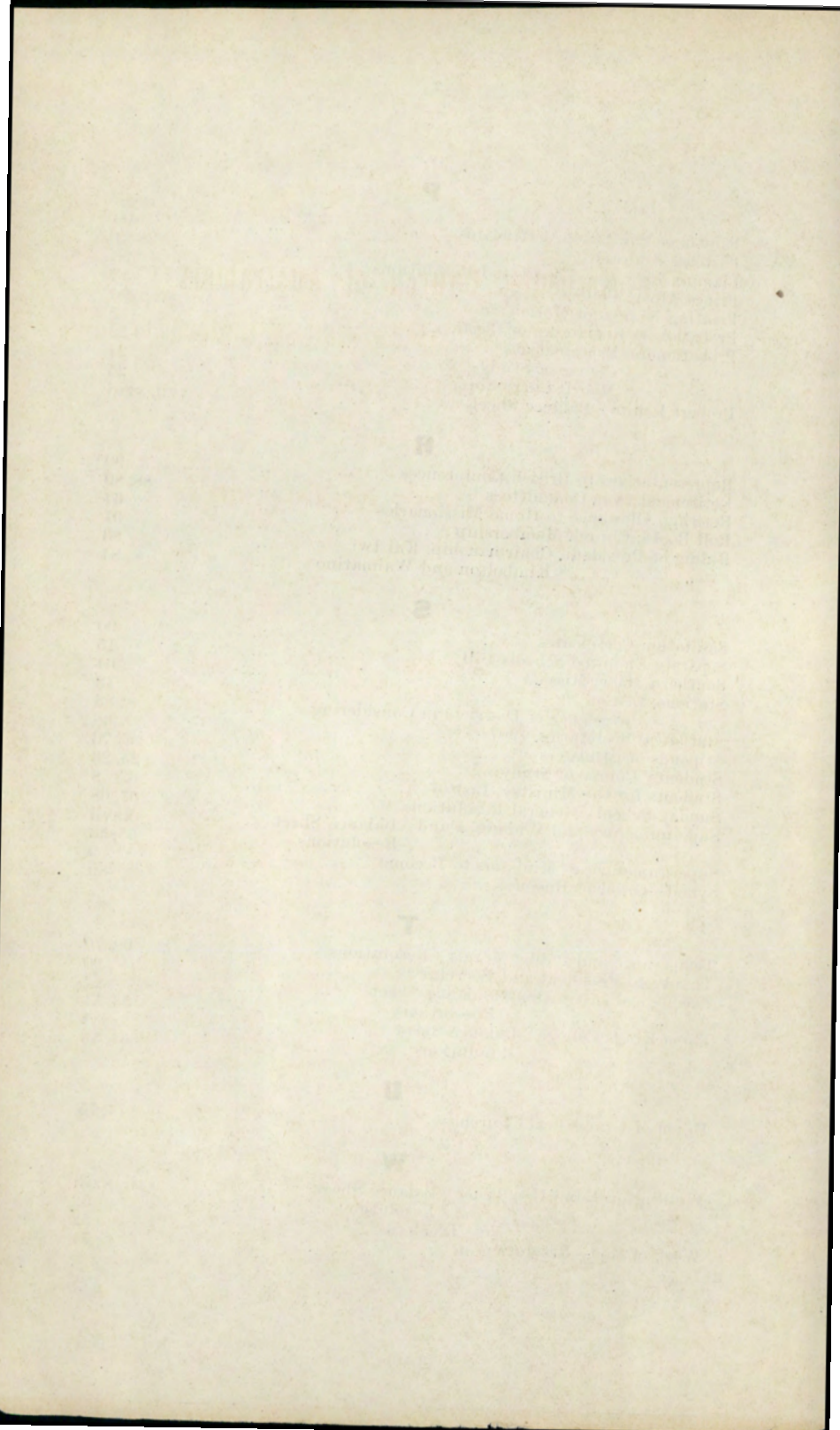
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The Methodist Church of Australasia
Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers'
Widows' Fund.

Report of the General Treasurers

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1906,

WITH REVENUE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE-SHEET.

THE Board of Treasurers has the honour to present to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference the following report:—

The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, duly signed by the Auditors, are appended.

Meetings of the Board of Treasurers have been held fortnightly during the year, and, usually, Loan Committee meetings in the alternate weeks. The increasing volume of business, and the numerous applications made for loans, have necessitated close and often prolonged attention at these meetings, in addition to which all the properties offered as securities in Victoria have been personally inspected by members of the Board.

The return of properties in possession shows an increase of £1571. The total amount received for rent was £2302 0s. 7d.; but owing to its being found necessary to spend a considerable sum in repairs, the nett return is somewhat lower than the previous year. A small piece of vacant land has been disposed of; and though it involved a loss, the amount realised was considerably in advance of the estimated value a year ago. The Board is carefully watching the market, and hopes shortly to be able to effect further sales.

The Treasurers are glad to state that the return for interest is quite equal to the previous year, and that a substantial addition has been made to the assets.

With great pleasure the Board records the receipt of a legacy of £1000, under the will of the late Mrs. C. Drew, of Adelaide. For the prompt payment of the same, thanks are due to the trustees of her estate.

The amount appearing in the Revenue Account from Ministers who have joined the Fund under Methodist Union is smaller than the previous year, but it will be seen from the balance-sheet that over £1800 is still owing on this account.

Ministers who owe heavy arrears for subscriptions and fines have been urged to reduce their indebtedness, and the majority have carried out the arrangements made under the Resolution of General Conference of 1904. A list of those failing to take advantage of that offer, and of those who joined the Church through Methodist Union, but have not purchased benefits as required, will be forwarded to the several Annual Conferences and to the General Conference.

In accordance with instructions, the following Statement of Receipts from the several Annual Conferences, on account of Ministers' subscriptions, fines, and Circuit levies, is submitted:—

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

New South Wales Conference	..	£1578	2	3
Victoria and Tasmania	..	1991	3	0
South Australia	..	810	9	5
New Zealand	..	1097	13	2
Queensland	..	398	8	6
Western Australia	..	257	14	6
		£6133	10	10

Circuit Levies.

New South Wales Conference	..	£1985	4	8
Victoria and Tasmania	..	2432	5	0
South Australia	..	1347	10	0
New Zealand	..	1230	3	6
Queensland	..	665	17	0
Western Australia	..	422	12	6
		£8083	12	8
Less Conference Treasurers' Expenses	..	60	16	10
		£8022	15	10

The arrears of Ministers' subscriptions and fines in the several Annual Conferences are as under :—

Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines.

	ARREARS.	FINES.	TOTALS.
N.S. Wales Conference	£921 16 4 ..	£290 9 11 ..	£1212 6 3
Victoria & Tas. ,,	2001 7 10 ..	836 4 10 ..	2837 12 8
South Australia ,,	732 8 7 ..	380 10 0 ..	1112 18 7
New Zealand ,,	563 5 5 ..	126 8 0 ..	689 13 5
Queensland ,,	968 6 3 ..	244 0 6 ..	1212 6 9
West. Australia ,,	588 1 3 ..	185 0 0 ..	773 1 3
	£5775 5 8 ..	£2062 13 3 ..	£7837 18 11

The Treasurers call special attention to the fact that the total is larger than that reported three years ago, although considerable sums have been paid off under the special Resolution of General Conference. That the situation is sufficiently grave is shown by the fact that in New South Wales Conference 33 per cent., Victoria and Tasmania 41 per cent., South Australia 40 per cent., New Zealand 29 per cent., Queensland 66 per cent., and West Australia 67 per cent. of the men in full work are in arrears. It is fair to state that a large number of these only owe one to three years' subscriptions; but in each case the heavy arrears of others make the total for the Conference considerable. As annuities are paid to Supernumeraries and widows, not on the years of service, but only on those for which subscriptions have been paid, it is obviously in the interest of Ministers concerned that they should make their payments up to date.

As shown in the balance-sheet, the amount due from Circuit levies is nearly £300 more than last year, but the payments for December quarter, which should be received in the office during the present month, will reduce the item by £2089 15s. 6d. It has not been found possible to deal finally with the amount in suspense in Queensland, which was reported last year, but correspondence is proceeding, and a full report respecting it will be presented to the General Conference.

Attention is drawn to the absolute necessity of Conference Treasurers filling in the forms supplied by the office, and required by Rule, when remitting. Unless this is done, accurate accounts cannot be kept.

In April last sixteen Supernumeraries were placed on the Fund by the Annual Conferences, and eight more widows became claimants. The annuities payable to these totalled £1763 11s. 8d. One Minister who had been exempted from joining the Fund also became a Supernumerary, and the proportion of Circuit levies was duly paid to him.

During the year seven Supernumeraries who were on the Fund, and three widows, have died. Four of the deceased Supernumeraries left widows, who are claimants. The nett amount of lapsed annuities, through deaths, is about £600. Three Supernumeraries returned to the full work after last Conference. Those who retired showed an average term of service of 35.7 years.

The number of Annuitants on the books on 31st December was—Supernumeraries, 90; widows, 106.

On removing to Ballarat in April last, the Rev. J. G. Wheen resigned his position on the Board, and with the approval of the President of the Conference the Rev. E. Wason Nye was appointed to fill the vacancy.

To literally carry out paragraph 481 of the *Book of Laws*, Mr. B. Dawborn, the senior Lay Treasurer, should retire at the General Conference; but as he has only served seven years, while the Rule contemplates a possible term of twelve years, and as all the other Treasurers have been changed since 1900, the Board requests the Victoria and Tasmania Annual Conference to recommend to the General Conference the suspension of this regulation, and that Mr. Dawborn be reappointed.

WILLIAM MORLEY	} General Treasurers.
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	
WILLIAM PRESLEY	
THOMAS LOCKWOOD	
THOMAS GROVE	
GEORGE SWEET	
E. WASON NYE	
THOMAS BOND	

Triennial Report to the General Conference of 1907, and to the Annual Conferences Preceding.

THE Treasurers have the honour to submit the following:—

1. The Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts for the years 1904, 1905, and 1906 have been duly submitted to the Victoria and Tasmania Annual Conference, as per Rule. Copies of these reports and accounts have also been sent to each of the Annual Conferences, and bound up with their *Minutes*.

2. The Returns required by Resolutions 13 and 14 of the Melbourne General Conference of 1904 will be forwarded to the General Conference in May next.

3. The Committee of Inquiry appointed three years ago having determined to obtain a valuation of the Fund by Mr. D. Carment, F.I.A., F.F.A., of Sydney, lists of all the members of the Fund, with term of service and other necessary information, was supplied, and a valuation obtained as at 31st December, 1905. This valuation, with Mr. Carment's report, has been printed by that Committee in the *Minutes* of its proceedings.

4. In view of the above action, the Board has not thought it necessary to call in other professional aid, as it is empowered to do, but recommends that Mr. Carment's Report, Tables, and Valuation be printed in the *Minutes* of the General Conference.

5. From the balance-sheet it will be seen that the authority to invest in Government securities in other States than Victoria has been of advantage, and New Zealand and Western Australian Debentures have been purchased.

6. Since the last General Conference, £1514 14s. 5d. has been paid into the Fund on account of the purchase of benefits by Ministers coming into the Church in connection with Methodist Union.

7. The Treasurers have pleasure in reporting that the rate of interest earned during each year of the triennium just closing has been equal to that reported for 1901, 1902, and 1903, and that while the liabilities have been increasing, there has been an addition to the assets of £51,907 1s. 11d.

8. It is a gratification to the Treasurers to report the receipt of a legacy of £1000 from the estate of the late Mrs. C. Drew, and a first payment from the Book-room, London, of £327 10s., on account of the profits of the New Hymn-book.

9. Strenuous efforts have been made by the Treasurers to secure the payment of the heavy arrears and fines reported in 1904, in terms of the Special Resolution then passed. A full statement of the several cases dealt with will be submitted to the General Conference up to date.

10. A Return of Ministers who joined the Church in connection with Methodist Union, but have not purchased into the Fund, or paid subscriptions, and of those who have only paid current subscriptions, will also be forwarded.

11. There have been some additions during the triennium to the properties in possession, these being almost exclusively from mortgages taken many years ago.

12. Considerable expenditure for repairs and sewerage of these properties has been necessary, but with the exception of some pieces of vacant land, all are now let. Very few properties have been disposed of, but those that have been have realised higher prices than was thought possible two or three years since. The Board has constantly before it the desirability of realising the remainder, as soon as it is prudent to do so. Meantime, having again gone carefully through the lists, it is considered that the amount set aside for Suspense Account will meet all probable losses.

13. It will be seen from the balance-sheet that the remainder of the loan granted to the Connexional Buildings Trust, Melbourne, in 1888-9 has not yet been repaid.

14. Since the last General Conference, on the recommendation of the Committee of Advice in that State, and after a visit of inspection by the Managing Treasurer, loans on mortgage have been made in Western Australia.

15. While the greater part of the amount lent on mortgage has been advanced in Victoria, nearly one-fourth is so invested in New South Wales, and smaller amounts in Queensland and Western Australia. In all these cases, the properties are carefully inspected and reported upon by members of the Board of Treasurers, or of the Committee of Advice, as well as certified to by a paid valuator.

16. On account of removal from Melbourne, in 1905, the Rev. W. Hunt resigned his position on the Board, and the Rev. J. G. Wheen in 1906. With the approval of the President of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, the Revs. T. Grove and E. Wason Nye were elected to fill these vacancies. According to Rule, Mr. Dawborn, the senior Lay Treasurer of the Board, should retire at the General Conference in May next; but in view of the fact that, with the exception of himself and Mr. Lockwood, all the Treasurers have been changed since 1901, it is recommended that he be reappointed.

17. The Board recommends that Messrs. W. A. Mewton, F.I.A.V., and H. G. M'Cutcheon, F.I.A.V., be the Auditors of the Fund during the interval between the General Conference in May next and the succeeding one.

WILLIAM MORLEY	} General Treasurers.
BENJAMIN DAWBORN	
WILLIAM PRESLEY	
THOMAS LOCKWOOD	
THOMAS GROVE	
GEORGE SWEET	
E. WASON NYE	
THOMAS BOND	

MELBOURNE, 30th January, 1907.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS'

DR.	REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR		
To Ministers' Annuities ..	£7,720	14	8
„ Widows' Annuities ..	4,117	19	8

„ Furniture Grants ..			£11,838 14 4
„ Ministers' Subscriptions returned ..			659 3 4
„ Ministers' Arrears written off ..			231 11 6
„ Ministers' Fines remitted ..			203 0 0
„ Auditors' Fees ..			17 15 0
„ Salaries—			71 8 0
Managing Treasurer ..	£300	0	0
Accountant and Clerks ..	255	15	0

„ Managing Treasurer—			555 15 0
House Rent ..	£90	0	0
Furniture Allowance ..	10	0	0
Travelling Expenses ..	7	12	0
Connexional Levies ..	27	10	0

„ Rent—Office ..	£94	13	4
Less Sub-Rent ..	28	0	0

„ Printing and Stationery ..			66 13 4
„ Exchange and Bank Charges ..			27 10 7
„ General Expenses—			33 6 0
Telephone ..	£9	0	0
Cost of Inspection, Melbourne ..	6	9	9
Postages, &c., Sydney and Perth ..	15	8	8
Office Cleaning ..	11	18	6
Rent—Safe Deposit ..	4	9	0
Sundries ..	23	6	5

„ Postages and Telegrams ..			70 12 4
„ Commissions paid—New South Wales, Queensland, and West Australia ..			35 18 1
„ Properties in Possession, being provision for falling-in of Lease ..			153 18 11
„ Special Committee of Inquiry Expenses ..			60 0 0
„ Actuarial Expenses ..			216 0 11
„ Conference Treasurers' Expenses ..			400 0 0
„ Balance transferred to Capital Account ..			60 16 10
			17,069 4 0

			£31,906 10 2

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

OF AUSTRALASIA
AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1906.

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By English Annuitant Societies	£758 3 2	
" Interest on Mortgages	£11,080 8 5		
Less in Suspense for Year	234 15 0		
	<u>£10,845 13 5</u>		
" Interest on Debentures and Govt. Stock	2,252 15 7		
" Interest on Deposit—Royal Bank	61 17 5		
" Interest on Second Marriage Premiums	13 0 0		
" Interest on Furniture Grants " " Purchase of Bene- fits	0 2 6		
	<u>14 19 11</u>	13,188 8 10	
" Dividend Commercial Bank .. ..	.. ..	54 0 0	
" Rents—Properties in Possession (net)	.. ..	1,762 6 11	
" Ministers' Subscriptions	£6,361 13 0		
" Ministers' Fines	215 10 0		
	<u>£6,577 3 0</u>		
" Ministers' Subscriptions—Amount received from Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund	66 19 3		
		<u>6,644 2 3</u>	
" Mission Stations .. ..	.. ..	7 7 0	
" Circuit Levies .. ..	.. ..	8,427 7 0	
" Commissions Received .. ..	.. ..	11 2 0	
" Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures—Profit on Sale .. ..	.. ..	53 8 0	
" Donation .. ..	.. ..	0 5 0	
" Legacy .. ..	.. ..	1,000 0 0	
		<u>£31,906 10 2</u>	

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

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

30th January, 1907.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA
 SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

BALANCE-SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1906.

LIABILITIES.			
To Capital ..	£333,813	2	4
Plus Revenue Account transferred ..	17,069	4	0
	£350,882	6	4
„ Sundry Creditors ..	..	..	83 4 0

ASSETS.			
By Investments—			
Loans on Mortgage ..	£227,611	3	4
„ Interest—Arrears ..	2,471	4	8
„ „ Accrued ..	1,183	16	2
	£231,266	4	2
Less Interest in Suspense ..	1,038	8	6
	£230,227	15	8
Bills Receivable ..	200	0	0
	£230,427	15	8
Properties in Possession ..	55,911	16	0
Preference Shares, Commercial Bank ..	1,800	0	0
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Debentures ..	39,536	19	8
Victorian Government Stock and Debentures ..	14,630	4	8
West Australian Government Debentures (at cost) ..	4,000	0	0
New Zealand Government Debentures (at cost) ..	4,054	0	0
Interest, Dividend, and Rent Accrued ..	712	9	11
	£351,073	5	11
Less Provision for Shrinkage in the Value of Securities and Losses of Interest as per Reserve Account ..	20,491	9	2
	£330,581	16	9

„ Ministers' Subscriptions and Fines ..	£9,760	5	6	
Less amount Paid in Advance	£74	2	9	
Less amount to be paid by Ministers who, through Methodist Union, have purchased Annuities in the Fund ..	1,848	3	10	
				<u>1,922 6 7</u>
„ Circuit Levies				7,837 18 11
„ „ „ in Suspense (Queensland)				3,150 12 10
„ Furniture Grants				592 13 11
„ Second Marriage Premiums				435 5 0
„ English Annuitant Society				44 14 0
„ Furniture—House				200 3 0
„ Office				130 0 0
„ Petty Cash and Postage Stamps				75 18 10
„ Committee of Advice, Sydney (Cash in hand and Bank) ..				5 13 6
„ „ „ Perth „ „ ..				1,571 1 11
„ „ „ „ „ ..				57 11 4
„ Cash at Bankers and in hand, Melbourne				6,282 0 4
				<u>£350,965 10 4</u>

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DR.	RESERVE ACCOUNT.	(PROVISION FOR LOSSES).	CR.
1906—31st Dec.—To Loss on Sale—Property in Possession	£60 1 1	1905—31st Dec.—By Balance	£20,491 10 3
To Balance (see Amount deducted from Investments in Balance-sheet)	20,491 9 2	1906—31st Dec.—By Properties in Possession—Provision for falling-in of Lease	60 0 0
	<u>£20,551 10 3</u>		<u>£20,551 10 3</u>
			<u>£20,551 10 3</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, with the exception of those certified to as held by the Solicitors, and found them in order, each advance being represented by a mortgage for its amount, with the following exceptions, viz.:—Connexional Buildings, £598 8s. 6d.; No. 212, £1000; No. 326, £115 11s. 7d.

WM. MORLEY, MANAGING TREASURER.

MELBOURNE, 30th January, 1907.

WM. A. MEWTON, F.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.
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