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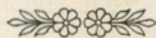
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**THE FIRST
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in
1874.

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

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of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (United) was held
in 1913.

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The Sixth Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Trinity Church, Dunedin, on Thursday, 28th February, 1918, and concluded its session on March 8th, 1918.

The session was opened by the Rev. W. A. Sinclair, President.

QUESTION 1.—Who are the Members of this Conference?**1.—MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION WITH THE CONFERENCE.**

David McNicoll
 William J. Williams
 George Bond
 Thomas G. Hammond
 James Guy
 Daniel J. Murray
 William Baumber
 Samuel Lawry
 Alfred Peters
 Christopher Abernethy
 Thos. G. Brooke
 John Dukes
 Chas. H. Garland
 James T. Pinfold, D.D.
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 George Frost
 Harold E. Bellhouse
 George H. Mann
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 John W. Griffin
 John A. Lochore
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 Henry L. Blamires
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 W. Arthur Hay
 T. Arthur Pybus
 Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
 William Wills
 E. Percy Blamires
 William Greenslade
 Jonathan H. Haslam
 George P. Hunt

Arthur Liversedge
 Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
 Samuel Bailey
 George S. Cook
 Clarence Eaton
 Jacob Featherston
 Amos Reader
 Thomas Coatsworth
 Walter J. Oxbrow
 Ernest D. Patchett
 M. A. Rugby Pratt
 Benjamin J. James
 R. J. Liddell
 Ernest O. Blamires
 Angus McBean.
 J. Harris
 Basil Metson
 Raymond Richards
 William H. E. Abbey
 Charles Blair
 Edwin T. Cox, M.A.
 Charles B. Jordan, B.A.
 Frederick Rands
 H. Ryan
 William H. Speer
 Robert B. Tinsley
 Joseph B. Suckling
 Nicholas Turner
 Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 Albert H. Fowles
 Arthur Hopper
 George B. Hinton
 William Walker

FOREIGN MISSION DEPUTATION:

A. H. Scriven (Papua)

CONNEXIONAL EVANGELIST:

Val. Trigge

PROBATIONERS:

Charles A. Foston
 Samuel J. Werren
 William G. Slade, M.A.
 John R. Nelson

NATIVE MINISTER:

Rakena Piripi

2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.**(a.) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.**

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Children's Fund	
Fire Insurance Fund	H. Buttle

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Home Mission Executive	*J. Trounson
" " "	
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Theological Institution	J. J. Parker

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" " "	*H. Field
" " "	T. W. Jones
" " "	J. Bennett
Auckland (West)	W. Thompson
" " "	A. Beer
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" " "	J. Burton
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" " "	*A. C. Caughey
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Auckland (Birkenhead)	M. Souster
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Franklin	
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Paparoa	H. Hook
Northern Wairoa	T. B. Rogers
North Maori Mission	

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Upper Thames	
" " "	

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Cambridge
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” ”	W. G. Irwin
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Temuka (King Street)	*A. Hamilton
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Ashburton	F. Frampton
”	J. Moore
Willowby	W. T. Lill
Oamaru	F. G. Marshall

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Dunedin (Trinity)	D. M. Miller
” ”	W. H. Ferens
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Dunedin (Cargill Road)	J. B. Shacklock
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	T. W. Hemer
Dunedin (Caversham)	J. Davidson
Dunedin (Mornington)	J. P. Simon
Dunedin (Roslyn)	R. Jamieson
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Balclutha	J. W. H. Clarke
Milton	C. R. Sheat
Roxburgh	T. P. Michelle

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” ”	J. Griffiths
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Gore	E. C. Smith
Otautau	*T. R. Buckingham
Edendale	E. G. Sheat

N.B.—The elected representatives whose names are marked with an asterisk were not present at the Conference.

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

William A. Watson
Who has travelled six years.

Charles A. Foston
Samuel J. Werren
Who have travelled four years.

Joseph R. Sullivan
Who has travelled four years, and been ordained, but is not yet admitted in full Connexion with the Conference.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers Remain on Probation?

1. Oswald Burnet.
A. J. Lester Minifie
William G. Slade, M.A.
Who have travelled three years.

2. Robert E. Fordyce
William H. Hocking
Charles H. Kendon
Ernest E. Sage
Who have travelled two years.

3. John Dennis
Frederick J. Parker
Alfred M. Costain
Tom Dent
John R. Nelson
Who have travelled one year.

The following Probationers are engaged in Military duties:—Frederick B. Lawrence, Arthur A. Bensley, Francis T. Harris, Robert B. Speirs, Percy I. Cooke, Aldwyn R. Gordon, M.A., Henry H. Marshall, Henry J. Odell, E. R. Warburton, A. M. Costain, George E. Brown, and Chas H. Kendon.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Probationers on active service who have served four or more years of probation shall be regarded as eligible for reception into Full Connexion and Ordination, subject to satisfactory reports by the Chaplains relating to their character and conduct, and subject also to any necessary conditions pertaining to post ordination examinations, and that the full number of years be counted in these and all other satisfactory cases.
2. That A. A. Bensley and F. T. Harris be regarded as having completed five years of probation, and that they, together with F. B. Lawrence, who shall be regarded as having completed six years, be received into Full Connexion upon their giving satisfactory replies in writing to the questions which are asked prior to ordination; and, in the event of these replies being satisfactory, that Chaplain Luxford be asked to make arrangements for their ordination either in England or France.

3. That E. T. Olds, S. J. Mogridge, H. H. Marshall, and H. J. Odell be regarded as having passed the third year; W. S. Smith and E. R. Warburton the second year; and W. T. Blight the first year.
4. That those Probationers on active service whose years of probation are allowed shall be expected to pay their personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund for each year allowed, and that the equivalent of the Circuit levies be provided by a special fund to be raised by the Church.

QUESTION IV.—What Preachers are now Received on Probation?

George W. Jackson
Wallace S. Neal
John William Parker
Thomas Skuse

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

None.

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

None.

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

Rakena Piripi
Who has travelled four years.

QUESTION VIII.—Who Remain as Native Preachers on Probation?

Paraire R. Paikea
Who has travelled three years.

QUESTION IX.—Who are now Received as Native Preachers on Probation?

None.

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

None.

QUESTION XI.—What Ministers or Probationers have Died since last Conference?

Paul W. Fairclough
Samuel J. Garlick
Charles Penney
George W. J. Spence

PAUL W. FAIRCLOUGH was for many years one of the most distinguished members of Conference. He possessed rare qualities of mind and heart, all of which were devoted to the service of the Church. His brotherliness was as marked as his intellectual brilliance. He touched nothing that he did not adorn, and all he did was suffused with the glow of kindness. In the various Circuits in which he laboured he has left gratefully cherished memories, and in circles beyond his own Church his name is held in the highest esteem. His was a life of singular charm and usefulness. As President of Conference, Chairman of Districts, and Connexional Editor he rendered the Church invaluable service.

SAMUEL JOSEPH GARLICK was born at Greenwich, London, on March 29, 1848, and came to New Zealand with his parents while he was very young. He was converted in youth under the ministry of "California" Taylor when that honoured evangelist visited Australia and New Zealand. Entering at once into Christian work as a Sunday School teacher and local preacher in Christchurch, Brother Garlick was called to the ministry in 1876, and for 32 years in the active work rendered the Church valuable service in some of the most difficult Circuits in New Zealand. As a preacher he was loyal to fundamental Christian truth, and in many Circuits won numerous young people for Christ. He was a faithful pastor, and his loving ministrations in the homes of the people will be affectionately remembered. At the Conference of 1908 he was superannuated through failing health, but for a time continued to render valued service in the Hutt Circuit. After a protracted illness he entered into rest on August 27, 1917.

CHARLES PENNEY began his ministerial career in the United Methodist Free Church shortly after his arrival in New Zealand, some 41 years ago. In that Church he was Chairman of the Wellington District in 1893. He has left behind him a good record of consistent and useful service to the Connexion. In all his Circuits he was known as a man of upright character, who sought to present the Gospel faithfully to the people, and lead them by precept and example into the Divine way of life. Quietly and sincerely he sought to do his duty as a minister of the New Testament, and we are confident in the hope that to him came the glad word of welcome, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

GEORGE W. J. SPENCE enjoyed the advantages of a godly home, and grew up to manhood amid associations that early determined and developed those qualities of head and heart that found their congenial sphere in the Christian ministry. He was on the President's List of Reserve of the Irish Conference, when he felt the call of God to labour in New Zealand, where he arrived in 1879. His first appointment was to Northern Wairoa, where he cheerfully underwent the physical strain of work wholly new to one fresh from city life, and where he did good and useful service. His subsequent ministry was mainly spent in town Circuits. In Palmerston North, St. Paul's Church is a monument to his energy and perseverance in carrying the effort for its erection to completion. The Conference of 1911 gave expression to its sense of his earnest and faithful ministry by electing him President. In Connexional Offices, as in Circuit administration, he was worked by fidelity to duty. Latterly declining health showed at what a cost he had endured overstrain. The last illness was in harmony with the character of a ministry ever loyal to the essentials of the Gospel and the all-sufficiency of Christ. What he preached he experienced. The end was calm, trustful, and bright.

QUESTION XII.—What Ministers Continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Dumbell
 William Cannell
 John Smith
 William Lee
 John S. Rishworth
 Robert Taylor
 William C. Oliver
 Henry Bull
 David McNicoll
 Joseph S. Smalley
 William H. Beck
 Charles E. Ward
 William J. Williams
 George Bond
 Thomas G. Carr
 Henry R. Dewsbury
 Charles H. Standage
 John Nixon
 James Thomas
 John D. Jory
 Cornelius Griffin
 Peter W. Jones
 Thomas Fee
 Joseph J. Mather
 Hamiora Kingi (Native Supernumerary)
 Thomas W. Newbold
 James Clover
 George T. Marshall (for another year)

MINISTERIAL JUBILEES.

That hearty congratulations be tendered to Revs. George Bond, Henry Bull, David McNicoll, and Joseph S. Smalley on the attainment of their ministerial jubilee.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers now Become Supernumeraries?

William Baumber
 Lewis Hudson
 Thomas N. Griffin
 Joseph Blight

WILLIAM BAUMBER has rendered long, able, and faithful service in the Church. As President of the Conference, Chairman of Districts, Representative to the General Conference, member of important Connexional Committees, and Superintendent of leading Circuits, he has been a leader of the Church of the highest order. During the last six years his chairmanship of the Nelson District has been of great benefit to the Church, and has contributed to the prosperity of the highest spiritual interests of the whole District. He retires from the active work of the ministry with the warmest esteem and unflinching admiration of all who have been associated with him.

LEWIS HUDSON entered the ministry in the year 1879, and for nearly 40 years proved himself a faithful minister of the New Testament. Seven years were spent in Queensland, and in both Conferences he was appointed to important Circuits, where he laboured with success and acceptance. He was the first Editor of the "New Zealand Methodist Times," and it is due to his excellent work that the paper won its way. His ministry was characterised by thoroughness, devotion, and evangelical fervour, winning for him the esteem and confidence of his brethren, and the affectionate regard of the people to whom he ministered.

THOMAS N. GRIFFIN, after 38 years' devoted service, has been compelled through ill health to become a Supernumerary. A candidate of the English Wesleyan Conference, he was, after training, transferred to New Zealand, where he has served in a number of important Circuits with great acceptance. In some of them he has done a considerable amount of pioneer work. His pulpit ministrations have been characterised by thoughtfulness and evangelical fervour, and his pastoral work, combined with his geniality of nature, has won him hosts of friends. In official capacities he has filled his positions with credit to himself and benefit to his Church.

JOSEPH BLIGHT, during his 23 years' ministry, served the New Zealand Church with the utmost fidelity. His well-balanced judgment as a Circuit administrator, his directness as a preacher, and his wide sympathies have won for him the esteem and affection of the Conference. For the past four years Mr and Mrs Blight have been in charge of the North Island Orphanage at Mount Albert, and the Children's Home is under ideal management. He retires from the ordinary ranks of the active ministry to become a permanent Supernumerary with the prayers of the Church for his welfare and with sustained interest in his present useful service.

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

None.

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers or Probationers have Permission to Rest during the Year?

Charles A. Sims

With permission to reside in Australia.

Percy Battey

R. B. Gosnell

George E. Brown

Egbert R. Warburton

With permission to serve the Y.M.C.A.

QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers are left without Pastoral Charge?

QUESTION XVII.—Is any Minister or Probationer Designated for Foreign Missions?

Joseph B. Suckling

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QUESTION XVIII.—What Ministers or Probationers is it agreed to Transfer to or Receive from any other Conference?

James Wilson (to the New South Wales Conference).

Joseph B. Suckling (to the New South Wales Conference, for Foreign Mission work).

N.B.—The New South Wales Conference is requested to transfer the Rev. W. R. Poole to New Zealand in 1919.

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

The Districts were called one by one.

QUESTION XX.—What Persons who were in Full Connexion now Cease to be Recognised as Ministers of this Conference?

Herbert Daniel (who has voluntarily retired).

QUESTION XXI.—What are the Arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students, and Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionaries?

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Secretary and Convener	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam
Principal, Theological College	...	Rev. C. H. Garland
Honorary Members	...	Revs. J. H. Simmonds, J. J. Lewis, W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, T. G. Hammond, H. E. Bellhouse, and A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S.

(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Hebrew (1st and 2nd years) and Elementary Hebrew	...	Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.
Hebrew (3rd and 4th years)	...	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	...	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam
Elementary Greek	...	Rev. W. Laycock
Latin	...	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
English Bible (Old Testament), 1st and 2nd years	...	Rev. T. J. Wallis
English Bible (Old Testament), 3rd and 4th years	...	Rev. J. Wrigley
English Bible (New Testament), 1st and 2nd years	...	Rev. W. J. Elliott
English Bible (New Testament), 3rd and 4th years	...	Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.
Beet's Manual of Theology	...	Rev. J. A. Lochore
Wesley's Sermons	...	Rev. G. Frost
Church History (1st and 2nd years)	...	Rev. T. A. Pybus
Church History (3rd and 4th years)	...	Rev. F. W. Boys
The Book of Laws	...	Rev. T. W. Vealie

The Person of Christ (Mackintosh)	Rev. T. A. Joughin
Psychology (James)	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
An Outline of Theology (Clarke)	Rev. J. Guy
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)	Rev. W. A. Sinclair
Ethics (Dewey and Tuft)	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett)	Rev. W. A. Hay
Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Peabody)	Rev. J. Cocker
Hinduism (Haigh) and Mohammedanism (Mar- goliouth)	Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology	Rev. E. Drake
Exegesis	Rev. A. C. Lawry
English	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
Latin	Rev. C. B. Jordan, B.A.
Greek	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.
Hebrew	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.
Mathematics	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
History	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
Geography	Rev. E. P. Blamires

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Section A	Rev. A. Ashcroft
Section B	Rev. C. B. Jordan, B.A.
Section C	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	Rev. P. J. Cossum
Theology	Rev. W. S. Potter
Bible Knowledge	Rev. E. P. Blamires
Church History	Rev. E. D. Patchett
Homiletics	Rev. C. C. Harrison

(E) Examiners for Maoris.

Bible (Old and New Testaments)	} Rev. B. F. Rothwell
Wesley's Sermons	
Clapperton's Manual	
Theology	
Church History (Cowan)	
Social Teaching (Keeble)	
Tongue of Fire (Arthur)	
Wesley and His Century (Fitchett)	

II.—EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

1. The Examination Committee shall consist of the President and the Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen of Districts, such Members of the Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference, and ten other Ministers, who shall be chosen by the President from those attending Conference.
2. The Committee shall sit on the day prior to the meeting of the Conference.
3. The Committee shall receive all reports, including all individual reports from Examiners, concerning Probationers, Students, and Candidates, conduct the oral examinations, and make recommendations to the Conference in each case.

4. The Conference shall appoint a small Committee in the town in which the following Conference is to meet, such Committee to make arrangements for the hearing of Candidates' trial sermons. Each Committee appointed to hear a trial sermon shall include at least one member of the Examination Committee, who shall present the report to the Examination Committee.
5. The duties of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall be as follow: (a) To direct the studies of the Students on the President's List of Reserve, and arrange for suitable examination therein. (b) To collate the reports on the Probationers', Students', Candidates', and Home Missionaries' examinations; to assess the Probationers' book lists and the Candidates' written sermons; to receive all communications from Probationers and Home Missionaries with regard to their examinations; to receive all papers from examiners, arrange for their typing and forwarding to the Chairmen of Districts, who shall return the papers with the examinees' answers thereon to the individual examiners; and to prepare a general report on the examinations for the Examination Committee. (c) To act as Convener of the Examination Committee, keep a record of its proceedings, and present its findings to the Conference. (d) To act generally as executive officer of the Board of Examiners during the year, with the members of the Board located in the same town as a consultative committee.
6. The Committee shall keep a careful record of its proceedings, which shall be confirmed at the close thereof, and signed by the President. The Committee shall have power to advise and admonish Probationers as to their studies and Circuit work, but should any serious case arise they shall report it to the Committee of Complaints and Appeals, which Committee shall have the right to call for the records of the Examination Committee, should they be needed in any inquiry upon which they may be engaged.
7. The Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits shall be the Committee to make arrangements for the hearing of Candidates' trial sermons.

III.—EXAMINATIONS.

1. The time allowed for each Examination Paper shall be three hours in all cases.
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, and in no case shall any special parts be notified.
3. The Examination Papers for Candidates shall be printed, when necessary, and the papers for Probationers typewritten, except in the case of those in Greek, Hebrew, and Mathematics.
4. Probationers must themselves communicate with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners not later than June 30, stating the subjects in which they are preparing to be examined. The Secretary shall report to the Board the names of all Probationers who fail to comply with this regulation. The regulation does not apply to Students who are called out after May 31.
5. Where a Probationer fails from any cause to take a subject which he has notified the Secretary of the Board it was his intention to take, the Chairman of the District shall, as soon as possible, notify the Secretary of the fact.
6. The Examinations of Probationers, Students on the President's List of Reserve, and Home Missionaries shall be held in the second week of December and the examination of Candidates in the second week of October.*

* The examination for Candidates this year shall commence on Tuesday, October 8, and for Probationers, etc., on Tuesday, December 10.

7. The subjects for examination shall be taken in the order in which they appear in the Minutes of Conference.
8. Examiners shall send to the Secretary of the Board, in closed envelopes, copies of Probationers' and Candidates' Examination Papers, as notified, not later than November 10. [See under Examination Committee, 5 (b).]
9. Each Chairman is required to make arrangements for securing the strict supervision, according to instructions supplied by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, of all examinations to be held in the District, the Supervisors to be, if possible, Ministers of our own Church, who shall certify that the papers have been duly supervised and transmit the answers to questions to the Chairman of the District, who shall forward them to the individual Examiners.
10. Each Examiner shall, not later than January 15, send a written report on the several papers examined by him to the Secretary of the Board; such written reports, in the case of Candidates only, to be sent to Conference for reference.
11. The Secretary shall then prepare a General Report for the ensuing Conference, which shall include, in the case of the Fourth Year Probationers, a summary of the results obtained in the four yearly examinations.
12. That part of the Secretary's Report which consist 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 in the Conference Journal.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Genesis, chapters i-iv.
2. New Testament (Greek): St. John, chapters i-iv, Cambridge Greek Text, and Green's Handbook to the Grammar of the Greek Testament (Revised).
3. Old Testament (English): Genesis, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Matthew and Mark, with Century Bible.
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 1-223.
6. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20, 40, 43-45.
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 1-143.
8. The Book of Laws—Sections relating to Church Members, Circuit Officials, Local Courts, Ministers, District Courts, and the Conference.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Psalms xl-xlix.
2. New Testament (Greek): St. Mark, chapters xi-xvi; Cambridge Greek Text, and Green's Grammar.
3. Old Testament (English): Job, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Luke and John, with Century Bible.
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 231-437.
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 144-286.
7. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," first half.
8. James's "Text Book of Psychology."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Nahum and Habakkuk.
2. New Testament (Greek): Romans vii-xi, with Sanday and Headlam's Commentary.

3. Old Testament (English): Isaiah, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Romans and Ephesians, with Century Bible.
5. Clarke's "Outline of Theology."
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 237,483.
7. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," second half.
8. Lindsay's "The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries."
9. Dewey and Tuft's "Ethics," Part I.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Song of Songs.
2. New Testament (Greek): I and II Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.
3. Old Testament (English): Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
5. Lidgett's "The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement."
6. Fisher's Church History, pp. 484-664.
7. Dewey and Tuft's "Ethics," Parts II and III.
8. Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."
9. Haigh's "Leading Ideas of Hinduism" and Margoliouth's "Mohammedanism."

N.B.—Probationers taking Hebrew are recommended to consult the following Commentaries:—For the first and second years, International Critical Commentary; for third and fourth years, Century Bible.

REGULATIONS.

1. The minimum number of marks required for a pass in any subject shall be 50 per cent.
2. 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 the Conference as having passed with Honours, provided he pass in Greek.
3. Except as hereinafter provided, Probationers of the first year shall be examined and pass in not less than four subjects. Probationers of the three following years shall be examined and pass in five subjects. Probationers who sit for English subjects only must take and pass in Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6. Probationers sitting for Hebrew and Greek must take and pass in Nos. 5 and 6 in addition. Probationers sitting for Greek, and not Hebrew, must take and pass in Old Testament English and Nos. 5 and 6. Probationers sitting for neither Greek nor Hebrew must take and pass in Old Testament English and New Testament English.
4. The Conference requires every Probationer who is acquainted with Greek or Hebrew to take the Greek or Hebrew papers specified in the list of subjects for his year.
5. Probationers are reminded that the Greek Testament is a compulsory subject through the whole course for those who have passed through College, and that they must secure a pass therein. The examination papers in Greek shall be divided into two parts—Section A to deal with Greek Text, Grammar, and Composition (maximum marks, 75); Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks, 25). Those who have not passed through the College shall take, in their first year, Smith's *Initia Græca*, pp. 1 to 59; in their second year, p. 59 to the end; in their third year, a review of the whole book; and in their fourth year, the Greek Testament as prescribed. This elementary Greek does not exempt from taking the New Testament in English, but it will count as one of the subjects required to be taken.

6. Probationers who have not been in the College are urged to study Hebrew, for which purpose a special curriculum has been provided as follows:—First year, Green's Handbook, pp. 1 to 91; second year, Green's Handbook, pp. 91 to 146.
7. When a Probationer desires to secure exemption from some of his subjects of examination in order to take University work, such exemption shall not be granted in the fourth year, nor for more than two years altogether. Exemptions shall be made by the Board of Examiners, through its Secretary.
8. In all cases where "University work" is being done in lieu of regular subjects, Probationers are required to sit for the University and College examinations involved, and a statement of subjects taken, work done, and success gained shall be obtained by them from their tutors or some University authority, and sent on by them to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
9. In the case of a Probationer who may desire to sit for the 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. 5 only.

LATIN.

In addition to the subjects required as above, 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 in the Course of Study. The books set for 1918 are as follows:—

First year: Cæsar, *De Bello Gallico*, Book V.

Second year: Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II.

Third year: Cicero, *De Amicitia*.

Fourth year: Horace, *Odes*, Book I.

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Bible—Smaller Cambridge Bible; Book to be selected by the Examiner.
2. Eldridge's "Theology" (first half).
3. Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 5 (inclusive).
4. Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History."

SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible—Smaller Cambridge Bible; Book to be selected by the Examiner.
2. Eldridge's "Theology" (second half).
3. Wesley's Sermons, 6 to 11 (inclusive).
4. Arthur's "Tongue of Fire."

THIRD YEAR.

1. Bible—Smaller Cambridge Bible; Book to be selected by the Examiner.
2. Gregory's "Theological Student" (first half).
3. Edwards's "Primer of Homiletics."
4. Wesley's Sermons, 12 to 20 (inclusive).

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible—Smaller Cambridge Bible; Book to be selected by the Examiner.
2. Gregory's "Theological Student" (second half).
3. Clapperton's "Local Preacher's Manual."
4. Wesley's Sermons, 40 to 45 (inclusive).

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

The course of study in the Theological College shall be as follows, subject from time to time to such conditions or alterations as Conference may direct:—

1. Systematic Theology.
2. Bible Exegesis.
3. Homiletics.
4. Child Psychology, Principles of Pedagogy and S.S. Organisation.
5. Elocution.
6. English Language and Literature.
7. Latin Language and Literature.
8. Greek Language and Literature, including Greek Testament.
9. Hebrew Language and Literature.
10. Mental Science.
11. Mathematics.
12. Economics.

When sufficiently advanced, Students will be required to attend lectures at the University College, and to take the University examinations. Haslett's "Pedagogical Bible School" shall be one of the text books used in Subject 4

MEMORANDA.

The attention of the Board of Studies is called to the resolutions re Missionary Training of Theological Students adopted by the Board of Missions and appearing in Minutes of Conference, 1914, p. 97, and to the advisability of keeping the Students in touch with the Foreign Mission enterprise of the Church.

That in the arrangement of the curriculum the Board of Studies be instructed to give greater prominence to elocution, and to arrange that at the end of the second term a test of the Students be held in the reading of Holy Scripture, and of hymns, and in the recital of extracts from some of the great English writers.

REGULATIONS.

1. The Principal of the College shall act as tutor in the following subjects:—Theology, Exegesis, Homiletics, Elocution, and Greek Testament.
2. The Board of Studies, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the Principal of the College, and three other Ministers appointed annually by the Board of Examiners, shall meet as soon as possible after the opening of the College and arrange the course of studies for the year. (For 1918 the Board of Studies consists of the Principal, the Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse, H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., and W. A. Burley, M.A.)
3. Only those Students who can satisfy the Board of Studies that there is a reasonable hope of their passing the Matriculation examination at the end of the first year, or, at the latest, the second year, shall take the course.
4. All students who take terms at the University shall sit for the term examinations.
5. No undergraduate shall be excused from taking any portion of the theological course of the College—viz., Greek Testament, Theology, Exegesis, and Homiletics.
6. Students shall be permitted, subject to the approval of the Committee of Discipline, to substitute Maori for one of the other subjects of study.
7. The Principal shall 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.

VII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS ON PRESIDENT'S LIST OF RESERVE.

1. The Students on the President's List of Reserve are required to pursue their studies under the direction of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall arrange for suitable papers, and report thereon to the Board.
2. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall be subject to the regulations governing the preaching of Trial Sermons and presenting Book Lists in the cases of Probationers and Candidates. (See under separate headings.)

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

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). The marks for the two subjects shall be shown separately, 70 being the maximum for Bible Knowledge, and 30 for Church History.
2. Systematic Theology—Second Catechism and Gregory's "Theological Student."

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to have carefully read Wesley's 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 Manual of English Grammar and Composition. (b) An Essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner.
2. Latin—Longman's Latin Course, Part I.
3. Greek—Smith's *Initia Græca*, to the Auxiliary Verb, page 59.
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 Workman).
2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilinear Figures and Area of Rectilinear Figures. (Geometry, Parts I and II. Baker and Bourne.)
3. Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems, to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i to xxii.)

REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be three Examiners, one for each section of the subjects A, B and C.
2. Examination Papers shall be set as follows:—
 - (a) General Bible Knowledge and Church History.
 - (b) Systematic Theology.
 - (c) English Grammar and Composition.

- (d) Latin.
 - (e) Greek.
 - (f) Hebrew.
 - (g) Geography, History and Science.
 - (h) Arithmetic.
 - (i) Geometry.
 - (j) Algebra.
3. The results for each subject shall be classed in the following manner :—
 - 85 to 100 per cent. of marks : First Class.
 - 70 to 84 per cent. of marks : Second Class.
 - 50 to 69 per cent. of marks : Third Class.
 - Below 50 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. Candidates for the Ministry are required to prepare for the Matriculation Examination of the New Zealand University in the literary and mathematical subjects (Greek excepted), and in the event of their sitting, the report of their marks shall be obtained by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and reported to the Examination Committee, and they shall be exempted from sitting for the Conference Examination.
 6. The Hebrew text-book shall be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.
 7. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the names and scholastic status of all the Candidates recommended in his Circuit.
 8. 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 draw the attention of all intending Candidates in his Circuit to the fact that they are required to apply to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners at the earliest possible moment for information and guidance respecting the Course of Study for Candidates. 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 intending presentation at the Synod. In presenting a Candidate to Synod, his Superintendent shall certify that he has undergone reasonable preparation for taking the Candidates' examinations. Copies of previous years' papers for Candidates may be had on application to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

IX.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

1. General Bible Knowledge (Maori).
2. Second Catechism (English).

SECTION B.

1. English Language—(a) Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar"; (b) Correction of Common Errors; (c) Essay on some easy subject of importance to the Young Maori Movement (subject to be chosen by the Examiner).
2. Geography—"Southern Cross Imperial Geography," for Standards V and VI, Parts I and II only.
3. History—Mackenzie's "Nineteenth Century," parts dealing with Great Britain.
4. Arithmetic—"New Southern Cross," for Standard V.

X.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

- English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (pp. 1 to 80).
 Theology—Second Catechism.
 Bible Knowledge—Dods's "Genesis" (Bible Class Handbooks), Chapter 12 to end.

SECOND YEAR.

- English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (p. 81 to end).
 Church History—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History."
 Theology—Gregory's "Theological Student" (pp. 1 to 159).
 Bible Knowledge—Anderson's "Gospel According to St. Matthew" (Clark's Bible Class Handbooks).

THIRD YEAR.

- English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (whole book).
 Theology—Gregory's "Theological Student" (p. 160 to end).
 Homiletics—Clapperton's "Manual for Local Preachers."
 Bible Knowledge—Ross's "Teaching of Jesus" (Clark's Bible Class Handbooks).

REGULATIONS.

1. That the above Syllabus be compulsory on all entering the Home Mission work, and on all employed as Home Missionaries of less than five years' standing and under forty-five years of age, except in special cases, when a dispensation has been granted by the President, in consultation with the Chairman of the District. Every such case shall be reported to the next meeting of the Examination Committee.
2. That a list of those passing in each year be recorded in the Minutes, honours being awarded to those gaining an average of 75 per cent.

N.B.—For regulations regarding Trial Sermons and Book Lists, see under other headings.

RESULTS OF HOME MISSIONARIES' EXAMINATIONS, 1917.

W. B. Pickering passed Second Year's Examination.

(Home Missionaries who have taken the full course and completed four years in the work are entitled to a seat in the Annual Synod.)

XI.—TRIAL SERMONS.

1. 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 10, 10 to represent the maximum. Reports are to be according to the following directions:—(a) The text and main divisions of the sermon; (b) the judgment of its appointed hearers as to its character in respect of grammar and literary style, soundness of composition, correctness of exegesis, skill in illustration, logical arrangement, evangelical and spiritual purpose, force and earnestness, effect on the congregation, and as to the gifts of the Candidate in respect of voice, manner, and general appearance; (c) the marks to be awarded for the sermon and service conjointly.
2. 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.
3. Each of the Students in the Theological College shall preach a Trial Sermon before one of the Ministers of the Auckland or Onehunga Circuits, prior to the holding of the Auckland District Synod; and a written report of each Sermon shall be presented to the Ministerial Committee of the Auckland District. The Principal is to notify the Students respecting time and place for these Trial Sermons.

4. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall preach Trial Sermons before sub-committees of the Ministerial Committees of the Districts with which they are connected, for report to the Conference as in the cases of Probationers, Students, and Candidates.
5. The District Ministerial Committees shall appoint sub-committees to report on written sermons.
6. Maori Candidates and Probationers shall be subject to all the ordinary rules as to Synod and Conference Trial Sermons. In exceptional cases the sermons may be in the Maori language.

XII.—BOOK LISTS.

1. 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. The Chairman, or a Minister of the District whom he shall appoint, shall conduct an oral examination thereon in the District Ministerial Committee.
2. The Students on the President's List of Reserve shall present book lists to the Ministerial Committees with which they are connected, the Committees reporting to the Conference as in the cases of Probationers, Students, and Candidates.
3. Candidates for the Ministry are required to submit through the District Ministerial Committee a Book List covering their reading during the two years preceding the Synod.
4. Home Missionaries pursuing the three years' course, prescribed for all of less than five years' standing and under forty-five years of age, are required to present Book Lists to their District Ministerial Committee, and to be examined thereon.
5. The Chairman of the District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners all Book Lists submitted to the District Ministerial Committee.
6. The Secretary of the Board shall assess and mark all Book Lists, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 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.
7. The District Ministerial Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to report on all Book Lists.
8. The Chairman of each District, or a Minister appointed by him, shall, at the beginning of the year confer with each Probationer in his District as to the course of reading he proposes to pursue during the year, and shall tender him suitable counsel concerning the same.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

A list of books is subjoined, with a view to guiding the reading of Probationers during their four years' course of study. Probationers are especially urged to read the works marked with an asterisk in the various sections.

I. THEOLOGY :

(A) Biblical—

- Moulton's History of the English Bible.
- Westcott's Bible in the Church.
- Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.
- Westcott's Canon of the New Testament.
- Peake's Critical Introduction to the New Testament.

- *Peake's The Bible: Its Origin, Nature, and Significance.
- Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction.
- Marcus Dods's The Bible: Its Origin and Nature.
- Davidson's Old Testament Prophecy.
- *Davidson's Old Testament Theology.
- *Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
- Davidson's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
- Orr's Problem of the Old Testament.
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets.
- Smith's Book of the Twelve Prophets.
- *Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
- Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.
- Ramsay's St. Paul, Traveller and Citizen.
- *Ramsay's Teaching of S. Paul in Terms of the Present Day.
- Deissmann's Light from the Ancient East.
- Deissmann's St. Paul.
- Shaw's Pauline Epistles.
- Hogg's Christ's Message of the Kingdom.
- Wade's Old Testament History.
- Clarke's Sixty Years with the Bible.
- *Paterson's Rule of Faith.
- Warschauer's What Is the Bible?

(B) Philosophical and Apologetic—

- *Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion.
- Rashdall's Philosophy and Religion.
- Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.
- Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.
- Illingworth's Divine Immanence.
- Illingworth's Doctrine of the Trinity.
- *Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
- Clifford's Ultimate Problems of Christianity
- Orr's Christian View of God and the World.
- Bowne's Studies in Theism.
- Bowne's The Immanence of God.
- Lidgett's Fatherhood of God.
- Denney's Death of Christ.
- Denney's Atonement and the Modern Mind.
- Denney's Jesus and the Gospel.
- Denney's Studies in Theology.
- Warschauer's Problems of Immanence.
- *Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.
- Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.
- Fitchett's Beliefs of Unbelief.
- *Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.
- Ballard's Haeckel's Monism False.
- Ballard's The True God.
- Romanes' Thoughts on Religion.
- Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.
- Walker's Christian Theism.
- *Griffith-Jones' The Ascent Through Christ.
- Schmidt's The Scientific Creed of a Theologian.
- Tabrum's Religious Beliefs of Scientists.
- *Inge's Christian Mysticism.
- Inge's Faith and its Psychology.
- *Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Social Question.
- Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Christian Character.
- Simpson's Spiritual Interpretation of Nature.

(c) Pastoral—

- *Wesley's Address to the Clergy.
- *Arthur's Tongue of Fire.
- Dale's Lectures on Preaching.
- Stalker's Preacher and His Models.
- Beecher's Lectures.
- Phillips Brooks' Lectures on Preaching.
- *Jowett's The Preacher: His Life and Work.
- Gladden's Christian Pastor.
- Dyke's The Christian Minister.
- Garvie's Guide to Preachers.
- Henson's Liberty of Propheying.
- Storr's Preaching Without Notes.
- Jackson's The Fact of Conversion.
- *James's Varieties of Religious Experience.
- Starbuck's Psychology of Religion.
- Coe's The Spiritual Life.
- Coe's Education in Religion and Morals.
- *Coe's The Religion of a Mature Mind.
- Ballard's Does Faith Need Reasons?
- Principles of Religious Education (Symposium edited by Bishop Potter).
- Haslett's Pedagogical Bible School.
- Lawrence's How to Conduct a Sunday School.
- Lamoreaux's The Unfolding Life.

II. CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY:

- Wesley's Journals.
- Hatch's History of Early Church Organisation.
- Tyerman's Life and Times of John Wesley.
- Workman's Church of the West in the Middle Ages.
- Gregory's Scriptural Church Principles.
- Fisher's History of Christian Doctrine.
- *Fitchett's Wesley and His Century.
- New History of Methodism.
- Smith's History of Missions.
- *Report of Edinburgh Missionary Conference.
- Dennis's Social Progress and Christian Missions.
- Findlay's Century of Methodist Missions.
- *Lindsay's Reformation.

III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY:

- Romanes's Darwin and After Darwin.
- Wallace's Darwinism.
- Drummond's Ascent of Man.
- Thomson and Geddes's Evolution.
- Lodge's Man and the Universe.
- Soddy's Matter and Energy.
- Hutton's The Lesson of Evolution.
- Hoffding's Outlines of Psychology.
- Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory.
- Mackenzie's Manual of Ethics.
- Mackenzie's Outline of Metaphysics.
- *Muirhead's Elements of Ethics.
- Jowett's Introductions to Plato.
- Caird's Hegel.
- Wallace's Kant.
- Wardell's First Lessons in Philosophy.

- *Wardell's Contemporary Philosophy.
- Bergson's Creative Evolution.
- *Eucken's Truth of Religion.
- Jones's Rudolf Eucken.
- Bertrand Russell's Problems of Philosophy.
- Marshall's Principles of Economics.
- *Jane T. Stoddart's New Socialism.
- Rae's Contemporary Socialism.
- Hopkins's Profit and Loss in Man.
- Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee.
- Eaton's The Fight Against Drink.
- *Horsley and Sturge's Alcohol and the Human Body.

IV. HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY :

- Plutarch's Lives.
- Horton's History of the Romans.
- *Green's Short History of the English People.
- D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.
- Ranke's History of the Popes.
- Lindsay's Luther.
- Horsburgh's Savonarola.
- Harrison's William the Silent.
- Froude's John Bunyan.
- Boswell's Johnson.
- Rosebery's Pitt.
- *Carlyle's Cromwell's Letters and Speeches.
- Mazzini's Autobiography.
- Besant's Life of Gaspard de Coligny.
- Sabatier's St. Francis of Assisi.
- Life of F. D. Maurice, by his Son.
- *Life of F. W. Robertson, by Stopford Brooke.
- *Life and Letters of Charles Kingsley, by his Son.
- Herbert Spencer's Autobiography.
- Life and Letters of Huxley, by his Son.
- Cook's Life of Ruskin.
- *Tennyson: A Memoir, by his Son.
- Gosse's Father and Son.
- Life of Darwin, by his Son.
- Bonar's Memoirs of R. M. McCheyne.
- G. A. Smith's Life of Henry Drummond.
- Coley's Thomas Collins.
- Letters of James Smetham.
- *Morley's Gladstone.
- Kelman's Faith of Robert Louis Stevenson.
- *R. W. Dale, by his Son.
- Hugh Price Hughes, by his Daughter.
- Dr George Brown's Autobiography.

V. POETRY :

- Shakespeare.
- Milton.
- Matthew Arnold.
- Clough.
- Whittier.
- Browning.
- Tennyson.
- Wordsworth.
- Byron.
- Keats.

Shelley.
 Watson.
 Francis Thompson.
 Longfellow.
 Russell Lowell.
 F. W. H. Myers's St. Paul.
 Sir Edwin Arnold's Light of the World.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS :

Devotional—

Confessions of St. Augustine.
 Thomas a' Kempis's The Imitation of Christ.
 Brother Lawrence's The Practice of the Presence of God.
 Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.
 Bunyan's Grace Abounding.
 Horton's The Open Secret.
 Lunn's Love of Jesus.
 Walter James's The Unveiled Heart.
 Smellie's The Hour of Silence.
 Matheson's Devotional Volumes.
 Dr W. E. Orchard's The Temple.

Fiction—

Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, George Eliot, Meredith, Victor Hugo,
 Stevenson, Mark Rutherford, Rudyard Kipling.

VII. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES :

Lamb, Hazlitt, Leigh Hunt, Macaulay, De Quincey, Matthew
 Arnold, Walter Pater, A. C. Benson, J. A. Symonds, Ruskin,
 Carlyle, Emerson, I. K. Marvel, O. W. Holmes, Bagehot, and
 Birrell.

MEMORANDA.

1. Probationers are recommended to read volumes in the Home University Library, the Cambridge Manuals, and the People's Books, dealing with Religious and Social Questions.
2. The Conference recommends Probationers in their general reading to acquaint themselves with the best classics of English and other literature.
3. Probationers are advised to consult Hastings's Dictionary of the Bible and Hastings's Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels. Those who read Hebrew and Greek should use the volumes of the International Critical Commentary and of the Expositor's Greek Testament.
4. It shall be compulsory for each Probationer to include in his Book List for each year at least two books from each sub-section of "Theology," at least one book from "Church History and Polity," and at least two books from "Science and Philosophy."

RESOLUTION.

N.B.—That Revs. C. H. Garland, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. J. Elliott, A. B. Chappell, M.A., and H. E. Bellhouse (Convener) be a Committee to revise the Lists of Books and to report to the Conference of 1919.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO MAORI PROBATIONERS.

The Fact of Christ (P. Carnegie Simpson, D.D.).
 Brooks by the Traveller's Way (J. H. Jowett, D.D.).
 The Epistles of Peter (J. H. Jowett, D.D.).

- Reasons Why I Believe the Bible (R. A. Torrey, D.D.).
 Life of Gipsy Smith.
 The Unrealised Logic of Religion (W. H. Fitchett).
 Broken Earthenware (H. Begbie).
 The Bridge of History (Thomas Cooper).
 Carmel's Hero (Thomas Champness).
 How We Got Our Bible (J. Paterson Smyth, D.D.).

**LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO HOME
MISSIONARIES.**

4. Each Home Missionary pursuing the three years' course is urged to read the following theological works during the three years:—

- The Mind of the Master (J. Watson, D.D.).
 The Fact of Christ (P. Carnegie Simpson, D.D.).
 The Teaching of Jesus Concerning Himself (James Stalker, D.D.).
 Christianity in the Modern World (D. S. Cairns, D.D.).
 The Teaching of Jesus (G. Jackson, B.A.).
 Resurrection of Jesus (James Orr, D.D.).
 Aspects of Christ (W. B. Selbie, D.D.).
 Doctrines of Grace (J. Watson, D.D.).
 The Work of Christ (P. T. Forsyth, D.D.).
 Modern Substitutes for Christianity (P. McAdam Muir, D.D.).
 Ephesians (R. W. Dale, D.D.).

(All the above are in the Expositor's Library: Hodder and
Stoughton, 2s net.)

- The Faith and Modern Thought (W. Temple, M.A.).
 (Macmillan's Shilling Theological Library.)

UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

1. That no Minister shall be entitled to have his Degree or Fellowship printed in the Minutes until the approval of the Board of Examiners has been obtained.

QUESTION XXII.—Do we Sanction the Alteration or Division of any District or Circuit of this Conference?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **BAY OF ISLANDS.**—Reaffirmation of decision of last Conference in re separation of the Kaikohe district from the Bay of Islands Home Mission Station. (Min. Conf. 1916, p. 35.)
2. **HELENSVILLE.**—(1) That the Helensville Home Mission Station be divided, the new station to include Helensville, Woodhill, Parakai, Waimuku, with other places not yet occupied. (2) That the remaining places, including Kaukapakapa, Silverdale, Winui, Whangaparaoa, Upper Waiwera, Dairy Flat, Makarau, Kanohi, and White Hills, to be known as the Kaukapakapa Home Mission Station.
3. **NORTHERN WAIROA CIRCUIT.**—That the Northern Wairoa Circuit be divided, and a separate Home Mission Station constituted on the east side of the river, to be called the Rehia Home Mission Station, and to include Arapohue, Rehia, Okahu, Pokatoka, Naumai, Raupo, and Ruawai. The Home Missionary to reside at Ruawai.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. That the Opotiki Circuit continue to have a Ministerial Supply, with a suitable grant, and that the Circuit comprise the following places:— Opotiki, Kutarere, Paerata Ridge, Torohunga, and Waimana.
2. That the Whakatane Circuit comprise Whakatane, Taneatua, Awakiri, and Thornton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

MARTON AND TE AWAMUTU.—That the matters relating to the area between these Circuits be referred to the two Synods concerned.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—(1) That the Wellington South Circuit be divided, the new Circuit to include Kilbirnie, Maranui, and Worsler Bay, to be called the Wellington (Kilbirnie) Circuit. (2) In the event of Wellington South Circuit being divided, each Circuit to have a suitable grant. N.B.—The two Circuits are to be worked as one until the Rev. F. T. Read (C.F.) is released from military duties and is able to take charge of the Circuit.

NELSON DISTRICT.

REEFTON.—That a Probationer be appointed.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

SYDENHAM.—That the Cashmere Hills portion of the Sydenham Circuit be transferred to the Durham Street Circuit from January 1, 1918.

QUESTION XXIII.—To what Circuits are additional Preachers to be appointed?

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

1. ARAMOHO.—That the name be changed to Wanganui North, and a Home Missionary appointed with a suitable grant.
2. NORTH TARANAKI.—That the appointment of an additional Native Agent

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

PALMERSTON NORTH (Broad Street).—That the second preacher be a Probationer.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

TEMUKA.—That a second Agent be appointed.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

That Winton Home Mission Station and Otatau Circuit be amalgamated, with a married Minister at Otatau, and a single Home Missionary to reside at the Drummond end of the Circuit, and that a suitable grant be made to the amalgamated Circuit.

QUESTION XXIV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

MOKAU.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

AUCKLAND EAST is due, but is relieved for another year.
 OTAHAHU is due, but is relieved for another year.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

PAEROA is due, but is relieved for another year.
 OPOTIKI is due, but is relieved for another year.
 TAURANGA is due, but is relieved for another year.
 ROTORUA is due, but is relieved for another year.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

MANAIA is due, and fulfils its obligation.
 WAIMARINO is due, but is relieved for another year.
 TAIHAPE is due, but is relieved for another year.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

ST. ALBANS (Edgeware Road) is due, but is relieved for another year.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

TIMARU (Banks Street) is due, but is relieved for another year.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

INVERCARGILL (Teviot Street) is due, and a married Minister is to be appointed if available.

RESOLUTION.

That the following be the order of Circuits in the taking of married Ministers :—

Manaia.

Invercargill (Teviot Street).

Rotorua.

Tauranga.

QUESTION XXVI.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

LIST OF STATIONS
OF THE
Methodist Church of New Zealand.

President :
REV. T. A. JOUCHIN.

Secretary :
REV. E. DRAKE.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1918.

[N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 127, and (1) to (5) for Maori Stations, is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, 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 Central.**—Charles H. Laws, B.A., John J. Lewis, Harry Ranton, M.A., Percy R. Paris, Arthur J. Seamer (C.F.), Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S. (without Pastoral Charge), Joseph S. Smalley (Sup.), James Thomas (Sup.), George T. Marshall (Sup.).
2. **Auckland West.**—Harold E. Bellhouse, William H. Speer, a Home Missionary.
3. **Auckland East.**—James Wrigley, Charles H. Garland, Alfred M. Costain; one wanted; John Smith (Sup.), William Lee (Sup.), David McNicoll (Sup.), George Bond (Sup.), Thomas G. Carr (Sup.), Henry R. Dewsbury (Sup.), Cornelius Griffin (Sup.), Joseph J. Mather (Sup.).
WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE (Three Kings).—Joseph H. Simmonds (Principal).
HOME MISSION FUND.—Thomas G. Brooke (General Secretary).
THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.—Charles H. Garland (Principal).
4. **Auckland (Avondale).**—William A. Burley, M.A., E. E. Sage; a Home Missionary; Joseph Blight (Sup.).
5. **Auckland Methodist Mission.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.
6. **Auckland (North Shore).**—William J. Elliott; one wanted; John H. Rishworth (Sup.).

7. Auckland (Birkenhead).—Harold A. Sharp, John D. Jory (Sup.).
8. Onehunga.—Colin C. Harrison.
9. Otahuhu.—One wanted.
10. Papakura.—Thomas F. Jones.
11. Pukekohe.—J. Frederick Martin; a Home Missionary.
12. Waiuku.—William S. Potter.
13. Mahurangi.—One wanted.
14. Paparua.—Charles Roberts.
15. Northern Wairoa.—John Southern; a Home Missionary.
16. Whangarei.—James R. Clark.
17. Northern Maori Mission.—Thomas G. Hammond (General Superintendent of Maori Missions).
 - (1) NGAPUHI:
 - (a) HOKIANGA.—Piripi Rakena, Te Tuhi Huretini.
 - (b) BAY OF ISLANDS.—Davis Wilcox.
 - (c) WHANGAROA.—Hapeta Renata.
 - (2) KAIPARA.—Paraire R. Paikea.
 - (3) WAIKATO.—Hone M. Hare, Eruera Te Tuhi, Honi Kakuere; a Home Missionary.
- PORT ALBERT.—A Home Missionary.
- COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.
- HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.
- BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary.
- HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary.
- WHANGAROA.—A Home Missionary.
- MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary.
- HIKURANGI.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman of District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

18. Thames.—Samuel J. Serpell.
19. Te Aroha.—John Dukes.
20. Morrinsville.—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.
21. Waihi.—John Olphert.
22. Paeroa.—One wanted.
23. Cambridge.—George S. Cook; a Home Missionary.
24. Hamilton.—Ernest O. Blamires, John D. McArthur, James Clover (Sup.).
25. Huntly.—One wanted.
26. Rotorua.—One wanted; John Nixon (Supply); Harold T. Peat (C.F.).
27. Tauranga.—One wanted.
28. Opotiki.—One wanted.
29. Te Kuiti.—One wanted.

30. Taumarunui.—Robert E. Fordyce.
 31. Te Awamutu.—Samuel Henderson.
 32. Whakatane.—One wanted.
 TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.
 MATAMATA.—A Home Missionary.
 OHURA.—A Home Missionary.
 NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.
 MARAKOPA.—A Home Missionary.
 WAIMIHA.—A Home Missionary.
 HAURAKI PLAINS.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN DUKES, Chairman of District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

33. New Plymouth.—William A. Sinclair, Horace L. Richards; a Home Missionary; William Cannell (Sup.).
 34. Waitara.—George B. Hinton; a Home Missionary.
 35. Inglewood.—Raymond Richards.
 36. Stratford.—Robert B. Tinsley; one wanted.
 37. Eltham.—Archer O. Harris.
 38. Hawera.—Arthur Liversedge.
 39. Manaia.—Frederick J. Parker.
 40. Cape Egmont.—One wanted; a Home Missionary.
 41. Kaponga.—Charles Blair.
 42. Wanganui.—Henry L. Blamires; a Home Missionary.
 43. Wanganui North.—Nicholas Turner.
 44. Rangitikei.—Percy J. Cossum.
 45. Taihape.—William H. Hocking.
 46. Waimarino.—A. J. Lester Minifie.
 (4) WEST COAST MAORI MISSIONS (under the supervision of the General Superintendent of Maori Missions):
 (a) NORMANBY.—Robert T. P. Haddon.
 (b) OPUNAKE.—Neho H. Papakakakura.
 PARIROA.—A Native Home Missionary.
 RAETHI.—A Native Home Missionary.
 EAST EGMONT.—A Home Missionary.
 MOKAU.—A Home Missionary.
 PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM A. SINCLAIR, Chairman of District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

47. Napier.—Thomas R. Richards; a Home Missionary.
 48. Hastings.—M. A. Rugby Pratt.
 49. Gisborne.—William H. E. Abbey; one wanted.
 50. Waipawa.—Charles A. Foston.
 51. Dannevirke.—James Richards.
 52. Woodville.—R. Purcell Keall.
 53. Pahiatua.—Harry Cottom.
 54. Palmerston North (Broad Street).—Frederick W. Boys, Wallace S. Neal.
 55. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Arthur Ashcroft.
 56. Feilding.—George F. Stockwell; one wanted; Peter W. Jones (Sup.).
 57. Sanson-Rongotea.—Benjamin J. James.
 58. Foxton.—Arthur Harding.
 APITI.—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

59. Wellington (Taranaki Street).—James G. Chapman; a Home Missionary; Arthur Mitchell (C.F.), W. Bramwell Scott (C.F.), Fred Rands (C.F.), Leslie B. Neale (C.F.), William A. Watson (C.F.).
 60. Wellington Central Mission.—K. Knowles Smith, Charles H. Standage (Sup.).
 61. Wellington (Thorndon).—Amos Reader; one wanted; John Dumbell (Sup.).
 62. Wellington South.—Edward Drake (Secretary of Conference), James T. Pinfold, D.D., John Dawson (who has permission to act as Secretary of New Zealand Alliance), William H. Beck (Sup.).
 63. Wellington (Kilbirnie).—Frederick T. Read.
 64. Johnsonville.—William Rowe; one wanted.
 65. Hutt.—Daniel J. Murray.
 66. Petone.—Angus McBean.
 67. South Wairarapa.—William J. Enticott.
 68. Carterton.—Josiah Ward.
 69. Masterton.—James A. Hosking; one wanted.
 70. Eketahuna.—John W. Parker.
 71. Levin.—Jonathan H. Haslam.
 72. Otaki.—Hedley White; a Home Missionary.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman of District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

73. **Nelson**.—Ernest D. Patchett.
 74. **Richmond**.—William Wills; a Home Missionary.
 75. **Blenheim**.—Benjamin F. Rothwell, Henry Ryan; a Home Missionary.
 76. **Hokitika**.—One wanted.
 77. **Greymouth**.—Thomas J. Wallis.
 78. **Motueka**.—One wanted.
 79. **Reefton**.—Thomas Dent.
 80. **Westport**.—Ben Dudley. F.R.A.S.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
 MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
 RUNANGA.—A Home Missionary.
 DENNISTON-GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.
 TAPAWERA.—A Home Missionary.
 DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.

BENJAMIN ROTHWELL, Chairman of District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

81. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Percy N. Knight, B.A.; Henry Bull (Sup.), William Baumber (Sup.), John A. Luxford, C.M.G. (Sup.), Thomas N. Griffin (Sup.).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Samuel Lawry.
 82. **Christchurch** (Durham Street South).—One wanted.
 83. **Christchurch East**.—E. Percy Blamires, William Walker; a Home Missionary; Robert Taylor (Sup.), Lewis Hudson (Sup.).
 84. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—James Cocker, Charles E. Ward (Sup.).
 85. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Fred Copeland, William J. Williams (Sup.).
 86. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—William Beckett.
 87. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Thomas W. Vealie; a Home Missionary; a Home Missionary.
 88. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—Albert C. Lawry; one wanted; William C. Oliver (Sup.), Thomas Fee (Sup.).
 89. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Christopher Abernethy.
 90. **Lyttelton**.—J. Ernest Parsons.
 91. **Springston**.—John Harris.
 92. **Tai Tapu**.—Basil Metson.
 93. **Leeston**.—William Laycock, William Grigg (C.F.).
 94. **Kaiapoi**.—William Ready.
 95. **Ohoka**.—William W. Avery.
 96. **Rangiora**.—James Guy, Charles B. Jordan, B.A.
 97. **Greendale-Malvern**.—Albert H. Fowles; a Home Missionary.
 (5) **SOUTH ISLAND MAORI MISSION** (under the supervision of the General Superintendent of Maori Missions).—Rakena Piripi.
HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman of District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

98. **Timaru** (Bank Street).—Thomas A. Joughin (President of Conference), George W. Jackson (President's Supply), John Dennis, Joseph R. Sullivan (C.F.).
99. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street).—Ralph J. Liddell.
100. **Waimate**.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
101. **Temuka**.—John W. Griffin; a Home Missionary.
102. **Geraldine**.—George P. Hunt.
103. **Ashburton**.—George Frost; one wanted.
104. **Willowby**.—Samuel Bailey.
105. **Oamaru**.—John A. Lochore.
METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.
MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS A. JOUGHIN (President of Conference),
Chairman of District.

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

106. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—William Arthur Hay, John R. Nelson, Thomas W. Newbold (Sup.).
107. **Dunedin Central Mission**.—Clarence Eaton.
108. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Walter J. Oxbrow.
109. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—Robert Raine.
110. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Arthur Hopper.
111. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Samuel Griffith, Alexander Allen (C.F.); a Home Missionary.
112. **Dunedin** (Mornington).—William Greenslade.
113. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—T. Arthur Pybus.
114. **Mosgjel**.—Oswald Burnet.
115. **Port Chalmers**.—Samuel H. D. Peryman.
116. **Waikouaiti and Palmerston**.—One wanted; a Home Missionary.
117. **Balclutha**.—Fred Greenwood.
118. **Milton**.—Jacob Featherston.
119. **Roxburgh**.—One wanted.
KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.
LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
QUEENSTOWN.—Vacant.

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Chairman of District.

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

120. **Invercargill** (Leet Street).—Alfred Peters.
 121. **Invercargill** (Teviot Street).—One wanted.
 122. **Invercargill** (Don Street).—Charles H. Olds, B.A. (C.F.), William G. Slade, M.A. (Supply; with understanding not to have permission to enlist during absence of Chaplain Olds).
 123. **Invercargill** (Elles Road).—George Clement.
 124. **Bluff**.—Thomas Skuse.
 125. **Gore**.—George H. Mann.
 126. **Otautau**.—Thomas Coatsworth.
 127. **Edendale**.—One wanted.
 RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.
 WINTON.—Under care of Superintendent of Elles Road Circuit, Invercargill.
 TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.
 NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

ALFRED PETERS, Chairman of District.

Serving with Expeditionary Forces.

Frederick L. Frost, William Lea, Samuel J. Werren.

PROBATIONERS :

Frederick B. Lawrence, Arthur B. Bensley, F. T. Harris, R. B. Spiers, P. J. Cooke, A. R. Gordon, M.A., H. H. Marshall, H. J. Odell, and Charles H. Kendon.

Serving as Y.M.C.A. Secretaries.

Charles A. Sims, Robert B. Gosnell, Percy Battey.

PROBATIONERS :

George E. Brown and Egbert R. Warburton.

NOTES.

Ministers serving as Chaplains with the Expeditionary Force are marked C.F.

While Durham Street South is without an appointment, Durham Street Church shall be attached to Cambridge Terrace Circuit, and Lower High Street Church to Sydenham.

J. S. Smalley (Supernumerary) has permission to reside in England.

J. Thomas (Supernumerary) has permission to reside in Victoria.

Ministers are expected to arrive in their new Circuits between the second and third Sundays in April.

Probationers and Home Missionaries appointed to separate Stations are under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

Wellington South and Wellington (Kilbirnie) Circuits are to be worked as one until the arrival of Rev. F. T. Read, C.F. (See under Question XXII).

The following, once members of this Conference, are attached to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission work :—

Matthew K. Gilmour, Arthur H. Scrivin, Matthew J. Evans.

QUESTION XXVII.—How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

HOME MISSION STATIONS, 1918.

Auckland District—

- Auckland West (Richmond).—One wanted.
 Auckland, Avondale (Waikumete).—One wanted.
 Pukekohe (Bombay).—One wanted.
 Rehia (Ruawai).—W. Vickers.
 Port Albert.—W. B. Cuming.
 Coromandel.—W. Bowden.
 Kaukapakapa.—P. J. Mairs (Supply). } To be worked together until
 Helensville.—One wanted. } another Agent available.
 Bay of Islands (Kawa Kawa).—F. C. Pace.
 Kaikohe.—One wanted.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—N. Challenger.
 Whangaroa (Kaeo).—A. E. Jefferson.
 Mangonui.—G. H. Cule.
 Hikurangi.—One wanted.
 Otahuhu.—F. Souster (Supply).
 Mahurangi.—H. C. Orchard (Supply).
 Oparure (Native).—H. Tamati.

South Auckland District—

- Paeroa.—C. Duncan.
 Huntly.—F. C. Broom.
 Tauranga.—A. Laybourn.
 Te Kuiti.—C. W. Brown.
 Whakatane.—A. Fitchett.
 Cambridge (Leamington).—T. H. Burton.
 Te Puke.—One wanted.
 Matamata.—W. Richards (Supply).
 Ohura.—C. Harris.
 Ngauawahia.—One wanted.
 Mokauiti.—One wanted.
 Hauraki Plains (Kaihere).—W. Wallace.
 Marokopa.—One wanted.
 Opotiki.—One wanted.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

- New Plymouth (St. Aubyn).—One wanted.
 Waitara (Uriti).—One wanted.
 Stratford (Midhirst).—One wanted.
 Opunake.—C. Strand.
 Cape Egmont (Okato).—E. D. M. King.
 Wanganui (Gonville).—J. Reid.
 East Egmont (Douglas).—C. Aker.
 Patea.—W. Watson.
 Mokau.—One wanted.
 Pariroa (Native).—One wanted.
 Toanui (Native).—Wi Kaitara.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Napier (Greenmeadows).—One wanted.
 Gisborne (Te Hapara).—One wanted.
 Apiti.—J. Richards.
 Norsewood (W. Gatman.
 Feilding (Halcombe).—M. Ayrton.

Wellington District—

Wellington, Taranaki Street (Brooklyn).—J. H. White.
 Johnsonville (Porirua).—C. H. Earwaker.
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—One wanted.
 Otaki (Paraparaumu).—W. J. Alexander.

Nelson District—

Richmond (Wakefield).—L. A. G. Brooks.
 Blenheim (Picton).—One wanted.
 Havelock.—One wanted.
 Murchison.—One wanted.
 Runanga.—One wanted.
 Denniston-Granity (Millerton).—One wanted.
 Tapawera.—One wanted.
 Motueka.—A. Nicholls.
 Hokitika.—G. H. Bridgman.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch East (New Brighton).—One wanted.
 Christchurch (Addington).—W. Harris (Supply).
 Christchurch, Addington (Riccarton).—W. T. Hooper.
 Greendale-Malvern (Waddington).—One wanted.
 Hawarden.—H. Spencer.
 Oxford.—F. E. Foot.

South Canterbury District—

Temuka (Denmark Street).—One wanted.
 Ashburton (Wills Street).—J. Belshaw.
 Oamaru.—One wanted.
 Methven.—J. Tyson.
 Mayfield.—F. P. Kellow.

Otago District—

Dunedin (St. Kilda).—T. Rosevear (Supply).
 Dunedin, Caversham (Abbotsford).—One wanted.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—W. B. Pickering.
 Roxburgh.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Kaitangata.—O. S. Pearn.
 Lawrence.—S. Keen.
 Cromwell.—A. Witheford.

Southland District—

Invercargill, Don Street (Kennington).—One wanted.
 Edendale.—W. E. Sleep.
 Riverton (Tuatapere).—J. Field.
 Winton.—One wanted.
 Nightcaps.—C. J. Peaples.

That the division of the Helensville Station do not take effect till an agent can be found for the new station.

That Havelock be worked from Blenheim until a supply can be found.

QUESTION XXVIII.—Who are Elected as Chairmen of District and Statistical Secretaries for the Ensuing Year?

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland.—Harold E. Bellhouse.
 Auckland South.—John Dukes.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—William A. Sinclair.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Thomas R. Richards.
 Wellington.—Edward Drake.
 Nelson.—Benjamin F. Rothwell.
 North Canterbury.—Albert C. Lawry.
 South Canterbury.—Thomas A. Joughin (President of the Conference).
 Otago.—Samuel Griffith.
 Southland.—Alfred Peters.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland.—C. C. Harrison.
 Auckland South.—E. O. Blamires.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—P. J. Cossum.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—M. A. Rugby Pratt.
 Wellington.—A. McBean.
 Nelson.—E. D. Patchett.
 North Canterbury.—W. Beckett.
 South Canterbury.—A. N. Scotter, B.A.
 Otago.—S. H. D. Peryman.
 Southland.—G. Clement.

N.B.—Thomas W. Vealie was appointed District Financial Secretary for North Canterbury District.

QUESTION XXIX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1919?

President.—Rev. H. E. Bellhouse.
 Secretary.—Rev. E. Drake.

QUESTION XXX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church?

(For Statistical Returns, see Appendix.)

REPORT OF THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

In considering the welfare of the Church at this time, it is natural to inquire with what success the Campaign of Spiritual Advance, inaugurated last Conference, has been carried out, and how far its results are revealed in the Statistical Returns.

The returns, presented herewith, while revealing no startling increases, are not without gratifying features—e.g., full members number 22,953, being an increase of 290; junior members 6411, an increase of 516. There are also 227 members on probation.

Although these figures represent but a moderate advance in tabulated results, information to hand indicates that many of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations have had a good year in the things that matter most. Whitsuntide Conventions, "Come Ye Apart" gatherings, faithful examination of methods and conditions at the June Quarterly Meetings, and special evangelistic services and District visitation have in many places been productive of a deeper work of grace, a reawakened zeal, increased congregations, and not a few conversions.

The work of the Connexional Evangelist, the Rev. Val Trigge, as indicated in a separate report, has been greatly owned of God in reviving Churches and in turning young and old to God.

Furthermore, if an opened purse signifies the opened heart, the magnificent advance in this year's missionary offerings is of happy significance. For these tokens of good we thank God and take courage.

There is, however, much to keep us from undue elation. The Church is still confronted with strong and subtle foes. Many, in this great campaign, have yielded to war weariness, and would fain compromise with the enemy and cry "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace. The special conditions caused by the prolonged international struggle are putting the Church to new tests, and are laying upon us new responsibilities.

To enable us to meet old and new demands, the great need is Reality—Reality in our sense of God, Sin, Salvation; and in our fidelity to the great commission entrusted to us. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now, herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

(Signed) SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Chairman.
ROBERT RAINE, Hon. Sec.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report and Statistical Returns were received and adopted.
2. That wherever possible "Come Ye Apart" gatherings for the deepening of the spiritual life be held during the week commencing on Wednesday, May 19, or other convenient time.
3. That the President of the Conference be requested to issue a special Pastoral Letter through the columns of the New Zealand Methodist Times.
4. That where practicable a whole session of Synod be set apart for the purpose of considering how to advance the spiritual life of the Church.
5. That the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Ministers of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, Messrs E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, W. King, J. P. Simon, J. B. Shacklock, J. D. Weir, J. Winton, A. E. Stevens, E. W. Isbister, J. H. Malcolm, J. Dawson, and R. Thompson. Convener, Rev. R. Raine.

REV. VAL TRIGGE'S MISSION.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

With deep gratitude to God the Committee report the wonderful success which has attended the work of our Connexional Evangelist, the Rev. Val Trigge, of Melbourne. Since last Conference 18 10-day Missions have been held, all of which have been greatly owned of God, in revitalising the

Churches, and in a large ingathering of young and old. Missions have been held at New Brighton, Greymouth, Westport, Reefton, Richmond (Nelson), Pahiatua, Manaia, Stratford, Cambridge Terrace, and Durham Street South (Christchurch), Tai Tapu, Levin, Taumarunui, Te Kuiti, Taihape, Cambridge, Pukekohe, and Ngaruawahia.

Mr Trigge also took effective part in a "Come Ye Apart" gathering at the South Auckland Synod at Hamilton. Gratifying testimonies have been received from Ministers and Laymen to the powerful influence exerted through the Missioner, and the genuine character of the fruits of his devoted labours. In addition to gatherings of old folks, the Missioner has of late been holding successful mission services for children after school hours.

Missions have been arranged for Picton and Woolston prior to Conference and Papanui immediately after Conference. In view of the gracious work accomplished, and the many Circuits appealing for the services of the Missioner, the Committee, with the concurrence of the President, have invited Mr Trigge for another year subject to the approval of his and our Conference. The invitation has been provisionally accepted. The invitation is heartily endorsed by Synod resolutions.

Applications for Missions next year have been received representing more than a years' work. The financial returns from Missions have been very satisfactory, but the Committee are grateful for generous help from auxiliary subscribers, which has enabled the Missioner to visit the smaller Circuits. Similar help is solicited for next year, and in view of the results achieved we are sure all necessary aid will be joyfully given.

In conclusion the Committee unites with the Missioner in grateful acknowledgment of the hospitality so freely accorded him in the various places visited.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS IN RE VAL TRIGGE'S MISSION.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be conveyed to the Victoria-Tasmania Conference for placing Mr Trigge at the disposal of the New Zealand Conference.
3. That the Conference again commends the Auxiliary Fund to the liberality of our people in order that the services of the Missioner may be available for the smaller Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Val Trigge for the unsparing devotion which has marked his evangelistic work amongst us.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee and to the Convener (the Rev. S. Griffith), and that the following be the Committee for next year:—The Ministers of the Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, W. King, J. P. Simon, J. B. Shacklock, J. D. Weir, J. Winton, A. E. Stevens, E. W. Isbister, J. H. Malcolm, J. Dawson, and R. Thompson. Convener, Rev. R. Raine.

QUESTION XXXI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting our Sunday Schools and the Youth of the Church?

For Statistical Returns, see Appendix, pages 178, 179.

The Report submitted to Synods and Conference was received.

1. STATISTICS.

The District S.S. Schedules have been carefully examined.

A comparison with the returns of last year gives much cause for gratitude to God. We mourned last Conference a falling off in the number of scholars who are Church members, and in the number of scholars who had been received into the Church during the year, and in the number of Bible Class members. There was a serious decrease of 665 scholars and 148 teachers.

We rejoice to report that the returns this year show that not only have these decreases not continued, but there is actually a return towards our former prosperity.

We report increases as follow:—Schools, 4; teachers, 34; average attendance of teachers, 83; scholars, 252; average attendance of scholars, 103; scholars who are Church members, 48; scholars received into the Church during the year, 29.

The principal decreases are as follow:—Teachers who are Church members 40; Cradle Roll members, 679; Home Department members, 24; Library Books, 2436.

There is evidently a lack of co-ordination in compiling the Sunday School returns and the General returns, as is instanced in the case of Junior members, for the former shows a decrease of 11, whereas the General returns show the gratifying increase of 506.

The Young Men's Bible Classes have acted wisely in lowering the entrance age, and rejoice that they have an increase this year of 98. The Young Women's Bible Classes are holding their own also.

We commend the Circuits to go into the Cradle Roll returns, appoint live Superintendents for this department, and revise the rolls regularly.

The Home Department is not yet the serious factor in our S.S. operations that it should, and we trust, will become. This is due to its being a somewhat new department, and a lack of information re the working of the same. The Board is taking steps to make the Home Department and its methods more widely known.

That, according to our returns, no fewer than 93 Circuits and Home Mission Stations have not received a scholar into the Church during the year, and that 12 Circuits and 13 Home Mission Stations report no scholars who are Junior members, is a matter for prayerful concern and investigation. We have adequate machinery for such investigation in our local official courts, and earnestly commend the faithful carrying out of the same.

2. COMMITTEE FOR 1918.

We recommend that the Committee consist of the Circuit Ministers and S.S. Superintendents of Dunedin city; three representatives to be elected by the Y.M.B.C. Union, and three to be elected by the Y.W.B.C. Union—Messrs J. Davidson, H. Chapman, D. C. Cameron, jun., Mrs Raine, Miss Allnutt. Mr T. W. Hemer, Convener.

S. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

J. B. SUCKLING, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Ex-President be thanked for his letters to Junior members and parents of Infant members.
2. That we recommend our Schools to continue to use the Diploma given for long service.
3. That we discourage the growing custom of closing our Sunday Schools for lengthy periods during the Christmas holiday season, and recommend where such holidays obtain, the Superintendent make suitable arrangements for a children's service.
4. That attention be drawn to the apparent neglect in our Circuits of such a valuable department as the Home Department. The matter is referred to the Board for consideration.
5. That with a view to retaining our hold upon the boys of our Churches and Sunday Schools, the formation of Boy Scouts, Boy's Brigades, and similar organisations be encouraged, and every effort made to bind our youths permanently to the Church.
6. That the importance of Teacher Training be again stressed by the Conference, and in order to ensure an improvement in this respect our Ministers be directed to form classes in every Circuit for the study of Hurlbut's Teacher Training Handbook, with a view to the preparation of teachers for examination to enable them to qualify for the Conference Diploma.
7. That Sunday School Superintendents give special attention to the visitation of scholars in their homes, by the appointment of Official Visitors, and by securing, where possible, visitation by the teachers of their own scholars, also that each Minister be urged to seek in every way possible a more intimate relation with the Sunday Schools and the scholars under their care.
8. In order to combat parental indifference and to discover the children who have lapsed from Sunday School attendance, the Conference recommends that the month of May next be, wherever possible, set apart for a house to house canvass, to be organised by each Circuit, the result to be specially reported in the Statistical Returns to the Connexional School Board, the Synods, and the Conference under the following headings:—
 - (1) Number of houses visited.
 - (2) Number of children not attending any school.
 - (3) Number of new scholars secured.
 - (4) Remarks.
9. That in the opinion of the Conference a more general use of the Catechism is desirable, and that where the First Catechism is employed, C. F. Hunter's "Notes on the Catechism" be recommended for use in conjunction therewith.
10. That in order to draw closer the tie between the Church and the young it is desirable that, at least quarterly, the morning services in our churches be wholly a Young People's Service.
11. Lesson Material. In consequence of the long continued co-operation between the British and American Committees terminating at the end of 1917, some changes are being made in the publication of lesson material from that date. The American literature will continue to be published as heretofore. In addition, the British Committee is also arranging, preparatory to the inauguration of a six years' course, a two years' interim course of Uniform Lesson for 1918-1919. There is also offering the Australian Graded Lesson Literature, originally issued by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and now being adopted as the basis of an Australian series of Graded Lessons.

12. That the Conference is of opinion that the time has not yet arrived for recommending a radical change in the Lesson Material to be used in our Schools, but recognises that it will be well to review the whole position when the complete British courses are available.
13. That, provided the Leaders' Meeting is satisfied as to their fitness, Infant Members be transferred to the Junior Roll at the age of eight years, and that Junior Members, subject to the same proviso, be transferred to the Senior Roll, after instruction in preparatory classes, at not later than 16 years of age, at a public recognition service, such service to be fully provided for in the new Book of Offices.
14. The Conference congratulates the teachers who have this year qualified for the Diploma, but regrets that greater advantage is not taken of this excellent Training Course. It recommends that Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents be urged to make fresh efforts to bring its claims before the teachers of our schools.
15. That, in the event of the Synod Representative for Sunday Schools appointed by Conference being unable to attend the Synod, the Chairman of the District shall have power to appoint a substitute on the nomination of the District Committee.
16. That Annual and Quarterly Tickets for Junior Members be issued, and that it shall be optional which ticket is used by our Societies, the Leaders' Meeting to determine the matter.
17. That the attention of our Sunday Schools be directed to the Conference recommendation re Rolls of Honour, Minutes of Conference, 1915, page 106, par. 7, which shall now read, "That all our churches and Sunday Schools be recommended to procure a Roll of Honour."
18. That the attention of Sunday School Superintendents be drawn to the fact that in December, 1917, the present series of Uniform International Lessons, issued jointly by Britain and America, will be completed, and thereafter the British International Lessons will be quite different from the American. The Sunday School Board will present a special report to next Conference.
19. That the Board meet in Dunedin in 1919.
20. That the sum of £40 be granted from the Contingent Fund to meet the expenses of the Board, if required.
21. That, if the Board think it advisable, a Dominion Convention be held this year, the time and place to be left with the Board.
22. That while recommending the Wesley Guild to our people, the Conference affirms its conviction that the Christian Endeavour Society has by no means outlived its usefulness, and advises churches to foster its maintenance wherever possible.
23. That all baptised children of members and adherents of the Church, whose parents consent thereto, be regarded as infant members of the Church.
24. That the brief statement of the value and importance of the Lord's Supper, for use among junior and adult members be prepared immediately.
25. That the Conference regrets that our Sunday Schools are slow to adopt the graded system of organisation and the International Graded Lessons, and in view of the soundness of the principle, it strongly urges the Schools to make at least a beginning by organising the Primary and Junior Departments with graded lessons.
26. That Ministers and Leaders' Meetings be earnestly requested to give complete effect, as early as possible, to the Conference legislation, relating to Infant and Junior Members. (See Minutes, 1914, pp. 51-52.)

27. That the Conference recommend schools to adopt the system of grading recognised by the International Sunday Schools' Association :—Cradle Roll, under school age; Beginners, 3-5; Primary, 6-9; Junior, 10-13; Intermediate, 13-15; Senior, 16-18; Adult, over 18; Home Department, all ages; and that schools grading from public schools standards form departments corresponding with the above.
28. That the Conference endorse the policy of teacher-training, and adopt Hurlbut's Teacher Training Course as the text-book. It empowers the Board to appoint an examiner or examiners; it directs that an examination shall take place twice yearly; in May and November; and approves of the following pass marks :—Pass, 60 per cent.; Second Class Honours, 75 per cent.; First Class Honours, 85 per cent.
29. That the following information be brought prominently before our schools :—In the Foreign field, for £3 a Native student or an orphan may be supported for one year; for £10 a Native teacher may be supported for one year; for £20 a Native Minister may be supported for one year; and that Schools be encouraged to correspond with the teacher, student, or orphan they support.
30. That schools, be recommended to adopt a supplemental (or fundamental) course of Bible Study, which shall include memorising the names of the Books of the Bible, the Commandments, Beatitudes, and other special portions of Scripture, the questions of the Catechism, and Church Hymns, Bible history, geography, institutions; and that in this course, the "Hammond Sunday School Manual" be used. The Conference also recommends that portions of Scripture, etc., be recited in full school.
31. That this Conference recommends our schools to mark on a percentage basis, and decides that the Conference Diploma be granted to scholars gaining 90 per cent. of marks gained for attendance at School, attendance at Church, punctuality, conduct and lessons learned, excluding all marks otherwise awarded.
32. 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 Secretary of the Connexional Board, who shall prepare a Sunday School Report of the whole Dominion to be laid before the annual Conference.
33. That Young People's Day be observed on the third Sunday in May, and that the third Sunday in October be observed as the Universal Day of Prayer for Sunday Schools. On Young People's Day, throughout the Circuits, special services shall be held for the young, with a view to leading them to decision for Christ, or rededication to Christ, and that, as far as practicable, the Chairman of Districts and Superintendents of Circuits so arrange Mission deputations and Anniversary Services as not to interfere with the Sunday so appointed; also, that more general use be made of the Order of Service issued by the Connexional Board.
34. 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; that Pledges be taken; and that the Pledge Cards issued by the Board be used.
35. That definite teaching by our Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents on the fundamental principles and history of Protestantism be given in our Sunday Schools at least once a year.

36. That the Conference heartily commends the Young Worshipers' League to our Ministers, and urges the establishment of such Leagues in connection with all our Churches. Ministers are urged to use the Stamp Albums now available.
37. That the following be appointed Sunday School representatives to Synods, as per Section VII of Organisation :—
- Auckland.—Mr T. H. Martin.
 South Auckland.—Mr J. H. Lange.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr H. V. S. Griffiths.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr G. H. Stiles.
 Wellington.—Mr T. Sims.
 Nelson.—Mr A. G. Nightingale.
 North Canterbury.—Mr W. C. Francis.
 South Canterbury.—Mr C. Voegler.
 Otago.—Mr H. Chapman.
 Southland.—Mr V. H. Brown.
38. That the Sunday School District Representative to Synod be ex-officio a member of the District Committee.
39. That the following be the District Committees, as per Section III., Scheme of Organisation :—
- AUCKLAND.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, and Mr H. Scott. Conveners: Rev. W. A. Burley and Mr D. A. Bodley.
- SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits, and Mr Wallace. Conveners: Messrs Wallace and J. Treloar.
- TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Superintendent Ministers and Superintendents in the main Schools in Stratford, Eltham, and Hawera Circuits, with Messrs Griffiths, J. W. and E. Yearbury, Sister Nellie, and Miss Squire. Conveners: The Hawera Superintendents.
- HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Napier and Hastings Circuits. Conveners: Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mr C. G. Cunnold.
- WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Wellington City and Suburban Circuits. Conveners: Rev. A. Reader and Mr T. Sims.
- NELSON.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits. Conveners: Revs. A. Ashcroft and Mr A. G. Nightingale.
- NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Canterbury Sunday School Union Committee. Convener: The Secretary of the Committee.
- SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Ashburton and Willowby Circuits. Conveners: Rev. George Frost and Mr W. B. Beaumont.
- OTAGO.—The Sunday School and Young People's Board. Conveners: Chairman and Secretary of the Board.
- SOUTHLAND.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Invercargill and Bluff Circuits. Conveners: Rev. W. G. Slade and Mr J. Hensley.
- N.B.—If any Sunday School Superintendent be unable or unwilling to occupy his seat on the Advisory Committee, the School shall have power to elect a substitute.

40. That next year, during the June Quarter, a Special Conference of the Circuit Quarterly Board and the Circuit S.S. and Y.P. Committee be held in each Circuit and Home Mission Station to consider the work among our young people, under the following headings :—
- (1) The Training of Teachers.
 - (2) The Grading of Schools.
 - (3) The Relation of Ministers and Sunday Schools.
 - (4) The Pastoral Relationship of the Teachers to the Scholars.
 - (5) The Reception of Scholars into Church Membership.
 - (6) Temperance Work in Sunday Schools.
 - (7) Progressive Sunday School work in country districts.
41. That Conference approves of the appointment of one of the Chaplains who has served with the Expeditionary Forces as an Organising Secretary for Young People's work with a view to the establishment or resuscitation of Bible Classes and kindred institutions attached to the Church ; and that the Connexional Sunday School and Young People's Board be instructed to consider the best method of financing such an appointment and report to the next Conference.
42. That Resolution 30 (Minutes 1917, p. 57) be altered to read as follows :—
 "That the Secretaries of Synods forward immediately after Synod one copy of the District S. S. and Y.P. returns, together with recommendations thereon, to the Secretary of the Connexional Board.
43. That in the statement of the duties of Secretaries of Districts (Book of Laws, para. 105, sec. 2) be included the sending of the returns from Young People's Societies with those from Schools.
44. That it be an instruction to Statistical Secretaries to forward all Circuit and S.S. Schedules to the Convener of the District S.S. and Y.P. Committee after the presentation of the returns to Synod, and at least one week before the opening of Synod to supply him with as complete a statistical report as possible concerning the S.S. and Y.P. Societies.
45. That in the statement of duties of the District S.S. and Y.P. Committee (Book of Laws, app. iv, sec. III) the following be inserted :—
- (a) To elect annually a District S.S. and Y.P. Representative to Synod from among the lay members of the Committee, and also to nominate a substitute. The election and nomination respectively may be carried out by correspondence.
 - (b) To consider annually before Synod the Statistical Report on the Sunday School and Young People's Societies, and report its recommendations thereon to Synod.
46. That Infant Membership Tickets be printed without date.
47. That the following questions (to be printed for the use of those who may be appointed to present reports to Quarterly Meetings) be considered annually at the June Quarterly Meeting :—

What are the Reports from the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies?

A.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS :

1. The number of Sunday Schools in the Circuit.
2. The state of the various schools—
 - (a) No. of Teachers and Average Attendance
 - (b) No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members
 - (c) No. of Scholars and Average Attendance
 - (d) No. of Scholars (including Bible Classes) who are in Church membership: in Full; Junior.....
 - (e) No. of Scholars received into Church membership during the quarter
 - (f) No. of names on the Cradle Roll
 - (g) Amount raised for Foreign Missions, Home Missions

B.—YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES :

1. Bible Classes—

Young Men's: No. on Roll; Average Attendance

Young Women's: No. on Roll; Average Attendance
2. Christian Endeavour Societies and Wesley Guilds: No. of Active Members; Associate Members Total Average Attendance
3. Young Worshippers' League; No. on Roll; Average Attendance
4. Bands of Hope: No. on Roll; Average Attendance

C.—GENERAL :

1. What is the attendance of Young People at the Lord's Supper?
2. Have the Conference regulations relating to Infant and Junior Members been duly carried out?
3. What is the report of the Sunday School visitor?
4. Are Teachers' Meetings regularly held?
5. Are our Sunday Schools graded satisfactorily?
6. Are facilities provided for Teacher Training?
7. Is the Home Department established, and what is its report?

N.B.—With a view to saving the time of the Quarterly Meetings, the above questions shall be printed in schedule form, and supplied to an official appointed by each Quarter Board, whose duty it shall be to see that the forms are filled in and presented at the Quarterly Meeting, and that a copy of the statistical part of this report shall be forwarded to the Statistical Secretary of the District, instead of the report now sent after each September Quarterly Meeting.

QUESTION XXXII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to Temperance and Public Morals?

The Report of the Committee was Received.

RESOLUTIONS.

A.—TEMPERANCE.

1. That this Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand expresses its profound thankfulness to Almighty God for the recent victory recorded for Temperance and Righteousness in the 6 o'clock closing of hotel and club bars throughout the Dominion. Encouraged by the success of the 6 o'clock closing movement, Conference calls upon the members and adherents of our Church throughout the Dominion to take up with renewed enthusiasm and devotion the great cause of Temperance; to pray, and agitate, and labour on, until the curse of strong drink is entirely abolished from our midst. In furtherance of the principles and aims of Temperance, Conference again urges upon Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, and Band of Hope Leaders the need for carrying on active propaganda among the youth of the Church. Conference recommends that, wherever possible, this be done by means of Bands of Hope or similar organisations; failing these, or in addition to these, Temperance teaching, with Pledge taking, should be a recognised feature of Sunday School work.

2. Conference deplores the fact that, during this time of the Empire's peril, the efficiency of our Dominion should continue to be impaired by the results of the sin of intemperance, those results being partly evidenced by the conviction, since the war began, of 37,290 persons for drunkenness, 22,392 of these being first offenders.

3. The Conference declares its profound conviction that the total prohibition of the liquor traffic offers the only effective means of finally freeing the Dominion from the evils caused by strong drink.

4. Conference urges the Government to give the people a speedy opportunity of voting on the National Option issue.

B.—GAMBLING.

1. The Conference expresses its satisfaction at the action of the National Government in reducing the number of racing days throughout the Dominion, and congratulates both the Minister and the General Manager of Railways on their refusal to grant special race trains. In view, however, of the glaring inconsistency involved in the Government's declaration that rigid economy should be practised during war time, and the utter waste associated with racing and betting, the Conference urges upon the National Government the reasonableness and the necessity of altogether abolishing racing, or at least drastically curtailing it, for the period of the war.

2. Believing that the fever of unhealthy excitement and the lust for lawless gain, engendered by gambling, sap the moral fibre and debase the life of the individual and the nation, Conference regards with apprehension the increasing mania for gambling in the community. It condemns as vicious the State patronage extended to totalisator betting, art unions, and raffles. It reprobates as unworthy the name of patriotism all efforts to raise money for soldier funds that appeal to the lawless and sordid elements in human nature, and calls upon members and adherents of the Methodist Church not only to discountenance such methods, but by their direct and generous giving to exemplify the spirit of the higher and Christian patriotism. Further, in

view of the grave menace of the gambling evil so prevalent in our midst, the Conference urges upon Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, Band of Hope and Junior Leaders of our Church the imperative necessity for giving definite instructions and warning to the young people of our Church and Sunday Schools in regard to the nature and evil of gambling.

This Conference views with alarm the increasing mania for gambling in the community, and condemns the evil principle of State legislation under which totalisator betting, art unions, and raffles flourish in our midst. It expresses profound regret that, under the guise of patriotism, art unions should still be permitted for the purpose of raising money for the soldiers. Whilst commending the members and adherents of our Church to support liberally all legitimate means of raising funds for patriotic purposes, it strongly urges them to discountenance all forms of gambling as being detrimental and vicious as to the best interests of the State. In view of the swift and insidious growth of gambling in the Dominion, the Synod impresses upon the Ministers, Sunday School Teachers, and Junior Leaders of our Church the necessity for giving definite instruction to the scholars of our Sunday Schools on the evils of gambling.

C.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

1. In view of the widespread and ever-increasing desecration of the Sabbath, the Conference requests Ministers, Local Preachers, Sunday School Teachers, and members generally to emphasise the necessity of a fuller recognition of the sanctity of the day, and the importance of employing its hours for spiritual purposes.

2. The Conference views with alarm the increasing number of Sunday entertainments and pleasure parties, and urges upon our people to discountenance by example and otherwise everything that would in any way interfere with the sacredness of the day.

3. The Conference recommends that the last Sunday in November be a Sabbath Observance Day, when the sacred character and obligation of the day shall be emphasised in pulpit, Sunday Schools, and Bible Classes, and directs that this resolution be read to all congregations on the day named:—
“This Conference directs the attention of the National Government and Parliament to the pernicious growth in Sunday trading, and the consequent increase in Sunday labour connected with marble bars and other light refreshment shops. In view of the fact that the present penalties for this offence against the law of the land are scandalously inadequate, Conference urges that such penalties be fixed by legislation as shall effectively deal with this evil.”

4. The Conference very much regrets that the efforts put forth to secure the closing of the picture shows on Sundays have so far failed. It strongly urges our people to exercise their influence in bringing about this needed reform, and trusts that when opportunity offers such efforts will be again put forth and will prove successful. The Synod urges this specially in the interests of our young people who are in danger of failing to realise the sanctity of the Sabbath.

5. That in view of the decision of the Chief Justice re Sunday Trading in Marble Bars, this Conference urges the Minister of Justice to see that the Act is so amended as to close these premises on the Sabbath Day.

6. That the following be a deputation to act in co-operation with the Presbyterian Committee of Welfare in seeking such an amendment of the law:—Revs. E. Drake, J. Dawson, and Messrs C. M. Luke, B. J. Lynneberg, and G. Petherick. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

D.—SOCIAL PURITY.

That, in view of the revelations made during this war concerning the ravages and dangers of disease due to sexual immorality, this Conference expresses its appreciation of the persistent and earnest efforts on the part of the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon. G. W. Russell, to introduce legislation to combat this evil, and sincerely trusts that success will ultimately crown the courageous efforts being made to abate this physical and social evil.

E.—NATIVE AFFAIRS.

1. That we call the attention of the Minister of Native Affairs to the following:—"That, notwithstanding the convictions secured, violations of the licensing law are too common in the matter of drinking to excess on licensed premises, and sales of drink to be consumed in settlements in No-license areas. We feel we are only performing a sacred duty in calling upon the Government to exhaust every constitutional means and expedient in enforcing existing laws relating to the drink traffic and the Native people."

2. That we congratulate the Government upon the firm stand taken in suppressing the white tohungas, who, in many cases, have exploited the Maori people; and would suggest that information of the illegality of such pretensions be published in the Maori language, with an intimation that all such attempts to impose upon the credulity of individuals is a serious offence among any people, and cannot be tolerated, neither among Europeans nor Maoris.

F.—GENERAL.

(a) CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS:—

That having heard details of the sufferings of conscientious objectors to military service, the Conference urges on the Government that all conscientious objectors, of whose bona fides they are satisfied, should be offered absolutely non-military service of a type useful to the State, and at the military rate of pay to a private.

(b) FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

That this Conference notes with satisfaction the expressed determination of the Minister of Justice to prevent any interference with the principles of free speech, politics, and religion, and to bring to justice any persons guilty of any attempt to interfere with these liberties.

QUESTION XXXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other Properties?**A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1917.**

The South Auckland and Nelson Schedules did not reach me till the middle of January. In the latter case the reason no doubt was the lamented death of the District Secretary, Mr Boor. In both cases the returns were incomplete, and some of the Circuit Schedules were not included in the parcels. The above facts have prevented the detailed examination of the Property Returns which is necessary for a satisfactory report.

The following statement shows that the properties reported to have been sold realised £2555. New erections and purchases reported cost £6560 10s. Enlargements and improvements reported cost £3959 11s 5d. There is a very considerable decrease under each heading. No doubt this is the result of the war, which is checking new enterprises in all directions.

I.—SALES REPORTED.

MAHURANGI.—Warkworth Parsonage, with 32 perches of land, sold for £300; proceeds used towards purchase of Parsonage property.

WAITARA.—Parsonage property sold for £750; proceeds to be used for purchase of property nearer the town.

FEILDING.—The property formerly used as Primitive Methodist Parsonage sold for £550; one half the proceeds used towards reduction of debt on other trust properties, and the other half lodged with the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund for their use until required for the erection of a new Church at Feilding.

WELLINGTON South.—Sale of two sections at Maranui, with 80 feet front age, for £160 each; proceeds used partly towards cost of erecting vestries, and partly towards reduction of debt on the property.

TEMUKA.—Old Parsonage at Denmark Street sold for £400; proceeds used for discharge of liabilities amounting to £286 15s 10d, the balance of £113 6s 2d being held for local use subject to the approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

WAIKOUAITI.—The Beach Street property was sold in 1916 for £100, but the transfer is not yet completed.

WINTON.—Section of land sold for £135, of which £75 has been used for discharge of liabilities, and the balance in reduction of debt on the Church property.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES REPORTED.

AUCKLAND (Birkenhead).—Erection of Sunday School at Birkdale; cost £400.

PUKEKOHE.—Erection of Vestry and Shed at Bucklands; cost £140.

TE AROHA.—Erection of Vestry at Eastport Road; cost £107 3s 6d; debt £43 15s 6d.

TAUMARUNUI.—Erection of Church; cost, with fencing and furnishing, £947 1s 2d; debt, £495 1s.

MATA MATA.—Erection of Church in Hinuera to seat 50 persons; cost £200; debt £28 4s 11d.

WHAKATANE.—Purchase of Church site; cost £198; debt to Church Building and Loan Fund £100.

HAWERA.—Purchase of Suburban Site by Hawera Trustees, valued at £75; debt £65. Erection of School Hall at Mere-Mere; costs £281 15s 6d; debt £88 5s 1d.

CAPE EGDMONT.—Purchase of Site, one acre, at Okato, and erection thereon of Church costing £300; debt £315.

WANGANUI.—Rebuilding and enlargement of Church at Gonville; cost £680 2s 10d.

NAPIER.—Purchase of 13 4-10 perches; cost £35; no debt.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—Erection of two Vestries at Maranui; cost £176 no additional debt.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA.—Purchase of two-roomed cottage, previously erected on Featherston Church property; cost £60.

MASTERTON.—Erection of School Hall at Solway, 30ft x 20ft; cost £260 1s 9d.

CHRISTCHURCH EAST.—Erection of Parsonage at New Brighton; cost £908; debt £550.

SPRINGSTON.—Enlargement of Church at Templeton; cost, including improvements, £250; debt £100.

TIMARU (Woodlands Street).—Erection of School Hall, 42ft x 22ft; cost, including value of labour, etc., given, £230; no debt.

III.—ENLARGEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The enlargements and improvements reported are of a very varied character, and it is doubtful if the items reported really all belong to the column in which they are placed. The totals for the several Districts are given as follow:—Auckland, £416 12s 10d; South Auckland, £246 10s 5d; Taranaki-Wanganui, £796 18s 11d; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, £191 10s 1d; Wellington, £516 8s 8d; Nelson, £18 18s; North Canterbury, £283 18s 5d; South Canterbury, £248 18s 9d; Otago, £833 6s 3d; Southland, nil.

IV.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

The total Trust income reported, including credit balances brought forward from the preceding year, amounts to £44,706 8s 1d. This is more than £1200 in excess of the amount reported last year. The total expenditure reported, including debit balances brought forward, is £50,920 18s 4d. The total indebtedness to the Loan Fund and on other securities is reported as £111,745, being a reduction during the year of £4576. But to these debts must be added the net debit balances, £6460, which makes the total debt £117,205. Apparently some Treasurers treat their debit balances on current accounts as debts on security, and probably there is some overlapping in this respect. Treasurers and Auditors should remember that a debit on current account is not to be returned as if it were a mortgage debt. Credit and debit balances still have a habit of appearing and disappearing in a remarkable way, and most ingenious explanations are sometimes given. On this point the Auditors should insist on each year's accounts beginning as the preceding one finished. If any items had been overlooked the previous year they should be included in the columns headed "All Other Receipts" or "All Other Expenditure," as the case may be, but in no circumstances should the balances brought forward be altered.

V.—VALUATIONS.

The valuation returns are so incomplete that it is quite useless presenting any statement in this report. Two District Secretaries have not attempted to give the totals for their Districts, and most of the others give only partial returns, as several Circuit Schedules contain no reference to valuations. In view of this fact, the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund, to which this Report has been submitted, recommends that the quinquennial valuation be discontinued, especially as it seems to serve no practical purpose.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

General Secretary of Church Property.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the District Secretaries for their services during the past year, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—

Auckland.—Mr J. W. Shackelford.

South Auckland.—Mr F. C. Daniell.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr R. Pepperell.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr T. R. Hodder.

Wellington.—Mr T. Fathers.

Nelson.—Mr W. D. Pike.

North Canterbury.—Mr C. E. Salter.

South Canterbury.—Mr J. Watson.

Otago.—Mr E. Rosevear.

Southland.—Mr A. S. Froggatt.

2a. The Conference places on record its appreciation of the faithful and efficient services rendered for so many years by the late Mr James Boon as District Secretary of Church Property in the Nelson District. It mourns his untimely death, and expresses its deep sympathy with his sons and daughters in their great loss.

3. That, all the Synods having approved the appointment of District Advisory Committees, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the District Secretary of Church Property, together with at least one Minister and one Layman from the District, the following be appointed as the Committees specified:—

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of District, District Secretary of Church Property, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr J. Veale.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman and Secretary of District, Rev. G. S. Cook, Mr O. F. Clothier.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Chairman and District Secretary of Church Property, Rev. H. L. Richards, and Mr C. E. Bellringer.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Chairman and District Secretary, Rev. M. A. R. Pratt, and Mr J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District and District Secretary of Church Property, Revs. D. J. Murray and J. G. Chapman, and Messrs E. Dawson and W. H. Bennett.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Rev. E. D. Patchett, and Mr W. D. Pike.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Loan Fund Committee.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The President and Rev. J. A. Lochore, Messrs G. Irwin and J. Watson.

OTAGO.—Chairman of District, District Secretary of Church Property (Mr E. Rosevear), Rev. W. Greenslade, Mr D. C. Cameron, jun. Mr E. Rosevear, Convener.

SOUTHLAND.—The District Chairman, District Secretary of Church Property (Mr A. S. Froggatt), Rev. G. Clement, and Mr J. J. Wesley.

That in the event of a vacancy arising on any Church Property Advisory Board through a ministerial transfer the appointment be filled at Conference on nomination by the Chairman of the District concerned.

4. That the matter of Trust Boards insuring the Caretakers of their properties against the accident be referred to the Fire Insurance Fund Committee.

5. That the publication of Trustees' Cash Books, recommended by the North Canterbury Synod, be referred to the Committee for consideration and report to Synods and Conference.

6. That any balance of debt remaining on the Anderson's Bay property after sale of windows, etc., be remitted.

7. That all applications for permission to sell, lease, or purchase property shall be accompanied by plans showing the locality, and other information required to enable the Committee to arrive at an intelligent decision.

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR 1917.

During the year the following new Loans have been advanced:—

1. From the General Fund:

Ashburton Parsonage	£200 0 0
Waikanae Church	65 0 0
Stoke Church	150 0 0
Opawa Church and Sunday School	200 0 0
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	300 0 0
Dannevirke Church	150 0 0
Richmond (Christchurch)	120 0 0
Opawa (additional)	100 0 0
	£1285 0 0

2. From the Special Branch:

Whakatane Church Site	£100 0 0
Templeton Church	100 0 0
Taumarunui Church (balance of £350)	179 17 2
Waikouaiti Parsonage	200 0 0
Temuka Church	80 0 0
	£659 17 2

These Loans amount to just about the same total as was advanced during 1916. A considerable sum is now on hand partly because the conditions on which Loans were promised have not yet been completed, and partly because the Committee had made promises of help to several Circuits for the building of Parsonages. On account of so many ministers being absent at the war, these have not yet been built. The Committee recognises that as soon as the war is over these Parsonages will be required, and the promised Loans must be available.

In order to economise in the cost of printing, the Committee set up by last Conference (see Minutes, p. 83) decided that the detailed Statement of Loans should not be printed in the Agenda. Each District Synod was supplied with typed copies of a statement showing the position of all the Loans in the respective Districts as at September 30. A full Statement of Loans current throughout the Dominion, showing how each stood in the Ledger on January 10, 1918, will be laid on the table of the Conference, to be dealt with as Conference may direct.

The amount received as commission on the sale of Hymn Books during the year has been exceptionally small. Probably on account of interrupted mail services the usual statement of Hymn Books supplied to the various agents has not been received from the publishers. Consequently the commission could not be collected. The statement of the supply of S.S. Hymnals came very late, and some of the accounts due in connection therewith had not come to hand when the books were closed.

The Committee regrets to have to report that, while in most cases Trustees faithfully comply with Conference regulations in regard to obtaining the Committee's consent before building, purchasing, leasing, or selling properties, in a few cases the rule is neglected. Hamilton arranged to sell a property and buy another, and then asked the sanction of the Committee for the transaction; Maranui Trustees agreed to the sale of part of the land before consulting the Committee; and the Woodlands Street (Timaru) Trustees asked the sanction of the Committee for the erection of classrooms after they were completed. These cases are reported according to rule.—Rec. p. 66 of Min.

I.—SALES AND EXTENDED LEASES.

In addition to those mentioned in the Church Property Report, the following have been sanctioned by the Committee:—

KAEŌ.—Mission property, lease for seven years with right of renewal for further seven years.

HAMILTON.—Sale of part of Parsonage property in Milton Street for £600, proceeds to go towards purchase of a site at Victoria Street, to cost £1700.

HAVELOCK.—Sale of small section and cottage for £100, proceeds towards reducing debt on the Parsonage.

HAWARDEN.—Sale of section at Waikari, proceeds to go to building scheme at Hawarden.

ROXBURGH.—Sale of section at Ettrick, with a view to removal of the Church to a more suitable site.

N.B.—The sanction given above lapses if not acted on by **February 28, 1919.**

The Conference is recommended to confirm the consent given by the Committee on its behalf to the above sales and leases, and also to those named in the Church Property Report.

II.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, ETC., SANCTIONED.

The following are additional to those mentioned in the Church Property Report as having been completed:—

HAMILTON.—Purchase of site fronting Victoria Street, for Parsonage to cost £1700.

WAITARA.—Purchase of site for Church in Waitara town, estimated cost £150.

HAWERA.—Erection of Social Hall to be attached to the Sunday School.

MANAIA.—Purchase of additional quarter acre of land for Church purposes.

It will be seen from the above brief list that the progress of Church building has been very materially affected by war conditions. It is evident that Trustees are pursuing a cautious policy. It is to be hoped that shortly the opportunity will return for renewed activity.

The District Synod recommendations to Conference will indicate the general acceptance of the proposal to appoint District Advisory Committees. The Conference will no doubt accept the nominations made by the Synods.

The Conference is recommended by the Committee to make it a rule that all applications for permission to sell, lease, or purchase property be accompanied by plans showing the locality and other information required to enable the Committee to arrive at an intelligent decision.

After a long period of very valuable service Mr John Down retires from the Committee according to rule. The North Canterbury Synod has nominated the following as the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, St. Albans, and Addington Circuits, with Messrs J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, A. F. Drayton, W. Henley, F. Thompson, W. Dalley, and A. C. Reed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY,
Secretary.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Cash Accounts and Balance Sheets 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 especially to Mr John Down, who retires according to rule, and that the following be the Committee for 1917-1918 :—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Woolston, Sydenham, St. Albans and Addington Circuits, with Messrs J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, A. F. Drayton, W. Henley, F. Thompson, W. Dalley, and A. C. Reed.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr J. A. Flesher for his services as Lay Treasurer of the Fund, and that he be re-appointed.
4. That only the actual amount received by the Special Branch of the Fund on account of working expenses be paid to the Connexional Secretary's Committee.
5. That all cases where Trustees have entered upon undertakings without receiving the sanction of the Committee be reported to Conference.
6. That the Committee be recommended to require that the foundations for all buildings to be erected be of either brick or concrete.
7. That it be a rule that all applications for permission to sell, lease, or purchase property be accompanied by plans showing the locality and other information required to enable the Committee to arrive at an intelligent decision.
8. That the audited Balance Sheets be sent to the District Secretaries of Church Property, and by them sent to the General Secretary.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. That attention be called to the Conference rule, that sanction for the sale, or for an extended lease of Church property, is given only for the current year, or part of the current year, ending February 28th, and must be renewed in order to be operative for a further period.
12. That sales sanctioned by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be ratified by the Conference.
13. That sales, as enumerated in the Church Property Report, Section I, be sanctioned and confirmed.
14. That Circuit Superintendents be directed to see that all sums raised for Trust purposes are reported to the Synods.
15. That in the judgment of this Conference it is very desirable that each Board of Trustees and of Connexional Properties should make an annual contribution to the working expenses of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, according to the existing scale.
16. That all communications to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee from Circuits in charge of the Probationers, and from Home Mission Stations relating to Trust matters, be sent through the Chairman of the District concerned.

17. That the form of the new Trust Balance Sheet be approved.
18. Conference directed that the matter in dispute between Sydney street (Wellington) Trustees and Sydney street (Petone) Trustees be referred back to the two Trust Boards for mutual consideration and arrangement with the recommendation that the Sydney street (Wellington) Trustees afford financial assistance to the Sydney street (Petone) Trust.

C.—REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, 1917.

The Reports of this department of work are necessarily very much the same from year to year. Detailed Reports were sent to each District Synod, as well as to the individual Superintendents of Circuits. This makes it unnecessary to refer to details here.

Apparently some Trustees and other persons concerned do not realise that when properties are purchased or obtained by gift it is necessary for the particulars of the title and the names of the Trustese to be entered in the Register Book kept by the Authorised Representative. Until this is done no alterations can legally be made in the personnel of the Trust. I have reason for thinking that quite a number of properties are held which have never been registered. Occasionally the failure comes to light only when it is proposed to mortgage, lease, or sell the property. I shall be pleased at any time to answer inquiries about these matters, and help to put all Trusts in a proper condition.

I desire again to call attention to the importance of registration fees accompanying the application. This saves both expense and labour on the part of all concerned.

In the endeavour to complete the office records the help of Superintendents of Circuits is indispensable. To those who render such help I desire to express my thanks and appreciation of their efforts. To the others I venture to commend the good example of their brethren who look so carefully into all the details of the administration of their Circuit affairs.

The following is the Cash Statement for 1917:—To balance from 1916, £1 4s 10s; cash received for registrations, etc., £32 1s 6d;—total, £33 5s 4d. By payments to Connexional Secretaryship Committee, £25; stamps and stationery, £2 11s 1d; advertisement in "N.Z. Gazette," 3s 6d;—total, £27 14s 7d; leaving a credit balance of £5 10s 9d.

SAMUEL LAWRY,
Authorised Representative.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Cash Statement be received and adopted.
2. That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Methodist Church Property Act," 1887, the Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1918-1919.
3. 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.

D.—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS, 1917.

There have been very few property transactions during the year. Deeds of 14 properties have been lodged with the Custodian, but most of these properties have been in the possession of the Church for a considerable period. Since last Conference the Deeds of two properties have been removed from the Connexional Office, as the properties have been sold.

I venture to repeat the statement made to last Conference as to the importance of each Circuit Superintendent knowing where the deeds of all properties in his Circuit are located. In some cases diligent search has been made for missing deeds, but with varying degrees of success. When a long time is allowed to elapse without a knowledge of where deeds are lodged, it becomes increasingly difficult to trace them. If it is found that they are in private hands they should at once be obtained and sent to the Custodian, unless held as security for debt. When the Custodian's receipt for deeds is received the fact should be duly noted in the Circuit Schedule Book.

SAMUEL LAWRY,
Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Custodian be requested to take the necessary steps for the recovery or replacement of missing deeds of Church property.
3. 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.

QUESTION XXXIV.—What is the Condition of the Various Mission, Educational, and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. General Connexional Property Trust.
The Balance Sheet was presented to Conference and adopted.
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.
See Question XXXVII.
The Balance Sheet was adopted.
3. Emsley Theological Endowment Trust.
The Balance Sheet was adopted.
4. Probert Trust.
The Balance Sheet was adopted.
5. Prince Albert College Property.
The Cash Statement was presented to Conference and adopted.
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.
The Balance Sheet was presented to Conference and adopted.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

7. Grey Institute.
The Balance Sheet was adopted.
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
The Balance Sheet was presented to Conference and adopted.

PROBERT TRUST.

It was resolved: That the Trustees of the Probert Estate be requested to look into the question of the Conveyance of the Trust Estate to Trustees, who shall hold it on behalf of the Conference in accordance with the terms of the will of the late John Probert. This resolution to be conveyed to the Trustees by the Chairman of the Auckland District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.

The Report and Balance Sheet were received.

The Conference approved the action of the Trustees in delaying building operations.

RESOLUTIONS.

That failing the securing of Devonshire House, some other suitable building, if possible, should be obtained with which to commence operations.

That the Conference express its pleasure that a site of 13½ acres has been secured as an Orphanage site.

That the Rev. J. G. Chapman be re-appointed Chairman of the Wellington Educational Trust.

QUESTION XXXV.—What is the Report on Connexional Fire Insurance?

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix, page 140.

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 1917.

During the year, in accordance with the resolution of the Conference, the Managing Committee has been incorporated as "The Methodist Church Fire Insurance Board." All the mortgages previously held by the Treasurers have been transferred to the Board.

Since the last Report the Board has had to deal with three cases of fire. In each case the fire originated on other premises. Considerable damage was done to the Church at Leet Street, Invercargill, and the Church at Blenheim. At the Bluff the Parsonage was endangered by an outbreak in the scrub on the neighbouring hills. As the result of very favourable reinsurance arrangements, the net amount paid by the Treasurers of the Fund was only £2 10s. This amount was really a gratuity for loss sustained by a person in his efforts to prevent the Bluff Parsonage from being destroyed.

The assets of the Fund show an increase of £955 0s 9d, the total now being £9625 2s 3d.

The offer of a rebate on insurance levies paid on or before due date has had a good effect in securing prompt payment, and is welcomed by Trustees. It ought to have the effect of inducing all Trust Treasurers to effect their insurances in the Connexional Office. A considerable number have during the year taken the opportunity of transferring insurances to the Connexional Fund. It is hard to understand why all do not do so, both as a matter of Church loyalty, and also as a means of serving the interests of their local finances.

The amount advanced to Church Trusts has been reduced by £95 5s 10d, and now stands at £1436 0s 6d. Arrears of interest on these loans amount to £41 18s 8d. More than half of this is due on account of Anderson's Bay property. The total indebtedness of this Trust to the Fund is £163 9s, and in the opinion of the Board the Conference should adopt some measure for the final settlement of the account. In all the other cases interest is paid regularly, and some of the Trusts are reducing their liability on loan accounts. The Board strongly advises the reduction of these amounts as speedily as possible.

The Board has adopted the following recommendations to Conference:—

1. That Conference be recommended to authorise the Board to make a grant during the current year of £100 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund, the whole amount to be distributed by the Supernumerary Fund Board among Supernumeraries and Ministers' widows whose annuities are insufficient for their maintenance.
2. That, in accordance with Rule 5 of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund (Book of Laws, p. 127), the Conference be requested to affirm the principle that, when the assets of the Fund have reached a sum of not less than £10,000, the Board shall year by year recommend such distribution of the annual profits as may be deemed advisable, provided always that no payments be made under this provision which will reduce the assets of the Fund to less than £10,000, or prevent at least £500 being added to the assets in any one year.

Mr G. Barrell is the retiring member of the Board, and Mr John Down is nominated as his successor.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY,

Secretary.

The Report and Balance Sheet was received and adopted.

It was resolved—

1. That the Board be authorised to make a grant during the current year of £100 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund, the whole amount to be distributed by the Supernumerary Fund Board among Supernumeraries and Ministers' widows whose annuities are insufficient for their maintenance.
2. That in accordance with Rule 5 of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund (Book of Laws, p. 127), the Conference affirms the principle that, when the assets of the Fund have reached a sum of not less than £10,000, the Board shall year by year recommend such distribution of the annual profits as may be deemed advisable, provided always that no payments be made under this provision which will reduce the assets of the Fund to less than £10,000, or prevent at least £500 being added to the assets in any one year.
3. That the Committee take into consideration the matter of Caretakers of properties being insured by Trust Boards.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Board for its services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. E. Ward, T. Fee, and Messrs C. E. Salter, H. Buttle, E. C. Brown, and H. Holland.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr G. Barrell, the retiring member of the Committee.
6. That the Trustees and Treasurers of Connexional and other Church properties be requested to consider the advisability of effecting insurances in the Connexional Office.
7. That the attention of the Superintendents of Circuits and Trustees of properties be called to the impropriety of Trustees receiving personal profits from insurances effected in offices in which Trustees are directly interested.
8. That in all cases, except where mortgage liabilities make it impracticable, the Conference strongly urges that all the Connexional Trust and Circuit Properties be issued in the Connexional Office.
9. That the interest due on the Huiakama Loan be remitted for three years as from September, 1916.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR 1917.

During the past year the Secretary has not found it necessary to do so much travelling as usual, but has had an opportunity of visiting several places in connection with the duties relating to other departments of his work. Many requests are made for visits by the Secretary. Frequently the object belongs to departments outside the range of his duties, and in such cases the request has to be declined.

The resignation during the year of the office accountant, who had rendered good service for more than two and a-half years, necessitated a change of staff. The Secretary has now the assistance of two young lady clerks who were selected from a large number of applicants, and both of whom came with good recommendations. They are doing their work in a satisfactory manner, and with further experience will no doubt become still more efficient.

In addition to the usual growth of the departmental work, during the year the accounts of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund have been opened, and are now being kept in the Connexional Secretary's Office. This involves a good deal of extra work, both in the matter of bookkeeping and correspondence, which is likely to increase with the growth of the fund.

The income for 1917 has been £742 13s 11d, made up as follows:—Balance forward, £2 13s 11d; appropriations as voted by last Conference, £742. The expenditure has been:—Salaries, £458 11s 8d; office rent and house allowance, £155; Connexional charges, £55; general office expenses, £42 4s 3d;—total, £710 15s 11d, leaving a credit balance of £31 18s. A full statement of accounts will be laid on the table of the Conference.

The Committee recommends that the following appropriations be made for the year 1918:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £165; Fire Insurance Fund, £190; Supernumerary Fund, £170; Authorised Representative, say £25; Contingent Fund, £165; Methodist Times, £25. Total, £740.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1918:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington, and St. Albans Circuits, Messrs A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, G. Barrell, E. C. Brown, L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. Iles, and J. Down.

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the excellent work of the Secretary, Rev. S. Lawry.

With his well-known ability and loyalty to the Church, he has carried out the duties of his position in the best interests of the various funds and departments which he represents.

With the utmost willingness to assist any Circuit or Institution, Mr Lawry has in many ways promoted throughout the year the well-being of our Church in New Zealand.

(Signed) ALBERT C. LAWRY,
Chairman of the Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet of the Committee be received and adopted.
2. That the following appropriations be made for the year 1918:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £165; Fire Insurance Fund, £190; Supernumerary Fund, £170; Authorised Representative, say £25; Contingent Fund, £165; Methodist Times, £25. Total, £740.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Mr A. F. Drayton for his services of Treasurer, and that he be reappointed Treasurer for 1918-1919.
4. 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 the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Addington and Cambridge Terrace Circuits; Messrs A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), J. C. Prudhoe, C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, G. Barrell, E. C. Brown, L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. Iles, and J. Down.
5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. S. Lawry for his faithful and efficient services in the carrying out of the increasing duties of the office of Connexional Secretary.
6. That all moneys received by the Authorised Representative be paid into the Connexional Secretaryship Fund, and the two Funds in future be worked as one.

QUESTION XXXVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Theological College?

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1917.

The College, as such, has been closed most of the year. The Conference appointed Messrs Jackson and Chambers to commence the year as Second Year Students. But before the College opened, Mr Jackson, owing to the sudden death of the Rev. C. Penney, was directed by the President to proceed to the Reefton Circuit, where he has remained, as supply, up to the present. Mr Chambers commenced his studies under the direction of the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., and myself, but early in May was called up in the ballot. So that, since the close of the first term, we have had no students.

Owing to the size of the house and the extent of the grounds at "Dunholme," the expense of maintaining the residence is of necessity heavy; but in the general opinion the vacation of "Dunholme" would seriously embarrass the Committee when the time came for resumption.

Mrs Garland has been as economical in management as possible, and has the care of three paying boarders—Rev. A. M. Costain, Miss V. Garland, and Mr Norman Sinclair.

After Mr Chambers had left the Probert Trustees sought legal counsel as to whether, consistently with the terms of the bequest, they could continue to support the institution when no theological students were in residence. The legal opinion was that, considering the circumstances which had led to the withdrawal of the students, and that "Dunholme" was retained solely for the purpose of reopening the College as soon as war conditions ceased, the Trustees were justified in continuing to pay moneys as directed by Conference.

C. H. GARLAND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the lease of "Dunholme" be continued, that Principal Garland retain his title, and that he be appointed to an Auckland Circuit.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. C. H. Garland for his services as Principal, and to Mrs Garland for her capable management of the domestic affairs of the Institution during the year.

4. That Mr G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological College, be thanked for his services, and reappointed.
5. That the following be the Committee of Management for the ensuing year :—Revs. C. H. Garland, G. Bond, J. H. Simmonds, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. J. Lewis, H. E. Bellhouse, J. Wrigley, T. F. Jones, W. J. Elliott, E. T. Cox, M.A., and H. Ranston, M.A. (Convener), Messrs A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, A. Peak, J. E. Wheeler, J. Veale, T. W. Jones, J. W. Shackelford, J. J. Parker. The Committee shall meet quarterly.
6. That the Board of Studies should ascertain the educational status of each student on entering the College, with a view to determining in what cases it is desirable that a University career should be followed, and in what cases the training should be of a character suited to a more direct preparation for the work of the Methodist Ministry.
7. That it be laid down as a principle that while no barrier should be placed in the way of suitable students receiving higher secular education, our students should rather receive a training specially suited for their work as Methodist Ministers than a training of a secondary school character.
8. That this Conference draws the attention of Ministers to the importance of bringing under the notice of our congregations and families the claims of the Ministry upon their lives and service, and that where practicable, theological tuition be given to those willing to begin work in this direction.
9. That in order to assist in the support of additional Theological Students in the College and to aid in their higher education, the Conference trusts that some of our wealthy laymen will see their way to found bursaries or scholarships, or otherwise contribute to this important object.
10. That the tuition fees of Students on the President's List of Reserve be made a charge on the Contingent Fund, the amount not to exceed £7 7s in each case, and to be payable on the recommendation of the Chairman of the District and the Superintendent of the Circuit in which the Student resides.
11. That Students on the President's List of Reserve who receive money from the Contingent Fund be required by the Chairman of their respective Districts to sign an agreement to refund the amount received in the event of their resigning before they enter the College, such agreement to be in the hands of the Treasurers before the money is paid.
12. That in the event of a Minister resigning after his ordination there shall be granted for each year of service (reckoning only probationary and ministerial years) a rebate of one-tenth of his personal indebtedness.
13. That the Conference re-affirms its conviction that all candidates for the Ministry should aim at matriculation as an educational standard.
14. That the following appropriations for 1917 be made :—

Robert Estate	...	...	...	£300
Contingent Fund	...	...	...	£100
Home Mission Fund	...	...	...	£50
Prince Albert College	...	...	...	£50
Emsly Trust	...	...	...	£90
			Total	£590
15. That the Rev. C. L. Carr be requested to discharge his liability of £90 to the Theological Institution by yearly instalments of £10 or in such other sums as may be mutually agreed upon.

B.—NEW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix, pages 142, 143.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the following be the Committee :—Revs. C. H. Garland, G. Bond, J. H. Simmonds, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. J. Elliott, H. E. Bellhouse, C. C. Harrison, T. F. Jones, J. Wrigley and H. Ranston, M.A., with Messrs G. Winstone, sen., A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, A. Peak, S. J. Ambury, J. E. Wheeler, T. W. Jones, J. Veale, J. H. Gunson, J. W. Shackelford, F. W. Wilson, G. Winstone, jun., J. Stanton, LL.B., J. M. Caughey, J. W. Court, and J. Watkinson.
3. That Messrs A. C. Caughey and A. Peak be joint Treasurers.
4. That the Treasurer of the Theological Institution be directed on the expiry of the current year's premium to insure the College furniture and Library in the Connexional Office.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Wesley Training College?

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix, pages 126-129.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1917.

Our total roll number for the past year was 34. This number included a young man who was completing his apprenticeship in the Vulcan Iron Works, Onehunga. It also included three others who had passed through the school classes and were employed at regular wages on the College farm. One of these has been filling the place of foreman and assistant instructor in industrial work. One young man who has now finished his second year at the College is a prospective candidate for the Native Ministry.

All names on the roll stand for boys and youths who were well commended before we received them. That is to say, we have in all cases required satisfactory assurance in respect to both character and physical fitness. Such due care in admission, followed by vigilant oversight and instruction, enabled us to maintain throughout the year the College record for the good conduct and vigorous health of its scholars and students.

A school report should disclose something of the inner life and mode of the school. To this end let it be said that our boys are very much like other boys the world over, and that the life at Wesley Training College is very much like the life at other boarding schools. Some of the boys are mainly of Native descent; others are more European than Native; one is a pure European. They are all clean, self-respecting, and well mannered. All are, in at least some elementary degree, devout. They all speak and converse fluently in English, and for the most part in quite correct English. Under authority that is uniformly firm, just, and kind, they learn their lessons and do their work cheerfully and well. Some of them lack initiative and may all their lives need such authority; others have average originality and independence of character. Like all other young people who are normal and in good health they thoroughly enjoy their sports and games.

When these youths finally leave the College, as some must do at the end of every year, they pass away from our immediate influence. If they succeed and do well, we are grateful; but if they fail, we cannot feel that we have any cause to reproach ourselves. We do our best for them while they are

with us; when they leave us our responsibility necessarily terminates. It is here that the agents of the Church must come in and carry on to maturity the work that we have begun. The oft repeated question, "What becomes of the boys after they leave you?" is one to be answered by the Church rather than by us of the College staff. All years are not to us equally satisfactory. That just now closed has been one of our best, and we confidently hope for good results.

Our breaking-up function was held in the College grounds on December 8, when the Rev. C. H. Garland, Chairman of the District, presided, and a stirring address was delivered by Mr J. H. Gunson, Mayor of Auckland.

J. H. SIMMONDS, Principal.

Adopted by the Board at its Annual Meeting, held on January 30, 1918.

C. H. GARLAND, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference expresses its continued appreciation of the work of the Principal of the College.
2. That the Chairman of the District be the Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.
3. The following are the members of the Board:—Geo. Winstone, sen., Stephen J. Ambury, Andrew Clarke Caughey, James Henry Gunson, Joseph Henry Simmonds, James Edward Wheeler, John Veale, George Bond, George Winstone, jun., Joseph Stanton, James Wilson Wiseman, Thomas William Jones, Charles Hughlings Garland, William Westney, John Edward Astley, Charles Henry Laws, E. T. Cox, William Edgar Lewisham, John William Court, and A. G. Williams.
4. That a brief interim report on the work of the College, not including finance, shall be furnished to the Synods.
5. That attention be called to the fact that the Balance Sheet is signed by only one Auditor, instead of two.
6. That the attention of Trustees be called to the unprofitable returns from Dalkeith Farm, with a view to their making provision for dealing with it to the greater advantage of the Trust.
7. That this being the year for nominations for the appointment or reappointment of the Principal of Wesley College, Three Kings, the rule requiring that nomination be made a year before the term begins be suspended, and that the appointment for the next term be considered next year.

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

I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix, pages 144-148.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1917.

As required by the rules of the Fund, the Board of Management has prepared in again submitting its Annual Report to Conference.

All the information required is fully set forth in the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, which have been duly audited and now presented with this Report. But it will be desirable to embody the principal items here, so that the Conference may see at a glance the position and progress of the Fund.

The total amount received from Ministers' subscriptions is £1256 16s, and arrears of subscriptions amount to £452 12s 2d. A large part of this is owing by Ministers and Probationers who have gone to the war. By direction of the Conference no interest is being charged on arrears owing by these brethren. In only a very small number of the other cases do Ministers owe for more than one year. These cases are being closely watched by the Board, and every effort is made to secure the reduction of arrears of subscriptions. The following table shows the distribution of arrears among the Districts:—

DISTRICTS.	ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.	INTEREST ON ARREARS.	TOTALS.
Auckland	£89 0 5	£3 9 2	£92 9 7
South Auckland ... ..	...	0 4 0	0 4 0
Taranaki-Wanganui	35 8 0	1 13 1	37 1 1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... ..	...	0 12 0	0 12 0
Wellington	73 9 0	7 16 6	81 5 6
Nelson	8 17 0	...	8 17 0
North Canterbury	28 8 3	1 6 11	29 15 2
South Canterbury	8 17 0	...	8 17 0
Otago	8 17 0	...	8 17 0
Southland ... ..	...	0 2 8	0 2 8
Mission Field	8 17 0	0 10 0	9 7 0
With Expeditionary Forces	190 18 6	...	190 18 6
Totals	£452 12 2	£15 14 4	£468 6 6

Some of the above amounts have been paid since the accounts were closed on December 31. They also include items amounting to £59 5s 6d which are not actually arrears of subscriptions, although included in Ministers' personal liabilities.

The amount received from Circuit levies is £1685 2s 6d. Arrears amounting to £425 13s represent the levies for December quarter, and are usually paid within one month of due date.

From the Balance Sheet it will be seen that of the total funds £76,900 is invested on mortgage. This is all bearing interest at 5½ per cent., and no interest was in arrears at the end of the year. Debenture securities are distributed as follows:—New Zealand Government (taken over from the Australian Fund), £5600 at 4 per cent.; City of Wellington (taken over from Australian Fund), £895 10s at 4 per cent.; New Plymouth, £3000 at 5 per cent.; and Auckland Harbour Board, £1500 at 5¼ per cent.

The total amount of interest earned during the year from all sources is £4652 11s 2d. This represents approximately £5 2s 10d per cent. on the mean capital of the year. This shows a slight decrease on the rate earned in 1916, owing partly to the remission of interest on soldiers' subscriptions in arrears, and partly to the fact that during the early part of the year there was an unusually large sum held on deposit, waiting for a suitable investment on mortgage. The average rate of interest during the six years has been £5 2s 6d per cent.

In all the actuarial valuations of the Australasian Fund an allowance has been made for working expenses. This has been assumed to be 10 per cent. of the revenue from subscriptions and Circuit levies. The amount spent for the working expenses of this Fund during the year is slightly less than 7 per cent.

In accordance with the resolution of last Conference the Board has arranged with Mr Percy Muter, F.I.A., for a valuation of the Fund as at December 31, 1917. If possible his Report will be presented to this Conference before its rising.

The Benevolent Branch of the Fund, with a capital of £1000, is now administered by the Board. The Statement of Accounts is appended to those of the Supernumerary Fund. Sixty-five pounds were distributed among Supernumerary Ministers and widows whose income was extremely limited. During the present war conditions, with the cost of living so greatly increased, some of the annuitants must find their circumstances considerably straitened. In the opinion of the Board efforts should be made to increase the annual amount available for distribution. This can be done by either increasing the capital for investment or by securing subscriptions for annual distribution. The former method will provide a more reliable income for regular distribution; but, of course, there could be no objection to use in the latter way subscriptions given for that purpose.

In the absence of the Board's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Orchard, the medical certificates relating to Supernumeraries and Candidates have been examined and reported on by Dr Whetter.

Mr C. E. Salter is the retiring member of the Board, and Mr Frank Thompson is nominated to fill the vacancy.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. C. PRUDHOE }
SAMUEL LAWRY } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report, Balance Sheet, Revenue Account, and the Cash Statement of the Benevolent Branch be received and adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be given to Mr C. E. Salter, the retiring member of the Board.
3. That the following be the Supernumerary Fund Board for 1918:—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. S. Lawry), the Revs. W. J. Williams, T. Fee, A. C. Lawry, J. Cocker, W. Beckett, Messrs J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron, and F. Thompson.
4. That gratification be expressed at the administration and growth of the Fund.
5. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. S. Lawry and Mr J. C. Prudhoe, Treasurers of the Fund, and also to the Board, for their valuable services.
6. That Mr J. C. Prudhoe be reappointed Lay Treasurer to the Fund.
7. That those Probationers on Active Service whose years of Probation are allowed, shall be expected to pay their personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund for each year allowed, and that the equivalent of the Circuit levies be provided by a Special Fund to be raised by the Church.
8. That in view of the special circumstances of his case, the Board be authorised to compound with Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., for the payment to him of an equitable sum, as nearly as practicable as if he were a Supernumerary, in terms of Rule 44, p. 107, of the Book of Laws.
9. This Conference authorises the Board of Management at its discretion to pay any such bonus as Mr Muter may advise can be paid with safety to the Fund, for such a period not exceeding three years.

10. That the consideration of the matter of the relationship to the Fund of Ministers and Probationers serving as Y.M.C.A. Secretaries be deferred to next Conference

BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

That the Conference accept and acknowledge the generous offer of Mr John Stevenson to collect subscriptions during the year for supplementing the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, with a view to giving additional grants to Supernumeraries and widows who are most needy, and commends the effort to the sympathetic support of members of our congregations.

II—CHILDREN'S FUND.

For Balance Sheet, see Appendix, page 149.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr E. Kellow for their services as Treasurers during the year, and that they be reappointed.
3. That the assessment for the ensuing year be 15 per cent.
4. That the Three Kings Wesley Training College, the Connexional Secretary, and Home Mission Secretary Departments, and the Theological College be assessed in the interests of the Children's Fund on the basis of Circuits.
5. That the payments on account of the Children's Funds be £9 for each child per year.
6. That the Levies of the Children's Fund shall be made upon the amounts of Ministers' Stipends for the preceding year, as reported to the Treasurers.
7. That for the purpose of the Children's Fund, a deduction from the amount of the stipends reported shall be made at the rate of £100 for each Married Minister, and £60 for each single Minister in the Circuit, and the levy shall be made on the net amount.
8. That all matters in dispute regarding this Fund be referred to the Treasurers for settlement.
9. That in order to grant as much relief as possible to Circuits accepting responsibility of a Minister in full Connexion, the deductions from the taxable amount made under the Children's Fund be based upon the appointments of the current year; and that when a Minister is withdrawn from a Circuit, charges be made for the March quarter only.
10. That when a Circuit is temporarily relieved of supporting a Minister or Probationer, the payment of the usual Connexional Charges shall cease on the 1st of April following the Conference which grants such relief, and that when another appointment is made to the Circuit, Connexional Charges shall begin with the year of such appointment on the basis of the stipend paid.
11. That the travelling expenses of one of the Treasurers to Conference be paid out of the Fund.
12. That Ministers who have been permitted by Conference to marry during their probation, and those who have been received as married candidates for the ministry, be entitled to children's allowances for all children who are of the specified ages at the time of their reception into full connexion.
13. That the children of the Rev. H. Ryan be placed on the Fund as from April, 1917.
14. That the claim of the Rev. R. B. Gosnell on this Fund be paid.

III—CONTINGENT FUND.

For Statement of Income and Expenditure and Table of Levies, see Appendix.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance Sheet for 1917 be adopted.
2. That the levy for the current year be $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
3. That Rev. W. A. Hay and Mr E. Rosevear be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
4. That £165 be voted for the Connexional Secretary's Office. £500 to the Theological College, £40 honoraria to the Editors of the "New Zealand Methodist Times," together with incidental expenses incurred in connection with the paper, and one per cent. on the taxable income of the Fund for the Conference Representatives' Equalisation Fund; also the amounts voted in connection with the appointments of chaplains.
5. That the cost of supplies for deceased or disabled Ministers include the Circuit levy for the Supernumerary Fund when this is not paid by the Circuit.
6. For Regulations with reference to the appointment of a Minister in full connexion to a Circuit, withdrawal or temporary withdrawal see Children's Fund, Nos. 9 and 10.
7. That postage allowances for this year be as follows:—President and Secretary, £10 each; Chairman of Districts, Auckland and North Canterbury, £4 each; South Auckland, Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Wellington and Otago, £3 each; Nelson, South Canterbury, and Southland, £2 each.
8. That two compassionate allowances of £30 each be paid in two special cases of affliction.
9. That the sum of £80 be granted for the President's Supply, the same to be divided equally between the Home Mission and Contingent Funds.
10. That the expenses incurred by the conveyance of the Rev. W. Ready's goods from Invercargill to Dunedin be met from the Home Mission and Contingent Fund.
11. That the Contingent Fund Treasurers be directed to cable £50 for assistance to Chaplain J. R. Sullivan.
12. That the Home Mission Fund pay to the Contingent Fund Treasurers the sum of £70 for military purposes.

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

For Statement of Income, see Appendix, pages 153-155.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

GENERAL.—It is with thankfulness to God that we report that the income for the year amounts to £10,694 5s 5d. Considering that this is double last year's effort, which was in advance of preceding years, we cannot but regard this result as highly gratifying. Our thanks are due to Deputations, District Secretaries, Circuit Treasurers, and the numerous collectors whose diligent work has made this success possible. So large a sum has been raised at a cost of 3 per cent. for working expenses only through the assistance of a host of voluntary labourers. The strenuous and convincing work of the Rev. R. C.

Nicholson and the presence with him of Daniel Bula, of Vella Lavella, contributed largely to the result; and Mr H. Tunnicliff, Lay Missionary, conducted a more limited series of meetings with good effect. The Committee bears grateful testimony to the enthusiasm, initiative, business ability, and energy of our Lay Treasurer, Mr J. W. Court.

WAIKAWAU TRUST.—In addition to the amount stated above, a property of over three acres, with a house thereon called "Waikawau," situated at Birkenhead, Auckland, has been donated for the benefit of the Foreign Mission funds. The following are the names of the Trustees who have undertaken to administer the trust:—Rev. C. H. Garland (Chairman), Rev. C. H. Laws, Messrs J. W. Court, Arch. Peak, and B. Buttle (Secretary). The property is subject to a mortgage of £1200 and interest at 5½ per cent., and is let at a rental of three pounds (£3) per week. In addition to the above property the donor has handed to the Trustees the sum of two hundred pounds (£200) to cover any prospective deficiency in the annual income, and this sum has been deposited with the Auckland Savings Bank. The Trustees will present an annual statement of account to the Conference.

MISSIONARY REVIEWS.—The circulation of the Missionary Review has increased from 2750 to 3700.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND.—The Working Capital Fund has been augmented during the year by £2000 from the General Fund, by a subscription of £10 from Mr Hodder, and by £4 10s appreciation of Government war bonds, making a present total of £2439 6s 3d. A full statement will be presented to the Conference.

MATTERS REMITTED.—On the matter remitted to the Committee by the Conference (Minutes 1917, p. 90, sec. 17) we recommend that the place of residence of the Foreign Missionary Secretary be Auckland. The Mission Board in Sydney allows to Conference F.M. Secretaries the sum of £375 per annum. This includes stipend, house rent, furniture, etc. In addition to this Connexional levies are paid and railway and other fares when on Deputation engagements.

We recommend that the F.M. Secretary-elect visit the mission field at the earliest convenient time.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference reaffirms the decision to postpone the allocation of a separate field for our Foreign Mission work until after the war.
2. That the appointment of the Rev. W. A. Sinclair as Organising Secretary be postponed to 1920, and that the Conference make arrangements, if possible, for him to remain in Circuit work during a portion of the previous year and visit the foreign field during the other portion.
3. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr J. W. Court, and that he be reappointed Treasurer of the Fund.
4. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall be reappointed Foreign Mission Secretary, and that he receive an honorarium of £75.
5. That the following be the Committee for 1918:—Revs. C. H. Garland, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. Wrigley, H. E. Bellhouse, W. J. Elliott, J. J. Lewis, E. H. Cox, M.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., T. F. Jones, G. T. Marshall, Mrs H. E. Pacey, Mrs J. W. Court, Miss Madge Buttle, Messrs G. Winstone, sen., A. C. Caughey, B. Buttle, J. W. Shackelford, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. W. Stone, J. W. Court, G. Fleming, James Buttle, Henry Field. Convener, Rev. G. T. Marshall.

6. That the ensuing year we aim at raising £15,000 for Foreign Missions, which shall be divided as follows:—£9000 to the General Fund, £3000 to the New Zealand Working Capital Fund, and the balance to a Suspense Account to be used by the Australasian Board after consultation with and approval by the New Zealand Foreign Mission Executive.
7. That the Secretary for Foreign Missions be designated "General Secretary for Foreign Missions," when a separate field is allotted to New Zealand.
8. That the official correspondence from Mission Board go to the General Secretary, and Circuit correspondence to Conference Secretary.
9. That the following be representatives to the Mission Board:—Revs. W. A. Sinclair and C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr J. W. Court.
10. That the following be the District Committees for Foreign Missions, the Chairman of the District being an ex-officio member in each case:—
 - AUCKLAND.—Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A. (Convener), Messrs J. W. Court and F. W. Stone.
 - SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Rev. E. O. Blamires (Convener), G. Cook, Messrs R. Reynolds, and T. L. Hames.
 - TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Rev. H. L. Blamires, Messrs W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, E. V. Laws, J. Parkes, C. Taylor (Convener), W. Williams, and W. J. Andrews, M.A.
 - HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Revs. T. R. Richards, G. F. Stockwell, Messrs J. H. Oldham (Convener), and John Harding.
 - WELLINGTON.—Rev. A. McBean (Convener), Messrs J. P. Shand, and T. Sims.
 - NELSON.—Rev. E. D. Patchett (Convener), Messrs S. Gorman, and A. Lucas.
 - NORTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. E. P. Blamires, F. Copeland, S. Lawry, Messrs C. E. Salter, W. C. Frances, E. C. Brown, and F. Sheppard Green (Convener).
 - SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. J. A. Lochore, A. N. Scotter, B.A. (Convener), and Mr H. E. Holgate.
 - OTAGO.—Rev. C. Eaton, Messrs J. Dawson, and E. Rosevear (Convener).
 - SOUTHLAND.—Revs. A. Peters (Convener), G. Clement, Messrs A. S. Foggatt, A. Noble, and J. J. Wesney.

The Conference directs that the Committees shall meet at an early date in order to arrange the deputation work for their respective Districts.

11. That the following be the District Organising Secretaries:—
 - Auckland.—Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
 - South Auckland.—Rev. E. O. Blamires.
 - Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr C. Taylor.
 - Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr J. H. Oldham.
 - Wellington.—Rev. A. McBean.
 - Nelson.—Rev. E. D. Patchett.
 - North Canterbury.—Mr F. Sheppard Green.
 - South Canterbury.—Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
 - Otago.—Mr E. Rosevear.
 - Southland.—Rev. A. Peters.

12. That the date for closing Foreign Missionary Accounts for each year be September 30, with 14 days' grace.
13. That the Conference desires the entire Church to recognise in the present war situation an accentuation of the fact that the world's greatest need is the Gospel of Christ, and a challenge to the Church to unprecedented missionary effort and intercession. We hold the serious conviction that Christ is demanding from His Church to-day the same seriousness of purpose, the same sense of stewardship, and the same willingness to sacrifice which the nations manifest in the prosecution of the war.
14. That in order to awaken and extend Missionary interest, the Conference directs—
 - (a) That Missionary advocacy be not limited to annual sermons, the visits of deputations, nor to quarterly lessons on the Sunday Schools, but rather interfuse the life of the entire Church the whole year through.
 - (b) That Missionary Study Circles be formed, or that Missionary Study be combined with Bible Study in Bible Classes, Fellowship Meetings, etc.
 - (c) That Missionary Topics be conspicuous in the syllabus of the Wesley Guild and other Societies of the Church.
 - (d) That the reading of Missionary Biography be encouraged in connection with the Sunday School Libraries and in home reading.
 - (e) That the Editor of the "Methodist Times" be asked to provide Missionary Columns in every issue, and that one issue each year be devoted to Foreign Missionary matter.
 - (f) That the intercession of the Church be directed habitually to the various phases of the world-wide programme of Christianity.
15. That a sum of not less than £100 be granted to the British and Foreign Bible Society; that May 5 or other suitable Sunday be set apart as Bible Sunday; and that some local financial effort be made for the Society in each Circuit.
16. That in view of the fact that the contributions of our people to the Foreign Mission Fund were given for actual work in the field, all money remitted to the Board be spent in the general work.
17. That Conference heartily endorses the advisability of enlisting the services of suitable laymen in Foreign Missionary deputation work.
18. That the Conference Foreign Mission Committee send to the General Secretary and to the New Zealand members of the Board all Resolutions which it has adopted in regard to Foreign Missionary policy, or other matters likely to come before the Board for consideration.
19. That in appointing Deputations the District Committees shall take into consideration the position of and organisation in each Circuit, and that they be empowered—when in their opinion desirable—to invite Deputation help from outside the District.
20. That in view of the importance of training Sisters for Foreign Missionary work, the Executive be asked to consider the advisability of making provision for the 1918 income for such training in connection with the Deaconess Home in Christchurch.
21. That in connection with the Missionary Advance Movement monthly meetings for prayer and Mission study be held in all Circuits and Home Mission Stations.

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

The Financial Statement for 1917, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1918, were presented to Conference and adopted.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE.

As always, the first reference in this Report must be an expression of the Committee's thankfulness to God for the privilege and opportunity of service He has given during another year in the work that has been attempted. The one object has been to glorify His great name, and to discharge aright the obligations imposed by His Church. All through the year there has been the consciousness of the Divine presence in the Executive meetings, and it is out of full hearts that its members tender to Him their grateful homage.

Seven meetings of the Executive have been held so far during the year, and two more are arranged for before its close. An exceedingly good attendance of the members has been maintained, the average being—Ministers 15, Laymen 14. During the year Mr R. W. Gunson tendered his resignation, he having volunteered for military service. Another loss to the Executive was caused by the death of Mr Thomas McMaster, a gentleman who had rendered long and honourable service to the Church in many of its departments, and who has left behind him a reputation for singleness of purpose and devotion to Christ that mark him out as a saint. A vote of sympathy was tendered to his widow and family.

The usual difficulties have had to be faced in regard to the filling of vacant stations. There were 22 of these when the Conference closed. Three more vacancies were added by the acceptance of R. T. Wearne, W. B. Harris, and H. Ford, for military service, and two more by the retirement of J. Lawrence and W. A. Porter. Three former missionaries, P. J. Mairs, W. B. Cuming, and C. A. Brown, returned to the work, but Mr Brown has been again compelled to retire through ill-health. Two young men, J. H. Allen and T. H. Burton, both of whom have been rejected by the military authorities, have been added to the list of Home Missionaries, and the following have been employed for the period of the war, their position to be determined when peace is proclaimed:—C. H. Earwaker, E. D. M. King, A. L. Witheford, J. Belshaw, and C. M. Poole.

A Native Home Missionary, Henare Hemara, during the year has retired, and another Native, Hone Tamati, has been employed to fill the vacancy; his place of residence has been fixed at Oparure, in the King Country. A European Deaconess has also been employed as the successor to Sister Nellie Hayes, in the Native work, and in accordance with Conference instruction she has been stationed at Wajima, Hokianga. Sister Edith J. Goodall, the young lady selected for the position, seems to be well fitted for the work, and has been well received by the people. A successful time is anticipated for her.

There has again been a large number of appeals before the Committee for special grants, but it has not been possible to accede to them all, and as a consequence there is disappointment in some places. The Executive has, however, tried to help the most needy cases. The fact that the last Conference increased the grants by £1000, and left a prospective debt of £420 to be arranged for by the Executive, has compelled the Committee to be unusually careful in responding to special appeals.

The Executive has reason to believe that the work on the Stations as a whole is being carried on with diligence and success by the Home Missionaries, but it regrets that the Chairmen of Districts have either failed to secure half-yearly reports from the Stations according to our Rules, or they

have omitted to forward them to the General Secretary as instructed. Not more than a dozen such reports have been received during the year. The Executive is therefore unable to report upon this phase of the work with any authority, and it urges Conference to call the attention of Chairmen to their duty in this matter.

One of the Home Missionaries, Mr C. Harris, of Ohura, and his wife, have passed through a period of much sorrow and suffering. Their only child, a daughter aged nine years, under an attack of diphtheria, was taken from them, and a desolate home and loving memory were all that was left to them. Then the disease in its malignant form seized upon Mrs Harris also, and for some time her life hung in the balance, too. Ultimately the prayers of the Church on her behalf prevailed, and she was mercifully restored. During the Missionary's enforced idleness through isolation, the friends on the Station maintained the work, and provided the means for the Missionary and his wife to take a much-needed rest and holiday.

T. G. BROOKE,
General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Organising Secretary be received and adopted.
2. That the Report of the Home Mission Executive be received and adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS.

1. GENERAL SECRETARY.

That the Rev. T. G. Brooke be heartily thanked for the marked ability and devotion with which he has discharged the duties of the General Secretaryship of the Fund.

2. GENERAL TREASURER.

This Conference places on record its appreciation of the great ability and courtesy with which the Rev. G. Bond has fulfilled the duties of General Treasurer during the year, and that he be reappointed.

3. LAY TREASURER.

This Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the eminent services rendered by Mr J. Veale as Lay Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.

THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE.

This Conference tenders its cordial thanks to the Members of the Home Mission Executive for their services during another year, and that the following be the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—

The General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, the Rev. T. G. Hammond, Mr J. Veale, (life member), Messrs J. E. Wheeler, J. W. Shackelford, T. W. Jones, T. Caley, A. Peak, J. Trounson, W. Hetherington, J. W. Court, J. Watkinson, W. S. Stone, W. J. Holdsworth, H. Fraser, H. Crump, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, M. Harding, J. Tyler, C. J. Smith, G. Higgott, C. Jansen, H. Field, H. S. Wilding, and G. A. R. Thomas.

HOME MISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

AUCKLAND.—The Home Mission Executive acts as per Rule.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendents of the Hamilton, Cambridge, and Te Awamutu Circuits, with Messrs L. T. Hames, R. Reynolds, J. A. Clothier, and A. Fitchett (Superintendent of Hamilton Circuit, Convener).

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Ministers of the New Plymouth, Waitara, and Inglewood Circuits; Messrs C. E. Bellringer, C. Carter, R. Pepperell, W. Roberts, E. Taylor, and P. White. (Convener, Superintendent of New Plymouth Circuit).

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendents of Feilding, Sanson, Rongotea, Palmerston North (Broad and Cuba streets), Napier, Hastings, and Gisborne Circuits, with a lay representative from each Circuit. (The Rev. F. W. Boys, Convener).

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs W. E. Redstone, F. Chinchin, C. M. Luke, C. Swiney, G. Petherick, B. J. Lynneberg, W. H. Melhuish, J. P. Shand, A. E. Moss, W. J. Clark, J. Laurenson. (Rev. A. Reader, Convener).

NELSON.—The Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, with Messrs W. D. Pike and C. W. Parker. (Rev. B. F. Rothwell, Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Papanui, Woolston, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Springston, and Addington Circuits, with Messrs J. H. Blackwell, F. Thompson, H. E. Peryman, W. C. Francis, J. Kay, W. L. Thomas, E. W. Hall, F. Campion, S. R. Webb, and F. Sheppard Green. Rev. J. Cocker, Convener.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate, Temuka, and Geraldine Circuits, with Messrs J. W. Holdgate, A. Stead, W. F. Cheveston, R. Maxwell, J. E. Chiles, H. Grayburn. (The President, Convener).

OTAGO.—The Chairman of the District, with the Superintendents of Morningson, Central Mission, and Cargill Road Circuits; Messrs D. C. Cameron and J. B. Shacklock. (Rev. W. Greenslade, Convener).

SOUTHLAND.—The Ministers of Invercargill Circuits with Messrs J. J. Wesley, J. Stead, A. S. Froggatt, J. Hensley, A. Peterson, W. Kellow. (Rev. A. Peters, Convener).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the sum of £1000 out of the Credit Balance be set apart as a Special Fund to meet the contingencies that may arise at the conclusion of the war.
2. That the attention of Circuits be called to the necessity for appointing Collectors for the Fund in harmony with our Regulations.

IN RE HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. That all persons accepted for employment in the Home Mission work shall, unless the Conference or the Home Mission Executive at the time of their employment otherwise determine, be regarded as Probationers for the position of Home Missionary, and shall be called Home Missionary Probationers.

2. That such Probationers shall continue for three years, during which time they shall annually preach a trial sermon, present a Book List, and take the examination prescribed by the Conference. A report of their work on the Station shall also be presented.

Home Missionary Probationers shall not administer the Sacraments, nor perform the Marriage Ceremony without the special permission of the President of the Conference given on the recommendation of the Chairman of the District.

3. That Home Missionary Probationers who have satisfactorily passed the required tests for the three years shall be formally set apart as Home Missionaries at a service to be arranged and conducted by the Chairman of the District or his Deputy, and shall receive at such service a Certificate of Reception as a Home Missionary of our Church, duly signed by the President of the Conference. A suitably inscribed Bible shall also be presented. They shall then have power to administer the Sacraments, and to perform the Marriage Ceremony.
4. That any Home Missionary now in the work who is 35 years of age, or who has served the Church as a Home Missionary for 10 years shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of those who have passed their probationary years.
5. That each duly admitted Home Missionary shall be a member of the District Synod of the District to which he belongs, but Home Missionary Probationers shall not be eligible for membership in the Synod, but may attend, if invited by the Chairman of the District.
6. That in view of these proposed Regulations, the Course of Study for Home Missionaries, and the List of Books drawn up for their reading be revised by the Board of Examiners.
7. That Home Missionary Probationers shall join the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund of the Church, and shall be subject to the Regulations of that Fund as adopted by the Conference.
8. That the Constitution of the Home Mission Committee of the Conference (vide Book of Laws, Section E, page 75) be amended so as to provide for the addition of two Home Missionaries to its membership. Such members to be elected by postal ballot by the Home Missionaries in connection with the Conference, the election to be carried out under the direction of the Chairman of the Executive, and the General Secretary, provided, however, that such Home Missionaries at the time of their election shall not be stationed in the same District.
9. That the Home Mission Committee of the Conference be charged with the duty of preparing the Home Missionaries' Station Sheet, and that Section 16, page 93, Book of Laws, be amended to read:
- "The Home Mission Committee of the Conference shall at an early stage of the Conference prepare a List of Appointments for Home Missionaries, and after communicating the same to the Home Missionaries and Stewards concerned, shall present their final draft to the Conference for confirmation. The Committee shall also have power to readjust grants made on the assumption that married men are to be appointed, should such appointments not be made."
10. That the two Home Missionaries to be elected by postal ballot as members of the Home Mission Committee of the Conference be given seats in the Conference.

DEPUTATIONS.

That the Rev. T. G. Brooke be Deputation this year in the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District, and Rakena Piripi be Deputation in the Nelson District.

MINIMUM STIPENDS.

1. That to make better provision for the Ministers and Home Missionaries of the Church, and to carry out an Aggressive Policy, the Conference appeal to New Zealand Methodists to raise the annual income of the Home Mission Fund to a sum of not less than £10,500.

2. That the Progressive Policy include the following objects:—

- (1) To assist in raising the minimum standard of provision for both Ministers and Home Missionaries.
- (2) To assist in the employment of Married Home Missionaries on Stations that are at present vacant in consequence of the war drain on our young manhood.
- (3) To undertake some much-needed Aggressive work.
- (4) To render more adequate support to the work in the Military Camps.

3. Minimum Stipends.

- (1) That all grants to Aided Circuits (City Missions excepted) and Home Mission Stations be made with a view of assisting them to pay a Minimum Stipend of £225 to Married Ministers and £160 to Married Home Missionaries, and to pay £140 to Probationers, and £120 to Unmarried Home Missionaries.
- (2) That all Circuits and Stations be earnestly urged to pay the above as the Minimum Stipends.
- (3) That the Circuits and Stations paying less than the Minimum may make application for such grants as will assist them to reach it.
- (4) That the grants in aid to Circuits shall be upon the following proportional basis:—For an increase of salary from £160 to £200, a grant of £30 on condition that the Circuit raises the other £10; for an increase from £170 to £200, a grant of £20 to the £10; for an increase from £180 to £200, a grant of £12 10s to £7 10s; and for an increase from £190 to £200, a grant of £6 to £4. For every increase from the £200 to the £225 limit the grant shall be pound for pound.
- (5) That in the case of Probationers it shall be a pound for pound grant until the Minimum is reached.
- (6) That the grants to Home Mission Stations and the Circuits to which Married Home Missionaries are sent shall be upon the same proportional basis as per Section 4, but should the Balance Sheet show that the maximum local effort has been made, then a sufficient grant shall be given to enable the Station to pay the Minimum Stipend.
- (7) That no grant shall be available for either Circuit or Station where a Balance Sheet on the prescribed form is not presented, and the Superintendent of each Circuit applying for aid shall forward his Balance Sheet to the Chairman of his District not later than the 31st October. Should the Balance Sheet not be forthcoming the Synod be instructed not to recommend any grant.
- (8) That the part of sub-section 4, Section 3, "Minimum Stipends," referring to the increase from £200 to £225, and the whole of Section 4, "Directly Aggressive Work," do not come into operation until April 1, 1919.

IV.—DIRECTLY AGGRESSIVE WORK.

- (1) MAORI MISSION.—That additional Native Workers be employed in the Waikato and Taranaki Districts.
- (2) EUROPEAN WORK.—That the Aggressive Policy at Whakatane and other places already decided upon, and new enterprises immediately necessary, be given effect to as soon as possible.

V.—ESTIMATED COST OF PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1) Circuits.—Proportional grants according to the preceding scale to assist 31 Circuits increase their stipends to £200 each	377	0	0			
Proportional grants to help eight Circuits pay their Probationers £140 each	50	0	0			
Pound for pound grants to help 89 Circuits pay their Ministers £225 each	1,112	10	0			
				1,539	10	0
(2) Home Mission Stations.—Additional grants to enable 23 Stations to pay their Married Home Missionaries not less than £150 each	350	0	0			
Pound for pound grants to help six Stations pay their Unmarried Home Missionaries £120 each	40	0	0			
Additional grants for supplying vacant Stations with Married Home Missionaries	220	0	0			
				610	0	0
(3) Aggressive Work				570	0	0

STATUS OF SENIOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. That No Home Missionary should be received into the Ministry of the Church on the ground of seniority only.

2. That sympathetic consideration be given to the application of a Senior Home Missionary to enter the Ministry, but satisfactory proof should be required of

- Educational fitness and capacity to study.
- Ability to preach.
- Aptitude in conduct of Circuit affairs.

3. That the present examinations for Candidates for the Ministry provide such an educational test, but in the case of a Home Missionary who is not less than 40 years of age, or who has completed 15 years' service as a Home Missionary of our Church, the following subjects, now compulsory for non-matriculated candidates, be made optional:—Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. This leaves Bible Knowledge, Theology, Church History, and English, as compulsory subjects. (See Minutes, pp. 26-27). In all other respects such a Home Missionary coming forward as a candidate must comply with the present regulations.

4. That Senior Home Missionaries thus accepted on probation for the Ministry be required to pass the usual probationary tests of the Church, except that for the first year of probation they take in the annual examination, only Old Testament (English), New Testament (English), and Theology; and for the three following years these three subjects, together with one other to be chosen by them from the Course of Study; and also that Greek be made an optional subject throughout the four years. (N.B.—It is, of course, understood that the Conference has power in exceptional cases to grant exemption, wholly or in part, from these examinations).

That resolution 16 (p. 95 Min. Conf., 1917) in re personal appeals to the Conference Home Mission Committee be rescinded.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That as a war measure only the Native Ministers and the Native Home Missionaries be refunded all that they can raise on their stations; for the Home Mission Fund, over and above the amount they are estimated to raise, and that pound for pound be added to each surplus by the Home Mission Executive provided that no surplus shall be increased by more than £10.

2. That the following be the Estimates of the amounts to be raised by the Native Ministers and Native Home Missionaries for the year 1918:—

Whangaroa—H. Renata	... ..	£25	0	0
Bay of Islands—D. Wilcox	... ..	25	0	0
Hokianga—P. Rakena	... ..	25	0	0
„ —T. Heretini	... ..	25	0	0
Kaipara—P. R. Paikea	... ..	45	0	0
Waikato—H. M. Hare	... ..	20	0	0
„ —H. Kakuere	... ..	20	0	0
„ —E. Te Tuhi	... ..	15	0	0
„ —H. Tamati	... ..	10	0	0
Taranaki—R. T. P. Haddon	... ..	20	0	0
„ —N. H. Papakakura	... ..	20	0	0
Pariroa—One Wanted	... ..	10	0	0
Waimarino—Wi Kaitara	... ..	15	0	0
Canterbury—R. Piripi	... ..	10	0	0

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MAORI MISSIONS.

That the question of the designation of a successor to the Rev. T. G. Hammond as the General Superintendent of Maori Missions be again remitted to the Home Mission Executive, and that the Executive, in conjunction with the Board of Wesley Training College, Three Kings, take into consideration the further question of the possibility of amalgamating the positions of the Principalship of Wesley College, Three Kings, with the General Superintendency of Maori Missions, and that they report to next Conference.

MAORI REPRESENTATION IN SYNOD AND CONFERENCE.

That the matter of Maori representation in Synod and Conference be again remitted to the Home Mission Executive for further consideration, and that they report to next Conference through the Synods.

That the matter of the establishment of Schools for Maori girls be referred to the Home Mission Executive for report to the next Synods and Conference.

That the Okaiawa Mission Hall be removed to that part of the district where it will be of the greatest use, the recommendation regarding locality to be in the hands of the Rev. T. G. Hammond, R. Haddon, and N. Papakura.

QUESTION XLIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

The Report and Balance Sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Sister Ruth be heartily thanked for her services as Lady Superintendent of the Deaconess House, and that she be wished God-speed in her new appointment.

2. That the Rev. W. Beckett be thanked for his services as Secretary and Treasurer of the Institution, and that he be reappointed.
3. That the following Committee be appointed for the ensuing year :—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Durham Street South, St. Albans, Sydenham and Addington Circuits, Messrs E. C. Brown, E. Iles, H. S. J. Goodman, R. H. Turner, F. Thompson, C. E. Salter, and L. M. Isitt, M.P., together with five ladies, who shall be members of the House Committee. Convener, Rev. W. Beckett.
4. That Mr E. Iles be thanked for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.
5. That each Deaconess recognised by the Conference shall, through her Superintendent Minister, during the month of August, furnish the Committee with an Annual Report of her work.
6. That Each Superintendent of a Circuit and each Committee employing a Deaconess shall furnish, during August, an Annual Report of the work of the Deaconess with a special reference to the requirements of the following year.
7. That the appointment of a Deaconess shall be an annual one, and that the invitation to remain in the appointment shall be made in September, and forwarded to the Committee, through the September Quarterly Meeting.
8. That the appointments shall be made by the Committee after consultation with, and with the consent of, the Circuits or Committees concerned. These appointments shall be reported to Conference. The Committee shall also have power to make necessary adjustments during the year.
9. That applications for the new appointment of a Deaconess shall be made to the Committee in October.
10. That Deaconesses shall be granted four weeks' holiday in each year.
11. That all cases of withdrawal from the work, of prolonged absence, shall be reported to the Committee by the Superintendent of the Circuit affected.
12. That the choice of a distinctive name by any Deaconess be made only with the consent of the Committee.
13. That an Annual Deaconess Convention shall be held in the June quarter ; each Deaconess unable to attend being required to forward greetings, and being entitled to receive a report of the meetings.
14. That each Candidate for training shall be expected to contribute towards the cost of board and training.
15. That all Deaconesses, prior to being recognised by the Conference, shall be approved by the Central Deaconess Committee, and, except in the case of those who have been trained in the Connexional House, shall have passed the following tests :—
 - (a) Three years' probation in Circuit work. (In the case of those at present employed, past years of service shall count for status).
 - (b) During each year of probation an examination to be passed in Scripture Knowledge, Elementary Theology, and English.

N.B.—In special cases the Committee shall have power to grant exemption from examination.

 - (c) Superintendents of Circuits to report annually to the Central Committee regarding the Probationers' efficiency in practical work.

16. That the Central Deaconess Committee prepare the curriculum and make arrangements for the examination of these extra-mural students.
17. That on the completion of the three years' probation, Probationers be admitted as fully accredited Deaconesses of the Church at a special Service of Dedication, to be arranged by the President of the Conference or his Deputy.
18. That the Ministers of our Church be urged to encourage by all means in their power suitable young women to avail themselves of the training offered by the Connexional Deaconess House, and that Circuits be advised not to seek the appointment of a Deaconess without first ascertaining whether a trained agent be available.
19. That the removal expenses of any Deaconess of a Circuit shall be paid by the Circuit receiving her.
20. That the questions of the relationship of Deaconesses to the Annual Synod, and of a Retiring Fund for Deaconesses be remitted to the Committee for consideration during the year, and for report to the Conference of 1919.
21. That par. 7, Minutes, 1917, p. 101, be altered to read: "That each Circuit, Committee, or Board employing a Deaconess shall furnish during August an Annual Report of the work of the Deaconess, with special reference to the requirements of the following year.
22. That to par. 9, Minutes, 1917, p. 101, be added the words, "With the consent of the Circuits or Committees concerned."

LIST OF DEACONESES.

- Sister Mabel—Sister in Charge, South Island Orphanage, Papanui, Christchurch.
- Sister Howard—Resting.
- Sister Jean—Palmerston North.
- Sister May—Taranaki Street, Wellington.
- Sister Lillian—Resting.
- Sister Catherine—Addington, Christchurch.
- *Sister Douglas—Pitt Street Church, Auckland.
- *Sister Ruth—Methodist Mission, Sydney.
- *Sister Florence—Hospital training, Christchurch.
- Sister Nellie—Hawera.
- *Sister Emily—Sydenham.
- *Sister Constance—Hastings.
- Sister Mildred—
- Sister Edith Walton—Durham Street, Christchurch.
- *Sister Dora Cherrie—Orphanage, Christchurch.
- *Sister May Barnett, Orphanage, Christchurch.
- *Sister Annie Tocker—Wesley Church, Christchurch East.
- Sister Kenneth MacKenzie—Auckland.
- *Sister Constance Ashby—Masterton.
- *Sister Edith Goodall—Maori Mission, Waima.

STUDENTS IN TRAINING.

- *Miss White, entered for medical training, Christchurch Hospital.
- *Miss Berry, entered for medical training, New Plymouth Hospital.

*Trained at Deaconess House, Christchurch.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Regarding the Connexional Orphanages?

A.—THE NORTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

(Mount Albert, Auckland.)

For Balance Sheet see Appendix, Page 171.

REPORT FOR YEAR 1917.

This, our Annual Report, shows the continued success of our fourth year's work.

The children at present in residence number 35—17 girls and 16 boys. Four have been removed by guardians during the year, and one child has gone to friends with a view to adoption.

The regular reports of our Matron are most encouraging, and it only needs a visit to the Home to realise the wholesome influence of the management in the physical, mental, and moral development of the young lives concerned.

The health of the children has been good, with the exception of a few minor complaints that called for the services of our Honorary Physician, Dr Leslie Thompson, F.R.C.S.E. Our Honorary Dentists, Messrs H. D. Crump and F. Brown, continue to render valuable services; and to these three gentlemen we tender our sincere thanks.

Most of the children attend the District Public School, and have acquitted themselves with credit. Their conduct has elicited a very satisfactory report from the head master. They are regular in their attendance at our Church services, and all are scholars of our Sunday School.

We have to express our gratitude to the Ladies' Committee for supplying the Matron with funds amounting to £65 for clothing, a portion of which is unexpended.

Our Home has recently been enlarged by the much-needed addition of a fine airy playroom for the girls and a boys' dormitory capable of accommodating nine beds, which, with the sewing room, verandah room, and other minor improvements, render the appointments practically complete. While these enlargements have been paid for out of Current Account, it is the intention of the Board to make an appeal for special contributions to reimburse the same.

Parcels of new and worn clothing and provisions have been received from time to time, for which we heartily thank the donors.

The Board desires to thank all friends who by their contributions have assisted our funds, and those Circuits which have again responded to our Christmas appeal. Special mention should be made of a generous donation of £100 by Miss Martin, as a tribute to the memory of her brother, recently deceased.

In concluding this Report, above all things we desire to gratefully acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father, who has crowned the year with loving kindness and tender mercies.

C. H. GARLAND, Chairman.

W. ASTLEY, Secretary.

The Report and Balance Sheet were received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Conference places on record its thankfulness to God for His manifest blessing on the work of the Orphanage as seen in the generosity of its supporters, and the general prosperity of the Institution.
2. That Mr W. Percy Winstone be thanked for his services, and that he be reappointed.
3. That Messrs W. Astley and W. P. Winstone be re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.
4. That the following constitute the Board of Management for the next year :—
The Ministers and Supernumeraries of Auckland City and Suburbs, Papanui, and Pukekohe Circuits, Miss Harvey, Mesdames F. W. Wilson, A. H. White, J. P. Armitage, J. Burton, J. Trounson, and G. H. White, Messrs J. E. Wheeler, T. W. Jones, J. W. Shackelford, A. Peak, A. H. White, J. Veale, J. Trounson, F. W. Stone, T. A. Ashton, W. Astley, W. P. Winstone, J. Marsden Caughey, F. Clark, and A. C. Caughey (Life Member).
5. That the Board be requested to insure the property with the Connexional Office.
6. That the registration of the Trustees and the depositing of the Deed with the Custodian of Deeds be referred to the consideration of the Board.

B.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

For Balance Sheet see Appendix, Pages 172-174.

REPORT FOR 1917.

We have pleasure in presenting this, our Fourth Annual Report.

The outstanding feature of the year has been the necessary enlargement of the Home, at a cost of £1850. This is now completed, and the improvements have called for the highest commendation from all visitors. This additional accommodation is proving a great convenience to the Staff in connection with their household duties, and is very greatly appreciated by them.

We are sorry to state that the year has been one of peculiar experiences under very trying conditions. The work of the Home has been sadly interfered with through a number of the children being stricken down with diphtheria and scarlet fever. Scarcely had they settled down in their new Home after the enlargements when the epidemic broke out. The members of the Staff have had a most trying time, making the work both very difficult and arduous. But we are glad to report that the health of the members of the Staff has been wonderfully sustained, although the inevitable results of the severe strain of recent months cannot be overlooked. There were ten cases of diphtheria and nine cases of scarlet fever, one of the number, we are sorry to report, having died—little Ronald Milner, one of the bright, bonny boys whose very presence added joy and happiness to the Home.

Dr Chesson, the Health Inspector, in company with Dr Whetter, visited the Home, complimented the Staff on the cleanly conditions of the Home, and pronounced it absolutely sanitary in every respect. The following is a copy of the Inspectors Report:—"There is absolutely nothing in connection with the sanitation, general management, and arrangements of this Institution which could be blamed in any way for the epidemic. The Institution is certainly a model. In connection with the epidemic, I must point out that your Orphanage is not attacked exceptionally. All the other Orphanages have suffered in like manner; in fact, the outbreak of diphtheria seems to be generally distributed all through the district."

We are glad to report that the Home is now free from the epidemic, and all the children are again back at school.

The Board desires to publicly acknowledge the valuable services of the Staff under such difficult circumstances. They faced the position with brave hearts and true Christian courage, to the admiration of all. Our heartiest thanks are also due to Dr Whetter for his faithful and constant attendance at the Home during the epidemic. In spite of his exceedingly busy life, every attention was gratuitously given by him in the interests of the children's health.

The Board wishes to call the attention of the various Districts and Circuits of the South Island to the need for continuous and regular support of the Home. Now that the Organising Agent is withdrawn we are depending upon all our people to sympathetically remember the needs of the children, and see that the necessary funds are supplied.

We desire to heartily thank all the friends who have so generously contributed to the support of the Home during the year, not forgetting to specially mention our annual subscribers, and earnestly commend the ever-growing needs of the Home to all our people throughout the South Island.

The matter referred to in Minutes of Conference, 1917, page 106, par. 7, has been dealt with by the Board during the year, and the following resolutions have been unanimously adopted:—

- (1) That it is desirable to establish a Hostel for boys in or near one of the four principal cities of the Dominion.
- (2) That the place, time, and cost to be incurred for the establishment of such Hostel shall be decided by a representative meeting of the three existing Boards of Management, subject to the approval of Conference.
- (3) That the cost of establishing the Hostel shall be provided in equal amounts by the three Boards of Management, and the cost of maintenance by the several Boards pro rata, according to the number of inmates sent from each district.
- (4) That, after reaching a suitable age, boys from all the Homes whom it is desirable to train for an industrial, commercial, or professional life should be sent to the said Hostel.
- (5) That all boys in our Orphanages who are to learn farming should be sent to Wesley Training College as soon as arrangements can be made for receiving them, at Paerata, near Auckland.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman.

W. BECKETT, Secretary.

The Report and Balance Sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference expresses its hearty appreciation of the work done at the South Island Orphanage by Sister Mabel and her assistants. It cordially approves of the forward move made by the Committee. It commends the work of the Home to the sympathies and help of our Methodist people throughout the South Island.
2. That Mr George Bowron be thanked for his efficient services as Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.
3. That the Rev. T. W. Vealie be thanked for his services as Secretary, and that he be reappointed.
4. That Sister Isabel be thanked for her successful work as Collector for the South Island Orphanage.
5. That the following be the Board for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch, Lyttelton, and Kaiapoi Circuits, the Revs. C. E. Ward, and W. J. Williams, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, H. Berry, W. H. Seed, C. E. Salter, J. Osborne, the Trustees of the Institution, with Messrs T. T. Robson, A. F. Drayton, J. Gilmour, H. Buttle, W. Keith, Geo. Bowron, J. H. Blackwell, L. M. Isitt, M.P., J. Brown, A. G. Williams. (Convener, Rev. T. W. Vealie).

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. That our Sunday Schools in the Dominion be fully informed as to the work of our Orphanages, so that by their interest being thus aroused support for the Orphanage Funds may be obtained.
2. That a small Committee be appointed in each Circuit to further the interests of the Orphanages.
3. That the Conference recommends the Orphanage Boards to endeavour to secure land for extension and endowment purposes.

**G.—PROPOSED WELLINGTON EDUCATION TRUST
ORPHANAGE.**

(See under Question XXXIV.)

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

REPORT OF "METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

At regular meetings this Committee has attended to the business allotted to it by Conference.

"METHODIST TIMES."

During the year the high standard of the Connexional paper has been well maintained, and in this connection the Editor and Associate Editor merit the gratitude of the whole Church. There has been a slight increase in the circulation, which now stands at about 3250; but the paper is worthy of a much larger circulation, and, while we thank Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Agents for their considerable help in the past, yet we urge them to assist in increasing the number of subscribers to at least 4000. The question of subscribers' arrears is being carefully investigated by the Committee, with satisfactory results. The financial position is sound, and the Committee has been able to meet promptly all claims.

The Committee has decided to prepare a circular setting forth the claims of the paper to assist agents in canvassing for new subscribers; and a display card for use in entrances to churches is now available, and may be obtained gratis on application to the Business Manager.

LITERATURE.

1. Re Pamphlet on "Entire Sanctification."

It was resolved that, before the Committee consider the production of such pamphlets inquiries should be made of the English Methodist publishing houses re the possibility of securing from them suitable pamphlets on these subjects. Therefore, nothing further can be done until replies are received from England.

2. "What Methodism Stands For" (Dr Fitchett)—

During the year there has been a moderate demand for Dr Fitchett's booklet, the income from which has now nearly equalled the liability to the Contingent Fund. There remain in stock about 2000 copies.

3. "Starting Points for Starters" (Rev. Val. Trigge)—

This booklet has had a ready sale, chiefly in connection with Mr Trigge's missions, and should easily pay the cost of production and leave a credit balance. We shall be pleased to receive orders, especially from Circuits that are being visited by the evangelist, for the booklet is undoubtedly valuable as a guide to young converts.

4. "Young Christian's Guide"—

The small booklet issued by the English Wesleyan Methodist Church as a guide to young converts has been under revision, but in view of present conditions the Committee does not recommend proceeding with its publication.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman.

W. LAYCOCK, Convener.

The Report was presented and received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That an appeal be made through the columns of the "Methodist Times" for contributions to a Fund to provide for a free distribution of that paper to Methodist men on active service.
2. That the Committee be directed to attach an order form to the circular being printed for distribution and setting forth the claims of the Connexional paper.
3. That copies of the cards advertising the New Zealand "Methodist Times" be sent to each Circuit, to be displayed in a prominent place.
4. That the attention of Superintendents and Quarterly Meetings be called to the fact that over 1000 subscriptions are unpaid throughout the Dominion, and that the prospects of the paper will be endangered unless these subscriptions be paid immediately.
5. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to the Editor (the Rev. W. J. Williams) and the Associate Editor (Rev. J. Cocker) for their faithful and successful work, and that they be reappointed.
6. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. W. Laycock for his devoted and successful efforts as Business Manager.
7. That the Committee issue immediately the pamphlet for the use of young members of our Church, setting forth the rules, privileges, and responsibilities of membership in the Methodist Church.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

For Balance Sheet see Appendix, Pages 175-177.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1917.

In presenting their Annual Report to the Conference the Committee desires to express its gratitude to God for His blessing upon the work of the past year.

Both in the local camps and from our Chaplains at the front we hear gratifying reports of the good work which they are doing amongst the men. The new arrangement, by which the Wellington Committee administers all moneys in connection with our military work, at Home and at the front, has worked well.

At the beginning of the year the Committee asked for £1000 for its work for the current year. It was soon found, however, that this would be insufficient to meet the needs of our Chaplains, especially amongst the sick and wounded. In consequence of the pressing claims which came to us from the front, the Committee felt compelled to make a further appeal. These requests have been most generously responded to, and most Districts have exceeded the amount asked for. As a result of this the Committee has been enabled to remit some hundreds of pounds to Colonel Luxford for the use of our Chaplains in England and France, instead of them having only the amounts which they were able to secure prior to embarkation. The Balance Sheet will show that a record amount has been raised for this important work.

Early in the year we were favoured by having the services of Chaplain Read placed at our disposal by the military authorities for a lecture tour through portions of the North Island. They were not only much appreciated, but were very successful financially.

We have also had visits from Chaplains Grigg and Walker during the year, and by these brethren much valuable information has been given to the Committee, which will be of great assistance in future work. During the year Chaplains Allen and Seamer have proceeded to the front, where they are worthily upholding the prestige of our Church.

A further appeal will, of course, be necessary this year for our work. The Committee sincerely hopes that this will be the last year of the war, but no one can yet foretell the end.

Special proposals brought before the Committee by Chaplain Peat for the erection of an Institutional Church at Featherston have been duly considered by the Committee, and they have no recommendation to make in the matter. The proposals are the outcome of the new conditions which have come into force at the Featherston Camp, by which the soldiers have general leave each evening after 5 p.m., and, as a consequence, the town of Featherston is crowded with men each evening. This arrangement is likely to continue so long as the camp exists, and it was with a view to meet these new conditions that Chaplain Peat brought his proposals before the Committee. There are already adequate Institutions for the social welfare of the men, but not for their spiritual needs. The Committee feels that a suitable marquee would meet the situation for religious services on a Sunday evening, and also be a centre for the men who cared to use it during the week. The Trustees of our Church at Featherston have been approached, and they are not unanimous concerning an Institutional Church.

The Committee, however, feels that the scheme is so important that it desires the direction and sanction of the Conference before taking any steps in the matter.

If any action is taken it will mean making a further appeal to our people, but the Committee is confident that, whatever the requirements may be for their work during the coming year, they will be met in the same generous spirit as they have been in the past.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. READER, Secretary.

The Report and Balance Sheet of the Wellington Military Committee were received and adopted.

MINISTERS, PROBATIONERS, AND STUDENTS ENLISTING IN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

1. That in the case of Circuits from which a Minister or Probationer has been withdrawn on account of a shortage of Ministers, and a supply has been appointed, the Contingent Fund Levy be paid on the usual basis; this shall also apply to all future similar cases.
2. That in view of the fact that a Captain-Chaplain's pay and mess allowance are equal to a stipend of £300 a year, and a house allowance of £83 per year, the only grant made be the personal subscription and Circuit levy to the Supernumerary Fund; and as Major-Chaplains' pay and mess allowance are equal to a stipend of £350 and house allowance of £97 a year, the only grant made be the Circuit levy for the Supernumerary Fund.
3. That in all cases of Ministers in full connexion who enlist or are called up by ballot, and have less than commissioned officers' rank, both the personal subscription and Circuit levy for the Supernumerary Fund be paid, with a grant of £10 a quarter for any of them who are married.
4. That to enable the above grants to be made from the Contingent Fund, the sum of £125 be voted from the Home Mission Fund to the Contingent Fund, payable in quarterly instalments, for military service.

5. That a letter be forwarded to each of our Ministers, Probationers, Students, and Home Missionaries enlisted in the Expeditionary Forces, conveying Conference greetings; that a letter of a suitable character be sent to each member and adherent of the Methodist Church now serving with the colours; and that Circuits be recommended to send a quarterly letter to their young men on active service.
6. That letters of sympathy be sent to those members of our Church who have sustained, and to those who may sustain, loss of relatives through the war.
7. That Circuits be asked to intimate to the Secretary of the Conference the number of letters required to be sent to them.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Wellington Military Committee control the Fund for the use of Chaplains at the front.
2. That all matters relating to the Expeditionary Camps be under the control of the Wellington Military Committee.
3. That the Wellington District Committee be empowered to make an appeal to all our Circuits for the funds necessary for the carrying on of the work in the Expeditionary Training Camps.
4. That all moneys for this Fund be paid through the Chairman of Districts, and forwarded by them to the General Treasurer.
5. That Mr C. M. Luke be heartily thanked for his services as Treasurer, and that he be reappointed and designated General Treasurer.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr Ernest Dawson for his valuable services as Auditor, and that he be reappointed.
7. That the Military Committee in Wellington in consultation with the Presidents' Committee of Advice and the Church Building and Loan Fund, shall determine whether any building shall be erected on our Church site at Featherston.
8. That the Rev. J. H. Bateson be thanked for his work in the interests of our troops.
9. That representations be made to the Military Authorities concerning the appointment of a Chaplain in Egypt.
10. That in the case of any unmarried Minister desiring to enlist, no objection be offered by the President except in such urgent cases as may be decided upon by him and his Committee of Advice.
11. That the Conference expresses its high appreciation of the honour conferred upon Sergeant Leslie Andrew, V.C., and that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mr W. J. Andrew, M.A., of Wanganui.
12. That the Presidents' Committee of Advice be Revs. W. J. Williams, S. Lawry, A. C. Lawry, Messrs J. A. Flesher, C. E. Salter, and J. C. Prudhoe, with the Revs. Ex-President Sinclair, C. H. Laws, B.A., and the Vice-President (Mr E. Dixon), as Corresponding Members.
13. That the Wellington Military Committee cable £100 to Chaplain Luxford for the use of Chaplains.
14. That the Wellington Military Committee be requested to consider the matter of providing the Chaplains at the front with regular monthly remittances to procure necessary comforts for men in the front line.
15. That the attention of the authorities be drawn by the Military Committee and the Committee of Privileges to the desirability of promoting Chaplains without respect to denomination or to ecclesiastical rank.

16. That where Returned Soldiers' Clubs are in existence, our Ministers and returned Chaplains be urged to get into as close touch with them as possible, and that where practicable, the appointment of a Chaplain to returned soldiers should be made.
17. That Conference empowers the Wellington Military Committee to approach the Government with the view of securing for our Naval Chaplains in New Zealand ports official recognition in the form of a document, showing their authority to officiate as Chaplains to Methodists on board His Majesty's ships.
 1. That all Military Chaplains shall be members of the District Committees of the District in which they are stationed.
 2. That any Chaplain may be appointed a corresponding member of any Committee of the Military District in which he resides.
 3. That the Chairman of the District shall be a member of the District Military Committee.
 4. That the Wellington District Committee arrange for printing 500 copies of a Hymn Book suitable for Territorial Camps.
 5. That paragraph 5, page 106, Minutes of Conference, 1915, be altered to read, "The Senior Chaplain in each District, in consultation with the Military Committee of the District, shall nominate Chaplains to the Territorial Forces."
 6. That Chaplains appointed to Territorial Camps be strongly recommended to co-operate with the Y.M.C.A. with a view to arranging for the social as well as the spiritual needs of the troops in camp.
 7. 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. E. T. Cox, M.A.
 - Wellington: Rev. J. C. Chapman
 - Lyttelton: Rev. J. Ernest Parsons
 - Timaru: Rev. T. A. Joughin
 - Dunedin: Rev. W. A. Hay
 - Port Chalmers: Rev. S. H. D. Peryman
 - Bluff: Rev. T. Skuse

N.B.—If it be permissible to appoint two Naval Chaplains for Wellington the name of the Rev. F. T. Read be added.

8. That the following be the District Committees:—
 - AUCKLAND DISTRICT.—The Chaplains in the District and Messrs T. W. Jones, B. Buttle, and W. S. Stone. (Convener, Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.).
 - WELLINGTON DISTRICT.—The Chaplains in the District, the Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, and Messrs C. D. Macintosh, W. H. Bennett, C. M. Luke (General Treasurer), W. J. Clark, J. P. Shand, C. Swiney. (Convener, Rev. A. Reader).
 - CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—The Chaplains in the District, Revs. T. A. Joughin (President Elect), G. Frost, Messrs A. F. Drayton, C. E. Salter, J. H. Blackwell, W. Dodds, H. Frampton, and W. F. Cheverton. (Convener, Rev. W. Beckett).
 - OTAGO DISTRICT.—All the Chaplains in the Military District; Messrs E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, J. P. Sijmon, J. H. Brown, J. J. Kernohan. (Rev. C. Eaton, Convener).

That the Rev. G. Knowles-Smith be appointed Chaplain to Returned Soldiers.

That a copy of the Minutes of Conference be forwarded to every Minister, Probationer, Student, and Home Missionary on active military service.

OFFICIAL LIST OF METHODIST CHAPLAINS TO THE
TERRITORIAL FORCES.

Second Class: Ranking as Lieutenant-colonel

Luxford, Rev. J. A., C.M.G. Captain, Nov 27th, 1898

Third Class.

Murray, Rev. D. J. May 27th, 1914
 Captain, May 27th, 1904
 Dewsbury, Rev. H. R. Sept. 10th, 1914
 Captain, Sept. 10th, 1904
 Mitchell, Rev. A. Jan. 27th, 1916
 Captain, Jan. 27th, 1906
 Boys, Rev. F. W. June 27th, 1916
 Captain, June 27th, 1906
 Rothwell, Rev. B. F. July 29th, 1916
 Captain, July 29th, 1906

Fourth Class: Ranking as Captain.

Reader, Rev. A. April 25, 1910
 Grigg, Rev. W. " 5, 1911
 Blamires, Rev. H. L. " 27, 1911
 Read, Rev. F. T. " 28, 1911
 Pratt, Rev. M. A. R. " 28, 1911
 Laws, Rev. C. H., B.A. May 1, 1911
 Chapman, Rev. J. G. " 16, 1911
 Serpell, Rev. S. J. " 16, 1911
 Baumber, Rev. W. July 3, 1911
 Fairclough, Rev. P. W. " 27, 1911
 Paris, Rev. P. R. Sept 8, 1911
 Copeland, Rev. F. May 13, 1912
 Cox, Rev. E. " 13, 1912
 Eaton, Rev. C. " 13, 1912
 Elliott, Rev. W. J. " 13, 1912
 Griffin, Rev. T. N. " 13, 1912
 Richards, Rev. T. R. " 13, 1912
 Sinclair, Rev. W. A. " 13, 1912
 Patchett, Rev. E. D. June 17, 1912
 Pybus, Rev. T. A. " 17, 1912
 Wrigley, Rev. J. July 1, 1912
 Strand, Rev. C. Feb 19, 1913
 Seamer, Rev. A. J. Mar. 31, 1914
 Knight, Rev. P. N. Aug. 24, 1914
 Hay, Rev. W. A. Sept. 18, 1914
 Ready, Rev. W. " 21, 1914
 Joughin, Rev. T. A. " 30, 1914
 Walker, Rev. W. Mar. 11, 1915
 Bailey, Rev. S. April 7, 1915
 James, Rev. B. J. " 7, 1915
 Cook, Rev. G. S. " 10, 1915

Beckett, Rev. W.	April 10, 1915
Dawson, Rev. J.	,, 10, 1915
Haslam, Rev. J. H.	,, 10, 1915
Abbey, Rev. W. H. E.	,, 26, 1915
Mann, Rev. G. H.	June 26, 1915
Daniel, Rev. H.	,, 26, 1915
Burley, Rev. W. A., M.A.	,, 26, 1915
Allen, Rev. A.	July 1, 1915
Ashcroft, Rev. A.	,, 23, 1915
Neale, Rev. L. B.	Aug. 5, 1915
Peat, Rev. H. T.	,, 10, 1915
Sullivan, Rev. J. R.	Oct. 4, 1915
Knowles-Smith, Rev. G.	,, 25, 1915
Speer, Rev. W. H.	Nov. 18, 1915
Rands, Rev. F.	Dec. 7, 1915
Garland, Rev. C. H.	May 3, 1916
Lawry, Rev. A. C.	,, 3, 1916
Te Tuhi, Rev. Eruera	,, 8, 1916
Scott, Rev. W. Bramwell	April 27, 1917

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

The year has been almost barren so far as any addition to the collecting of early records is concerned.

A number of unclassified documents from the library of the late Rev. P. W. Fairclough have been received, and some of them may prove to be valuable. The only other documents received hardly come under the description of "Early Church Records," being 14 volumes of MS. notes of College Lectures on Theology, etc., by the late Rev. W. Wilson, better known as "Fiji" Wilson.

HENRY BULL }
SAMUEL LAWRY } Custodians.

The report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That, with a view to preserving the story of Methodism in this Dominion and providing reliable data for the historian of the future, steps be taken to secure the preparation within each Circuit and Home Mission Station and Maori Charge of its own history, such local histories to be forwarded to the Custodian of Early Church Records and preserved for future use.
2. That special efforts be made to collect from Circuits and private holders all Church Records and other documents relating to the Church that have historic interest and value.
3. That the Rev. S. Lawry and Mr. A. G. Macfarlane, M.A., be the Committee on Early Church Records for 1918.
4. That this Conference, having heard the statement of Mr. A. G. Macfarlane, M.A., relative to his work on the history of Methodism in New Zealand, commends to the Methodist people his efforts, bespeaks for him in his researches the sympathetic co-operation of those in a position to give him help, and appoints him a member of the Committee of the Early Church Records of the Church.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?

AGENDA AND MINUTES.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Minutes of Conference be distributed free to Ministers and Home Missionaries only.
2. That for this year 800 copies of the Minutes be printed.
3. That 275 copies of the Agenda be printed.
4. That the Statistical Returns of Senior and Junior members be printed in columns, and that a general tabular summary of the Districts be given.
5. That only the District Statistics for Sunday Schools be printed.
6. That totals of amounts raised in Circuits only be furnished in the Foreign Missionary Balance Sheet.
7. That the Home Mission Report be summarised for the Minutes.
8. That the list of loans be deleted permanently.
9. That the Standing Orders be printed in the Agenda for this year only, and that 1000 be printed for use in future years.
10. That the smaller Balance Sheets be not printed, but submitted to the Conference.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE.

The Report of the Committee was received, and no action was taken.

LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

THE REPORT.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Conference requests Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings to consider if adequate provisions is made in the organisation of each Church for Classes and Young Peoples' Societies, encouraging youths to take part, revealing the first indications of the Local Preachers' gift.
2. That one or more Ministers be appointed in each of the four centres, and other suitable places, to conduct classes of young men who desire to become Local Preachers. No student to be admitted unless he has passed the Sixth Standard. That, in the event of these classes being established, the Correspondence Classes be discontinued.
3. That the Church continue to augment the funds of the Local Preachers Mutual Aid Association, so as to enable them to assist Local Preachers in needy circumstances. An audited Balance Sheet to be presented by the Association annually to Conference.
4. That the Constitution of the Local Preachers' Association be printed and remitted to the Local Preachers' Meetings and Synods to report to Conference.
5. That a Local Preacher who has become fully accredited be recognised at a public service in his own Church, to be conducted by the Superintendent of the Circuit. The order of service to be that on page 69, Conference Minutes, 1905.
6. That the following be the Tutors for Local Preachers' Classes:—Auckland, Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.; Wellington, Rev. Jas. G. Chapman; Christchurch, Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.; Dunedin, Rev. W. A. Hay; and that they report to Synod.

CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

That the Methodist Local Preachers' of New Zealand be formed into an Association, subject to the rules and conditions hereafter set forth.

I.—NAME.

The name of the Society shall be "The New Zealand Methodist Local Preachers' Association."

II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Association shall be—(1) To promote fellowship and efficiency among the Methodist Local Preachers throughout the Dominion; (2) to provide for the representation of the Local Preachers in such Church Courts, and for their appointment to such Connexional Offices, as the Conference may from time to time determine; (3) to encourage the beneficiary department of the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association; and (4) to watch over and foster the general interests of Methodist Local Preachers in any constitutional way that may be found practicable.

III.—DISTRICT BRANCHES.

A Branch of the Association shall be formed in each District of the Church in New Zealand.

IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

The Association shall consist of all Fully Accredited Methodist Local Preachers in New Zealand who are registered as members of a District Branch of the Association. Local Preachers shall be recognised as members of a District Branch of the Association on the following conditions:—

- (1) They must be Fully Accredited Local Preachers in connection with a Circuit or Home Mission Station of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (2) They must have applied for membership, and consented to observe its rules on a form to be supplied for the purpose.

V.—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at Conference time, and shall consist of all members of the Association who are also members of the Conference; provided that if any District is represented at Conference by less than one Local Preacher for every 50 members or fraction of 50 members of the District Branch of the Association, such Branch may either send additional members or appoint members of some other district Branch as representatives to such Annual Meeting, so as to make its representation equal to the above quota.

VI.—BRANCH MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the members of each Branch of the Association shall be held in the month of October. Other meetings shall be held at such times as may be arranged.

VII.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-president, and Secretary.

Each Branch of the Association shall elect a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. All of the above shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meetings concerned.

VIII.—PROCEDURE.

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall determine all questions of general policy, but no important matter shall come into operation until it has been approved by a majority of the District Branches at their Annual Meetings.

IX.—REPRESENTATION AT DISTRICT SYNODS.

Each District Branch shall be entitled to elect two of its members as representatives to the District Synod.

Not later than the 10th day of September in each year the Secretary of each District Branch of the Association shall send to all the Preachers' Meetings in the District a notice that at the Annual Meeting to be held during the following month of October two members will be elected to represent the Branch at the District Synod, and shall invite nominations for the position. From among those so nominated the Annual Meetings shall elect two as representatives to the next District Synod, and two substitute representatives; provided that if less than four persons have been nominated by the Preachers' Meetings, the Annual Meeting may make additional nominations, so as to secure the required number of representatives and substitutes.

X.—FINANCE.

Each District Branch shall make its own arrangements for working expenses.

XI.—ALTERATIONS.

No alterations shall be made in this Constitution except by the Conference, after the approval of the Annual Meetings of the Society and its Branches.

ALBERT C. LAWRY,
Chairman.

THOS. W. VEALIE,
Sec. of N. Cant. Synod.

QUESTION XLIX.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Book of Laws, p. 78.)

1. The President, Vice-president, and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of the Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt and Petone Circuits, Messrs J. Veale, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, W. E. Redstone, E. Kellow, J. G. Harkness, J. A. Flesher, C. M. Luke, J. Lomas, A. J. Luke, J. B. Shacklock, H. Holland, A. Peak, and J. Stanton, LL.B. Convener and Secretary, Secretary of Conference.

2. The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington, Hutt, and Petone Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the Superintendent 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 representation 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.

RESOLVED:

1. That the matter of the liability of Churches to pay amusement tax on entertainments held for the purpose of augmenting Church Funds be remitted to the Committee of Exigency.
2. The matter of the liability of Circuits and Home Mission Stations to insure Ministers and Home Missionaries was remitted to the Committee of Exigencies to procure legal advice.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

LOYAL ADDRESS.

That a loyal address be presented to His Majesty the King, and be signed by the President and Secretary on behalf of the Conference.

CHURCH UNION.

That this Conference, recognising that the war has revealed or created great problems that are full of challenge to the Christian Church—problems that will need for their solution all the strength that comes from unity of purpose and counsel and action amongst the various religious denominations,—and recognising further the practical difficulty of securing at present any organic union of the Churches, hereby appoints the Committee of Privileges to take into its consideration the question of encouraging such a federation as would, while safeguarding the autonomy of the individual Churches, provide for mutual co-operation in Christian service, and thus prepare the way for a yet fuller measure of union and concord; such Committee to report to the next Synods and Conference.

AUDIT OF CIRCUIT FUND ACCOUNTS.

That, with a view to providing the vouchers necessary for the proper audit of the Circuit Fund Accounts, separate receipts for Circuit and personal credits be issued by Chairmen of Districts for contributions paid to the Connexional Funds.

That Rev. S. Lawry and Mr F. Thompson prepare a Quarterly Meeting Account Book, such book to be provided for each Circuit.

METHODIST CENTENARY IN NEW ZEALAND.

1. That the recommendations of the Synods concerning a Centenary Thank-giving Fund be remitted to the following Committee to report to the Synods of 1918 and the Conference of 1919:—Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., C. H. Garland, H. E. Bellhouse, W. J. Elliott, E. T. Cox, M.A., Messrs J. Veale, A. C. Caughey, J. W. Court, T. W. Jones, W. J. Holdsworth, with the following Corresponding Members:—President of Conference, Vice-president, ex-President, Secretary, and Connexional Secretary, Mr E. Roseyear. Rev. C. H. Laws, Convener.
2. That, with a view to preserving the story of Methodism in this Dominion and providing reliable data for the historian of the future, the Conference be recommended to take steps to secure the preparation within each Circuit and Home Mission Station and Maori Charge of its own history, such local histories to be forwarded to the Custodian of Early Church Records and preserved for future use.
3. That special efforts be made to collect from Circuits and private holders all Church Records and other documents relating to the Church that have historic interest and value.

METHODIST COLLEGES.

That the Committee appointed to deal with the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund also take into consideration the advisability of establishing Methodist Colleges in New Zealand, and report to the Synods of 1918 and the Conference of 1919.

PROPOSED AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

That the following be a Committee to report to next Conference on desirable amendments to the Constitution, whereby the powers of Synods may be extended so as to relieve the work of the Conference:—Revs. S. Lawry (Convener), A. C. Lawry, P. N. Knight, W. J. Williams, J. Cocker, E. P. Blamires, T. W. Vealie, W. Beckett, F. Copeland, C. Abernethy, and Messrs W. H. Seed, J. A. Flesher, J. H. Blackwell, A. Williams, E. W. Hall, W. Dobbs, H. Holland, R. H. Turner, H. Buttle, and Frank Thompson.

THE LATE DR BEDFORD, M.A., LL.M., D.LITT.

Resolved: "In the death of Dr Bedford, who was due to take his place as one of its members, the Conference recognises a loss of no ordinary kind. There was in him a rare blend of moral and intellectual qualities that eminently fitted him for serving his generation according to the will of God. He woke up early to the call of God, and never ceased to give heed to that call through all the stages of his brilliant career. His professional attainments marked him out for high distinction, but the first place in his ambition was always given to the moral and religious uplift of his fellow-men. He espoused the Temperance cause with the ardour of a Crusader, and died almost with the call to victory on his lips. He had large visions of helpfulness for humanity, but they all centred in the exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ. This Conference humbly bows before the mystery of Providence, which has left the Church and the whole community the poorer by the removal of so gifted and devoted a worker for the common good. It commends the bereaved family to the tender mercies of the God of all comfort, and prays that the shining memory of Dr Bedford's life may be an inspiration to high endeavour on the part of all to whom his name is known."

LEGAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT.

That Mr J. A. Flesher be reappointed.

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

The Rev. Samuel Lawry and Mr F. Sheppard Green.

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

At Durham Street Church, Christchurch, on Thursday, February 27, 1919, at 7 p.m.

Form of Bequest.

The following FORM OF BEQUEST may be used by persons who wish to bequeath a sum of money to any Institution or Fund connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand :—

I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of.....the
(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)

sum of.....pounds sterling, to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said.....
(Name the Institution or Fund)

now^{ly} carried on under the direction of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

PLACE.	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE.	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairelough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brooke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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New Zealand Conferences *(Continued)*.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE.	YEAR.	PRESIDENT.
Wellington	1873	Rev. W. J. Dean
New Plymouth	1874	Rev. J. Dumbell
Wellington	1875	Rev. S. Antliff, D.D.
Christchurch	1876	Rev. J. Dumbell
Wellington	1877	Rev. W. J. Dean
Auckland	1878	Rev. B. J. Westbrooke
Wellington	1879	Rev. D. Dutton
Christchurch	1880	Rev. W. J. Dean
Dunedin	1881	Rev. Josiah Ward
Wellington	1882	Rev. Joseph Long
Auckland	1883	Rev. C. E. Barley
Dunedin	1884	Rev. C. E. Ward
Christchurch	1885	Mr. David Goldie
New Plymouth	1886	Rev. P. W. Jones
Wellington	1887	Rev. James Guy
Invercargill	1888	Mr. G. Froggatt
Christchurch	1889	Rev. J. Sharp
Dunedin	1890	Mr. C. M. Luke
Auckland	1891	Rev. W. S. Potter
Christchurch	1892	Mr. J. Bellringer
Ashburton	1893	Rev. James Guy
New Plymouth	1894	Rev. C. E. Ward
Wellington	1895	Rev. William Laycock
Timaru	1896	Rev. James Clover
Feilding	1897	Rev. T. H. Lyon
Dunedin	1898	Rev. J. Dawson
Christchurch	1899	Rev. P. W. Jones
Stratford	1900	Rev. J. Cocker
Auckland	1901	Rev. W. S. Potter
Wellington	1902	Hon. C. M. Luke
Ashburton	1903	Rev. G. Clement
Wanganui	1904	Rev. E. Drake
Christchurch	1905	Rev. J. Sharp
Invercargill	1906	Mr. C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	1907	Rev. C. E. Ward
Dunedin	1908	Rev. J. Olphert
Auckland	1909	Rev. R. Raine
Timaru	1910	Rev. S. Henderson
Wellington	1911	Rev. G. H. Mann
Christchurch	1912	Rev. G. K. Smith
Wellington	1913	Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C.

New Zealand Conferences (Continued).

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.

YEAR.	CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT.	SECRETARY.
1890	Alfred Peters	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1891	Samuel Macfarlane	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1892	John W. Worboys	Rev. A. Peters
1893	Charles Penney	Rev. A. Peters
1894	John Hosking	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1895	John H. Pendray	Mr. J. A. Flesher
1896	Alfred Peters	Mr. J. A. Flesher

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

YEAR.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1892-3	John Orchard	William Ready
1894-5	William Ready	Barton H. Ginger
1896	Barton H. Ginger	Frederick T. Read

A Chronological List of the Ministers and Probationers

In Connection with the
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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| <p>1852—Dumbell, John (Supy.)
 1861—Cannell, William (Supy.)
 1862—Smith, John (Supy.)
 1864—Lee, William (Supy.)
 " Rishworth, John S. (Supy.)
 1866—Taylor, Robert (Supy.)
 1867—Oliver William C. (Supy.)
 1868—Bull, Henry (Supy.)
 " McNicoll, David (Supy.)
 " Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)
 1869—Beck, William H. (Supy.)
 " Simmonds, Joseph H.
 1870—Lewis, John J.
 " Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)
 " Williams, William J. (Supy.)
 1871—Bond, George (Supy.)
 " Carr, Thomas G. (Supy.)
 " Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)
 " Thomas, James (Supy.)
 1872—Ward, Josiah
 1874—Clover, James (Supy.)
 " Hammond, Thos. G.
 " Jory, John D. (Supy.)
 1875—Guy, James
 " Murray, Daniel, J.
 " Nixon, John (Supy.)
 " Standage, Chas. H. (Supy.)
 1876—Baumber, William (Supy.)
 " Griffin, Cornelius (Supy.)
 " Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)
 " Luxford, John A., C.M.G.
 " Potter, William S.
 1877—Fee, Thomas (Supy.)
 " Lawry, Samuel
 " Peters, Alfred
 1879—Abernethy, Christopher
 " Hudson, Lewis (Supy.)
 1880—Brooke, Thomas G.
 " Dukes, John
 " Griffin, Thomas N. (Supy.)
 1881—Garland, Charles H.
 " Pinfold, James T., D.D.</p> | <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel
 " Jones, T. Francis (Supy.)
 1883—Marshall, George T. (Supy.)
 " Mather, Joseph J. (Supy.)
 1884—Laycock, William
 " Serpell, Samuel J.
 1885—Lawry, Albert C.
 " Ready, William
 " Rothwell, Benjamin F.
 " Wallis, T. Jackson
 1887—Blight, Joseph (Supy.)
 " Clement, George
 " Joughin, Thomas A.
 " Laws, Charles H., B.A.
 " Wrigley, James
 1888—Dawson, John
 " Grigg, William
 " Olphert, John
 1889—Chapman, James G.
 " Knight, Percy N., B.A.
 " Read, Frederick T.
 1890—Cocker, James
 " Harding, Arthur
 " Mitchell, Arthur
 " Newbold, Thos. W. (Supy.)
 1891—Boys, Frederick W.
 " Sinclair, William A.
 1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D.
 " Raine, Robert
 " Smith, G. Knowles
 1893—Drake, Edward
 " Elliott, William J.
 " Frost, George
 " Harrison, Colin C.
 1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.
 " Henderson, Samuel
 " Mann, George H.
 " Vealie, Thomas W.
 1895—Ashcroft, Arthur
 " Griffin, John W.
 " Lochore, John A.
 " Richards, Thomas R.</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST (Continued).

- 1896—Blamires, Henry L.
 ,, Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S.
 ,, Hosking, James A.
 1897—Cossum, Percy J.
 ,, Greenwood, Fred
 ,, Hay, W. Arthur
 ,, Pybus, Arthur
 1898—Beckett, William
 Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.
 1899—Keall, Robert P.
 ,, Southern, John
 ,, Wills, William
 1900—Blamires, E. Percy
 ,, Greenslade, William
 ,, Haslam, Jonathan H.
 ,, Hunt, George P.
 ,, Liversedge, Arthur
 ,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.
 1901—Bailey, Samuel
 ,, Cook, George S.
 ,, Eaton, Clarence
 ,, Featherston, Jacob
 ,, Ranston, Harry, M.A.
 ,, Reader, Amos
 ,, Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.
 1902—Coatsworth, Thomas
 ,, Oxbrow, Walter J.
 ,, Patchett, Ernest D.
 ,, Pratt, M. A. Rugby
 1903—James, Benjamin J.
 ,, Liddell, Ralph J.
 ,, Seamer, Arthur J.
 1904—Blamires, Ernest O.
 ,, McBean, Angus
 ,, Sims, Charles A.
 ,, Stockwell, George F.
 1905—Copeland, Fred
 ,, Harris, John
 ,, Metson, Basil
 ,, Richards, Raymond
 1906—Avery, William W.
 ,, Clark, James R.
 ,, Paris, Percy R.
 ,, Roberts, Charles
 ,, White, Hedley
 1907—Abbey, William H. E.
 ,, Blair, Charles
 ,, Scott, W. Bramwell
 1908—Cox Edwin T., M.A.
 ,, Jordan, Chas. B., B.A.
 ,, Martin, J. Frederick
 ,, Rands, Frederick
- 1908—Ryan, Henry
 ,, Speer, William H.
 ,, Tinsley, Robert B.
 1909—Cotton, Harry
 ,, McArthur, John D.
 ,, Suckling, Joseph B.
 ,, Turner, Nicholas
 1910—Allen, Alexander
 ,, Burley, William A., M.A.
 ,, Harris, Archer O.
 ,, Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 ,, Richards, James
 ,, Sharp, Harold A.
 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 ,, Fowles, Albert H.
 ,, Frost, Fred
 ,, Hopper, Arthur
 ,, Lea, William
 ,, Neale, Leslie B.
 ,, Richards, Horace L.
 ,, Rowe, William
 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
 ,, Hinton, George B.
 ,, Lawrence, Frederick B.
 ,, Parsons, John E.
 ,, Walker, William
 ,, Watson, William A.
 1913—Battey, Percy
 ,, Bensley, Arthur A.
 ,, Peat, Harold T.
 1914—Burnet, Oswald
 ,, Foston, Charles A.
 ,, Harris, Francis T.
 ,, Marshall, Henry H.
 ,, Spiers, Robert B.
 ,, Sullivan, Joseph R.
 ,, Werren, Samuel J.
 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 ,, Gordon, Aldwyn R., M.A.
 ,, Minifie, A. J. Lester
 ,, Odell, Henry J.
 ,, Slade, William G., M.A.
 1916—Brown, George E.
 ,, Fordyce, Robert E.
 ,, Hocking, William H.
 ,, Kendon, Charles H.
 ,, Sage, Ernest E.
 ,, Warburton, Egbert R.
 1917—Costain, Alfred M.
 ,, Dennis, John
 ,, Dent, Tom
 ,, Nelson, John R.
 ,, Parker, Fredk. J.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882—Rakena, Piripi	1904—Papakakura, Noho Hemi
1894—Kingi, Hamiora (Supy.)	1911—Kakuere, Hori
1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi	„ Te Tuhi, Eruera
1900—Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki	„ Wilcox, Davis
„ Renata, Hapeta	1914—Piripi, Rakena
1903—Hare, Hone Marena	1915—Paikea, K. Paraire

APPENDIX.

The Rev. S. F. Prior (1875), Supernumerary of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, r. sides in New Zealand.

Alphabetical List of Ministers and Probationers

In connection with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, together with their Postal Addresses.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column show the year in which the Minister entered the Ministry; the third column indicates the Circuit (and its number on the Station Sheet) to which the Minister is appointed; the fourth column indicates the first or further annual appointment, or, in the case of a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1879	Abernethy, Christopher	Christchurch, Papanui	2	Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch
1907	Abbey, William H. E.	Gisborne	1	351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne
1910	Allen, Alexander			With Expeditionary Forces
1895	Ashcroft, Arthur	Palmerston North	1	23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North
1906	Avery, William W.	Ohoka	2	Ohoka, Canterbury
1901	Bailey, Samuel	Willowby	1	Parsonage, Willowby
1913	Battey, Percy			With Expeditionary Forces
1876	Baumber, William (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham Street)	1918	Christchurch
1869	Beck, William H., (Supy.)	Wellington South	1913	109 Onepu Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington
1898	Beckett, William	Christchurch (Sydenham)	2	4 Harper Street, Sydenham, Christchurch
1894	Bellhouse, Harold E.	Auckland West	3	32 Arthur Street, Auckland
1913	Bensley, Arthur A.			With Expeditionary Forces
1907	Blair, Charles	Kaponga	4	Kaponga, Taranaki
1900	Blamires, E. Percy	Christchurch East	2	173 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
1904	Blamires, Ernest O.	Hamilton	1	London Street, Hamilton
1896	Blamires, Henry L.	Wanganui	5	Wicksteed Street, Wanganui
1887	Blight, Joseph (Supy.)	Auckland (Avondale)	1910	Methodist Orphanage, Mt. Albert
1871	Bond, George (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland
1891	Boys, Frederick W.	Palmerston N. (Broad Street)	6	126 Church Street East, Palmerston N.
1880	Brooke, Thomas G.	H.M. General Secretary	10	Penrhyn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1916	Brown, George E.			With Expeditionary Forces
1868	Bull, Henry (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham Street)	1911	40 Clissold Street, Merivale, Christchurch
1910	Burley, William A., M.A.	Auckland (Avondale)	1	Parsonage, Mt. Albert, Auckland
1914	Burnet, Oswald	Mosgiel		Mosgiel

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS—Continued.

H	ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
	1861	Cannell, William (Supy.)	New Plymouth	1900	112 Young Street, New Plymouth
	1871	Carr, Thomas G. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	Mt. Eden, Auckland
	1889	Chapman, James G.	Wellington (Taranaki Street)	8	38 Macfarlane Street, Wellington
	1896	Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Without Pastoral Charge		Registrar, University, Auckland
	1906	Clark, James R.	Whangarei		Bank Street, Whangarei
	1887	Clement, George	Invercargill (Elles Road)	4	57 Elles Road, Invercargill South
	1874	Clover, James (Supy.)	Hamilton	1917	Claudelands, Hamilton
	1902	Coatsworth, Thomas	Otautau	1	Parsonage, Otautau
	1890	Cocker, James	Christchurch (Cambridge Ter.)	3	227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch
	1901	Cook, George S.	Cambridge	3	Queen Street, Cambridge
	1915	Cooke, Percy I.			With Expeditionary Force
	1905	Copeland, Fred.	Christchurch (Woolston)	2	46 Radley Road, Woolston, Christchurch
	1897	Cossum, Percy J.	Rangitikei	2	Marton, Rangitikei
	1917	Costain, Alfred M.	Auckland East	2	Beckham Place, Auckland
	1900	Cotton, Harry	Pahiatua	3	Pahiatua
	1908	Cox, Elwin T., M.A.	Auckland Methodist Mission	4	East Street Hall, Newton, Auckland
	1888	Dawson, John	Sec. N.Z. Alliance		136 Coromandel Street, Wellington
	1917	Dennis, John	Timaru (Bank Street)	2	Timaru
	1917	Dent, Tom	Reefton	2	Reefton
	1871	Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1911	Spring Street, Onehunga
	1893	Drake, Edward	Wellington South	3	89 Daniel Street, Wellington South
	1898	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.	Westport	4	Derby Street, Westport
	1880	Dukes, John	Te Aroha	3	Te Aroha
	1852	Dumbell, John (Supy.)	Wellington (Thorndon)	1885	Sydney Street, Wellington
	1901	Eaton, Clarence	Dunedin Central Mission	4	56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin
	1893	Elliott, William J.	Auckland (North Shore)	3	17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland
	1911	Enticott, Walter J.	South Wairarapa		Main Street, Greytown
	1901	Featherston, Jacob	Milton	3	Milton, Otago
	1877	Fee, Thomas (Supy.)	Christchurch (St. Albans)	1913	Barbadoes Street, St. Albans, Christchurch
	1916	Fordyce, Robert E.	Taumarunui	1	Taumarunui

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ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1914	Foston, Charles A.	Waipawa	2	Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa
1911	Fowles, Albert H.	Greendale-Malvern	1	Greendale, Canterbury
1912	Frost, Fred L.			With Expeditionary Forces
1893	Frost, George	Ashburton	3	Havelock Street, Ashburton
1881	Garland, Charles H.	Theological College	7	Remuera, Auckland
1915	Gordon, Aldwyn R., M.A.			With Expeditionary Force
1912	Gosnell, Robert B.			With Y.M.C.A.
1900	Greenslade, William	Dunedin (Mornington)	5	56 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin
1897	Greenwood, Fred	Balclutha	1	Parsonage, Balclutha
1876	Griffin, Cornelius (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1914	7 Eglinton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1895	Griffin, John W.	Temuka	3	Birkett Street, Temuka
1880	Griffin, Thomas N. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham Street)	1918	Christchurch
1882	Griffith, Samuel	Dunedin (Caversham)	1	66 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin
1888	Grigg, William			With Expeditionary Forces
1875	Guy, James	Rangiora	3	142 King Street, Rangiora
1874	Hammond, Thomas G.	General Supt. Maori Mission	2	Rotorua
1890	Harding, Arthur	Foxton	2	Foxton Manawatu
1910	Harris, Archer O.	Eltham	3	Conway Road, Eltham
1914	Harris, Francis T.			With Expeditionary Force
1905	Harris, John	Springston	1	Parsonage, Springston, Canterbury
1893	Harrison, Colin C.	Onehunga	3	Grey Street, Onehunga
1900	Haslam, Jonathan H.	Levin	1	Queen Street East, Levin
1897	Hay, W. Arthur	Dunedin (Trinity)	5	169 York Place, Dunedin
1894	Henderson, Samuel	Te Awamutu	2	Te Awamutu
1912	Hinton, George B.	Waitara	3	Parsonage, Waitara
1911	Hopper, Arthur	Dunedin (St. Kilda)	3	52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh
1900	Hosking, James A.	Masterton	3	46 Worksop Road, Masterton
1879	Hudson, Lewis (Supy.)	Christchurch	1918	165 Ollivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch
1900	Hunt, George P.	Geraldine	4	Geraldine, Canterbury
1903	James, Benjamin J.	Sanson, Rongatea	1	Sanson, Manawatu

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ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1876	Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)	Feilding	1901	Kimbolton Road, Feilding
1882	Jones, Thomas F.	Papakura	2	Papakura
1908	Jordan, Charles B., B.A.	Rangiora	1	Woodend, Canterbury
1874	Jory, John D. (Supy.)	Auckland (Birkenhead)	1912	"Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland
1887	Joughin, Thomas A.	Timaru (Bank Street)	5	Butler Street, Timaru
1899	Keall, R. Purcell	Woodville	1	Woodville
1916	Kendon, Charles H.			With Expeditionary Forces
1889	Knight, Percy N., B.A.,	Christchurch (Durham Street)	5	54 Chester Street, Christchurch
1912	Lawrence, Frederick B.			With Expeditionary Force
1885	Lawry, Albert C.	Christchurch (St. Albans)	3	Rugby Street, St. Albans, Christchurch
1877	Lawry, Samuel	Connexional Secretary	8	P.O. Box 931, Christchurch
1887	Laws, Charles H., B.A.	Auckland Central	5	10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland
1884	Laycock, William	Leeston	2	Parsonage, Leeston
1911	Lea, William			With the Expeditionary Forces
1864	Lee, William (Supy.)	Auckland East	1907	Henley Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1870	Lewis, John J.	Auckland Central	3	Sherwood Road, Auckland
1903	Liddell, Ralph J.	Timaru (Woodlands Street)	5	114 Arthur Street, Timaru
1900	Liversedge, Arthur	Hawera	1	South Road, Hawera
1895	Lochore, John A.	Oamaru	5	Eden Street, Oamaru
1876	Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Auckland Central	1916	Military Hosp., Walton-on-Thames, Eng.
1909	McArthur, John D.	Hamilton	2	Hamilton East, Waikato
1904	McBean, Angus	Petone	3	37 Nelson Street, Petone
1868	McNicoll, David (Supy.)	Auckland (North Shore)	1909	Bay View Road, Takapuna, Auckland
1894	Mann, George H.	Gore	3	Irk Street, Gore
1883	Marshall, George T. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1916	27 Kenneth Avenue, Kingsland, Auckland
1914	Marshall, Henry H.			With Expeditionary Force
1908	Martin, J. Frederick	Pukekohe	2	Pukekohe, Auckland
1883	Mather, Joseph J. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1915	Henley Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1905	Metson, Basil	Tai Tapu	3	Tai Tapu, Canterbury
1915	Minifie, A. J. Lester	Waimarino	2	Raetihi

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS—Continued.

EXT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1890	Mitchell, Arthur	Christchurch East		With Expeditionary Forces
1875	Murray, Daniel J.	Hutt	2	Parsonage, Lower Hutt
1911	Neale, Leslie B.			With Expeditionary Forces
1917	Nelson, John R.	Dunedin (Trinity)	2	Glenavon, Dunedin
1890	Newbold, Thomas W. (Supy.)	Dunedin (Trinity)	1912	516 Cumberland Street, Dunedin
1875	Nixon, John (Supy.)	Rotorua	1915	Rotorua
1915	Odell, Henry J.			With Expeditionary Forces
1910	Olds, Charles H., B.A.	Invercargill (Don Street)	2	228 Spey Street, Invercargill
1867	Oliver, William C. (Supy.)	Christchurch East	1909	8 Dudley Terrace, Shirley, Christchurch
1888	Olphert, John	Waihi	2	Regent Street, Waihi
1902	Oxbrow, Walter J.	Dunedin (Dundas Street)	1	52 Dundas Street, Dunedin
1903	Paris, Percy R.	Auckland Central	2	619 Dominion Road, Auckland
1917	Parker, Fredk. J.	Manaia	1	Manaia, Taranaki
1912	Parsons, John E.	Lyttelton	2	19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton
1902	Patchett, Ernest D.	Nelson	3	Hardy Street, Nelson
1913	Peat, Harold T.			With Expeditionary Forces
1892	Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Port Chalmers	3	Scotia Street, Port Chalmers
1877	Peters, Alfred	Invercargill (Leet Street)	2	198 Dee Street, Invercargill
1881	Pinfold, James T., D.D.	Wellington South	1	Wellington South
1876	Potter, William S.	Waiuku	2	Waiuku, Auckland
1902	Pratt, M. A. Rugby	Hastings	3	Queen Street E., Hastings
1897	Pybus, T. Arthur	Dunedin (Roslyn)	3	36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin
1892	Raine, Robert	Dunedin (Cargill Road)	3	94 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin
1908	Rands, Frederick			With Expeditionary Forces
1901	Ranston, Harry, M.A.	Auckland Central	3	8 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland
1889	Read, Frederick T.	Wellington (Kilbirnie)	1	52 Wellington Road, Kilbirnie, Wellington
1901	Reader, Amos	Wellington (Thorndon)	3	17 Goring Street, Wellington
1885	Ready, William	Kaiapoi	1	Parsonage, Kaiapoi
1911	Richards, Horace L.	New Plymouth	2	Fitzroy, New Plymouth
1910	Richards, James	Dannevirke	1	High Street, Dannevirke

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ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APPT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1905	Richards, Raymond	Inglewood	3	Parsonage, Inglewood
1895	Richards, Thomas R.	Napier	5	Madeira Steps, Napier
1864	Rishworth, John S. (Supy.)	Auckland (North Shore)	1895	103 Vauxhall Road, Devonport, Auckland
1906	Roberts, Charles	Paparoa	2	Paparoa, North Auckland
1885	Rothwell, Benjamin F.	Blenheim	5	Blenheim
1911	Rowe, William	Johnsonville	2	Johnsonville, Wellington
1908	Ryan, Henry	Tua Marina		Tua Marina, Marlborough
1916	Sage, Ernest E.	Auckland (Avondale)	1	Avondale, Auckland
1907	Scott, W. Bramwell			With Expeditionary Force
1900	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Waimate	2	Coronation Street, Waimate
1903	Seamer, Arthur J.		3	With Expeditionary Force
1884	Serpell, Samuel J.	Thames	3	Queen Street, Thames
1910	Sharp, Harold A.	Auckland (Birkenhead)	3	Birkenhead, Auckland
1869	Simmonds, Joseph H.	Wesley Training College	24	Three Kings, Mount Eden, Auckland
1904	Sims, Charles A.			(Residing in New South Wales)
1891	Sinclair, William A.	New Plymouth	2	Liardt Street, New Plymouth
915	Slade, William G., M.A.	Invercargill (Don Street)	1	228 Spey Street, Invercargill
1868	Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1903	91 St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, London N.
1892	Smith, G. Knowles	Wellington Central Mission	6	21 Hankey Street, Wellington
1862	Smith, John (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1891	25 Fairview Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1899	Southern, John	Northern Wairoa	1	Dargaville
1908	Speer, William H.	Auckland West	1	52 Collingwood Street, Auckland
1914	Spiers, Robert B.			With Expeditionary Force
1875	Standage, Charles H. (Supy.)	Wellington Central Mission	1915	Wellington
1904	Stockwell, George F.	Feilding	2	West Street, Feilding
1914	Sullivan, Joseph R.			With Expeditionary Forces
1866	Taylor, Robert (Supy.)	Christchurch East	1910	Miuchin's Road, Richmond, Christchurch
1871	Thomas, James (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1907	Brockville Road, Toorak, Melbourne
1908	Tinsley, R. Borrows	Stratford	3	Stratford, Taranaki
1909	Turner, Nicholas	Wanganui North	1	Aramoho, Wanganui

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	ANN. APT.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1894	Vealie, Thomas W.	Christchurch (Addington)	5	100 Harman Street, Addington, Chch.
1912	Walker, William	Christchurch East	1	16 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch
1885	Wallis, Thomas J.	Greymouth	1	138 Tainui Street, Greymouth
1916	Warburton, Egbert R.			With Expeditionary Forces
1870	Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Cambridge Ter.)	1910	Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1872	Ward, Josiah	Carterton	4	High Street, Carterton
1912	Watson, William A.			With Expeditionary Forces
1914	Werren, Samuel J.			With Expeditionary Forces
1906	White, Hedley	Otaki	3	Kirk Street, Otaki
1870	Williams, William J. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Woolston)	1914	Sumner, Christchurch
1899	Wills, William	Richmond	1	Parsonage, Richmond, Nelson
1901	Woolloxill, Thomas R. B.	Morrinsville	1	Morrinsville
1887	Wrigley, James	Auckland East	4	Pukenui Road, Epsom
NATIVE MINISTERS.				
1900	Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki	West Coast Maori Mission	19	Normanby, Taranaki
1903	Hare, Hone M.	Northern Maori Mission	10	Te Kopua
1896	Heretini, Te Tuhi	Northern Maori Mission	12	Whirinaki, Hokianga
1911	Kakuera, Hori	Northern Maori Mission	5	Raglan
1894	Kingi, Hamiora (Supy.)	Northern Maori Mission	1914	Hokianga, North Auckland
1904	Papakakura, Noho Hemi	West Coast Maori Mission	3	Rahotu
1914	Piripi, Rakena	Southern Maori Mission	3	Temuka, Canterbury
1915	Paikea, Paraire R.	Northern Maori Mission	3	Otorohanga, Waikato
1882	Rakena, Piripi	Northern Maori Mission	5	Ivydale, Kohu Kohu, Hokianga
1900	Renata, Hapeta	Northern Maori Mission	18	Kaeo, Whangaroa
1911	Te Tuhi, Eruera	Northern Maori Mission	7	Reweti, Auckland
1911	Wilcox, Davis	Northern Maori Mission	8	Opuia, Bay of Islands

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF HOME MISSIONARIES

WITH THEIR POSTAL ADDRESSES AND THE YEAR FROM
WHICH THEIR ENTRANCE UPON THE WORK COUNTS.

N.B.—Only complete years of service are counted. The number following
the name indicates the number of years in the present appointment.

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- 1904—Aker, C. Douglas, Taranaki, 5.
 1916—Alexander, W., Paraparaumu, Wellington, 1.
 1910—Ayrton, M., Halcombe, Feilding, 1.
 1918—Belsham, J., Ashburton, 1.
 1915—Bowden, W., Coromandel, Auckland, 2.
 1908—Bridgman, G. H., Hokitika, Westland, 1.
 1916—Brooks, L. A. G., Wakefield, Nelson, 3.
 1918—Broom, F. C., Huntly, Auckland, 1.
 1908—Brown, C. W., Te Kuiti, King Country, 1.
 1917—Burton, T. H., Leamington, Cambridge, 2.
 1917—Challenger, N., Ruawai, N. Wairoa, 2.
 1917—Cule, G. H., Mangenui, Auckland, 1.
 1912—Cuming, W. B., Port Albert, Kaipara, 1.
 1910—Duncan, C., Paeroa, Auckland, 2.
 1917—Earwaker, C. H., Porirua, Wellington, 2.
 1909—Featherstone, T. W., Roxburgh, Otago, 2.
 1917—Field, J., Riverton, Southland, 1.
 1913—Fitchett, A., Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, 1.
 1914—Foot, F. E., Oxford, Canterbury, 3.
 1912—Gatman, W., Norsewood, Hawke's Bay, 2.
 1915—Harris, C., Ohura, King Country, 4.
 Harris, W., Addington, Christchurch.
 1904—Hooper, W. T., Riccarton, Christchurch, 2.
 1917—Jefferson, A. E., Kaeo, Whangaroa, 2.
 1907—Keen, S., Lawrence, Otago, 4.
 1909—Kellow, F. P., Mayfield, Canterbury, 1.
 1917—King, E. D. M., Okato, Taranaki, 2.
 1907—Laybourn, A., Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, 2.
 1918—Mairs, P. J., Kaukapakapa, Auckland, 1.
 1917—Nicholls, A., Motueka, Nelson, 2.
 1917—Orchard, H. C., Mahurangi, Auckland, 1.

- 1917—Pace, F. C., Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islands, 2.
 1915—Pearn, O. S., Kaitangata, Otago, 2.
 1917—Peaple, C. J., Nightcaps, Southland, 1.
 1916—Pickering, W. B., Palmerston, Otago, 3.
 1916—Reid, J., Gonville, Wanganui, 1.
 1916—Richards, J., Apiti, Feilding, 1.
 1917—Richards, W., Matamata, Waikato, 2.
 1917—Rosevear, T., St. Kilda, Dunedin, 2.
 1908—Sleep, W. E., Edendale, Otago, 1.
 1917—Souster, F., Otahuhu, Auckland, 1.
 1915—Spencer, H., Hawarden, N. Canterbury, 4.
 1911—Strand, C., Opunake, Taranaki, 1.
 1913—Tyson, J., Methven, Canterbury, 4.
 1916—Vickers, W., Hikurangi, Auckland, 1.
 1909—Watson, W., Patea, Taranaki, 3.
 1896—White, J. H., Brooklyn, Wellington, 6.
 1917—Witheyford, A. L., Cromwell, Otago, 2.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—GENERAL FUND.

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Cash Account for Year ending December 31, 1917.

Treasurers: REV. S. LAWRY and MR J. A. FLESHER.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balances forward—				By Loans—	
Invested on Mortgage	600 0 0			Ashburton Parsonage	200 0 0
Cash on Deposit, P.O. Savings				Waikanae	65 0 0
Bank	176 7 3			Stoke	150 0 0
Cash at Bank	264 7 4			Opawa	300 0 0
		1,040 14 7		Palmerston North (Broad St.)	300 0 0
„ Loan Instalments repaid		1,797 2 4		Dannevirke	150 0 0
„ Interest on overdue Instalments	28 7 5			Richmond	120 0 0
„ Interest on Mortgage	33 0 0				
„ Interest on Deposits	15 7 10			„ Grant to Connexional Secretary's	
				Office	140 15 0
	76 15 3			„ Printing and Stationery	10 1 6
„ Contributions from Trusts	59 10 0			„ Stamps and Telegrams	4 15 1
„ Working Expenses Fees	51 6 0			„ Bank Charges and Exchanges ...	2 15 0
„ Commission on Hymn Book Sales	1 3 2				
		188 14 5		„ Balances—	
				Investment on Mortgage	600 0 0
				Cash on Deposit, P.O. Savings	
				Bank	535 6 3
				Cash at Bank	447 18 6
					1,583 4 9
					£3,026 11 4
					£3,026 11 4

Audited and found correct,

A. K. ENGLAND }
 ARTHUR C. REED } Auditors.

January 29, 1918.

Cash Account for Year ending December 31, 1917.

Treasurers: REV. S. LAWRY and MR J. A. FLESHER.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balances forward—							
Cash on Deposit		393	15	5			
Cash at Bank		126	16	2			
		<hr/>			520	11	7
„ Loan Instalments repaid					358	3	0
„ Proceeds from sale of Feilding Property					275	0	0
„ Interest on Deposits		18	3	0			
„ Interest on overdue Instalments		3	7	3			
„ Working Expenses Fees		6	13	7			
„ Commission on Hymn Book Sales		1	3	2			
		<hr/>			29	7	0
		<hr/>					
		£1,183	1	7			

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Loans—							
Whakatane		100	0	0			
Templeton		100	0	0			
Taumarunui		179	17	2			
Waikouaiti		200	0	0			
Temuka		80	0	0			
		<hr/>			659	17	2
„ Rent—Seddon		2	0	6			
„ Rates—							
Kakahi		0	5	0			
Spredyon		2	2	9			
Taumarunui		4	7	11			
„ Insurance—Inglewood		0	13	0			
„ Insurance, etc.—Runanga		1	15	0			
		<hr/>			11	4	2
„ Grant to Connexional Secretary's Office		24	5	0			
„ Printing and Stationery		3	4	2			
„ Stamps, Telegrams, and Exchanges		1	17	10			
		<hr/>			29	7	0
„ Balances—							
Cash on Deposit—Mutual Benefit Building Society		250	0	0			
P.O. Savings Bank		456	18	5			
Cash in hand		9	19	6			
		<hr/>			716	17	11
Less Balance due to Bank		234	4	8			
		<hr/>			482	13	3
		<hr/>			£1,183	1	7

Audited and found correct,

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January 29, 1918.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

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Balance Sheet—General Fund.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
				£	s.	d.		
Accumulated Capital	10,041	14	11		
Balance Working Expenses Fund	...	...	...	111	13	4		
				£10,153	8	3		
							£	s.
							d.	£
							s.	d.
							8	8
							7,031	13
							10	10
							8,570	3
							600	0
							535	6
							447	18
							6	6
				£10,153	8	3	£10,153	8
							3	3

Balance Sheet—Special Branch.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
				£	s.	d.		
Accumulated Capital as at December 31, 1916	...	...	...	3,614	10	10		
Add Proceeds sale of Feilding Property	...	...	...	275	0	0		
				3,889	10	10		
Balance Working Expenses Funds	...	...	...	35	12	11		
				£3925	3	9		
							£	s.
							d.	£
							s.	d.
							16	1
							2,997	14
							5	6
							3,442	10
							250	0
							456	18
							9	19
							6	6
							716	17
							11	11
							234	4
							8	8
							482	13
							3	3
				£3925	3	9	£3925	3
							9	9

January 29, 1918.

Audited and found correct,

A. K. ENGLAND }
ARTHUR C. REED } Auditors.

MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended October 31, 1917.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. BOND and MR J. VEALE

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward		31 8 7	
„ Rents—			
Kaeo	54 15 0		
Mount Wesley	50 0 0		
Newark	25 0 0		
Te Waitere, Kawhia	0 15 0		
		130 10 0	
„ Interest—			
Auckland City Council De-			
bentures	600 0 0		
Whata Whata Mortgage	24 0 0		
Auckland Savings Bank	4 5 0		
Mortgage Indemnity Premium	0 5 0		
		628 10 0	
		<u>£790 8 7</u>	
By Payments to Home Mission Fund		700 0 0	
„ Management		15 0 0	
„ Rates		3 8 1	
„ Insurance		3 4 0	
„ Inspection of Properties		2 0 0	
„ Legal Expenses		10 12 4	
„ Grass Seed for Te Kopua		16 5 2	
„ Cost of re Survey and Plans,			
Mount Wesley		7 7 0	
„ Bank Commission, Cheque Book,			
and Other Charges		3 18 0	
„ Postage		0 10 0	
			762 4 7
„ Cr. Balance in Bank of N.Z. ...			28 4 0
			<u>£790 8 7</u>

Examined and found correct.

 ARCH. PEAK
 J. G. HENDERSON } Auditors.

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

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College Account for the Year ended December 31, 1917.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December 31, 1917.				December 31, 1917.						
To Salaries	446	6	8	By Rent of Hill Paddock	80	0	0			
„ Wages	112	1	5	„ School Fees received	20	0	0			
„ Bread, Meat, Groceries, Fuel, Seeds, Manure, Ironmongery, Drapery, Cartage, etc.	464	15	8	„ Sales of Stock and Produce	45	17	1			
„ Connexional Charges	43	18	0	„ Income and Expenditure Account				145	17	1
„ Printing and Stationery	14	5	8					1,015	1	8
„ Stock	17	0	0							
„ Insurance	4	4	10							
„ Water Rates	4	4	0							
„ Repairs and Maintenance	31	19	11							
„ Sundries	22	2	7							
	<u>£1,160</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>					<u>£1,160</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>

General Expenses Account for Year ended December 31, 1917.

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		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
December 31, 1917.					December 31, 1917.				
To Secretaries Salary	...	100	0	0	By Amount recovered from W. Tutt for destruction	...	80	0	0
.. Rates	...	186	17	6	of Noxious Weeds	...	...	...	...
.. Insurance	...	27	13	0	.. Income and Expenditure Account	...	827	14	9
.. Repairs and Maintenance	...	295	9	2					
.. Printing and Stationery	...	5	8	8					
.. Stamps, Exchange, etc.	...	8	2	11					
.. Special typing of Reports, etc.	...	2	16	0					
.. Surveyor's Fees	...	31	16	0					
.. Wages	...	108	10	9					
.. Advertising	...	11	2	6					
.. Legal Expenses	...	15	4	9					
.. Bonus to Boys for work done	...	15	0	0					
.. Audit Fee	...	5	5	0					
.. Boys' Sports Fund	...	20	0	0					
.. Principal's Expenses to Conference	...	5	5	0					
.. Agricultural Salt for killing weeds	...	37	0	0					
.. Stamp Duty on Mortgage	...	8	15	0					
.. Advances to Boys by Principal	...	15	17	8					
.. Rangers' Fees	...	3	3	0					
.. Sundry Expenses	...	4	7	10					
		<u>£907 14 9</u>					<u>£907 14 9</u>		

Farm Working Account for Year ended December 31, 1917.

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	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
December 31, 1917.				
To Salaries and Wages	349	17 11		
„ Seeds, Manures	321	6 4		
„ Interest	345	12 4		
„ Rates	50	6 8		
„ Insurance	9	10 8		
„ Horseshoeing	3	15 3		
„ Board for Boys working on Farm	12	8 11		
„ Coal, Chaff, Oats, Woolpacks, etc.	39	13 5		
„ Travelling Expenses	7	0 0		
„ Commission and Freight	32	6 8		
„ Repairs and Maintenance	7	10 8		
„ Depreciation on Plant and Horses	42	4 6		
„ Sundry Expenses	23	18 0		
			1,245	11 4
„ Purchases of Stock			1,336	9 4
„ Stock in hand on December 31, 1916			964	4 0
			£3,546	4 8

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
December 31, 1917.				
By Sales of Stock, Wool, etc. ...	1,153	5 4		
„ Grazing Fees	61	10 0		
„ Amount transferred to Improve- ments Account	100	0 0		
			1,314	15 4
„ Stock in hand on December 31, 1917			1,740	15 0
„ Loss on working the Farm for the year transferred to In- come and Expenditure A/c...			490	14 4
			£3,546	4 8

Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended December 31, 1917.

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INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December 31, 1917.							
To Rent Account	...	1,668	7	4			
„ Interest Account	...	277	16	0			
		<hr/>			1,946	3	4
„ Balance carried down	...				774	7	10
		<hr/>			£2,720	11	2
		<hr/>					
To Profit on sale of Dominion Road land	...	5,920	0	0			
		<hr/>			£5,920	0	0

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December 31, 1917.							
By Balance brought forward	...				375	10	11
„ College Account	...	1,068	0	2			
„ General Expenses Account	...	774	16	3			
„ Farm Working Account	...	490	14	4			
„ Bad Debts	...	11	9	6			
		<hr/>			2,345	0	3
		<hr/>			£2,720	11	2
		<hr/>					
By Balance brought down	...				774	7	10
„ Capital Account	...				5,145	12	2
		<hr/>			£5,920	0	0

Building Fund Account for Year ended December 31, 1917.

Trustees: A. C. CAUGHEY and J. H. SIMMONDS.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account	...	3,825	14	3
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		£3,825	14	3

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loan on Mortgage—Mrs Harbutt	...	2,100	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	25	18	11			
		<hr/>			2,125	18	11
Loan at call	...	256	3	6			
Interest accrued	...	2	16	10			
		<hr/>			259	0	4
Bank of New Zealand—Fixed deposit	...	984	18	11			
Interest accrued	...	14	3	7			
		<hr/>			999	2	6
Auckland Savings Bank	...	400	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	12	15	0			
		<hr/>			412	15	0
Cash in General Trust Account	...				28	17	6
		<hr/>			£3,825	14	3

Capital—			
General Trust Account	...	57,992	2 2
Building Fund Trust Account		3,825	14 3
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		61,817	16 5

£81,597 4 3

Sundry Debtors—			
For Rent	...	215	13 9
Buckland and Sons	...	33	10 0
Farm	...	26	10 0
Interest (Farm)	...	£125	0 0
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		41	13 4
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		166	13 4
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		442	7 1
Repairs to Grafton Road Property			
(to be spread over three years)		397	10 0
Rates paid in advance	...	60	0 0
Cash in hand	...	1	5 0
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		£81,597	4 3

H. E. SIMMONDS, A.P.A.(N.Z.), Secretary.

I certify that I have examined the above Balance Sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that in my opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the Board's affairs as shown by the Books. I have accepted as correct the valuation of stock supplied.

(Signed) GEO. W. HUTCHISON, F.P.A.(N.Z.), Auditor.

EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending September 30, 1917.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in Hand.....	48 1 11	Theological Treasurer	126 0 0
Interest on Mortgages and Investments	115 9 7	Law Costs	2 7 6
		Bank Charges	0 10 0
		Transferred to Capital	12 10 0
		Management	5 13 0
		Cash in Bank	16 11 0
	<u>£163 11 6</u>		<u>£163 11 6</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Capital	1,900 0 0	By Mortgages	1,600 0 0
		„ War Bonds	300 0 0
	<u>£1,900 0 0</u>		<u>£1,900 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

November 14, 1917.

CHAS. H. RALPH, Auditor.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Revenue Account for Year ending October 31, 1917.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
October 31, 1916.							October 31, 1917.			
To Balance				89	11	10	By Cash Rents	1,760	2	6
October 31, 1917.							„ Cash Interest	49	10	0
To Rents accrued *	1,815	1	2				„ Balance	144	10	6
„ Interest accrued		49	10	0						
				1,864	11	2				
				£1,954	3	0				
								£1,954	3	0

Examined and found correct,

Auckland, November 13, 1917.

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A. }
W. D. BUTTLE } Auditors.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at October 31, 1917.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account—				Freehold Properties—						
Balance at October 31, 1917	36,395	4	6	Great North Road	40,612	17	1			
Income Account—				Queen Street	3,750	0	0			
Balance at October 31, 1917	2,169	1	7	Whau Township	80	0	0			
New Zealand Insurance Company—				Freehold Mortgage				44,442	17	1
Amount of Loan	5,000	0	0					900	0	0
Theological Trustees—										
Balance of Allocation	150	0	0							
W. Marshall's Estate—										
Deposit at 4½ per cent.	225	0	0							
Bank of New Zealand—										
Balance due	1,403	11	0							
								£45,342	17	1
								£45,342	17	1

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probate Trust Board for year ended October 31, 1917, and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the within Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the date named as shown by the Books.

Auckland, November 13, 1917.

J. F. BUDDLE, F.N.Z.A.A. }
W. D. BUTTLE } Auditors.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending September 30, 1917.

Treasurers: REV. W. A. SINCLAIR and MR W. A. COLLIS.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Bank Balance, October 1, 1916	18	16	1	Land Tax	50	1	3
Rents	575	12	0	Rates	28	11	4
Interest	16	10	0	Insurance	2	1	2
Refund of Insurance	1	16	2	Secretary's Commission	30	9	0
Transfer Fee	0	10	0	Home Mission Fund Treasurers	400	0	0
Improvements (W. Thomson)	15	0	0	Bank Charge	0	10	0
				Stationery and Sundries	5	17	11
				Balance in Bank	110	13	7
	£628	4	3		£628	4	3

Audited and found correct in so far as Receipts and Expenditure for the period are concerned. There is an unrepresented cheque outstanding of £100.

ALF E. SYKES }
E. HOLDEN } Auditors.

TREASURER'S NOTE.—A cheque for £100 was sent to the Home Mission Treasurer in September, but did not pass through the Bank until October 8.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Whiteley Township—Unimproved Value	12,015	0	0
Value of Improvements—						
Tenants	5,176	0	0
Trustees	264	0	0
				<hr/>		
				5,440	0	0
Total Value, including Improvements	<hr/>		
				£17,455	0	0
				<hr/>		

W. A. SINCLAIR }
W. A. COLLIS } Treasurers.

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL
ENDOWMENTS.**

Revenue Account for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January 1, 1917										
To Balance Forward	12,856	17	5							
December 31, 1917										
„ Interest Received	526	8	5							
„ Rent Received	212	5	0							
	<u>£13,595</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>							
				December 31, 1917						
				By General Expenses						
				„ Survey Fee (Wellington						
				Land)	15	18	0			
				„ Rates	3	13	9			
				„ Law Costs (Masterton Land)	1	1	0			
				„ Travelling Expenses	12	5	6			
				„ Printing and Stationery	1	5	0			
				„ Postages	2	0	0			
				„ Exchange, Bank Charges	4	8	0			
				„ Sundry Items	5	0	0			
								45	11	3
				Balance				<u>13,549</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>
								<u>£13,595</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1917.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance as per Revenue Account	13,549	19	7	Loans on Mortgage				9,513	15	0
				Freehold Property—						
				Wellington	1,200	0	0			
				Foxton, No. 1	575	0	0			
				Foxton, No. 2	45	0	0			
				Masterton	1,721	1	0			
								3,541	1	0
				Interest Account to 31st December				131	16	3
				Rent Account to 31st December				51	1	3
				Balance at P.O. Savings Bank ...				202	2	3
				Balance at* Bank of Australasia ...				110	3	10
								<u>13,549</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>
	£13,549	19	7					£13,549	19	7

Audited and found correct.

T. H. BARCLAY, F.I.A.N.Z. {
C. McDONALD. } Auditors.

Wellington, 30th January, 1918.

Wellington, 29th January, 1918.

J. G. CHAPMAN, Chairman of Board.
W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Treasurer.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

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Cash Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1917.

Treasurers: Rev. S. LAWRY and Mr C. E. SALTER.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
To Balances Forward—					
Investments on Mortgage ...	6,280	0 0			
Advances to Church Trustees on Loans	1,531	6 4			
Cash on Deposit	80	0 0			
Cash at Bank	278	15 2			
N.Z. Government War Bonds	500	0 0			
			3,670	1 6	
„ Insurance Levies on Church Properties	963	17 7			
„ Premiums on Personal Pro- perties	65	16 2			
„ Atlas Co. Return Premium ...	2	15 6			
„ Atlas Co. for Fire Losses ...	245	0 0			
			1,277	9 3	
„ Interest on Mortgages	355	7 3			
„ Interest on Church Loans ...	75	15 1			
„ Interest on Deposits	3	19 4			
„ Interest on Debentures	22	10 0			
			457	11 8	
			£10,405	2 5	
By Re-insurances on Church Pro- perties	245	9 5			
„ Insurances of Personal Pro- perty	62	5 1			
					307 14 6
„ Losses by Fire					247 10 0
„ Grant to Secretary's Office ...	190	0 0			
„ Stamps and Telegrams	10	9 8			
„ Printing and Stationery	9	5 10			
„ Bank Charges, Exchanges, and Cheque Book	3	12 1			
„ Interest on Overdraft and on Temporary Loan	6	10 7			
„ Legal Expenses	4	17 6			
					224 15 8
„ Investments on Mortgage ...	6,130	0 0			
„ Advances to Church Trustees on Loans	1,436	0 0			
„ N.Z. Government War Bonds	500	0 0			
„ Auckland Harbour Board ...	500	0 0			
„ Cash on Deposit	1,055	0 0			
„ Cash at Bank, £4 1s 3d; and in hand, 6d	4	1 9			
					9,625 2 3
					£10,405 2 5

Audited and found correct, but attention is again drawn to our Certificates on previous Balance Sheets respecting Advances to Church Trustees on Loans.

Christchurch, January 30, 1918.

L. J. BERRY, F.I.A.N.Z.,
FRANK THOMPSON, } Auditors.

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Loan on Mortgage				Property			5,000 0 0
Loan at Call of Treasurer			3,000 0 0	Cash in Bank	26	12	4
Capital as at December 31, 1916 ...	909	15	11	Less Overdraft	3	13	11
Add Receipts as above	92	6	0				22 18 5
			1,002 1 11				
Less Disbursements as above ...	179	3	6				
Nett Capital to December 31, 1917			882 18 5				
			<u>£5,022 18 5</u>				<u>£5,022 18 5</u>

I have prepared the above Cash Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Church Theological College Building Account, and hereby certify the same to be a true statement of the position according to the vouchers and information available from the Treasurer's Books.

February 1, 1918.

EGERTON GILL, Auditor.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Revenue Account for the Year ending December 31, 1917.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions refunded				119	8	0
„ Annuities	3,674	14	11			
Less amount from English Fund	44	18	8			
				3,629	16	3
„ Furniture Grants				32	10	0
„ Share of cost of Connexional Secretary's Office	170	0	0			
„ General Expenses	11	19	6			
„ Stamps and Telegrams	4	19	0			
„ Printing and Advertising	2	5	3			
„ Exchange	14	1	0			
„ Bank Charges and Cheque Book	2	5	0			
				205	9	9
„ Amount paid to Melbourne ...				61	1	0
„ Balance to Accumulated Funds				3,616	12	1
				£7,664	17	1
				£	s.	d.
By Ministers' Subscriptions				1,256	16	0
„ Circuit Levies	1,653	2	6			
„ Levies o/a Missionaries	32	0	0			
				1,685	2	6
„ Interest Ministers' Arrears ...				13	16	6
Less Interest charged back ...				12	0	1
				1	16	5
„ Interest on Deposits				87	10	0
„ Interest on Investments	4,548	11	8			
„ Interest on Primitive Methodist Capital				14	13	1
				4,652	11	2
„ Accident Indemnity and Fire Insurance Premiums received...				30	13	10
Less Premiums paid				21	7	5
				9	6	5
„ Amounts received o/a Melbourne				61	1	0
				£7,664	17	1

SAMUEL LAWRY }
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Balance Sheet at December 31, 1917.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds at December 31, 1916	88,601	13	7	Investments—				
Add received for Purchase of Benefits	127	7	9	Loans on Mortgage	76,900	0	0	
	88,729	1	4	Interest due and accrued	982	13	11	
Add Revenue Account transferred (Balance of Income over Expenditure, 1917) ...	3,616	12	1		77,882	13	11	
Sundry Creditors			92,345	13	5			
			43	7	7			
			11,229	4	5			
			1,258	15	9			
			473	1	10			
Carried forward	£92,389	1	0	Carried forward	£90,843	15	11	

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...				92,389	1	0
				£92,389	1	0
Brought forward ...				90,843	15	11
Circuit Levies due and unpaid ...				425	13	0
Balance due for Purchase of Benefits o/a Primitive Methodist Ministers ...				254	5	0
Interest accrued ...				19	0	10
Sundry Debtors ...					273	5
Cash at Bank of New Zealand and in hand ...					1	1
				845	5	3
				£92,389	1	0

SAMUEL LAWRY }
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Supernumerary Fund, and certify to their correctness as revealed by the accounts. We had all Securities produced to us with the exception of those held by the Bank of New Zealand, whose Certificate has been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 1917.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.(N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z.
For THOS. NEWBURGH—
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.(N.Z.) } Auditors.

Christchurch January 22, 1918.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND (BENEVOLENT BRANCH).

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Cash Statement for the Year ending December 31, 1917.

Treasurers: REV. S. LAWRY and MR J. C. PRUDHOE.

DR.				CR.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance forward			570	4 3	By Purchase of Debentures	500	0 0
„ Interest on Mortgage	32	10 0			„ Gratuities to nine Beneficiaries	65	0 0
„ Interest on Debentures	13	2 6					565 0 0
„ Interest on Deposits	3	9 11			„ Balance forward		54 6 8
			49	2 5			
			£619	6 8			£619 6 8

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1917.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	1,000	0 0	Investments on Mortgage	500	0 0		
Balance	73	7 11	Christchurch City Debentures	500	0 0		1,000 0 0
					Deposit at P.O. Savings Bank	54	6 8
					Interest accrued	19	1 3
			£1,073	7 11			73 7 11
							£1,073 7 11

Audited and found correct,
Christchurch, January 22, 1918.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.(N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z.
For THOS. NEWBURGH—
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.(N.Z.) } Auditors.

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended December 31, 1917.

Hon. Treasurers: REV. W. A. HAY and MR ERNEST ROSEVEAR.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1917—January 1.									
To Balance brought forward			541	12	7				
„ Sale Conference Agenda	20	5	6						
„ Sales per Connexional Secretary	£14	12	3						
Less Expenses	1	15	5						
	13	6	10						
„ Sales per Rev. Wm. Laycock	7	6	4						
			40	18	8				
„ Grant Home Mission Fund on account Military Affairs			125	0	0				
„ Circuit Levies—									
Auckland District	374	11	10						
South Auckland District	173	18	9						
Taranaki-Wanganui District	193	4	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	176	13	8						
Wellington District	184	12	0						
Nelson District	125	12	4						
North Canterbury District	278	8	8						
South Canterbury District	123	14	8						
Otago District	192	1	4						
Southland District	97	14	8						
			1920	11	11				
By Cost of Wellington Conference Representatives' Expenses, Equalisation Fund	215	9	3						
„ Travelling to Conference (Officials, Ministerial Representatives, and Probationers for Ordination)	97	8	5						
„ Printing Agenda, Minutes, etc.	204	11	9						
„ Conference Stationery, Bibles, Cables, Telegrams, Postage, etc.	34	0	0						
							551	9	5
„ Travelling of Chairmen and other District Expenses (including Exchanges, Cheque Books, Bank Charges, etc.)—									
Auckland District	19	8	8						
South Auckland District	20	8	7						
Taranaki-Wanganui District	15	14	1						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	15	1	3						
Wellington District	8	9	7						
Nelson District	14	8	11						
North Canterbury District (including expenses of ex-President, Rev. A. C. Lawry)	39	12	2						
South Canterbury District	10	12	0						
Otago District	10	13	6						
Southland District	11	1	8						
							165	10	5

To Sale of Minutes—

Auckland District	1 4 0	
South Auckland District	0 7 0	
Taranaki-Wanganui District	0 14 6	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	0 9 0	
Wellington District	1 3 6	
Nelson District	0 8 0	
North Canterbury District	0 5 6	
South Canterbury District	0 14 0	
Otago District	1 0 6	
Southland District	—	
		6 6 0

Carried Forward ... £2634 9 2

By District Synod Expenses (Ministers,
Probationers, Home Mis-
sionaries travelling to Synod,
Telegrams, Stationery, etc.)—

Auckland District	41 9 8
South Auckland District	21 6 4
Taranaki-Wanganui District	15 11 5
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	21 4 2
Wellington District	16 13 4
Nelson District	31 16 11
North Canterbury District	10 16 1
South Canterbury District	7 1 7
Otago District	14 1 0
Southland District	2 2 8

182 3 2

„ Ministerial Supply (half cost) ... 93 5 6

„ Military Affairs (see Contra other
side, H.M. Fund Committee)—

Sundry Expenses per President	9 15 0
Grants	100 0 0
Removal Expenses	35 0 8
Supernumerary Fund	218 6 6
Printing	13 8 3

376 10 5

„ Grant Theological Institution ... 100 0 0

„ Methodist Times 45 0 0

„ Removal Expenses (half cost) ... 51 15 6

„ Examination Account 21 3 3

„ Connexional Secretary Office ... 165 0 0

„ Constitution Conference Committee 34 4 9

„ Temperance and Public Morals
Committee 4 2 6

38 7 3

Carried Forward ... £1790 4 11

Contingent Fund Account.—Continued.

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Brought Forward £ s. d.
£2634 7 2

	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward	1790	4	11
By President's Travelling Account ...	37	10	3
„ Secretary's Cables, Telegrams, etc.	12	0	8
			49 10 11
„ Grant Sunday School Board ...			11 0 0
„ Printing and Stationery ...			60 16 5
„ Sundry, Exchange, Bank Charge, Cheque Book, Telegrams, and Postage (per Hon. Treasurer) ...			11 5 4
„ Interest Overdraft ...			3 15 0
„ Balance Bank of New Zealand ...	615	14	1
„ Balance due by Chairmen—			
South Auckland District ...	10	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District ...	7	2	2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District ...	20	0	0
Wellington District ...	30	0	7
North Canterbury District ...	24	19	9
			707 16 7
			£2634 9 2

Audited and found correct,

March 2, 1918.

D. C. CAMERON, JUN. }
T. W. HEMER } Auditors.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND—NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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October 31, 1917.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Capital at end of 1916	424 16 3	Mount Eden 5 per cent. Debentures	200 0 0
Allocation from General Fund	2,000 0 0	Dunedin Water Board 4½ per cent. Debenture ...	100 0 0
Subscription—Lance-corporal B. R. Hodder	10 0 0	£100 of Government War Bonds, due four years	84 10 0
Appreciation Government War Bonds	4 10 0	£600 of Government War Bonds, due five years	480 0 0
		Cash in Auckland Savings Bank	54 16 3
		Balance in Bank of New Zealand	1,520 0 0
	<u>£2,439 6 3</u>		<u>£2,439 6 3</u>

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Interest on Dunedin Water Board Debenture ...	4 10 0	By Transfer to General Fund	13 15 1
„ Interest on Mount Eden Debentures	7 15 4		
„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	1 9 9		
	<u>£13 15 1</u>		<u>£13 15 1</u>

Audited and found correct,

Auckland, December 11, 1917.

J. BURT VEALE.
ALDRED E. LAWRY.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA—NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Period of Ten Months ending October 31, 1917.

Treasurers: REV. G. T. MARSHALL and MR J. W. COURT.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Fund	9,616	8	8	Remittance to Head Office			
Women's Auxiliaries—				Remitted to Head Office by Sub-	6,400	0	0
Auckland	95	0	0	scribers—			
Wanganui	10	0	0	“Investor”	500	0	0
Hawera	25	0	0	“Waikawau”	500	0	0
Woodville	6	1	2	Miss C. Jamieson, Bulls	10	0	0
Wellington, Hutt, Palmerston,				The Misses Fleming, Takapuna	21	0	0
and Feilding	50	0	0	Canterbury Women's Auxiliary... ..	10	0	0
Canterbury	100	0	6	Mrs Cumming, Wellington	5	0	0
Blenheim	5	0	0				1,046 0 0
Timaru	22	0	0	Disbursements on account of Head			
Otago	100	0	0	Office—			
Southland	24	0	0	Miss Graham (Fares)	10	0	7
			437 1 8	Miss Parkin (Fares)	10	16	0
For Native Teachers and Students...	285	5	4	Rev. M. J. and Mrs Evans	48	2	0
For Orphans	113	4	1	Freight of Reports	0	15	5
Missionary Reviews	126	16	8	Childrens' Allowances	25	10	0
Mr Hodder, for Working Capital				Supernumerary Fund	44	12	0
Fund	10	0	0				139 16 0
Mrs W. H. Smith, for Engine for				Missionary Reviews, Postage, Wrap-			
Schooner in Solomon Islands	50	0	0	ping, etc.		77	9 10
				Missionary Boxes		17	2 2
				Deputation Expenses		143	16 6
				Secretary's Honorarium		68	15 0
				Printing		35	18 3
				Exchanges, Stamps, etc.		26	5 1
				Support of Mua, the Rotuman		30	0 0

For Support of Mua of Rotuma—			Annuitants—Nosworthy Estate	9 0 6
Women's Auxiliaries:			Medical Fees	1 1 0
Auckland	5 0 0		Expenses to Sydney—Rev. T. F.	
Wanganui	2 0 0		Jones	16 0 0
Hastings	5 0 0		Expenses to Conference—Rev. T. F.	
Wellington	3 0 0		Jones	4 11 0
Canterbury	4 0 0		St. Albans—Refund	6 12 6
Otago	5 0 0		Working Capital Fund	480 0 0
Collected by Rev. J. D. Jory ...	13 7 0		Working Capital Fund—Mr Hodder's	
		37 7 0	Subscription	10 0 0
Interest on Working Capital Fund...		13 15 1	Advertising in N.Z. Methodist Times	5 0 0
Refund Conference Travelling ...		2 15 5	Bank Charges	0 10 0
Maps		1 11 6	Balance in hand	2,176 7 7
		<u>£10,694 5 5</u>		<u>£10,694 5 5</u>

Audited and found correct as from Cash Book and Bank Book, November 5, 1917.

(Sgd.) J. BURT VEALE.
ALDRED E. LAWRY.

Memo. of Disposal of Balance in Hand:

To Working Capital Fund (£480 having been already paid)	£1,520 0 0
„ Head Office	656 7 7
	<u>£2,176 7 7</u>

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA, NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

Circuit Contributions, 1917.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	From 1916.	General.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland Central	454	2 5
Auckland West	198	19 9
Auckland East	343	9 5
Auckland (Avondale)	147	10 4
Auckland (Methodist Mission)	62	5 3
Auckland (North Shore)	141	1 8
Auckland (Birkenhead)	105	10 3
Onehunga	39	11 10
Otahuhu	42	9 0
Papakura	44	7 6
Pukekohe	128	12 10
Waiuku	42	8 3
Mahurangi	22	0 0
Paparoa	53	7 6
Northern Wairoa	44	15 0
Whangarei	23	14 2
Port Albert	50	0 0
Coromanadel	1	0 0
Helensville	5	10 0
Bay of Islands	4	2 0
Hokianga (Rawene)	9	11 0
Whangaroa	2	0 0
Mongonui	—	—
Hikurangi	10	10 0
Special Donations sent direct to Head Office	1,021	0 0
Reviews	21	13 11
	£3,019	12 1

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	From 1916.	General.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Thames	92	14 8
Te Aroha	75	6 7
Waihi	24	14 0
Paeroa	1	18 10
Morrinsville	8	0 0
Cambridge	94	12 9
Hamilton	2 13 9	136 5 11
Huntly	1	0 0
Rotorua	13	19 0
Tauranga	28	3 6
Opotiki	14	6 3
Te Kuiti	32	1 0
Taumarunui	9	11 3
Te Awamutu	16	0 0
Te Puke	5	17 0
Ohura	6	10 0
Ngaruawahia	12	7 6
Marakopa	—	—
Waimiha	—	—
Reviews	12	5 9
	£2 13 9	£588 7 9

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	From 1916.			General.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth				206	2	0
Waitara				96	13	2
Inglewood				32	6	3
Stratford				86	9	7
Eltham	1	17	8	42	0	6
Hawera	29	0	1	215	0	0
Manaia	4	4	0	26	6	4
Cape Egmont				—		
Kaponga				15	0	0
Wanganui	10	4	0	152	9	6
Aramoho				26	19	0
Rangitikei				38	5	8
Taihape				19	4	10
Waimarino				16	1	4
East Egmont				4	0	6
Mokau				—		
Patea				6	11	6
Reviews				10	16	6
Direct to Head Office				10	0	0
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	£57	5	6	£1,061	12	2

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	From 1916.			General.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier				200	0	0
Hastings				223	0	6
Gisborne				58	13	7
Waipawa				16	10	0
Dannevirke				23	19	8
Woodville				98	4	7
Pahiatua				17	15	8
Palmerston North (Broad street)				126	9	9
Palmerston North (Cuba street)				51	17	7
Feilding				237	17	1
Sanson and Rongotea				46	12	11
Foxton				6	6	6
Apiti				57	0	0
Norsewood				23	10	0
Reviews				17	14	3
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				£1,205	12	6

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	From 1916.	General.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington (Taranaki street)		346 2 6
Wellington (Central Mission)		11 12 0
Wellington (Thorndon)	0 17 4	4 0 0
Wellington South		119 15 5
Johnsonville		35 10 0
Hutt		46 2 10
Petone		35 0 7
South Wairarapa		20 13 10
Carterton		33 10 0
Masterton	7 17 11	92 4 10
Eketahuna		24 5 2
Levin		71 12 5
Otaki		49 19 2
Reviews		17 19 6
Direct to Head Office		5 0 0
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	£8 15 3	£922 3 6

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	From 1916.	General.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson		123 9 9
Richmond	20 0 0	57 15 0
Blenheim		165 0 0
Hokitika		15 18 10
Greymouth		20 5 2
Motueka	5 5 11	7 17 9
Reefton		1 17 6
Westport		46 3 3
Havelock		1 0 0
Murchison		1 0 0
Runanga		—
Denniston-Granity		—
Tapawera		—
Dovedale		—
Reviews		5 4 6
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	£25 5 11	£470 17 8

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	From 1916.	General.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch (Durham street)		200 0 0
Christchurch (Durham street South)		—
Christchurch East		338 10 0
Christchurch (Cambridge terrace)		36 8 5
Christchurch (Woolston)		57 13 6
Christchurch (Sydenham)		72 3 3
Christchurch (St. Albans)		96 14 6
Christchurch (Addington)		101 15 7
Christchurch (Papanui)		70 0 0
Lyttelton		14 1 6
Springston		24 7 4
Tai Tapu		40 0 1
Leeston		55 2 0
Kaiapoi		87 18 0
Ohoka		60 0 0
Rangiora		69 8 8
Greendale and Malvern	0 8 0	61 2 6
Hawarden		14 19 8
Oxford		9 10 0
Reviews		23 5 6
Direct to Head Office		10 0 0
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	£0 8 0	£1,443 8 6

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	From 1916	General.
		£ s. d.
Timaru (Bank street)		104 3 0
Timaru (Woodland street)		27 17 3
Waimate		116 14 8
Temuka (King street)		55 10 3
Geraldine		16 0 0
Ashburton		105 15 0
Willowby		65 11 8
Oamaru		48 7 8
Methven		16 1 8
Mayfield		—
Reviews		9 13 6
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		£565 14 8

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

	From 1916.	General.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin (Trinity)		130 19 4
Dunedin (Central Mission)		42 10 0
Dunedin (Dundas street)		31 0 0
Dunedin (Cargill road)		54 14 0
Dunedin (St. Kilda)		34 17 1
Dunedin (Caversham)		12 12 8
Dunedin (Mornington)		58 10 1
Dunedin (Roslyn)		24 6 11
Mosgiel		7 0 0
Port Chalmers		11 6 0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston		15 9 0
Balclutha		—
Milton	1 16 0	33 18 2
Roxburgh		4 13 10
Kaitangata		7 0 0
Lawrence		10 2 3
Cromwell		5 8 6
Reviews		7 14 6
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	£1 16 0	£493 18 4

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	From 1916.	General.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Invercargill (Leet street)		107 11 3
Invercargill (Don street)		47 19 9
Invercargill (Elles road)	7 8 6	25 0 10
Bluff		11 12 6
Gore	21 11 2	27 4 0
Otautau		25 13 6
Edendale		10 0 0
Riverton		1 14 1
Winton		—
Tuatapere		—
Nightcaps		6 0 0
Reviews		6 13 6
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	£28 19 8	£298 9 1

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT TOTALS.

	£ s. d.
I. Auckland	3,019 12 1
II. South Auckland	588 7 9
III. Taranaki-Wanganui	1,061 12 2
IV. Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1,205 12 6
V. Wellington	922 3 6
VI. Nelson	470 17 8
VII. North Canterbury	1,443 8 6
VIII. South Canterbury	565 14 8
IX. Otago	493 18 4
X. Southland	298 9 1
Sent Direct to Conference Secretary	624 9 2
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	£10,694 5 5

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Brought forward			1562	17	6			
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			Waimarino.					
New Plymouth	63	18 3	Native Home Missionary	60	0 0			
Waitara	20	0 11	Travelling	20	0 0			
Inglewood	20	3 6	Southern District.					
Stratford	24	3 0	Native Probationer	77	10 0			
Eltham	14	15 9	Travelling	13	15 0			
Hawera	40	0 0	Special	5	0 0			
Mania	26	1 3				636	5 0	
Cape Egmont	5	3 10	Total for Maori Work...			£2113	4 8	
Kaponga	17	10 0	AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					
Wanganui	63	14 1	Home Mission Stations.					
Aramoho	14	15 6	Coromandel	30	0 0			
Rangitikei	10	0 0	Helensville	21	14 2			
Taihape	0	0 0	Bay of Islands	40	0 0			
Waimarino	8	0 0	Hokianga	38	15 0			
West Coast Maori Mis-			Whangaroa	35	0 0			
sion	8	0 0	Mangonui	10	0 0			
Opunake	1	0 0	Hikurangi	15	0 0			
Waimarino N. H.M.	14	14 2	Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
Station			Northern Wairoa	27	10 0			
Home Mission Stations.			Aided Circuits.					
East Egmont	4	0 0	Methodist Mission	75	0 0			
Patea	4	9 8	Papakura	15	0 0			
			Mahurangi	9	7 6			
			Paparoa	11	5 0			
						328	11 8	
			SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					
			Home Mission Stations.					
			Te Puke	20	0 0			
			Matamata	47	10 0			
			Ohura	60	0 0			
			Waimiha	75	0 0			
			Waimiha, Special	52	0 0			
			Hauraki Plains	37	10 0			
			Aided Circuits.					
			Waihi	15	0 0			
			Huntly	15	0 0			
			Opotiki	18	15 0			
			Te Kuiti	37	10 0			
			Taumarunui	100	0 0			
			Te Awamutu	50	0 0			
			Whakatane	72	10 0			
						600	15 0	
			TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.					
			Home Mission Stations.					
			East Egmont	60	0 0			
			Patea	31	5 0			
			Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
			Waitara	12	10 0			
			Cape Egmont	22	10 0			
			Aided Circuits.					
			Inglewood	51	5 0			
			Eltham	12	10 0			
			Kaponga	22	10 0			
			Waimarino	23	15 0			
						236	5 0	
Carried forward			2762	5	0	Carried forward	3278 16 4	

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		2762	5 0
NELSON DISTRICT.			
Nelson	...	55	14 9
Richmond	...	28	10 0
Blenheim	...	77	0 0
Hokitika	...	13	10 7
Greymouth	...	18	0 6
Motueka	...	4	11 0
Reefton	...	6	0 2
Westport	...	25	19 3
Home Mission Stations.			
Havelock	...	0	0 0
Murchison	...	0	0 0
Denniston-Granity	...	4	1 0
		233	7 3
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Christchurch (Durham St.)	...	116	18 8
Christchurch (Durham St. South)	...	10	13 3
Christchurch East	...	89	9 2
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	...	9	4 0
Christchurch (Woolston)	...	46	7 5
Christchurch (Sydenham)	...	31	5 1
Christchurch (Addington)	...	52	10 0
Christchurch (St Albans)	...	46	0 0
Christchurch (Papanui)	...	27	0 0
Lyttelton	...	20	0 0
Springston	...	12	19 1
Tai Tapu	...	32	16 10
Leeston	...	41	4 0
Kaiapoi	...	30	18 10
Ohoka	...	34	7 8
Rangiora	...	45	19 3
Greendale and Malvern	...	31	7 2
Home Mission Stations.			
Hawarden	...	7	14 6
Oxford	...	6	0 2
Southern Maori Mission	...	5	18 7
		673	15 6
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Timaru (Bank St.)	...	90	10 5
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	...	7	1 0
Waimate	...	38	2 0
Temuka	...	30	5 0
Geraldine	...	15	15 0
Ashburton	...	76	7 5
Willowby	...	46	6 1
Oamaru	...	35	18 10
Home Mission Stations.			
Methven	...	0	9 0
Mayfield	...	0	3 0
		340	5 9
Carried forward		4014	11 6

EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		3278	16 4
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Apiti	...	15	0 0
Norsewood	...	10	0 0
Aided Circuits.			
Waipawa	...	35	0 0
Dannevirke	...	22	10 0
Dannevirke, Special	...	20	0 0
Pahiatua	...	35	0 0
Foxton	...	35	0 0
		172	10 0
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Johnsonville	...	40	0 0
Otaki	...	63	15 0
Aided Circuits.			
Central Mission	...	72	10 0
South Wairarapa	...	30	0 0
Eketahuna	...	38	15 0
		245	0 0
NELSON DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Havelock	...	20	0 0
Murchison	...	7	10 0
Denniston-Granity	...	32	10 0
Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Richmond	...	30	0 0
Aided Circuits.			
Hokitika	...	40	0 0
Motueka	...	18	15 0
Reefton	...	25	0 0
Westport	...	43	15 0
		217	10 0
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Amberly	...	7	10 0
Hawarden	...	52	10 0
Oxford	...	27	10 0
Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Addington	...	37	10 0
Papanui	...	38	15 0
Aided Circuits.			
Durham St. South	...	7	10 0
Lyttelton	...	21	5 0
		192	10 0
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Methven	...	17	10 0
Mayfield	...	30	0 0
Aided Circuits.			
Temuka	...	17	10 0
		65	0 0
Carried forward		4171	6 4

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Brought forward	4014 11 6	Brought forward	4171 6 4
OTAGO DISTRICT.		OTAGO DISTRICT.	
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	66 16 0	Home Mission Stations.	
Dunedin (Central Mission) ...	24 18 9	Kaitangata ...	20 0 0
Dunedin (Dundas St.) ...	32 5 10	Lawrence ...	10 0 0
Dunedin (Cargill Rd.) ...	25 10 3	Cromwell ...	33 15 0
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ...	18 14 5		
Dunedin (Caversham) ...	16 4 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.	
Dunedin (Morningside) ...	31 10 9	Palmerston ...	31 5 0
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	9 16 9	Waikouaiti H.M. ...	40 0 0
Mosgiel ...	10 0 0		
Port Chalmers ...	11 0 0	Aided Circuits.	
Waikouaiti and Palmerston ...	24 5 9	St. Kilda ...	26 5 0
Balclutha ...	14 0 0	St. Kilda, Special ...	8 15 0
Milton ...	13 0 0	Mosgiel ...	60 0 0
Roxburgh ...	9 5 5	Port Chalmers ...	30 0 0
		Milton ...	21 5 0
Home Mission Stations.			281 5 0
Kaitangata ...	9 7 2	SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.	
Lawrence ...	5 0 0	Home Mission Stations.	
Cromwell ...	6 12 6	Riverton ...	18 15 0
	328 7 7	Nightcaps ...	15 0 0
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.		Aided Circuits.	
Invercargill (Leet St.) ...	40 18 5	Invercargill (Don St.) ...	35 0 0
Invercargill (Teviot St.) ...	24 1 7	Bluff ...	30 0 0
Invercargill (Don St.) ...	36 5 3	Otautau ...	35 0 0
Invercargill (Elles Rd.) ...	27 11 4	Edendale ...	8 15 0
Bluff ...	12 12 0		142 10 0
Gore ...	25 1 11	Departmental.	
Otautau ...	21 6 1	H.M. General Secretary ...	275 0 0
Edendale ...	10 0 0	H.M. General Secretary, House Allowance ...	80 0 0
Home Mission Stations.		H.M. General Secretary, Travelling, Postage, etc. ...	109 6 7
Riverton ...	1 7 0	H.M. General Secretary, Connexional Charges ...	50 8 0
Winton ...	0 0 0	H.M. General Secretary, Travelling to Wellington Conference ...	5 9 4
Tuatapere ...	0 0 0	H.M. General Secretary, Conference Postage and Telegrams ...	2 1 4
Nightcaps ...	6 10 0	General Treasurer's Honorary ...	60 0 0
	205 13 7	General Treasurer's Incidental Expenses ...	15 0 0
Connexional Properties.		General Treasurer, Travelling to Wellington Conference ...	4 18 4
Auckland ...	700 0 0	Office Rent ...	52 0 0
Grey Institute ...	400 0 0	Office Cleaning ...	0 5 0
Kai Iwi ...	105 0 0	Telephone ...	7 17 6
	1205 0 0	Postage and Telegrams, etc. ...	7 17 10
Interest on Investments.		Bank Charges, Cheque Books and Exchange ...	8 14 3
Auckland ...	281 17 8		678 18 2
Canterbury ...	36 15 10		
Dunedin Debenture ...	4 10 0		
Meredith Wilson Legacy, Ashburton ...	16 5 0		
On Advance to Te Kopua Parsonage ...	17 10 0		
On Money Awaiting Investment ...	35 0 0		
	391 18 6		
Carried forward	6145 11 2	Carried forward	5273 19 6

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1917.—Continued.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Brought forward		6145 11 2	Brought forward	5273 19 6
Memorial.			Printing.	
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim	6 0 0		Reports	73 15 10
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	9 0 0		Printing Balance Sheets and Estimates	13 5 0
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	6 0 0		Printing Circulars, Cards, Blake Books, etc.	15 19 2
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6 0 0		Typing Reports, etc.	1 16 0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6 0 0		Stationery, Postcards, etc.	12 4 3
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Botham, Tua Marina	3 0 0			117 0 3
	36 0 0		Miscellaneous.	
Rents.			Rents—Ohura Parsonage	26 0 0
Okaiawa House	25 14 6		Taumarunui	
Spring Creek	0 0 0		Land	5 0 0
Little River	5 0 0			31 0 0
	30 14 6		C.B. and Loan Fund	
Sundry Donations.			Instalments—Rawene	
C.W.O.	60 0 0		House, plus Exchange	5 4 2
Geo. Winstone, Refund			Taneatua Church, plus	
Conference Expenses	2 15 5		Exchange	30 2 0
Other Amounts	9 8 9		Coromandel Church	25 0 0
	72 4 2			60 6 2
Special for Waimiha.			Rates and Insurance	5 8 4
Hastings	10 0 0		Interest	47 3 5
Mrs. D. McGregor	1 0 0		Annuity	4 10 0
	11 0 0		Advertising N.Z. Methodist Times	2 0 0
				59 1 9
Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliaries.			Special.	
Auckland	15 0 0		Territorial Camps	58 4 0
Wanganni	12 3 0		Contingent Fund for Military Purposes	125 0 0
Palmerston North	4 0 0		Removal Expenses, not including Maoris	98 3 0
Wellington	8 0 0		Ministerial Supplies	78 18 7
Christchurch	30 0 0		Painting Rev. R. Hadson's House	14 0 0
Invercargill	10 0 0		Refund to Rev. H. Reneta	19 0 0
	79 3 0		Compassionate Allowance to H.M.	10 0 0
N.Z.Y.W. Bible Class			Synod Expenses	2 2 0
Union	85 2 4		Foreign Mission Refund	7 8 6
	85 2 4			412 16 1
Miscellaneous.			General.	
Birthday League	31 11 4		H.M. Retiring Allowance	220 0 0
Sale of Maori Hymn Books	10 11 5		H.M. Insurance Fund	101 5 0
Wellington Conference Collection	11 5 0		H.M. Deputation Expenses	58 2 9
Refund H.M. Retiring Allowance	30 0 0		Theological Institution	37 10 0
Refund H.M. Retiring Fund	1 10 0		Deaconess Institution	50 0 0
	84 17 9			466 17 9
	£6544 12 11			£6421 1 6
1916 Cr. Balance Brought Forward	975 11 11		Cr. Balance B.N.Z. on January 31st, 1918	1099 3 4
	£7520 4 10			£7520 4 10

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Fund. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Cash and Bank Books with all Vouchers, and in our opinion the true position as on January 31st, 1918, is shown in these accounts.

Auckland, 5th February, 1918.

ARCH. PEAK, }
 J. G. HENDERSON, } Auditors.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1918.—Continued.

INCOME.	
	£ s. d.
Brought forward	1401 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.	
New Plymouth	60 0 0
Waitara	25 0 0
Inglewood	20 0 0
Stratford	40 0 0
Eltham	25 0 0
Hawera	50 0 0
Manaia	20 0 0
Cape Egmont	35 0 0
Kaponga	17 10 0
Wanganui	70 0 0
Aramoho	20 0 0
Rangitikei	15 0 0
Taihape	10 0 0
Waimarino	10 0 0

Maori Mission.

West Coast	65 0 0
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Home Mission Stations.

East Egmont	3 0 0
Patea	3 0 0
Mokau	0 0 0
	488 10 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.	
Napier	40 0 0
Hastings	55 0 0
Gisborne	30 0 0
Waipawa	12 10 0
Dannevirke	12 10 0
Woodville	30 0 0
Pahiatna	15 0 0
Palmerston North (Broad Street.)	50 0 0
Palmerston North (Cuba Street.)	30 0 0
Feilding	55 0 0
Sanson—Rongotea	27 10 0
Foxton	12 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Apiti	12 10 0
Norsewood	10 0 0
	392 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.	
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	100 0 0
Wellington (Central Mission)	10 0 0
Wellington (Thorndon)	25 0 0
Wellington South	45 0 0
Johnsonville	15 0 0
Hutt	22 0 0
Petone	22 0 0
South Wairarapa	13 0 0
Carterton	20 0 0
Masterton	50 0 0
Eketahuna	13 0 0
Levin	20 0 0
Otaki	25 0 0
	380 0 0

Carried forward

£2661 10 0

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	320 0 0	1638 14 0

Circuits with H.M.

Northern Wairoa-Rehia (if married H.M. and stipend £140)	30 0 0
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Aided Circuits.

Methodist Mission	40 0 0
Papakura	20 0 0
Waiuku (if stipend £200)	15 0 0
Mahurangi (if stipend £200)	25 0 0
Paparoa	10 0 0
	460 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Te Puke (if single H.M.)	40 0 0
Matamata (if married H.M. and stipend £140)	30 0 0
Ohura	60 0 0
Waimiha	75 0 0
Hauraki Plains	60 0 0

Aided Circuits.

Waihi	20 0 0
Huntly	20 0 0
Te Awamutu	40 0 0
Rotorua (if married Minister)	60 0 0
Opotiki	15 0 0
Whakatane (if married Minister; if married H.M., £100)	200 0 0
Tauranga (if married Minister)	40 0 0
Taumarunui	80 0 0
Te Kuiti	30 0 0
Morrinsville	35 0 0
	805 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Missions.

NORMANBY—	
Native Minister (plus Special)	170 0 0
Travelling	20 0 0
Rent	40 0 0

OPUNAKE—	
Native Minister (plus Special)	130 0 0
Travelling	15 0 0
Rent	25 0 0

PATEA—	
Native Home Missionary (plus Special)	50 0 0
Travelling	5 0 0

WAIMARINO—	
Native Home Missionary (plus Special)	80 0 0
Travelling	15 0 0

Carried forward £550 0 0 £2903 14 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1918.—Continued.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward			2661	10	0	
NELSON DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
Nelson	50	0 0				
Richmond	25	0 0				
Blenheim	70	0 0				
Hokitika	13	0 0				
Greymouth	20	0 0				
Motueka	6	0 0				
Reefton	10	0 0				
Westport	20	0 0				
Home Mission Stations.						
Havelock	3	0 0				
Murchison	0	0 0				
Runanga	0	0 0				
Dennistown-Granity	7	0 0				
			224	0	0	
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
Christchurch (Durham Street)	80	0 0				
Christchurch (Durham Street South)	15	0 0				
Christchurch East	100	0 0				
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	15	0 0				
Christchurch (Woolston)	45	0 0				
Christchurch (Sydenham)	35	0 0				
Christchurch (Addington)	50	0 0				
Christchurch (St. Albans)	50	0 0				
Christchurch (Papanui)	25	0 0				
Lytelton	20	0 0				
Springton	25	0 0				
Tai Tapu	25	0 0				
Leeston	40	0 0				
Kaipoi	40	0 0				
Ohoka	27	10 0				
Rangiora	35	0 0				
Greendale and Malvern	35	0 0				
Maori Mission.						
South Island	10	0 0				
Home Mission Stations.						
Amberley	7	1 0				
Oxford	7	10 0				
			687	10	0	
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.						
Circuits.						
Timaru (Bank Street)	70	0 0				
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	15	0 0				
Waimate	40	0 0				
Temuka	25	0 0				
Geraldine	15	0 0				
Ashburton	65	0 0				
Willowby	35	0 0				
Oamaru	30	0 0				
Home Mission Stations.						
Methven	5	0 0				
Mayfield	10	0 0				
			310	0	0	
Carried forward			£3883	0	0	
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Apti	10	0 0				
Norsewood (if stipend £140)	15	0 0				
Aided Circuits.						
Waipawa (if stipend £180)	35	0 0				
Pahiatua (if stipend £190)	35	0 0				
Foxton (if stipend £180 otherwise £20 each)	40	0 0				
Dannevirke	30	0 0				
			165	0	0	
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.						
Circuits with Home Missionaries						
Johnsonville	20	0 0				
Otaki (if Minister's stipend £130, Minister £45, H.M. £20)	65	0 0				
Aided Circuits.						
Central Mission	75	0 0				
Wellington South (if 2nd M. Minister)	80	0 0				
Kilbirnie	100	0 0				
South Wairarapa	40	0 0				
Eketahuna	40	0 0				
			420	0	0	
NELSON DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Havelock (if H.M.)	20	0 0				
Murchison	25	0 0				
Dennistown-Granity	35	0 0				
Circuits with Home Missionaries						
Richmond	15	0 0				
Carried forward			£500	0	£4393	14 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1918.—Continued.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward	3883 0 0	Brought forward	4393 14 0
OTAGO DISTRICT.		Aided Circuits.	
Circuits.		Hokitika (if married	
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	60 0 0	H.M. including re-	
Dunedin (Central Mis-		moval exs.)	20 0 0
sion)	30 0 0	Motueka	20 0 0
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	30 0 0	Reefton (if married	
Dunedin (Cargill Rd.)	30 0 0	Minister)	40 0 0
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ...	15 0 0	Westport	40 0 0
Dunedin (Caversham) ...	15 0 0		215 0 0
Dunedin (Mornington)	25 0 0	NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.	
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	15 0 0	Maori Missions.	
Mosgiel	10 0 0	Southern Missions—	
Port Chalmers	15 0 0	Native Minister ...	100 0 0
Waikouaiti and Palmer-		Travelling	20 0 0
ston	12 0 0	Home Mission Stations.	
Balclutha	15 0 0	Oxford	20 0 0
Milton	13 0 0	Hawarden	60 0 0
Roxburgh	10 0 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries	
		Addington (if H.M. ap-	
Home Mission Stations.		pointed)	25 0 0
Kaitangata	6 0 0	Aided Circuits.	
Lawrence	5 0 0	Lyttelton	15 0 0
Cromwell	6 0 0	Papanui	35 0 0
	312 0 0		275 0 0
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.		SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.	
Circuits.		Home Mission Stations.	
Invercargill (Leet Street		Methven	17 10 0
and Teviot Street) ...	70 0 0	Mayfield (if stipend	
Invercargill (Don St.)	25 0 0	£140)	35 0 0
Invercargill (Elles St.)	25 0 0	Aided Circuits.	
Bluff	7 0 0	Temuka (if stipend	
Gore	15 0 0	£200)	20 0 0
Otatau	15 0 0		72 10 0
Edendale	8 0 0	OTAGO DISTRICT.	
		Home Mission Stations.	
Home Mission Stations.		Kaitangata	20 0 0
Riverton	4 0 0	Lawrence	10 0 0
Winton	2 0 0	Cromwell (if stipend	
Tuatapere	2 0 0	£140)	40 0 0
Nightcaps	6 0 0		
	179 0 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries	
GENERAL.		Palmerston	35 0 0
Connexional Properties.		Waikouaiti	40 0 0
Auckland	700 0 0	Aided Circuits.	
Grey Institute (New		St. Kilda	30 0 0
Plymouth)	475 0 0	Mosgiel	40 0 0
Kai Iwi (Wanganui) ...	100 0 0	Port Chalmers (if stipend	
	1275 0 0	£180)	30 0 0
Interest on Investments.		Milton (if stipend	
Auckland	235 0 0	£180)	20 0 0
Canterbury	57 0 0	Roxburgh	5 0 0
Dunedin	4 10 0		270 0 0
	296 10 0	SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.	
Memorial.		Home Mission Stations.	
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blen-		Riverton and Tuatapere	25 0 0
heim	6 0 0	Winton, if married	
Mr. Francis Terrill,		H.M. (if single H.M.	
Blenheim	6 10 0	£40)	60 0 0
		Nightcaps	15 0 0
Carried forward	£5945 10 0	Carried forward	£100 0 0 £5226 4 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.
Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1918.—Continued.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward		5945	10 0
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	6 0 0		
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6 0 0		
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6 0 0		
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina	6 0 0		
		36	10 0
Rents.			
Okaiawa Property, Taranaki	26 0 0		
Spring Creek, Blenheim	0 0 0		
Little River	0 0 0		
		26	0 0
Miscellaneous.			
Birthday League	25 0 0		
Sale of Maori Books	15 0 0		
N.Z. Young Women's Bible Class Union	100 0 0		
		140	0 0
Special.			
To meet proportional increase of stipends to be allocated by District Advisory Committees—			
Auckland District	270 0 0		
South Auckland District	75 0 0		
Taranaki-Wanganui District	105 0 0		
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	98 0 0		
Wellington District	95 0 0		
Nelson District	56 0 0		
North Canterbury District	172 0 0		
South Canterbury District	77 0 0		
Otago District	78 0 0		
Southland District	50 0 0		
		1076	0 0
		£7224	0 0
Cr. Balance, 1917		1099	3 4
		£8323	3 4
Dr. Balance		526	16 2
		£8849	19 6
Brought forward		100	0 0
Aided Circuits.			
Invercargill (Teviot St., if married man appointed)	50 0 0		
Bluff (if stipend £190)	40 0 0		
Otautau	30 0 0		
Edendale (if Minister sent)	35 0 0		
		255	0 0
Departmental.			
Home Mission General Secretary	275 0 0		
Home Mission House Allowance	100 0 0		
Home Mission Travelling, etc.	90 0 0		
Home Mission Con-nexional Charges	50 8 0		
General Treasurer's Honorarium	60 0 0		
Incidental Expenses	15 0 0		
Office Rent	52 0 0		
Telephone	7 17 6		
Postage and Telegrams	8 0 0		
Bank Charges, Cheque Books, Exchanges, etc.	10 0 0		
		668	5 6
Printing.			
Reports, Balance Sheets, Estimates, etc.	100 0 0		
		100	0 0
Miscellaneous.			
Rents—Ohura Parsonage	26 0 0		
Tauamarunui Land	5 0 0		
C.B. and L. Fund Instalments—			
Coromandel Church	25 0 0		
Taneatua	30 0 0		
Rates and Insurance	7 0 0		
Interest	50 0 0		
Annuity	4 10 0		
Advertising, N.Z. Methodist Times	2 0 0		
		149	10 0
General.			
H.M. Retiring Allowances	150 0 0		
H.M. Insurance Fund	150 0 0		
H.M. Deputation Expenses	50 0 0		
Theological Institution	50 0 0		
Deaconess Institution	50 0 0		
Provisional H.M. Grants	50 0 0		
		500	0 0
Special.			
Territorial Camps	100 0 0		
Ministerial Supplies	100 0 0		
Miscellaneous	150 0 0		
		350	0 0
Proportional Grants for Increase of Stipends—			
Home Mission Stations	426 0 0		
Circuits	175 0 0		
		601	0 0
After War Reserve Fund		1000	0 0
		£8849	19 6

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending December 31, 1917.

Hon. Treasurer: MR G. BOWRON.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at December 31, 1916							
	115	14	1	Property Account—			
Property Account—				Extensions to Building and Per-			
Special Donations towards Build-				manent Improvements	1,367	1	2
ing Fund	200	9	10	Purchase of Cemetery Burial			
				Plots	6	5	0
Maintenance Account—				Part Repayment of Loan	255	0	0
Donations	189	8	4		1,628	6	2
Annual Subscriptions	740	8	10	Maintenance Account—			
Collections	50	14	3	Salaries and Wages and Inci-			
Maintenance Fees	377	12	8	dental Charges:			
Sundries	4	8	9	Staff and Casual Help for			
Interest on Deposit	7	6	2	Home	208	12	0
	1,369	19	0	Garden and Farm	189	3	3
Deposit withdrawn	200	0	0	Organising Secretary (Salary	21	4	3
Loan	655	0	0	and Expenses	418	19	6
				Food	176	12	1
				Fire and Lighting	35	19	11
				Chemist	7	18	4
				Stationery, Stamps, Telegrams,			
				and Exchange	14	1	11
				Telephone	9	0	0
				Repairs	4	7	0
				Sundries	31	13	7
				Fire and Accident Insurance	3	6	7
				Rates	1	7	0

Interest	24 7 6	
Bank Charges	0 10 0	
Rent of House and Removal and other Charges in connection with temporary Home in Summer	35 6 0	
	<hr/>	344 9 11
Furnishings		81 5 7
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		£2,473 1 2
Balance—		
Cash in hand	16 17 6	
Bank of Australasia	48 16 5	
P.O. Savings Bank	2 7 10	
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		68 1 9
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		£2,541 2 11
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	£2,541 2 11	

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

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Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1917.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Endowment Account	400	0 0			Freehold Property	3,629	2 5	
Maintenance Reserve Account ...	150	0 0			Additions during Year	1,373	6 2	
			550	0 0				5002 8 7
Loan			400	0 0	Furnishings	316	0 0	
Balance, being excess of Assets over Liabilities			4,498	10 4	Purchased during Year	81	5 7	
						397	5 7	
					Less Depreciation, say	39	5 7	
								358 0 0
					Two Cows			20 0 0
					Cash in hand	16	17 6	
					Bank of Australasia	48	16 5	
					P.O. Savings Bank	2	7 10	
								68 1 9
			<u>£5,448</u>	<u>10 4</u>				<u>£5,448</u>
								<u>10 4</u>

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books, Bank Books, and Vouchers of the South Island Orphanage, and that the foregoing Statements and Balance Sheet correctly set forth the position of the affairs as at the 31st day of December, 1917.

W. S. NEWBURGH,

For NEWBURGH, BEST & CO. (Fellow Public Accountants),

Hon. Auditors.

Military Camps Committee—continued.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				1206	16	4		Brought forward			677	8	8
Wellington Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary				15	7	6		Remittances to Chaplains in England and France			425	0	0
Patriotic Societies:								Expenses Chaplain Read's Lectures—					
New Plymouth	50	0	0					Travelling	9	19	9		
North Taranaki	37	7	0					Printing	6	16	0		
Rangitikei	25	0	0					Sundries	0	15	0		
Hawke's Bay	22	1	6								17	10	9
Palmerston North Town and Country Women's Workers' Association	56	0	0					Expenses of Committee—					
				190	8	6		Postage and Telegrams	3	16	0		
Proceeds of Chaplain Read's Lectures—								Exchange and Cables to London	3	10	9		
Auckland	31	0	0					Printing	2	18	11		
Epsom	2	0	0					Cheque Books	0	10	0		
Devonport	8	0	0								10	15	8
Hamilton	5	7	0					Balance (Cr.) December 31, 1917 ...			568	0	10
Napier	23	9	6										
Hastings	19	6	4										
New Plymouth	15	0	0										
Stratford	7	18	0										
Wanganui	31	14	6										
Palmerston North	11	5	0										
Masterton	16	0	0										
Feilding	6	0	0										
				177	0	4							
Special Collections—													
Conference	25	10	0										
Trentham	22	10	0										
Taranaki Street, Wellington	20	17	3										
				68	17	3							

Grant from Home Mission Fund ...	25 0 0	
Balance of Chaplains' Fund	18 0 0	
IV Sale of Books	0 6 0	
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	£1698 15 11	£1698 15 11
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The Cash Book and Receipts relating to the receipt and expenditure of moneys of the Methodist Military Committee have been duly examined by us, and we hereby certify the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to be in accordance therewith.

Wellington, 8th February, 1918.

DANIEL J. MURRAY }
 ERNEST DAWSON } Auditors.

BALANCE CR.

	£	s.	d.
Current Account, Bank of Australasia	536	13	9
Post Office Savings Bank Account ...	25	0	0
Cash in Hand	6	7	1
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	£568	0	10
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Unpresented Cheques, nil.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

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DISTRICTS.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.										YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.								Connexional Bands of Hope.		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars.					
	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	Wesley Guild.	Senior C.E.	Junior C.E.	Other Societies	Societies.	Members.		Societies.	Members.			
															Societies.	Active Members.	Societies.	Active Members.						Societies.	Members.	Societies.	Members.
Auckland ...	87	115	32	24	44	9	1	134	8	4002	19	1303	1047	2786	2	30	9	123	14	422	24	545	23	2186	15334	
South Auckland ...	36	83	18	14	11	12	...	79	12	1725	12	419	271	1208	...	...	4	80	6	178	13	303	7	495	6686
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	55	57	16	16	17	6	1	90	...	2261	52	584	458	1647	1	35	4	68	9	189	10	295	3	160	7505	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	46	32	12	15	14	4	1	89	5	2341	21	625	...	1539	1	20	3	52	6	158	9	198	4	132	6970	
Wellington ...	41	21	23	12	19	3	2	86	16	2717	31	785	...	2110	2	36	5	78	15	533	11	243	13	735	8683	
Nelson ...	38	34	10	12	8	4	...	59	...	1508	32	375	...	1050	1	...	7	198	5	109	5	161	1	85	5427	
North Canterbury ...	66	22	27	25	27	5	5	122	10	3740	20	972	...	2324	3	90	9	183	13	364	27	639	14	1050	11451	
South Canterbury ...	29	32	10	10	9	2	...	81	...	1586	13	454	...	1250	2	32	2	55	6	163	4	55	2	180	5338	
Otago... ..	33	21	11	15	15	6	1	64	5	2075	13	616	...	1413	2	32	3	56	14	476	10	197	6	456	7527	
Southland ...	19	23	6	9	6	3	...	36	5	998	14	278	17	504	...	...	6	90	4	169	2	141	2	355	3851
Total ...	450	440	165	152	170	54	11	840	61	22953	227	6411	1793	16131	14	275	52	983	92	2761	115	2777	75	5834	78772	
Northern Maori Mission	13	92	3	9	...	2	1	64	1	1803	...	1212	...	70	6950
West Coast Maori Mission	2	70	...	1	2	2	...	21	...	100	1500
South Island ..	3	22	1	1	100	...	33	1	20	450
Grand Total ...	468	624	168	162	173	58	12	925	63	24956	227	7656	1793	16201	14	275	52	983	92	2761	116	2790	75	5834	87672	

SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

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Districts.	No. of Schools.	TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.						LESSONS		Volumes in Library.	BIBLE CLASSES.		
		No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Church Members.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the year.	No. on Cradle Roll.	In Home Department.	Using Graded.		Using Others.	Y.M.B.C.	Y.W.B.C.
Auckland ...	75	653	571	542	6345	4241	295	1130	54	849	...	4	72	15021	281	447
South Auckland ...	41	239	100	181	2118	1272	97	354	9	468	...	11	28	4007	63	128
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	50	255	223	224	2817	1955	260	482	35	387	...	6	39	3346	91	258
Hawke's Bay—Manawatu ...	40	267	226	232	2445	1697	367	469	81	624	...	3	36	2751	99	194
Wellington ...	44	400	327	358	3798	2452	194	742	72	890	...	3	41	8609	122	225
Nelson ...	28	187	150	165	1841	1255	111	367	40	171	...	5	15	2405	63	81
North Canterbury ...	65	502	426	426	4283	2965	284	895	47	909	...	3	62	9227	257	328
South Canterbury ...	25	201	167	176	1611	1136	127	443	52	317	20	2	22	2473	80	175
Otago ...	29	314	267	281	2338	1793	106	592	23	438	41	7	22	6188	100	186
Southland ...	25	144	123	123	1439	1023	105	278	22	160	...	...	25	1471	56	107
Totals ...	422	3162	2680	2714	29035	19789	1946	5752	435	5213	61	44	362	55498	1212	2129
Increase ...	4	34	83	...	252	103	48	...	29	...	...	...	16	...	98	...
Decrease ...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	11	...	679	24	28	...	2436	...	12

GENERAL RECAPITULATION. September 30, 1917.

I. MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS.

DISTRICTS.	Members.	Members on Probation.	Junior Members.	Adherents.
Auckland	4002	19	1303	15334
South Auckland	1725	12	419	6686
Taranaki-Wanganui	2261	52	584	7505
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	2341	21	625	6970
Wellington	2717	31	785	8683
Nelson	1508	32	375	5427
North Canterbury	3740	20	972	11451
South Canterbury	1586	13	454	5338
Otago	2075	13	616	7527
Southland	998	14	278	3851
Total	22953	227	6411	78772
Northern Maori Mission	1803	...	1212	6950
West Coast Maori Mission	100	...	...	1500
South Island Maori Mission	100	...	33	450
Grand Total	24956	227	7656	87672
Increase	290	...	516	...

II. MINISTERS.

DISTRICTS.	EUROPEAN.			MAORI.		Totals.
	Ministers.	Probationers	Super-numeraries.	Ministers.	Probationers	
Auckland	23	2	13	7	1	46
South Auckland... ..	9	1	2	...	...	12
Taranaki-Wanganui	11	3	1	2	...	17
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu... ..	12	1	1	...	...	14
Wellington	20	1	3	...	...	24
Nelson	6	1	...	...	...	7
North Canterbury	20	...	10	1	...	31
South Canterbury	9	2	...	...	...	11
Otago	12	2	1	...	...	15
Southland	5	2	...	...	...	7
With Expeditionary Force unattached to any district	3	9	...	...	...	12
Y.M.C.A. Secretaries	3	2	...	...	...	5
Total	133	26	31	10	1	201

RETURNS OF MEMBERSHIP
FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

1.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation.	Junior Members.
Auckland Central	776	2	312
„ West	426	—	220
„ East	533	—	136
„ Avondale	306	—	67
„ Methodist Mission	142	5	28
„ North Shore	205	—	82
„ Birkenhead	175	4	65
Onehunga	172	—	94
Otahuhu	125	—	24
Papakura	108	—	18
Pukekohe	172	—	50
Waiuku	78	—	13
Mahurangi	79	—	18
Paparoa	98	—	42
Northern Wairoa	160	—	27
Whangarei	92	—	—
Port Albert	81	—	14
Coromandel	33	—	16
Helensville	68	—	25
Bay of Islands	32	6	—
Hokianga	53	—	11
Whangaroa	24	—	10
Mongonui	30	—	—
Hikurangi	34	2	11
	4002	19	1303

2.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	125	—	50
Te Aroha	122	2	27
Morrinsville	115	—	8
Waihi	116	—	18
Paeroa	52	—	26
Cambridge	107	—	10
Hamilton	305	—	187
Huntly	50	—	—
Rotorua	90	8	19
Tauranga	80	—	31
Opotiki	52	—	9
Te Kuiti	52	—	—
Taumaranui	65	—	—
Te Awamutu	104	—	14
Whakatane	32	—	—
Te Puke	38	—	10
Matamata	75	—	1
Ohura	53	—	5
Ngaruawahia	69	—	2
Waimiha	23	2	2
Hauraki Plains	—	—	—
Marakopa	—	—	—
	1725	12	419

3.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation.	Junior Members.
New Plymouth	426	—	97
Waitara	73	1	20
Inglewood	82	—	47
Stratford	185	26	27
Eltham	104	2	31
Hawera	305	1	81
Manaia	101	—	14
Cape Egmont	116	5	14
Kaponga	91	6	—
Wanganui	347	—	98
Aramoho	160	4	103
Rangitikei	74	—	13
Taihape	60	—	8
Waimarino	60	7	11
East Egmont	37	—	11
Mokau	—	—	—
Patea	40	—	4
	<hr/> 2261	<hr/> 52	<hr/> 594

4.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	308	—	187
Hastings	317	2	83
Gisborne	190	—	21
Waipawa	64	—	—
Dannevirke	107	—	37
Woodville	132	—	17
Pahiatua	92	—	8
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	278	14	66
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	205	—	87
Feilding	285	—	40
Sanson and Rongotea	140	—	45
Foxton	70	5	14
Apiti	51	—	15
Norsewood	102	—	—
	<hr/> 2341	<hr/> 21	<hr/> 625

5.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Taranaki Street	618	—	176
Central Mission	217	—	7
Thorndon	234	—	65
Wellington South	442	4	193
Johnsonville	98	—	—
Hutt	151	—	58
Petone	202	—	29
South Wairarapa	55	—	7
Carterton	120	3	15
Masterton	252	—	152
Eketahuna	84	1	19
Levin	133	20	30
Otaki	111	3	34
	<hr/> 2717	<hr/> 31	<hr/> 785

6—NELSON DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation.	Junior Members.
Nelson	202	7	10
Richmond	208	20	27
Blenheim	364	—	195
Hokitika	51	—	7
Greymouth	154	—	26
Motueka	126	—	—
Reefton	93	—	40
Westport	101	—	66
Havelock	44	—	—
Murchison	27	—	4
Runanga	40	—	—
Denniston-Granity	70	—	—
Tapawera	28	5	—
Dovedale	—	—	—
	1508	32	375

7.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch, Durham Street	267	—	18
„ South	98	—	12
„ East	640	—	257
„ Cambridge Terrace	152	—	17
„ Woolston	235	2	85
„ Sydenham	240	—	102
„ Addington	304	18	101
„ St. Albans	351	—	85
„ Papanui	121	—	47
Lyttelton	86	—	11
Springston	148	—	36
Tai Tapu	118	—	26
Leeston	159	—	11
Kaiapoi	198	—	9
Ohoka	90	—	15
Rangiora	280	—	51
Greendale and Malvern	180	—	80
Hawarden	29	—	—
Oxford	44	—	9
	3740	20	972

8.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Bank Street)	314	—	117
Timaru (Woodland Street)	154	—	70
Waimate	223	5	73
Temuka (King Street)	108	—	11
Geraldine	102	—	25
Ashburton	284	—	72
Willowby	133	—	31
Oamaru	185	5	48
Methven	32	—	—
Mayfield	51	3	7
	1586	13	454

9.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

		Senior Members.	On Probation.	Junior Members.
Dunedin, Trinity	... ..	361	—	100
„ Central Mission	... ..	196	4	20
„ Dundas Street	... ..	146	—	58
„ Cargill Road	... ..	180	—	70
„ St. Kilda	... ..	190	2	53
„ Caversham	... ..	188	—	60
„ Mornington	... ..	126	—	49
„ Roslyn	... ..	150	—	64
Mosgiel	... ..	40	—	8
Port Chalmers	... ..	87	—	20
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	... ..	87	—	32
Balclutha	... ..	56	—	25
Milton	... ..	68	—	3
Roxburgh	... ..	66	3	25
Kaitangata	... ..	50	—	9
Lawrence	... ..	43	4	16
Cromwell	... ..	41	—	4
Queenstown (vacant)	... ..	—	—	—
		2075	13	616

10.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill, Leet Street	... ..	261	5	66
„ Don Street	... ..	175	6	73
„ Elles Road	... ..	140	2	18
Bluff	... ..	88	—	51
Gore	... ..	113	—	25
Otautau	... ..	60	1	19
Edendale	... ..	51	—	6
Riverton	... ..	29	—	—
Winton	... ..	18	—	—
Tuatapere	... ..	30	—	—
Nightcaps	... ..	34	—	20
		998	14	278

11.—MAORI MISSION.

	Senior. Members.	Junior Members.
Northern Maori Mission	1803	1212
West Coast Maori Mission	100	—
South Island Maori Mission	100	33
	2003	1245

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1918.**

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 15 %	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland Central ...	960	0 0	62	8 0	560	0 0	84	0 0
Auckland West ...	450	0 0	29	5 0	250	0 0	37	10 0
Auckland East ...	585	0 0	38	0 8	325	0 0	48	15 0
Auckland (Wesley Col.)	240	0 0	15	12 0	140	0 0	21	0 0
Auckland (H.M. Sec.)...	275	0 0	17	17 8	175	0 0	26	5 0
Auckland (Theo. Col.)...	60	0 0	3	18 0	60	0 0	9	0 0
Auckland (Avondale)...	295	0 0	19	3 8	135	0 0	20	5 0
Auckland Meth. Missn.	225	0 0	14	12 8	125	0 0	18	15 0
Auckland (North Shore)	225	0 0	14	12 8	125	0 0	18	15 0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Onehunga ...	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Otahuhu ...	130	0 0	8	9 0	...	...	...	...
Papakura ...	187	10 0	12	4 0	87	10 0	13	2 8
Pukekohe ...	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Waiuku ...	177	10 0	11	11 0	77	10 0	11	12 8
Mahurangi ...	178	15 0	11	12 8	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Northern Wairoa ...	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Whangarei ...	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Northern Maori Missn.	225	0 0	14	12 8	125	0 0	18	15 0
Pt. Albert (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Coromandel "	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Helensville "	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Bay of Islands "	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Hokianga "	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa "	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Mangonui "	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi "	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
	5393	15 0	382	13 8	2765	0 0	414	15 4

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 15 %	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Thames	260	0 0	16	18 0	160	0 0	24	0 0
Te Aroha	210	0 0	13	13 0	110	0 0	16	10 0
Morrinsville	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Waihi	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Paeroa	130	0 0	8	9 0	...	...	...	...
Cambridge	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Hamilton	425	0 0	27	12 8	225	0 0	33	15 0
Huntly ... ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Rotorua	140	0 0	9	2 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Tauranga	150	0 0	9	15 0	...	...	...	...
Opotiki	130	0 0	8	9 0	...	...	...	...
Te Kuiti	151	10 0	9	17 0	...	...	...	...
Taumarunui	130	0 0	8	9 0	70	0 0	10	10 0
Te Awamutu	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Whakatane (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Te Puke ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Matamata ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Ohura ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Marakopa ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimiha ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2486	10 0	185	12 8	1005	0 0	150	15 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 15 %	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
New Plymouth	430	0 0	27	19 0	230	0 0	34	10 0
Waitara	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	10 0
Inglewood	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Stratford	205	0 0	13	6 8	105	0 0	15	15 0
Eltham	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Hawera	237	10 0	15	9 0	137	10 0	20	12 8
Manaia	140	0 0	9	2 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Cape Egmont	185	0 0	12	0 8	85	0 0	12	15 0
Kaponga	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Wanganui	275	0 0	17	17 8	175	0 0	26	5 0
Aramoho	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Rangitikei	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Taihape	150	0 0	9	15 0	90	0 0	13	10 0
Waimarino	130	0 0	8	9 0	70	0 0	10	10 0
East Egmont (H.M. St)	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Patea (H.M. Station) ...	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Mokau ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
	2872	10 0	198	15 0	1492	10 0	223	17 8

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 15 %	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Napier	235	0 0	15	5 8	135	0 0	20	5 0
Hastings	240	0 0	15	12 0	140	0 0	21	0 0
Gisborne	200	0 9	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Waipawa	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Dannevirke	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Woodville	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Pahiatua	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Palmerston N. (Broad Street)	240	0 0	15	12 0	140	0 0	21	0 0
Palmerston N. (Cuba Street)	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Feilding	400	0 0	26	0 0	200	0 0	30	0 0
Sanson and Rongotea... ..	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Foxton	170	0 0	11	1 0	70	0 0	10	10 0
Kimbolton (H.M. Stn.) ... ..	...		4	0 0	...		...
Norsewood ... ..	...		4	0 0	...		...
	2645	0 0	179	18 8	1345	0 0	201	15 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 15 %	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Wellington—								
Taranaki Street	340	0 0	22	2 0	240	0 0	36	0 0
Central Mission	206	5 0	13	8 4	106	5 0	15	19 0
Thorndon	212	10 0	13	16 4	112	10 0	16	17 8
South	400	0 0	26	0 0	200	0 0	30	0 0
Johnsonville	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Hutt	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Petone	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
South Wairarapa	155	0 0	10	1 8	55	0 0	8	5 0
Carterton	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Masterton	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	22	10 0
Eketahuna	182	10 0	11	17 4	82	10 0	12	7 8
Levin	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Otaki	170	0 0	11	1 0	70	0 0	10	10 0
	2896	5 0	188	5 8	1496	5 0	224	9 4

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy $6\frac{1}{2}$ %		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 15 %	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nelson	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	22	10 0
Richmond	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Blenheim	425	0 0	27	12 8	225	0 0	33	15 0
Hokitika	180	0 0	11	14 0	...	...	...	...
Greymouth	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Motueka	150	0 0	9	15 0	90	0 0	13	10 0
Reefton	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Westport	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Dennistown (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Havelock ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Murchison ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Runanga ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Granity ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Tapawera ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Dovedale ..	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
	1805	0 0	145	6 8	865	0 0	129	15 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.		Contingent Fund Levy $6\frac{1}{2}$ %		After Exemption.		Children's Fund Levy 15 %	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Christchurch—								
Durham Street ...	350	0 0	22	15 0	250	0 0	37	10 0
Connexional Secret'y	300	0 0	19	10 0	200	0 0	30	0 0
Durham Street South								
East	440	0 0	28	12 0	240	0 0	36	0 0
Cambridge Terrace ...	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Woolston	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Sydenham	235	0 0	15	5 8	135	0 0	20	5 0
Addington	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
St. Albans	350	0 0	22	15 0	190	0 0	28	10 0
Papanui	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Lyttelton	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Springston	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Tai Tapu	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Leeston	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Kai-poi	200	0 0	13	0 0	100	0 0	15	0 0
Ohoka	180	0 0	11	14 0	80	0 0	12	0 0
Rangiora	377	10 0	24	11 0	177	10 0	26	12 8
Greendale and Malvern	190	0 0	12	7 0	90	0 0	13	10 0
Amberley (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
Oxford (H.M. Station)	...	...	4	0 0	...	...	...	...
	4202	10 0	281	3 8	2242	10 0	336	7 8

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.	Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %	After Exemption.	Children's Fund Levy 15 %
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Timaru (Bank Street)...	380 0 0	24 14 0	120 0 0	18 0 0
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Waimate ...	218 15 0	14 4 8	118 15 0	17 16 4
Temuka (King Street)	185 0 0	12 0 8	85 0 0	12 15 0
Geraldine ...	180 0 0	11 14 0	80 0 0	12 0 0
Ashburton ...	220 0 0	14 6 0	120 0 0	18 0 0
Willowby ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Oamaru ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Methven (H.M. Stat'n)	...	4 0 0	...	...
Mayfield ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
	1783 15 0	123 19 4	823 15 0	123 11 4

OTAGO DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.	Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %	After Exemption.	Children's Fund Levy 15 %
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin—				
Trinity ...	395 0 0	25 13 8	235 0 0	35 5 0
Central Mission ...	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	22 10 0
Dundas Street ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Cargill Road ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Caversham ...	190 0 0	12 7 0	90 0 0	13 10 0
St. Kilda ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Mornington ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Roslyn ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Mosgiel ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Port Chalmers ...	180 0 0	11 14 0	80 0 0	12 0 0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston ...	160 0 0	10 8 0	...	...
Balclutha ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Milton ...	180 0 0	11 14 0	80 0 0	12 0 0
Roxburgh ...	155 0 0	10 1 8	...	...
Lawrence (H.M. Stat'n)	...	4 0 0	...	...
Cromwell ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
Kaitangata ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
	2910 0 0	201 3 4	1335 0 0	200 5 0

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6½ %			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 15 %		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invercargill—												
Leet Street ...	231	5	0	15	0	8	131	5	0	19	14	0
Don Street ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Elles Road ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Bluff ...	170	0	0	11	1	0	70	0	0	10	10	0
Gore ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Otautau ...	187	0	0	12	3	8	87	0	0	13	1	0
Edendale ...	140	0	0	9	2	0		
Riverton (H.M. Stat'n)	...			4	0	0		
Nightcaps			4	0	0		
	1328	5	0	94	7	4	588	5	0	88	5	0

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