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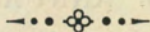
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**THE FIRST
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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in
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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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.
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become operative on January 1st of that year by declaration
of the President of the General Conference.

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1919.

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The Seventh Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Durham Street Church, Christchurch, on Thursday, 27th February, 1919, and concluded on March 11th, 1919.

The session was opened by the Rev. T. A. Joughin, President.

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

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Samuel Griffith	Arthur J. Seamer
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William Laycock	George F. Stockwell
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Thomas A. Joughin	Raymond Richards
Charles H. Laws, B.A.	William W. Avery
John Dawson	James R. Clark
William Grigg	William H. E. Abbey
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F. T. Read	Henry Ryan
James Cocker	John D. McArthur
William A. Sinclair	Nicholas Turner
Samuel H. D. Peryman	Archer O. Harris
Robert Raine	Walter J. Enticott
G. Knowles Smith	Albert H. Fowles
Edward Drake	John E. Parsons
William J. Elliott	William Walker
George Frost	Arthur A. Bensley
Colin C. Harrison	Harold T. Peat
Harold E. Bellhouse	Charles A. Foston
Thomas W. Vealie	Rakena Piripi
Arthur Ashcroft	
J. Wesley Griffin	Conference Evangelist:
John A. Lochore	Valmont Trigge.
Thomas R. Richards	Foreign Mission Deputation:
	R. C. Nicholson
	W. R. Poole

Candidates for Ordination:

Oswald Burnet	A. J. L. Minifie
Francis T. Harris	E. T. Olds
Percy I. Cooke	William G. Slade, M.A.

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" " " "	...	C. W. Brown
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Otautau	Thos. Coumbe*
Edendale	A. H. Sheat

N.B.—The Circuits not named in the foregoing list did not elect Representatives.

Names marked with an asterisk did not attend Conference.

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

1. Arthur A. Bensley (ordained in England).
Who has completed six years of probation.
2. Oswald Burnet
Francis T. Harris.
Who have travelled five years.
3. Percy I. Cooke
A. J. Lester Minifie.
E. Thomas Olds.
William G. Slade, M.A.
Who have travelled four years.

Resolution.

The following, who have served with the Expeditionary Forces during the whole or greater part of their probation, are required to take a prescribed two years' post-ordination course, with an annual examination in December during the course:—O. Burnet, P. I. Cooke, F. T. Harris, E. T. Olds.

(For course, see under Question XXI., Section iv A.)

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

1. Frederick B. Lawrence
Who has completed 7 years of probation.
2. Henry H. Marshall.
Who has completed five years of probation.
3. Sydney J. Mogridge
Henry J. Odell
Who have completed four years of probation.
4. (a) William H. Hocking
Charles H. Kendon.
Ernest E. Sage.
Who have travelled three years.
- (b) George E. Brown
William S. Smith
Egbert R. Warburton
(Engaged in Military Duties).
Who have travelled three years.
5. (a) Robert E. Fordyce
John Dennis
Frederick J. Parker.
Alfred M. Costain.
Tom Dent.
John R. Nelson.
Who have travelled two years.
- (b) William T. Blight (engaged in military duties).
Who has travelled two years.
6. Wallace S. Neal
James William Parker.
Thomas Skuse.
Who have travelled one year.

Resolution.

That Probationers who have not returned from service with the Expeditionary Forces, but who have served not less than four years, shall be received into full connexion with the Conference, and ordained by the President, or such person or persons as he may designate, provided that they satisfactorily answer the usual questions relating to their Christian experience, call to the work of the Ministry, and their acceptance of the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church, together with an expression of their willingness to take the post-ordination course prescribed for Probationers returned from active service, who have been received into full connexion at this Conference.

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

Ernest B. Chambers
William B. Cuming
Herbert Ford
William Gatman
Alfred E. Jefferson

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

None.

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

Leslie A. G. Brooks
Thomas H. Burton

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

None

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

Paraire R. Paikoa.
Who has travelled four years.

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

None.

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

Matarae Tauroa.

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

John S. Rishworth.
Robert Taylor.
Charles H. Garland.
Samuel J. Serpell.
Frederick Rands.
George H. Mann.
Alexander Allen.
Aldwyn R. Gordon, M.A.

Joseph B. Suckling, who was transferred to the N.S.W. Conference last year for Foreign Mission Work.

JOHN SHIERS RISHWORTH was born in the parish of Bingley, Yorks. He came out to New Zealand in the "Matilda Wattenbach," and for some time threw in his lot with the Albertland Settlers. After leaving the settlement he entered the Ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in the year 1864. He was appointed to the Waikato, and acted as Chaplain to the Forces then operating in the Maori War in that district. He subsequently laboured in the following Circuits:—Manukau (two terms), Wellington, Greytown, Invercargill, Hokitika, Blenheim, Hutt, Sydenham, Oamaru, Cambridge and Richmond (Nelson). There are still many who remember him with affection, and his ministry with grateful appreciation. Mr. Rishworth was a man of strong and striking personality, with definite tenaciously-held convictions on questions of doctrine, Church polity, and State politics. He had the courage of his convictions, but behind the rugged strength of the man there was the tender heart of a refined Christian gentleman. To know him was to love him greatly. In 1894 he met with a serious accident, which so injured his health that he was obliged to seek relief from the active work at the Conference of 1895. For twenty-three years he lived adjacent to the City of Auckland, and, until prevented by failing health, rendered help to many Circuits. In his palmy days, Mr. Rishworth was an effective preacher, a sympathetic visitor, and a strict administrator, loyal to the truth as he conceived it, loyal to the Church he loved, and loyal to the Christ whom he passionately adored and served. No more faithful Minister ever adorned the ranks of the Methodist Church of New Zealand than John Shiers Rishworth, who, at the age of 83 years, on October 21st, 1918, after a long illness, passed out of the shadow into the light of the presence of his Lord.

ROBERT TAYLOR was born in Rochdale, Lancashire, England, on January 2nd, 1839. In early life he gave his heart to God, and became an earnest worker in the Baillie Street F.M. Church. For a time he was associated with Mr. J. Ashworth, Rochdale City Missionary, and did excellent work in that capacity. Believing that God had called him to the Christian Ministry, he offered himself successfully as a Candidate for the Free Methodist Church. After serving successfully in several English Circuits, he responded to a request for men to go to New Zealand. He ministered in many important Circuits in this Dominion with acceptance and success. Our Bro. Taylor was a man of choice spirit, gentlemanly bearing and excellent manners. He was a faithful Pastor, and an able Minister of the New Testament. After a long and faithful ministry he passed to his rest at the ripe old age of nearly fourscore. "He being dead yet speaketh."

PRINCIPAL CHARLES HUGHLINGS GARLAND. In the profoundly lamented death of Principal Garland, the Conference recognises a loss of no ordinary kind. There was in him a unique combination of noble qualities that fitted him, in a high degree, for serving his generation according to the will of God. The son of a notable Christian worker, he gave himself at an early period in life to the service of the Church. His natural ability was of an exceptional kind, and under the influence of education and culture, he developed into a very strong man. He was an original thinker and preacher, and all his utterances and deportment were marked by graciousness, sincerity and dignity. He could express the profoundest thought in the simplest language. He was an ideal and sympathetic visitor to the sick and needy. He filled all the highest offices of

his Church with eminent ability, and had been a member of the Auckland Synods for fifteen years, and their esteemed Chairman for seven years. As Principal of the Theological Institution he was an ideal "guide, philosopher and friend," and commanded the love of the students, and the confidence of his brethren. The Conference humbly bows before the unerring Providence which has left the Church and the whole country the poorer by his death. It commends the bereaved family to the tender mercies of the God of all comfort, and prays that the great and gracious life of Charles Hughlings Garland may be an inspiration to renewed activity on the part of all to whom his name is known.

SAMUEL J. SERPELL will live long in the memory of Ministers and people as a great-hearted, lovable personality. Quaint and original in speech, his rugged eloquence made him an arresting preacher of the Gospel. As Pastor he was unexcelled. He was especially keen in his interest in young people, while to those in trouble he ever proved a tower of strength. The Conference of 1915 gave expression to its appreciation of his earnest and faithful ministry by electing him President. As Chairman of Districts he lived in the sincere respect and affection of his brethren. His last days were over-shadowed by sore bereavement, and under the pressure of failing health he was obliged to relinquish his duties as Chairman during the last year of his life. We do not grudge him his well-earned promotion to higher service.

FREDERICK RANDS was born at Methven, Canterbury, some thirty-six years ago. He early associated himself with Ashburton Methodism, and presented himself as a Candidate for the Ministry at the Conference of 1905. He was received and laboured on the President's List of Reserve for one year at North East Valley, before proceeding to College. Here, Mr. Rands completed two years as a student, and acquitted himself well. He took his place in our Circuit work, and laboured with profit to the Church and credit to himself. Essentially a man's man, he obtained a place in the Chaplaincy ranks, and proceeded to France on active service. His whole strength was spent in service, and, while yet his life was before him, he was stricken with sickness from which he never recovered. He was possessed of strong mental, social and spiritual qualities, and he has left fragrant memories in the various parts of New Zealand, wherein he exercised his ministry.

GEORGE H. MANN was born at Leversedge, Yorkshire. Converted at the age of thirteen, he began to preach while yet in his teens. After labouring for some years as an Evangelist and Home Missionary in the Old Land, he was, in 1894, appointed by the British Primitive Methodist Conference to New Zealand. His ministry in this country from its beginning was one of increasing power and fruitfulness. He gave of his best to the Church and people, in all his Circuits doing excellent work, and labouring with great acceptance. Intensely earnest, he was an untiring worker, a splendid organiser, a faithful and devoted preacher and pastor, being greatly beloved by young and old. Of splendid physique and fine personality, he enthused others with his own zeal. As President of the ex-Primitive Conference, Connexional Evangelist, Representative to the British Conference, he rendered the Church efficient service. His early and unexpected death came as a painful surprise. His sufferings were short, but acute. His end was bright, peaceful and triumphant. Our loss is his eternal gain.

ALEX. ALLEN, C.F., was killed in action in France, May 8th, 1918; aged thirty-three years. After a short but fruitful ministry of eight years, the last of which was spent as a Chaplain to the New Zealand Forces in France, Alex. Allen was killed by an enemy shell at a forward dressing station, on May 8, 1918. The loss to the Church is no ordinary one, as among Ministers recently ordained, Brother Allen was one of the most gifted and popular, possessing mental, social and spiritual qualities which had already won him success, and which gave great promise for the future. Born in Christchurch, and brought to God and trained for Christian service under the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., Brother Allen was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry in 1906, served one year on the President's List of Reserve at Glenavon and Woodhaugh, and after three years at College, laboured with great success at Taihape (two years), Timaru (one year), Waikouaiti (two years), Caversham (one year), Chaplain (two years). In each Circuit, as well as in his work as Chaplain, his winsome personality, high aims and devoted service gave him entrance to all hearts, and stamped him as a manly man, a faithful Minister and a true friend. As a Chaplain, devotion to the men whom he served regardless of self, won the esteem of all who knew him, and resulted especially in his paying the supreme sacrifice.

ALDWIN R. GORDON, M.A., died of wounds in France, August 26th, 1918. With profound regret we record the death from wounds in France, on August 26th, 1918, of Lieutenant Aldwyn R. Gordon, a first year's Probationer and second Minister in the Dundas Street Circuit, Dunedin, where he enlisted in May, 1915. The deceased was brought up in connection with Trinity Church, and was educated at Dunedin Primary Schools and the Otago Boys' High School, taking his B.A. degree at the Otago University College. He was converted to God in early life, and became an earnest worker in the Sunday School, and by the late Rev. P. W. Fairclough, was received as a local preacher. After five years with a firm of solicitors, he felt the call to the Ministry, and was accepted as a Candidate in 1912. The following year he entered the Theological Institution, taking his M.A. degree with honours at the Auckland University College. In November, 1914, he was appointed to supply for Chaplain H. L. Blamires, at Wanganui, and by the Conference of 1915 was received on probation, and appointed to Dundas Street Circuit, Dunedin, in which city he hoped to secure some medical training with a view to Foreign Missionary work. Shortly after, however, from a strong sense of duty, he enlisted as a soldier, left New Zealand with the Seventh Reinforcement for Egypt, and thence for France. For nearly three years he was on "active service," passing unhurt through many engagements, and early in 1918 gained his commission in England. Soon after his return to France he received his call to "higher service." His lamented death removes one of the most beloved and promising of our young men. Singularly gifted in heart and mind, of deep piety and true nobility, he gave high promise for future success and usefulness.

JOSEPH B. SUCKLING. The Conference places on record its sense of great loss in the death of Joseph B. Suckling, from influenza, on December 7th, in Fiji. He came to New Zealand in 1909 as a Probationer, in the ex-Primitive Methodist Ministry. He spent the four years of his probation in the Dundas Street Circuit, after which he laboured three years in the Dominion Road Church, Auckland; one year at Pukekohe, and one year in the Caversham

Circuit, whence he entered the Foreign Mission Field in Fiji, under the New South Wales Conference. We remember the enthusiasm with which he entered upon his Foreign Missionary career a year ago, and we mourn that that career has proved of such short duration.

QUESTION XII.—What Ministers Continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Dumbell
 William Cannell
 John Smith
 William Lee
 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.
 James Thomas
 James Clover
 John D. Jory
 John Nixon
 Charles H. Standage
 William Baumber
 Cornelius Griffin
 Peter W. Jones
 John A. Luxford
 Thomas Fee
 Lewis Hudson
 Thomas N. Griffin
 Joseph J. Mather
 Joseph Blight
 Thomas W. Newbold

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

John J. Lewis
 William S. Potter
 Christopher Abernethy
 Thomas F. Jones
 Frederick W. Boys (for one year)

JOHN J. LEWIS. In acceding to the request of Mr. Lewis to become a Supernumerary owing to failure of health, the Conference places on record its grateful sense of the faithful and efficient service which, for nearly fifty years he has rendered to the Church. It was his earnest wish to complete the half-century of active work, but a breakdown of health has rendered it impossible. Since coming to New Zealand in 1870, Mr. Lewis has filled nearly every position the Church had to offer, including that of President of Conference. Both as Circuit Minister and presiding officer he has shown a degree of diligence and devotion that has never been excelled. He has kept before him a high standard of pulpit and pastoral efficiency, with results that have been widely and gratefully appreciated. His early vow of whole-hearted consecration to the proclamation of

the Gospel Message, as interpreted by Methodism, has been fully redeemed, and he will carry with him into his retirement grateful memories of the many to whom he has been the messenger of eternal life. The cordial esteem and affection of his brethren, which he has always enjoyed, will follow him in the eventide of rest after the long day's work. This will be a pledge of the complete fulfilment to him of God's promise to His faithful servants. "And it shall come to pass that at eventide there shall be light."

WILLIAM SMITH POTTER for forty-three years has sustained the work of the Methodist Ministry, and by his strenuous work has greatly helped both the material and spiritual interests of the Kingdom of God. He has been noted for his earnestness in preaching, his carefulness in administration, and for devotion to pastoral work. By his kindness and helpfulness he has greatly endeared himself to those to whom he has ministered, and by his personal life has adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour. In the Primitive Methodist Church, of which thirty-seven years he was a Minister, he was greatly loved, and every honour the Church could bestow upon him was given him, and he most worthily bore them. We desire for him a long and quiet eventide in his retirement.

CHRISTOPHER ABERNETHY is one of the best loved Ministers in the New Zealand Conference. He entered the Ministry forty years ago, and has continued till now in a succession of Circuits to which he has given his undivided energies. By his faithful pulpit ministrations and sympathetic pastoral work, he has won the confidence, esteem and affection of the people wherever he has been stationed. By his unselfishness and brotherly kindness he has secured an exceptionally warm place in the hearts of his brother Ministers. The Conference deeply sympathises with him in the sorrowful circumstances which have befallen him in his recent bereavements and failing health. In agreeing to his retirement from the active work of the Ministry, the Conference assures him of its deep affection, and earnest hope that the remaining period of his life may be brightened by the abiding presence of his Divine Lord.

THOMAS FRANCIS JONES entered the Methodist Ministry in New Zealand in 1882. He has faithfully and conscientiously served the Church in various town and country Circuits, chiefly in the North Island. He has been District Secretary, Corresponding Secretary for Conference, and sub-editor of the Connexional Paper. He became a Supernumerary for one year in 1906, and during that period held the office of Foreign Mission Secretary, but returned to the active work of the Ministry, from a sense of the needs of the Church and the shortage of men. All offices entrusted to him have been fulfilled with diligence and care. He is an acceptable preacher, a sympathetic pastor, and a capable administrator. The children and young people have received their full share of his kindly administrations. In all his labours he has been ably supported by his devoted wife. He retires with the affection and good wishes of all who have been associated with him in the work of God.

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

George T. Marshall

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

T. A. Pybus
 With permission to visit England.
 W. Lea
 P. Battey
 Wm. S. Smith
 W. T. Blight

Who are absent on Military Service or serving with the Y.M.C.A.
 Henry H. Marshall
 Sydney J. Mogridge

Returned from active service, have permission to rest for a year.
 E. O. Blamires
 Is recommended to have permission to visit England in 1920.

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

Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S.
 Nicholas Turner
 Joseph R. Sullivan

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

No.

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

Percy N. Knight, B.A.
 Is now definitely received from the Victoria and Tasmania Conference.
 J. Napier Milne
 Is received from the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference.
 Walter R. Poole
 The Conference agreed to the continued association of Walter R. Poole with the New South Wales Conference, with a view to his re-appointment in Fiji, pro tem.
 Charles A. Sims
 Is transferred to the New South Wales Conference.

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

No.

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

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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. G. T. Marshall (Acting-Principal)
Honorary Members	... Revs. J. H. Simmonds, J. J. Lewis, W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Hammond, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. A. Sinclair, 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. P. J. Cossum
Beet's Manual of Theology	... Rev. G. Frost
Wesley's Sermons	... Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt
Church History (1st and 2nd years)	... Rev. J. A. Lochore
Church History (3rd and 4th years)	... Rev. F. T. Read
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. E. P. Blamires
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)	... Rev. C. C. Harrison
Ethics (Dewey and Tuft)	... Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett)	... Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.
Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Peabody)	... Rev. J. Cocker
Hinduism (Haigh) and Mohammedanism (Margoliouth)	... Rev. W. A. Hay

(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. F. Copeland
Theology	...	...	...	Rev. T. R. B. Wooloxall
Bible Knowledge	...	...	...	Rev. E. O. Blamires
Church History	...	...	...	Rev. E. D. Eatchett
Homiletics	...	...	...	Rev. W. Greenslade

(E) Examiners for Maoris.

Bible, Old and New Testaments	...	
Wesley's Sermon	...	
Clapperton's Manual	...	
Theology	...	Rev. B. F. Rothwell
Church History (Cowan)	...	Rev. A. J. Seamer
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 follows:—(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 Auckland 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 Examination of Probationers, Students on the President's List of Reserve, Candidates for the Ministry, and Home Missionary Probationers, shall be held in the second week of December.
7. The subjects for examination shall be taken in the order in which they appear in the Minutes of Conference. *- code word to be used.*
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. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall provide a list of instructions and forward them to Supervisors for their guidance.
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 consists of a tabular statement of the marks gained in the several subjects by Probationers, Students, and Candidates, shall be printed on a separate paper for the use of the Conference, and shall afterwards be entered in the Conference Journal.

The Examination this year shall commence on Tuesday, December 9th.

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. 1-228.
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," 1st half.
8. James' "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," 2nd 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 1st and 2nd years, International Critical Commentary; for 3rd and 4th 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 4th 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 1919 are as follows:—

- First year: Caesar, *De Bello Gallico*, Book V.
 Second year: Virgil, *Æneid*, Book II.
 Third year: Cicero, *De Amicitia*.
 Fourth year: Horace, *Odes*, Book I.

IVa.—POST ORDINATION COURSE.

(See Resolutions under Questions II. and III.)

First Year:—

Old Testament, "Isaiah" (Century Bible); G. Buchanan Gray's "Introduction to Old Testament;" Clarke's "Outlines of Theology," first half.

Second Year:—

New Testament, "Romans" (Century Bible); Peake's "Introduction to New Testament;" Clarke's "Outlines of Theology," second half; Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."

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' "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 the 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 Acting-Principal of the College shall act as tutor in the subjects decided upon by the Board of Studies.
2. The Board of Studies, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the Acting-Principal of the College, the Lecturers, and three 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 1919 the Board of Studies consists of the President of the Conference, the Acting-Principal, the Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., and the Lecturers appointed by them).
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, Rectilineal Figures and Area of Rectilineal 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 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' 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 (pp. 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 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. That any Home Missionary now in 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.
7. 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.

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

RESULTS OF HOME MISSIONARIES' EXAMINATIONS, 1918.

- J. H. Allen passed first year's Examination with honours. G. H. Cule and A. L. Witheford also passed.

XI.—TRIAL SERMONS.

1. The persons appointed to hear Probationers', Students', Home Missionary Probationers' 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, Home Missionary Probationer 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 Missionary Probationers 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' 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?
- Robertson's The Spiritual Pilgrimage of Jesus.
- Glover's Jesus of History.

(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.
- Schmid'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.
- Chesterton's Orthodoxy.
- Denny's Christian Doctrine of Reconciliation.
- Mosley's The Doctrine of the Atonement.
- Davison's The Indwelling Spirit.
- Humphrey's The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience.
- *W. Adam's Brown's The Christian Hope.
- E. Griffith Jones' Faith and Immortality.
- *Rauschenbusch's Christianity and the Social Crisis.
- Strachan's The Individuality of St. Paul.
- Concerning Prayer (Symposium by Anglican writers).
- *Kidd's Science of Power.
- Burrowes' Valley of Decision.

(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.
 Dykes' The Christian Minister.
 Garvie's Guide to Preachers.
 Henson's Liberty of Prophecy.
 Storr's Preaching Without Notes.
 Jackson's The Fact of Conversion.
 *James' 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.
 Horne's The Romance of Preaching.

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' Social Progress and Christian Missions
 Findlay's Century of Methodist Missions.
 *Lindsay's Reformation:
 McGiffert's The Apostolic Age.
 Hort's Christian Ecclesia.

III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY:

- Romanes' Darwin and After Darwin.
 Wallace's Darwinism.
 Drummond's Ascent of Man.
 Thomson and Geddes' 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' Rudolf Eucken.
 Bertrand Russell's Problems of Philosophy.
 Marshall's Principles of Economics.
 *Jane T. Stoddart's New Socialism.
 Rae's Contemporary Socialism.

- Hopkins' 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.
 Duncan's The New Knowledge.

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.
 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.
 Bonat'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
 Jack's Life and Letters of Stopford Brooke.
 Morley's Recollections.
 MacMillan's Life of George Matheson.
 Lives of the Early Methodist Preachers.

V. POETRY—

- Shakespeare.
 Milton.
 Matthew Arnold.
 Clough.
 Whittier.
 Browning.
 Tennyson.
 Wordsworth.
 Byron.
 Keats.
 Shelley.
 Watson.
 Francis Thompson.
 Longfellow.
 Russell Lowell.

Yeats

F. W. H. Myers' St. Paul.

Sir Edwin Arnold's Light of the World.

Bridges.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

Devotional—

Confessions of St. Augustine.

Thomas a' Kempis' 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' The Unveiled Heart.

Smellie's The Hour of Silence and In the Secret Place.

Matheson's Devotional Volumes.

Dr. W. E. Orchard's The Temple.

Maclaren's Pulpit Prayers.

Fiction—

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

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, Ik Marvel, O. W. Holmes, Bagehot, Birrell, Belloc, Burke, Chesterton, E. V. Lucas, Oliver Goldsmith, G. W. E. Russell.

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' Dictionary of the Bible and Hastings' 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."

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.

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.

RESOLUTION.

The thanks of the Conference were presented to Rev. J. H. Haslam for his services as Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners during the year, and he was re-appointed.

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

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Northern Wairoa.—That the Northern Wairoa River be made the boundary between the Northern Wairoa Circuit and the Rehia Home Mission Station.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

King Country Rural Mission.—That the Taumarunui and Te Kuiti Circuits, with the Ohura and Mokauiti Home Mission Stations, be constituted a Rural Mission, but that it be worked financially in sections with separate Quarterly Meetings.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Denniston-Granity.—That the Denniston-Granity H.M. Station be placed under the direction of the Westport Superintendent, pending the appointment of an Agent.

Dovedale.—The Dovedale H.M. Station shall include Dovedale, Stanley Brook, Tapawera, Tadmor and places contiguous.

Runanga.—The work of the Station shall be supervised by the Grey-mouth Superintendent.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

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

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Bank Street and Timaru, Woodlands Street).—These two Circuits shall be combined and called the Timaru Circuit; two Ministers and a Probationer being appointed.

Methven.—That the Methven H.M. Station be placed under the direction of the Ashburton Superintendent pending the appointment of an Agent.

Otautau-Winton.—The Winton H.M. Station shall include Drummond, provided an Agent be appointed to Winton. Pending the appointment of an Agent the Station shall be under the direction of the Invercargill (Ellis Road) Superintendent.

QUESTION XXIII.—To What Circuits are Additional Preachers to be Appointed?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Central.—That one Married Minister be withdrawn.

Auckland (North Shore).—A Second Minister to be appointed, to reside at Takapuna.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Matamata.—A Second Agent be appointed, to reside at Putaruru, and work Putaruru and the surrounding districts.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Wanganui.—A Probationer shall be appointed in the place of a Home Missionary.

Mokau.—The appointment of a Home Mission Agent is considered urgent.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington (Thorndon).—A Probationer shall be appointed, to reside at Karori.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Hokitika.—A Minister shall not be appointed.

Motueka.—A Married Minister to be appointed if required exigencies of the Stationing Committee.

Murchison.—The appointment of a Home Mission Agent is considered urgent.

Runanga.—It was resolved to encourage Sister Moody Bell, and to facilitate her work in every way.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Addington.—The staff of two Home Missionaries shall include one Married Home Missionary and one Single Home Missionary.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Ashburton.—A Probationer to be appointed in place of the Second Agent. Failing the appointment of a Probationer, a Home Missionary to be appointed.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Dunedin (Caversham).—The Home Missionary shall be withdrawn.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Edendale.—A Married Probationer to be appointed in place of a Married Minister.

It was resolved that a Single Home Missionary be appointed as assistant in the Circuit to which the Rev. A. J. Seamer is appointed.

QUESTION XXIV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth Rural Mission to include Bell Rock, Hillsborough, Upland Road, Lower Mangorei, Upper Mangorei, Korito, Carrington Road, Omata, and other places, an ordained Minister to be appointed and to reside in or near New Plymouth until an appointment be made, the places included in the Rural Mission remain in the New Plymouth Circuit.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Matamata.—That Matamata be constituted a Circuit with a Probationer and a Home Missionary.

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

AUCKLAND.

Auckland East is due, but is relieved for another year.
Otahuhu is due and fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Paeroa is due, and fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.
Opotiki is due, but is relieved for another year.
Tauranga is due, but is relieved for another year.
Rotorua is due and fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.
Taumarunui fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Manaia fulfils its obligation with a suitable grant.
Taihape is due, but is relieved for another year.
Waimarino is due, but is relieved for another year.

NELSON.

Motueka.—A Married Minister to be appointed if necessary, with a suitable grant.

Reefton.—That a Probationer be continued.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

St. Albans (Edgware Road) is due, but is relieved for another year.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Timaru Second is due, but is relieved for another year.

SOUTHLAND.

Invercargill (Teviot Street) is relieved for another year, present conditions to be continued.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following be the order of Circuits in the taking of Married Ministers:—

Tauranga
Waimarino

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. H. E. BELLHOUSE.

Secretary:

REV. E. DRAKE.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1919.

(N.B.—(1) 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. (2) The 27th of April, 1919, shall be recognised as the first Sunday for Ministers entering new Circuits.)

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

- Auckland Central.**—Charles H. Laws B.A., Harry Ranston, M.A., Percy R. Paris; Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S. (without Pastoral Charge), Joseph S. Smalley (Sup.), James Thomas (Sup.)

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.—William A. Sinclair, Conference Secretary.

- Auckland West.**—Harold E. Bellhouse (President of the Conference), William H. Speer; a Home Missionary; W. S. Potter (Sup.)
- Auckland East.**—James Wrigley, John E. Parsons, John R. Nelson, one wanted; John Smith (Sup.), William Lee (Sup.), David McNicoll (Sup.), John J. Lewis (Sup.), George Bond (Sup.), Thomas G. Carr (Sup.), Henry R. Dewsbury (Sup.), Cornelius Griffin (Sup.), Joseph J. Mather (Sup.), Thomas F. Jones (Sup.)

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.—Joseph H. Simmonds, Principal.

HOME MISSION FUND.—Thomas G. Brooke, General Secretary.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.—George T. Marshall (Acting-Principal).

- Auckland (Avondale).**—William A. Burley, M.A., E. E. Sage; a Home Missionary; Joseph Blight (Sup.)
- Auckland Methodist Mission.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.

6. Auckland (North Shore).—William J. Elliott, T. R. B. Woolloxall.
7. Auckland (Birkenhead).—Percy I. Cooke; John D. Jory (Sup.)
8. Onehunga.—Colin C. Harrison.
9. Otahuhu.—Fred. Greenwood.
10. Papakura.—George Frost.
11. Pukekohe.—J. Frederick Martin; a Home Missionary.
12. Waiuku.—J. Wesley Griffin.
13. Mahurangi.—One wanted.
14. Paparua.—Charles Roberts.
15. Northern Wairoa.—John Southern.
16. Whangarei.—James R. Clark.
17. Northern Maori Mission.—Thomas G. Hammond (General Superintendent of Maori Mission).

(1) NGAPUHI—

- (a) WHANGAROA.—Hapeta Renata (Kaeo).
- (b) HOKIANGA.—Hone M. Hare (Mangungu).
Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).
- (c) BAY OF ISLANDS.—Davis Wilcox (Russell).
Hapeta Renata, Superintendent.
- (2) KAIPARA.—Eruera Te Tuhi, Superintendent (Rewiti).
- (3) WAIKATO.—Piripi Rakena (Te Kopua), Hori Kakuere (Raglan),
Papaire R. Paikea (Otorohanga); a Home Missionary
(Oparure).
Piripi Rakena, Superintendent.

PORT ALBERT.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary (Kaukapakapa).

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

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).

WHANGAROA.—A Home Missionary (Kaeo).

MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary.

HIKURANGI.—A Home Missionary.

REHIA.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE (President of Conference),
Chairman of District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

18. Thames.—Arthur Mitchell.
19. Te Aroha.—John Dukes; R. E. Fordyce (Supply).
20. Morrinsville.—Harry Cottom.
21. Waihi.—John Olphert.
22. Paeroa.—Walter J. Enticott.
23. Cambridge.—John D. McArthur; a Home Missionary.
24. Hamilton.—Ernest O. Blamires, E. Thomas Olds; James Clóver
(Sup.)

25. **Huntly.**—One wanted.
26. **Rotorua.**—Harold T. Peat (under the direction of the Chairman of District); John Nixon (Sup.)
27. **Tauranga.**—Charles H. Kendon.
28. **Opotiki.**—Ernest B. Chambers.
29. **Te Kuiti.**—One wanted.
30. **King Country Rural Mission.**—Hedley White (Taumarunui); one wanted (Te Kuiti); Home Missionary (Ohura); Home Missionary (Mokauiti). Hedley White, Superintendent.
31. **Te Awamutu.**—Samuel Henderson.
32. **Whakatane.**—One wanted.
33. **Matamata.**—Alfred E. Jefferson; a Home Missionary (Putaruru).
TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.
NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.
MARAKOPA.—A Home Missionary.
WAIMIHA.—A Home Missionary.
HAURAKI PLAINS.—A Home Missionary.

SAMUEL HENDERSON, Chairman of District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

34. **New Plymouth.**—J. Napier Milne, Horace L. Richards; William Cannell (Sup.)
- 34a. **North Taranaki Rural Mission.**—One wanted.
35. **Waitara.**—Frederick B. Lawrence; a Home Missionary.
36. **Inglewood.**—Arthur A. Bensley.
37. **Stratford.**—Robert B. Tinsley; one wanted.
38. **Eltham.**—James A. Hosking.
39. **Hawera.**—Arthur Liversedge.
40. **Manaia.**—Henry J. Odell.
41. **Cape Egmont.**—One wanted; a Home Missionary.
42. **Kaponga.**—George B. Hinton.
43. **Wanganui.**—Henry L. Blamires, Alfred M. Costain.
44. **Wanganui North.**—Ben. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
45. **Rangitikei.**—Percy J. Cossum.
46. **Taihape.**—William H. Hocking.
47. **Waimarino.**—Wallace S. Neal.
- (4) **West Coast Maori Mission** (under the supervision of the General Superintendent of Maori Missions).
 (a) **NORMANBY.** Robert T. P. Haddon.
 (b) **OPUNAKE.**—Neho H. Papakakura.
- PARIROA.**—A Native Home Missionary.
- RAETIHI.**—A Native Home Missionary.
 Robert T. P. Haddon, Superintendent.
- EAST EGMONT.**—A Home Missionary.
- MOKAU.**—A Home Missionary.
- PATEA.**—A Home Missionary.

HENRY L. BLAMIRES, Chairman of District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

48. **Napier.**—Thomas R. Richards; a Home Missionary.
 49. **Hastings.**—Angus McBean.
 50. **Gisborne.**—William H. E. Abbey; one wanted.
 51. **Waipawa.**—Charles A. Foston.
 52. **Dannevirke.**—James Richards.
 53. **Woodville.**—R. Purcell Keall.
 54. **Pahiatua.**—A. J. Lester Minifie.
 55. **Palmerston North** (Broad St.)—George S. Cook, William Gatman; F. W. Boys (Sup.)
 56. **Palmerston North** (Cuba St.)—Arthur Ashcroft.
 57. **Feilding.**—George F. Stockwell, Raymond Richards; Peter W. Jones (Sup.)
 58. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—Benjamin J. James.
 59. **Foxton.**—Arthur Harding.
 APIITI.—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

60. **Wellington** (Taranaki St.)—James G. Chapman; a Home Missionary; W. Bramwell Scott (C.F.), Leslie B. Neale (C.F.)
 61. **Wellington Central Mission.**—G. Knowles Smith.
 62. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Amos Reader, Egbert R. Warburton; John Dumbell (Sup.)
 63. **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.)
 64. **Wellington** (Kilbirnie).—Frederick T. Read.
 65. **Johnsonville.**—William Rowe; one wanted.
 66. **Hutt.**—Daniel J. Murray.
 67. **Petone.**—Charles Blair.
 68. **South Wairarapa.**—Robert B. Gosnell.
 69. **Carterton.**—Josiah Ward.
 70. **Masterton.**—James Cocker; one wanted.
 71. **Eketahuna.**—James W. Parker.
 72. **Levin.**—Jonathan H. Haslam.
 73. **Otaki.**—William G. Slade, M.A.; a Home Missionary.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman of District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

74. **Nelson**.—Ernest D. Patchett.
 75. **Richmond**.—William Wills; a Home Missionary.
 76. **Blenheim**.—William Greenslade, Henry Ryan; a Home Missionary.
 77. **Hokitika**.—One wanted.
 78. **Greymouth**.—Thomas J. Wallis.
 79. **Motueka**.—One wanted.
 80. **Reefton**.—George E. Brown.
 81. **Westport**.—William A. Watson.
 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.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

82. **Christchurch** (Durham St.)—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.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—C. H. Olds, B.A., Organising Secretary.
83. **Christchurch** (Durham St. South).—One wanted.
 84. **Christchurch East**.—E. Percy Blamires, William Walker; a Home Missionary; Nicholas Turner (without Pastoral Charge); Lewis Hudson (Sup.)
 85. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—William Grigg, Charles E. Ward (Sup.)
 86. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Fred. Copeland, William J. Williams (Sup.)
 87. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—William Beckett.
 88. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Arthur J. Seamer (a Supply); a Home Missionary; a Home Missionary.
 89. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—Albert C. Lawry; J. Dennis; William C. Oliver (Sup.), Thomas Fee (Sup.)
 90. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Thomas A. Joughin; Christopher Abernethy (Sup.)
 91. **Lyttelton**.—Fred. L. Frost.

92. **Springston.**—John Harris.
 93. **Tai Tapu.**—Basil Metson.
 94. **Leeston.**—William Laycock.
 95. **Kaiapoi.**—William Ready.
 96. **Ohoka.**—William W. Avery.
 97. **Rangiora.**—James Guy, Charles B. Jordan, B.A.
 98. **Greendale-Malvern.**—Albert H. Fowles; a Home Missionary.
 (5) **South Island Maori Mission** (under the supervision of the Chairman of District).—Rakena Piripi (Rapaki).
 HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
 OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS A. JOUGHIN (ex-President); Chairman of District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

99. **Timaru.**—William A. Hay, Archer O. Harris, Tom Dent, Joseph R. Sullivan (without Pastoral Charge); Charles H. Standage (Sup.)
 100. **Waimate.**—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
 101. **Temuka.**—Francis T. Harris; a Home Missionary.
 102. **Geraldine.**—George P. Hunt.
 103. **Ashburton.**—Thomas W. Vealie; one wanted.
 104. **Willowby.**—Samuel Bailey.
 105. **Oamaru.**—John A. Lochore.
 METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.
 MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS W. VEALIE, Chairman of District.

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

106. **Dunedin (Trinity).**—M. A. Rugby Pratt, Henry Ford, Thomas W. Newbold (Sup.)
 107. **Dunedin Central Mission.**—Clarence Eaton.
 108. **Dunedin (Dundas St.)**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
 109. **Dunedin (Cargill Road).**—Robert Raine.
 110. **Dunedin (St. Kilda).**—Arthur Hopper.
 111. **Dunedin (Caversham).**—Samuel Griffith.
 112. **Dunedin (Mornington).**—Benjamin F. Rothwell.
 113. **Dunedin (Roslyn).**—T. Arthur Pybus; Frederick J. Parker (Supply).

114. **Mosgiel.**—Oswald Burnet.
 115. **Port Chalmers.**—Samuel H. D. Peryman.
 116. **Waikouaiti and Palmerston.**—One wanted; a Home Missionary.
 117. **Balclutha.**—Samuel J. Werren.
 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 St.)**—Alfred Peters.
 121. **Invercargill (Teviot St.)**—One wanted.
 122. **Invercargill (Don St.)**—Harold A. Sharp; a Home Missionary.
 123. **Invercargill (Elles Road).**—George Clement.
 124. **Bluff.**—Thomas Skuse.
 125. **Gore.**—Ralph J. Liddell.
 126. **Otautau.**—Thomas Coatsworth.
 127. **Edendale.**—William B. Cumming.
 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.

William Lea.

Also the following Probationers:

H. H. Marshall, Sydney J. Mogridge, W. S. Smith and W. T. Blight.

Serving as Y.M.C.A. Secretary:

Percy Battey.

NOTES.

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

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

Until an Agent is appointed to the North Taranaki Rural Mission it shall be worked by the New Plymouth Circuit.

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

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

The King Country Rural Mission is to be worked sectionally with separate Quarterly Meetings.

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

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

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

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

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1919.

Auckland District—

Auckland West (Richmond).—One wanted.
 Auckland (Avondale), Waikumete.—One wanted.
 Pukekohe (Bombay).—One wanted.
 Rehia (Arapohue).—A. Fitchett.
 Port Albert.—J. H. Edmondson.
 Coromandel.—One wanted.
 Kaukapakapa.—F. C. Pace.
 Helensville.—One wanted.
 Bay of Islands.—J. H. Allen.
 Kaikohe.—One wanted.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—N. Challenger.
 Whangaroa (Kaeo).—E. Ranson.
 Mangonui.—H. S. Kings.
 Hikurangi.—F. G. Brown.
 Mahurangi.—H. C. Orchard.
 Oparure (Native).—H. Tamati.

South Auckland District—

Huntly.—P. J. Mairs.
 Te Kuiti.—F. T. Broom.
 Whakatane.—A. Nicholls.
 Cambridge (Leamington).—E. H. Brooker.
 Te Puke.—J. Common.
 Matamata (2nd).—One wanted.
 Ohūra.—C. Aker.
 Ngaruawahia.—C. W. Brown.
 Mokauiti.—One wanted.
 Hauraki Plains.—One wanted.
 Marakopa.—One wanted.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

Waitara (Uriti).—One wanted.
 Stratford (Midhurst).—One wanted.
 Cape Egmont (Opunake).—C. Strand.
 Cape Egmont (Okato).—E. D. M. King (Supply).
 East Egmont (Douglas).—G. H. Cule.
 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.—V. S. Mercer.

Wellington District—

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

Nelson District—

Richmond (Wakefield).—R. T. H. Wearne.
 Blenheim (Picton).—One wanted.
 Havelock.—J. F. Jack.
 Murchison.—A. E. Haynes.
 Runanga.—One wanted.
 Denniston-Granity (Millerton).—One wanted.
 Tapawera.—One wanted.
 Hokitika.—G. H. Bridgeman.
 Motueka.—J. W. Bayliss.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch East (Linwood).—H. Spencer.
 Christchurch (Addington) (Assistant to Rev. A. J. Seamer).—
 O. S. Pearn.
 Christchurch, Addington (Riccarton).—W. T. Hooper.
 Christchurch, Addington (Lincoln Road).—One wanted.
 Greendale-Malvern (Waddington).—A. Laybourn.
 Hawarden.—C. Duncan.
 Oxford.—F. E. Foot.

South Canterbury District—

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

Otago District—

Dunedin (St. Kilda).—T. Roseveare (Supply).
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston (Waikouaiti).—W. B. Pickering.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston (Palmerston).—One wanted.
 Roxburgh.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Kaitangata.—C. J. Peple.
 Lawrence.—S. Keen.
 Cromwell.—A. L. Witheford.

Southland District—

Invercargill, Don St. (Kennington).—One wanted.
 Riverton (Tuatapere).—J. Field (Supply).
 Winton.—One wanted.
 Nightcaps.—W. E. Sleep.

It was resolved:—

1. That April 27th, 1919 be the first Sunday in the new Circuits for Ministers who are changing their Circuits, but that, in the case of the Second Minister in the Wanganui Circuit, he shall be expected to enter on his work on the first Sunday in April.
2. That until G. E. Brown returns from active service, T. Dent shall remain at Reefton, and J. Dennis at Timaru.

QUESTION XXVIII.—Who are Elected as Chairmen of Districts and Statistical Secretaries for the ensuing year?

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland.—Harold E. Bellhouse (President of Conference).
 Auckland South.—Samuel Henderson.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Henry L. Blamires.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Thomas R. Richards.
 Wellington.—Edward Drake (Secretary of Conference).
 Nelson.—William Greenslade.
 North Canterbury.—Thomas A. Joughin (ex-President of Conference)
 South Canterbury.—Thomas W. Vealie.
 Otago.—Samuel Griffith.
 Southland.—Alfred Peters.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland.—W. H. Speer.
 Auckland South.—E. O. Blamires.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—P. J. Cossum.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—G. F. Stockwell.
 Wellington.—F. T. Read.
 Nelson.—E. D. Patchett.
 North Canterbury.—W. Beckett.
 South Canterbury.—A. N. Scotter, B.A.
 Otago.—S. H. D. Peryman.
 Southland.—G. Clement.

QUESTION XXIX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1920?

President.—Rev. E. Drake.

Secretary.—Rev. A. Ashcroft.

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 presenting the General Statistical Returns the Committee reports with thankfulness an increase of 436 members, and 146 junior members, also an increase of 216, and 305, respectively, in the active membership of Wesley Guilds, and Christian Endeavour Societies' members on probation number 196.

During the year, the Connexional Evangelist, the Rev. Val. Trigge, concerning whose work a separate report is supplied, has continued with unabated success his devoted labours, which, no doubt, have been a contributing factor in the increases reported above.

Our gratification at the above figures is somewhat tempered as we note a decrease of 1562 in the number reported as attendants on Public Worship, and a decrease of 213 Communicants.

Statistics, however, for various reasons, are an imperfect test of the welfare of the Church. Other evidence must be sought and appraised. A broad survey of New Zealand Methodism, and a careful study of known conditions, reveal many tokens of the Divine presence; much unobtrusive piety, and sustained devotion on the part of loyal workers in the various activities of the Church. For these things we give thanks to God.

On the other hand, there is a general consensus of opinion that the Church, as a whole, is not living up to her privileges and responsibilities, nor showing that strong vitality which is so essential to spiritual achievement. The careless pleasure-loving spirit of the age, which has not been exorcised even by the stern discipline of war, has invaded the Church, and large numbers are "at ease in Zion," displaying but a languid interest, if any, in the spiritual welfare of themselves, their fellow-members, or the community in which they live.

While appreciating the earnest calls made in recent Conferences for spiritual advance, and the response made thereto, your Committee feels that the time is singularly opportune for our Church to seek a spiritual renewal, and to give herself afresh to Christ, as the open channel of blessing to the people of this land.

Many factors intensify the responsibility of the hour. The end of the war, the rapid return of our soldiers, the industrial unrest and loud calls for social reconstruction, the approach of the Centenary of New Zealand Methodism, and the proposals for Church Union, combine to call us to increased sincerity, efficiency and reality in our work.

The Lay Pastorate.—Among the most urgent needs, is the cultivation of the spiritual life of our members, and for this end we urge a more thorough and general use of the Lay Pastorate. If our Church to-day cannot furnish Lay Pastors, then we should make it our policy to seek, train and appoint suitable men and women, young or old, who will share the pastorate with the Ministers, and provide help, guidance and inspiration to those entrusted to their care.

We need also a more systematic and earnest seeking of those that are without, and especially of those who need us most.

The Church in Relation to Men.—Special steps should be taken to get into sympathetic and helpful touch with the men of the community, and especially with returned soldiers, and while maintaining the supremacy of spiritual ideals, practical interest should be taken in all measures calculated to promote moral, social and educational betterment.

The best place to get into touch with the man, is in his own home, and for this friendly visits in the evening are necessary. The Committee is strongly of opinion that Ministers and other workers would be accomplishing a far greater work by such visits than by spending so many evenings in ordinary and often sparsely-attended Church meetings.

Another method which, wisely carried out, would meet with good response, is the arranging of circles of enquiry on religious questions; meetings for teaching, rather than preaching. A seeming indifference is, in many, but a cloke to hide a latent interest in religion, which needs but a friendly touch to awaken into an earnest concern.

Efficiency Boards.—Your Committee recommends that the District Committees which it is proposed to set up for Home and Foreign Missions, and to give advice, when necessary, on questions of property, should also be appointed as District Efficiency Boards, in conjunction with the Chairmen of Districts, to give sympathetic consideration to the welfare and progress of the work of God in the District, and to arrange periodical visits of enquiry, advice and inspiration to Circuits and Home Mission Stations, by suitable commissioners.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Chairman.

ROBERT RAINE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report and Statistical Returns were received and adopted.
2. With a view to more effectual spiritual nurture, the Conference again urges that a fuller use be made of the Lay Pastorate, and directs Leaders' Meetings to take all possible steps for the training and appointment of godly men and women who will effectively share the Pastorate with the Minister.
3. The Conference directs that in all our Churches and Home Mission Stations a prominent place in our Christian enterprise shall be given by the Ministry of the Church to the men of the community, especially to returned soldiers.
4. The following to be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Ministers of Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, E. J. King, J. P. Simon, J. B. Shacklock, J. D. Weir, J. Winton, A. T. McIndoe, E. W. Isbister, J. H. Malcolm and R. Thompson. Convener, Rev. R. Raine.

5. That a Special Committee be set up to consider, during the year, how the time devoted to the conversation on the Work of God can be used to the fullest advantage. The Committee to consist of Revs. the President of Conference, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. J. Elliott, E. T. Cox, M.A. H. Ranston, M.A., W. A. Sinclair, Messrs. G. A. Buttle, H. Field, T. B. Arthur and G. A. R. Thomas. Convener, Rev. W. J. Elliott.
6. The above Committee shall also consider the arrangement of a brief memorial service respecting Ministers who have died during the year, and Ministers becoming Supernumeraries, instead of the customary lengthy conversation on this question.

VAL. TRIGGE MISSION.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

It is again the Committee's privilege to report with deep gratitude to God, a year of successful work on the part of our Connexional Evangelist. Since last Conference, Missions of ten days each, have been held at Papanui, Leeston, Durham Street (Christchurch), Marton, Patea, Inglewood, Eltham, Dunedin Central Mission, Morningson, Rangiora, Thorndon, Onehunga, Gisborne, Waipawa, Eketahuna and Petone. Every Mission has been abundantly blessed, and notably at Inglewood, Patea, Morningson and Onehunga, where the Mission was the occasion of a genuine revival.

Owing to influenza, December Missions at Wakefield and Motueka had to be cancelled at a loss of over £30 to the Committee, dates in February being subsequently arranged.

The Committee cannot speak too highly of the unsparing zeal and deep spirituality of the Evangelist, who, by ceaseless prayer, powerful preaching and impassioned appeal has brought large numbers to conviction and conversion, and has helped both Ministers and members to a fuller consecration, and a richer experience.

The frequent and prolonged absence of the Evangelist from home involves much sacrifice of home life, but for the Master's sake the sacrifice is cheerfully made, and Mrs. Trigge with her two children, bravely sustains the home at Sumner.

Many applications have been received for Missions next year, and the Committee has invited Mr. Trigge to continue his work in New Zealand, subject to the approval of his Conference and ours.

The Committee, in presenting the Financial Statement, acknowledges with thanks the contributions to the Auxiliary Fund, which, however, at present are not sufficient for our needs. In view of the loss caused by the influenza, we find it necessary to ask for a grant of £25 from the Home Mission Fund for the current year.

Anticipating the work of another year, we would again appeal for the generous help of auxiliary subscribers, to enable the Missioner to visit places that would be otherwise debarred.

In order to safeguard the position of the Committee, and having in mind the fact that when the time comes for Mr. Trigge's return to Victoria, the travelling expenses of himself and family will be a charge on our Conference, the Committee applies for a provisional grant of £50 for the ensuing year from the Home Mission Fund, to be used only as need may arise.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.
2. That the Conference express its gratitude to God for the gracious work wrought through the instrumentality of the Connexional Evangelist.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference for placing Rev. Val. Trigge at the disposal of the New Zealand Conference.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Val. Trigge for the unsparing devotion that has marked his evangelistic labours amongst us.
5. That the Conference again commends the Auxiliary Fund to the liberality of our people.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Committee, and the retiring Convener, Rev. S. Griffith, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year, viz.—Revs. E. Griffith, R. Raine, B. F. Rothwell, M. A. Rugby Pratt (Convener), Messrs. J. P. Simon, D. C. Cameron, T. Roseveare.

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

For Statistical Returns, see Appendix, p. lix.

The Report submitted to Synods and Conference was received.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

A careful analysis of the schedules gives cause for gratitude and encouragement. The returns show an increase of four Sunday Schools, 736 scholars, 499 junior members, 319 scholars received into Church membership during the year, and 96 members of Young Men's Bible Classes.

The large increase of 2037 members of Wesley Guilds and Endeavour Societies is probably accounted for by the inclusion of Junior Endeavourers.

It is gratifying to note an increase of 61 schools using graded lessons, and 21 members in the Home Department.

The pleasing increase in scholars received into Church membership during the year, as recorded above, is somewhat discounted by a decrease of 284 in the total of scholars who are Church members.

If these figures are reliable it implies that somewhere there is a serious leakage, and that we have been more successful in receiving than in retaining scholars in membership.

It is evident that in connection with our work amongst young men and women more emphasis should be given to spiritual nurture, and a live Church membership.

It is also gratifying to note that during the year our Sunday Schools have raised £808 18s. 6d. for Foreign Missions, and £494 12s. for Home Missions, making a Mission total of £1303 10s. 6d.

S. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

T. W. HEMER, Secretary.

The Supplementary Report was received and adopted.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Chairman, Secretary and members of the S.S. and Young People's Advisory Board be heartily thanked for their services during the past year.
2. That we record our thankfulness to God for the measure of success attending the Young People's work during the year, the Statistical Returns showing an increase of four Sunday Schools, 736 scholars, 499 scholars who are Junior Members, 319 scholars received into Church membership, 96 members of Young Men's Bible Classes, and a substantial increase in the membership of Young People's Societies.
3. That deep satisfaction be expressed because of the splendid work done during the past year by the Bible Class Unions, and that the Easter Camps and Convention be commended to the prayers and practical support of the entire Church.
4. 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 examinations to enable them to qualify for the Conference Diploma. An examination shall take place twice yearly, in May and November, with the following pass marks: Pass, 60 per cent.; Second Class Honours, 75 per cent.; First Class Honours, 85 per cent.
5. That all baptised children of members and adherents of the Church, whose parents consent thereto, be regarded as infant members of the Church.
6. 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.
7. 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, and that they be received at a public recognition service, such service to be fully provided for in the new Book of Offices.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 re-dedication to Christ.
13. 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.
14. That the Conference heartily commends the Young Worshipers' League, and urges its establishment in connection with all out churches.
15. 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.
16. That if the Board think it advisable, a Dominion Convention be held this year, the time and place to be left with the Board.
17. That the brief statement of the value and importance of the Lord's Supper, for use among Junior Members, be published by the Board as soon as possible.
18. That in the event of erecting new schoolrooms or carrying out new building schemes, Trustees and Sunday School Authorities be recommended to see that the premises are made suitable for the working of the graded system.
19. That the Conference appointment of District Sunday School Secretaries be notified to those concerned by the Secretary of the S.S. and Y.P.'s Board.
20. That the District S.S. and Young People's Committees be recommended to institute a system of yearly examinations on the lessons taught in our schools throughout the Dominion.
21. 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.

22. 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.
23. That, in the event of the Synod Representatives for Sunday Schools appointed by the 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.
24. That the Sunday School District Representative to Synod be, ex officio, a member of the District Committee.
25. 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.
26. 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. A. Beer.
- South Auckland.**—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits. Conveners: Rev. J. D. McArthur and Mr. 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. A. McBean and Mr. C. G. Cunnold.
- Wellington.**—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Wellington City and Suburban Circuits. Conveners: Rev. C. Blair and Mr. T. Sims.
- Nelson.**—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits, Mr. F. O. Hunt. Conveners: Rev. W. Wills and Mr. A. G. Nightingale.

North Canterbury.—The Sunday School and Young People's Board.
Convener: The Secretary of the Board.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Ashburton and Willowby Circuits. Conveners: Rev. T. W. Vealie and Mr. D. Fear.

Otago.—The Circuit Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Dunedin City, together with Messrs. J. Davidson, W. Chapman, D. C. Cameron, Junr., R. Moffat, J. Dawson and — Austin. Convener: Mr. T. W. Hemer.

Southland.—The Circuit Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Invercargill, Bluff and Otautau Circuits, and Messrs. Brandford, Macfarlane, Clark, Mrs. Brown and Misses Cheyne and Brandford. Conveners: Mr. J. J. Wesley and Mrs. Brown.

N.B.—(1) If any Sunday School Superintendent be unable or unwilling to occupy his seat on the District Committee, the School shall have power to elect a substitute.

N.B.—(2) Two Representatives from each of the Y.M. and Y.W. B.C. Unions shall act on each District Committee.

27. That the Secretary of the Connexional S.S. and Young People's Board be instructed to convey by circular to all Sunday Schools annually in the month of April, the resolutions of Conference relating to Sunday School work.
28. That the S.S. and Y.P.'s Board arrange for the instruction of Young Methodists in Protestant Principles.
29. That the sum of £30 be granted from the Contingent Fund to meet the current expenses of the Board if required.

ORGANISING SECRETARY.

1. That a Connexional Sunday School and Young People's Organising Secretary be appointed.
2. The duties of the Secretary shall be to organise, extend and co-ordinate the work among the young people of our Church under the direction of the Sunday School and Young People's Board.
3. The following expenditure shall be allowed at an estimate of £480 per annum:—Stipend £225, House Allowance £100, Travelling Expenses £85; Connexional Charges £45; Sundries £25. Total £480.
4. That the Home Mission and Contingent Funds advance as a loan without interest the sum of £50 each for six months.
5. That each Circuit be expected to raise a sum equivalent to sixpence per church member in support of the S.S. and Y.P. Department.
6. That the method recommended for raising this sum be by means of a special envelope distributed throughout the entire Church organisations, and collected on Young People's Sunday, or any other suitable Sunday in the June quarter.
7. That Christchurch be the headquarters of the Organising Secretary, and that the Board be situated in Christchurch.
8. That the members of the Board for the year 1919-20 shall be:—The Chairman of the District, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Beckett, W. Grigg, E. P. Blamires, F. Copeland, W. Walker and A. J. Seamer (Convener), Mrs. W. J. Williams, Miss Abernethy, Messrs. H. Blakeley, H. Goodman, C. E. Salter, W. C. Francis, A. G. Williams, C. H. Virtue, J. H. White and E. G. Smith.

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

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE.

Several meetings have been held during the year, at which the attendance has been good. Much interest has been evinced in the subjects that have needed discussion. During the year, Government was urged to withhold permits for any form of gambling in connection with efforts made to assist patriotic, including Red Cross, funds. Government was also urged to take steps to close all hotels on the arrival and during the stay in port of all transport and hospital ships. We are glad to note that this has been done. Attention has been called through the columns of the "Methodist Times" to the Conference recommendation re the Sabbath Observance Day. Correspondence has passed between the Minister of Justice and the committee concerning the public exposure of indecent pictures; and members of the Committee have interviewed the Commissioner of Police, at his request, and it is believed with satisfactory results.

The Report was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

TEMPERANCE.

1. That this Conference expresses its pleasure and thankfulness that the Government, for the purpose of ensuring the maintenance of the health, efficiency and discipline of the soldiers of His Majesty's forces on the occasion of their arrival in New Zealand from beyond the seas, has made legal and necessary the closing of all premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors for a time, not exceeding twenty-four hours, and within a radius of 15 miles, when transports and hospital ships arrive in any of the ports of our Dominion.
2. The Conference places on record its pleasure at the passing of the Licensing Act, including the National Efficiency Board's recommendations regarding the drink traffic. It recognises that on April 10th, there is a unique opportunity of relieving the Dominion of one of its greatest curses. It calls attention to the fact that a simple majority of those voting will decide the issue, and New Zealand can be wholly under Prohibition on July 1st of this year. It urges upon ministers, office-bearers, members and adherents the great necessity there is for using every effort by voice and influence to secure Prohibition. It warns the community that if the liquor traffic is not voted out at the April poll, State purchase and control will become an issue, and the conditions of the poll in December are such that it will be difficult to carry any prohibitory vote.
3. That in view of the very great importance of the vote to be taken at the Licensing Poll on April 10th, this Conference strongly urges that Sunday, March 30th, be made a day of Special Prayer and Appeal in all our churches and preaching places throughout the Dominion.

BANDS OF HOPE.

4. That as Temperance organisation among children and young people educates in the principles of sobriety and quickens enthusiasm for Temperance reform, and that where such efforts have declined, there has followed a lowered vitality in No License and Prohibition enterprise, this Conference urges upon our officials and Sunday School teachers the need of encouraging Band of Hope work in all our churches throughout the Dominion.

SUNDAY CONCERTS.

5. That this Conference protests against the holding of secular Sunday evening concerts and picture shows, as being an infringement of the sacredness of the Lord's Day, and contrary to the best interests of the citizens of our country. It urges Church officials to keep our own churches free from showing and example or tendency in this direction. It exhorts our members and adherents to keep holy the Sabbath Day, and to do all possible by precept and example to make Sunday a day of rest and worship.

WAR.

6. The Conference rejoices that after more than four years of struggle and sacrifice, during which time there have come to the homes of our Dominion much suffering, bereavement and sorrow, God has graciously granted to the Allies a glorious victory, achieved in the interests of justice, freedom and humanity. It earnestly prays that the Almighty will comfort and sustain with every needful blessing all who have lost loved ones or been disabled through this terrible war, and this Conference prays that all nations may be so guided to apply the principles of righteousness that a permanent peace may be secured, and social unrest shall become a thing of the past.

GAMBLING.

7. This Conference protests very emphatically against the granting by Government of permits for any form of gambling in connection with efforts made to assist patriotic funds. It believes that a large number of the people in New Zealand do not wish for these art unions and raffles; and urges upon the Government the desirability of withholding permits for such in the future.

THE RECENT INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

8. That we record our deepest sympathy with the many homes to which sorrow has come by reason of the recent epidemic. We note with deep satisfaction the untiring self-sacrifice of the many workers in connection therewith, and record our gratitude to God for bringing to an early close the ravages of this dire disease.

Committee for 1919-1920.

The Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. J. Dawson, Messrs. C. M. Luke, T. Sims, W. J. Hellyer, B. J. Lynneberg, H. Oxley, M. Cable, T. Fathers, W. I. Clarke, J. Raine, G. Petherick, J. H. White, R. G. Denton, Col. Mackintosh, W. E. Redstone, C. Swiney, and Mesdames J. L. Wright and Boxall.
Convener: Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.

QUESTION XXXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other Properties?

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1918.

I.—SALES REPORTED.

On the Schedules supplied to me there are no sales reported. But while this is so there is evidence of sales having been effected. Not only has the sanction of the Loan Fund Committee been obtained for sales, but a Certificate of such sanction has been given to the President of the Conference in regard to several cases when he has been asked to sign the documents for a transfer. These include the parsonage property at Mount Eden, Church property at Battersea Street, Sydenham, and a site at Waikari.

There have also been a few cases of Extended Lease arranged, but none of them has been reported.

It is important that Superintendents of Circuits should report all such cases fully on the Schedules, so that a record of all these transactions may be made in the Minutes of Conference.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASES REPORTED.

Auckland East.—Site for church, 43 perches, at Remuera, cost £495. Building given by Trustees in the estate of the late J. L. Wilson, removed and erected on above site at a cost of £517. Present debt on the property £550.

Pukekohe.—Half an acre given at Karaka, and church formerly at Pokeno removed thereto. Present debt, £8 12s. Value of site not stated.

Port Albert.—Quarter acre purchased at Wharehine for £5. Church built thereon to seat 80 persons. Cost of material £194, the labour being given.

Whakatane.—Church site, 32 perches. Church erected, 50 x 22; total cost £595. Present debt, £385.

New Plymouth.—Parsonage site at Fitzroy, quarter acre, cost £185, no debt.

Hawera.—Classroom erected of concrete; cost £412 9s. 8d. Present debt, £166.

Maniaia.—Purchase of additional half-acre for church at a cost of £65. No debt reported.

- Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Schoolroom at Brooklyn, 41 x 25; cost £692. Present debt, £83 2s. 8d.
- Otaki**.—Purchase 16.1 perches at Paekakariki for £74. Church erected, 30 x 20; cost £320; debt £225.
- Christchurch East**.—Purchase of additional site at New Brighton, at a cost of £85. Debt. £85.
- Rangiora**.—Purchase of additional land adjoining church, at a cost of £150; debt £150.
- Hawarden**.—Quarter-acre, valued at £40, gift of Miss Evans, of Kaiapoi. Church erected at a cost of £650; present debt £190.
- Temuka**.—New Sunday Schoolroom erected at Denmark Street, 30 x 20. Cost £201; debt £30.
- Mayfield**.—Half-acre of land purchased for £28: No debt reported, and no building erected.
- Waikouaiti**.—House of six rooms on nearly an acre of land, purchased for parsonage; cost £400. Debt reported, £316 11s.
- Roxburgh**.—Gift of site at Etrick, 20 perches. Value not reported.
- Cromwell**.—Sunday Schoolroom added to church; cost £66. No additional debt.

It will be seen that in some of these cases the Conference rule in regard to the amount required to be raised towards the cost has not been observed.

III.—ENLARGEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The enlargements and improvements reported are of the usually various character. In a large number of cases the improvements consist of the installation of electric lighting. This is certainly an "improvement" on many forms of lighting, but does not necessarily add to the capital value of the property.

The District totals reported are as follows:—Auckland, £746 5s. 1d.; South Auckland, £382 12s. 6d.; Taranaki-Wanganui, £502 13s. 2d.; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, £48 0s. 4d.; Wellington, £121 0s. 8d.; Nelson, £93 16s. 11d.; North Canterbury, £391 5s. 5d.; South Canterbury, nil; Otago, £36 10s. 6d.; Southland, £57. Total, £2379 4s. 7d.; This is nearly £1200 less than the amount reported last year.

IV.—CURRENT TRUST ACCOUNTS.

The total Trust receipts as reported, including credit balances brought forward from the preceding year, amount to £47,352 9s. 8d. This is an increase of £2646 1s. 7d. on the amount reported a year ago, which was over £1200 in excess of the year before that. Omitting the credit balances brought forward, the actual receipts for the year were £43,670 18s. 4d. The total expenditure reported was £50,091 6s. 1d., which is slightly less than the expenditure reported a year ago. Omitting the debit balances brought forward, the actual expenditure for the year was £42,194 2s. 5d., or nearly £1500 more than the actual receipts.

The peculiar feature of the scheduled returns is that notwithstanding the above, the net amount of debt reduced is said to be £6,663. It looks as if large transactions in regard to increase and reduction of debt take place without the amounts raised and spent passing through the ordinary Trust accounts. This is a matter which deserves the careful attention of Auditors and District Secretaries, as well as of Church Treasurers generally. The total indebtedness reported is £112,126 1s. 8d. This includes debts on premises erected for business purposes, which probably are responsible for not less than one-half of the total amount.

SAMUEL LAWRY,

General Secretary of Church Property.

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, especially to Mr. E. Rosevear, who is retiring after thirteen years of splendid service as Secretary of the Otago District, 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. D. C. Cameron.
 Southland—Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

3. That the audited Balance-sheets be sent to the District Secretaries of Church Property, and by them sent to the General Secretary.
4. That the Church Property Schedules be sent by Circuit Superintendents to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st; also that the revised schedules, with summaries and reports, be sent by District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 15th.
5. That 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.
6. That Circuit Superintendents be directed to see that all moneys raised for Trust purposes are reported to the Synods.
7. That the Sales and Extended Leases sanctioned by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be ratified by the Conference.

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

For Statistical Returns, see Appendix, p. ii.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR 1918.

During the year new loans, totalling £2775, have been advanced as under:—

1. From the General Fund:—	£
Sydenham Church—Debt Reduction	250
Brooklyn Sunday School—Erection	80
Greendale Parsonage—Erection	250
Dominion Road Church—Erection	250
Kensington Church—Erection	300
Wanganui East Church—Erection	150
Enfield Church—Erection	150
Paekakariki—Church Erection	125
Warkworth Parsonage—Purchase	275
Lyttelton Church—Debt Reduction	100
Matangi Church—Erection	300
Balclutha Church—Debt Reduction	150
	— 2380
2. From the Special Branch:—	
Whakatane Church (additional) Erection ...	100
Meremere Church—Erection	80
New Brighton—Purchase of Site	85
Okato Parsonage—Purchase	100
Temuka (Denmark St.) Sunday School—Erection...	30
	— 395
	£2775

These loans amount to nearly £1000 more than was advanced during 1917. In most cases of erection the work had been completed for some considerable time, but either the money was not available, or the Loan Fund conditions had not been complied with. Considerable sums are waiting for the required conditions to be fulfilled. When these loans are advanced the cash balances will disappear.

Details of the loans in each District were sent to the respective Synods. These gave the arrears in every case, as well as the amount of the loans unpaid. In most cases repayments are being made with commendable regularity. In the few cases where there is laxity, the attention of the Synods was called to them. The reports of the District Secretaries of Church Property show that these gentlemen are faithfully reminding delinquent Trustees of their duty in this matter.

Last year's report mentioned the fact that the amount received as commission on sale of Hymn Books had been less than usual, on account of the publishers' statements not coming to hand in time for the money to be collected. To a large extent this has been remedied during the past year by the receipt of nearly £50. Of course, this is much more than an average year's income.

I.—SALES AND EXTENDED LEASES.

The following have been sanctioned by the Committee:—

Auckland Central.—(1) Extended lease of shop at Pitt Street.

(2) Renewal of permission to sell cottage at Morningside.

Auckland East.—Sale of parsonage at Mount Eden.

Onehunga.—Sale of parsonage, with not more than two acres of land. Proceeds to go to extinction of debt, and erection of new parsonage on remaining portion of land.

Morrinsville.—Sale of parsonage property; proceeds to be used for securing another parsonage property in better situation.

Hamilton.—Milton Street property, proceeds to be used for purchase of site in Victoria Street.

Waipawa.—Site at Makaretu to be sold, and proceeds used towards cost of church at Waipukurau.

Norsewood.—(1) Sale of parsonage property, with view to securing a more suitable property elsewhere. (2) Sale of property at Ormondville, proceeds to Norsewood parsonage scheme.

Wellington South.—Sale of portion of land at Island Bay; proceeds towards reduction of mortgage, and erection of parsonage.

Petone.—Sale of property in Sydney Street.

Sydenham.—Sale of property in Battersea Street; proceeds towards reduction of debt on site in South Spreydon.

Hawarden.—Sale of site at Waikari; proceeds towards cost of church at Hawarden.

St. Albans.—Sale of property in Trafalgar Street; proceeds to be used for liquidation of debt, and balance to new Sunday School at Edgeware Road.

N.B.—The sanction given above lapses if not acted on by February 29th, 1920.

The Conference is recommended to conform the consent given on its behalf by the Committee to the above Sales and Extended Leases.

II.—PROPOSED ERECTIONS, ETC., SANCTIONED.

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

Kaukapakapa.—Erection of Sunday School Hall.

Mangonui.—Erection of church at Paranui on site given for the purpose.

Cambridge.—Erection of Sunday School hall at rear of church; estimate of cost, £700.

Hamilton.—Erection of church at Matangi; estimated cost £900, on site previously given.

New Plymouth.—(1) Erection of schoolroom at Fitzroy; (2) Addition of classrooms to church at St. Aubyn.

Waitara.—Purchase of new church site, cost £100, with a view to the removal of the present church.

Stratford.—Erection of business premises by lessee on land in Broadway.

Wellington South.—Erection of parsonage at Island Bay.

Note.—The Committee approved the plans for the building, but could not assume responsibility for sanctioning the financial arrangements.

Otaki.—New church of concrete at Manakau, to replace wooden church destroyed by fire.

Richmond.—New church at Wakefield, on site previously acquired.

Motueka.—New church at an estimated cost of £1200.

Christchurch East.—(1) New church at Shirley, on condition that the debt does not exceed £750. (2) Additions at Linwood were undertaken before the approval of the Committee had been sought.

Hawarden.—Purchase of house for Home Missionary's residence, on condition that the total debt on church and house does not exceed £400.

In all cases unless otherwise mentioned, the Conference rule relating to the proportion to be raised is to be observed.

The appointment of District Advisory Committees has been a distinct advantage, and in some cases they have given very valuable advice. Their reappointment is desirable, but it must be understood that their advice must be sought by the General Committee, and not first by the Trustees. If Trustees endeavour to use the Advisory Committees in order to influence the General Committee, serious trouble may arise.

After a long period of very valuable service, Mr. W. H. Seed 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, Addington and St. Albans Circuits, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher (Treasurer), A. F. Drayton, W. Henley, F. Thompson, W. Dalley, A. C. Reed and T. T. Robson.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Cash Accounts and Balance Sheets of the General Fund and of the Special Branch be received and adopted.
3. 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 year, and especially to Mr. W. H. Seed, who retires from the Committee according to rule; and that the following be the Committee for the year 1919-20:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington and St. Albans Circuits; with Messrs. J. A. Flesher (Treasurer), A. F. Drayton, W. Henley, F. Thompson, W. Dalley, A. C. Reid, T. T. Robson, and the Chairman of the District (ex officio).
4. 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.
5. 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 Fund.
6. That all cases where Trustees have entered upon undertakings without receiving the sanction of the Committee be reported to the Conference.
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 on the proposal.
8. That all communications to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee from Circuits in charge of Probationers, and from Home Mission Stations relating to Trust matters be sent through the Chairman of the District concerned.
9. That the recommendations of the South Auckland District relating to Ohura and Matiere be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
10. That the recommendations of the Taranaki-Wanganui District relating to Waverley and Inglewood be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
11. That the matter of bringing the Oamaru South property under the provisions of the Model Deed be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
12. That a District Advisory Committee be appointed for each District, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the District Secretary of Church Property, with at least one other Minister and Layman in the District. The following are the unofficial members of the Committees for the ensuing year:—

Auckland—Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., and Mr. T. W. Jones.

South Auckland.—Rev. E. O. Blamires, and Messrs. J. Fow and J. E. Tidd.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Ministers of the New Plymouth Circuit, and Mr. C. E. Bellringer.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Revs. G. S. Cooke and A. McBean, Mr. J. H. Oldham.

Wellington.—Revs. D. J. Murray and J. G. Chapman, Messrs. E. Dawson and W. H. Bennett.

Nelson.—The Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Rev. E. Patchett, and Mr. A. A. Lucas.

North Canterbury.—Loan Fund Committee.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers of the Timaru Circuit, and Messrs. W. G. Irwin and J. Holdgate. Y.

Otago.—Rev. B. F. Rothwell and Mr. E. Rosevear.

Southland.—Rev. G. Clement and Mr. J. J. Wesley.

13. That the question of Trustees' Cash Books be again referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

C.—REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE AND CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS, 1918.

As the work of these two Departments so largely overlap each other, I have ventured to follow the course adopted in the District Synod Reports, and combine the two reports in one.

Full details of the work done are reported year by year to each Synod, as well as to individual Superintendents of Circuits concerned. There is, therefore, no need to repeat these in this report. It is sufficient to state that during the past year a complete statement was sent to each Synod of the number of Trustees placed on the Register, and of those removed, also of property Deeds received for custody.

I desire once more to call attention to the importance of securing a proper Title to each property acquired for the Church, whether by gift or purchase, and of forwarding the same to the Custodian. Where this cannot be done because of money still owing on the property, the necessary particulars of the Title, and the names of the Trustees, should be sent, so that they may be duly entered in the Register Book. Also in every case the Circuit Schedule book should indicate where the Deeds are deposited.

In accordance with the resolution of last Conference, the revenue derived from Registration Fees has been paid direct to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund, and is included in the Financial Statement of the Committee.

(Signed) SAMUEL LAWRY,

Authorised Representative and
Custodian of Deeds.

The Report was received and adopted.

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That, in accordance with the provisions of "The Methodist Church Property Act," 1887, the Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1919-1920.
 2. 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.
- Rev. S. Lawry was thanked for his services as Authorised Representative.

CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Custodian be requested to take the necessary steps for the recovery or replacement of missing deeds of Church property.
2. That the Custodian be authorised to obtain the necessary documents to secure the titles of 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. Emsly 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.
- It was resolved: That the work associated with the Emsly Theological Endowment Fund be administered by the Probert Trustees.

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.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.
The Report and Balance-sheet were received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. C. E. Daniell for his great interest and assistance in the work of the Trust.
2. That Rev. J. G. Chapman be reappointed Chairman of the Trust.
3. That Conference rejoices in the forward movement made by the Trustees as indicated in their Report, viz., the proposal to develop the scheme for the establishment of a Children's Home at Masterton.
4. That in order to develop the scheme under the most favourable conditions, the Conference suggests to the Trustees the advisability of increasing the number of Trustees to the maximum provided by the Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust Act, 1916, by the nomination and appointment of eligible persons residing at or near Masterton.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix xviii.

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 1918.

The Board has pleasure in reporting another year of successful business. The total loss by fire has been only £9 10s., and this was fully covered by reinsurance.

As authorised by last Conference, the Board has made a grant of £100 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund. Notwithstanding this, the assets of the Fund have increased during the year by £1062 13s. 8d., the total now being £10,687 15s. 11d.

As shown by the Statement of Finance, the greater part of the accumulated funds is invested on mortgage, nearly all is earning 6 per cent.

The amount advanced to Church Trusts has been reduced during the year by £47 15s. 4d., and now stands at £1388 4s. 9d. Arrears of interest on these loans amounts to £47 15s. 3d. None of this is included in the assets above referred to. Reference has been made, in several reports to the loan advanced to Anderson's Bay. Apparently there is no probability of this amount being recovered. The amount advanced is £140, and the accumulated interest stands at £30 9s.

In view of the value of this Fund to the Church as a whole, the Board strongly urges that the strongest possible measures be taken by Conference to provide that as far as possible all our Church property be insured in the Connexional Fund. Although Conference has passed resolutions on this matter for several years in succession, almost the whole of our Connexional properties are still insured in outside offices. The total amount of insurances reported on the Circuit Trust property schedules is £362,139. The total amount insured in the Connexional office is £269,017. This includes a considerable sum for parsonage furniture, and about £3500 on buildings that are not included in the Circuit schedules. This comparison shows that there is still a great deal of new business to be secured for this Fund, if those responsible will be loyal to the interests of the Church. Among others, Circuit Stewards could help very considerably by seeing that in all cases parsonage furniture is insured with the Connexional Fund.

It may be interesting to know how the business is distributed among the respective Districts of the Church. There are at present 636 separate risks covered by Connexional insurance. These are distributed among the Districts as follows:—

Districts.	No. of Risks.	Amt. Insured.	Re-insurance.	Ins. reported on Property Schedules
Auckland	92	42,220	12,240	75,800
South Auckland	48	19,070	4,035	25,705
Taranaki-Wanganui	80	22,267	5,115	25,387
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	66	19,623	4,239	30,280
Wellington	62	26,479	11,256	52,394
Nelson	52	17,190	4,132	17,325
North Canterbury	121	63,630	19,262	63,025
South Canterbury	46	22,446	5,658	19,541
Otago	53	23,095	6,885	35,541
Southland	26	11,082	1,840	13,127
Totals	636	£267,012	£74,662	£362,139

In accordance with the resolution of last Conference (see Min., p. 67), the Board recommends that the year's profits as shown in the Cash Statement, amounting to £1062 13s. 8d., be disposed of as follows:—

- (1) Write off Anderson's Bay Loan, £140.
- (2) Grant to Special Fund to provide equivalent of Circuit levies for Probationers on active service, £250.
- (3) The balance of £672 13s. 8d. to be added to the Reserve Fund.

After fifteen years as a member of the Board, during the whole of which time he has been the Honorary Lay Treasurer of the Fund, Mr. C. E. Salter now retires by effluxion of time. The members of the Board desire to place on record their appreciation of Mr. Salter's devotion to the interests of the Fund, and the unflinching courtesy with which he has always performed the duties pertaining to the office which he has so long and so honourably held. Col. G. J. Smith is recommended for appointment as his successor. All the other members of the Board are recommended for reappointment.

Signed on behalf of the Board,
SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That in accordance with the recommendation of the Board, the Anderson Bay Loan be written off.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. C. E. Salter, the retiring member and Treasurer, and that a letter of thanks be sent to him.
3. 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.
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 members of the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. E. Ward, T. Fee, and Messrs. H. Buttle, E. C. Brown, H. Holland, J. Down and Col. G. J. Smith.
5. 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.
6. That in all cases, except where mortgage liabilities make it impracticable, the Conference strongly urges that all the Connexional Trust and Circuit Properties be insured in the Connexional Office.
7. 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 1918.

The work of the office during the past year has included the usual management and book-keeping connected with four important funds of the Church. These are of growing importance and involve increased work as the years go by. The work connected with Church properties also continues to increase.

A little over two years ago, by arrangement between the two Committees concerned, the bookkeeping of the "Methodist Times" became part of the work of the Connexional Secretary's office. Since last Conference the Secretary has added to his other duties that of "Business Manager" of the "Methodist Times." This involves a large amount of additional work and responsibility; but as Rev. W. Laycock found it impracticable to continue the management while so far removed from the publishers, it was considered desirable that the work should be done where the books were kept, and the bulk of the correspondence received.

In October the Secretary visited the two Auckland Districts, partly on departmental work, and partly as deputation in the interests of Home Missions. He also did a small amount of similar work in two other districts.

In view of the increasing work at the office, and the fact that the Mission Funds do not contribute to the cost, the Committee recommends that the rule requiring the Connexional Secretary to do Missionary deputation work in at least one district each year, be rescinded.

In accordance with the resolution of last Conference (Min., p. 69), all moneys received by the Authorised Representative have been paid into the Connexional Secretaryship Fund, and all disbursements met therefrom. This has somewhat increased the total amount of both receipts and expenditure. The total amount received, including credit balance from 1917, and the balance of the Authorised Representative Fund, was £783 8s. 3d., and the total expenditure, including cost of a new typewriter, was £743 6s. 8d., leaving a credit balance of £40 1s. 7d. A detailed statement will be laid on the table of the Conference.

The Committee recommends the same appropriations for 1919, as for last year, viz.—Church Building and Loan Fund, £165; Fire Insurance Fund, £190; Supernumerary Fund, £170; Contingent Fund, £165; "Methodist Times," £25; Authorised Representative (est.), £25. Total, £740.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1919:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Sydenham, Addington and St. Albans Circuits; the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund and Supernumerary Fund (ex officio), with Messrs. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), G. Barrell, E. C. Brown, L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. Iles, J. Down and Colonel G. J. Smith.

The Rev. S. Lawry has performed the work of his office with that faithfulness and diligence with which the Committee are happily familiar. He has carried out with zeal and ability the multitudinous duties arising out of the growing work of the Connexional appointments which he holds, and continues to exhibit characteristic interest in many other phases of our Church life.

ALBERT C. LAWRY,

Chairman of District.

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; Super-numerary Fund, £170; Authorised Representative, say £25; Con-tingent 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 appointed Treasurer for 1919-1920.
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 Sydenham 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, J. Down and Col. G. J. Smith, and the Chairman of the District (ex officio).
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 the House Allowance of the Connexional Secretary be £100 per annum.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. xix.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1918.

The Committee of the Theological Institution has to report with the deepest regret the decease of the late Principal Rev. C. H. Garland. It records its profound sense of the unspeakable loss sustained by the College and the Church at large. It desires, too, to express its un-qualified appreciation of the value of the services rendered by the late Principal, a value which will only be proved fully in the coming years. By the lamented event of his death, the Committee has been faced with a difficult situation, which it has used its best wisdom to meet. It therefore informed the Synods of the suggestions it is making to the Conference:—

1. That Mr. A. C. Caughey having expressed his willingness to con-tinue the present arrangements by which "Dunholme" is used as a Theological College, a lease of the premises be taken for a further term of five years; and that the Theological Students continue to reside there.
2. That in view of the small number of students who will probably be in residence next year, it is not desirable to set apart a Minister as Principal at the Conference of 1919.

3. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall be appointed to take the general oversight of the students for the year, as Acting-Principal, and that he and his family reside at the College, board and residence free, with remuneration for any subjects in which he may act as Lecturer.
4. That qualified Ministers be appointed to lecture in the following subjects at a remuneration of not less than £20 per annum for two lectures per week; other subjects to be adjusted in proportion—Bible Exegesis, Greek Languages and Literature, Systematic and Biblical Theology, English Language, Latin Language, Mathematics, Homiletics.
5. That a Principal be designated at next Conference who shall take up his duties in 1920.

The Committee of the Theological College resolves to give special attention during the coming year, in consultation with the designated Principal, to the following matters:—

- (a) The character of the theological training being given to our students as compared with that given in similar institutions in Britain, America and elsewhere, and how far the training now being given is calculated to fit our young men for the exacting demands of the modern ministry.
- (b) Whether it is practicable to attach to the College a suburban church or churches, in connection with which the students may undertake definite Church and Sunday School work under adequate supervision, and thus secure a better training in the practical side of Church work, and in the administration of our system of church government.
- (c) Whether, if this can be done, it is possible to support a second member of the College staff, who shall share with the Principal the work of tuition, and obviate the employment of visiting tutors.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

H. RANSTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
3. That Mr. A. C. Caughey having expressed his willingness to continue the present arrangements by which "Dunholme" is used as a Theological College, a lease of the premises be taken for a further term of five years; and that the Theological Students continue to reside there.
4. That it is desirable that students should have a more thorough training in such subjects as will specially equip them for the work of the Christian ministry, and that to this end the Board of Studies be directed to give effect to the resolutions relating thereto on p. 25, Minutes, 1917.

5. That to enable the Principal to concentrate his attention upon, and to give more thorough instruction in Systematic and Biblical Theology, Bible Exegesis, Homiletics and such other subjects as may be determined upon, it is desirable that the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., be appointed as Tutor in Languages and Literature (Hebrew, Greek and Latin), and that the Committee consider how this arrangement may be best carried into effect.
6. That the best thanks of the Conference be accorded to Mr. A. C. Caughey for his most generous offer re "Dunholme."
7. That Mr. G. A. Buttle, Treasurer of the Theological College, be thanked for his services, and reappointed.
8. That the following be the Committee of Management for the ensuing year:—The President of the Conference, Revs. G. Bond, J. H. Simmonds, J. J. Lewis, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. Wrigley, T. F. Jones, W. A. Sinclair, W. J. Elliott, A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., E. T. Cox, M.A., 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 and Aldred E. Lawry.
9. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall be appointed to take general oversight of the students for the year as Acting-Principal, at such remuneration as may seem advisable, the cost to be provided by the Theological Fund.
10. That the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., be designated Principal of the Theological College, to commence duties in 1920.
11. The Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., having stated that he had made all arrangements for a visit to England at an early date, and having consulted the Committee thereupon, the Conference agrees that at an early and convenient date facilities shall be given for such a visit to England.
12. That the Theological College Committee be authorised to take such action as they may deem necessary to recover the indebtedness of the Rev. C. L. Carr to the Committee for his training.
13. That the Committee of the Theological College give special attention during the coming year, in consultation with the designated Principal, to the following matters:—
 - (a) The character of the theological training being given to our students as compared with that given in similar institutions in Britain, America and elsewhere, and how far the training now being given is calculated to fit our young men for the exacting demands of the modern ministry.
 - (b) Whether it is practicable to attach to the College a suburban church or churches, in connection with which the students may undertake definite Church and Sunday School work under adequate supervision, and thus secure a better training in the practical side of Church work, and in the administration of our system of church government.
 - (c) Whether, if this can be done, it is possible to support a second member of the College staff, who shall share with the Principal the work of tuition, and obviate the employment of visiting tutors.

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

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. vi.

REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE, 1919.

The memorandum by the Principal, copies of which have already been distributed to members of the Conference, explains the nature and purposes of the Trust as now constituted by Act of Parliament. The Board's proposals for establishing the College upon the new farm at Paerata are the outcome of the powers sought and obtained from the legislature seven years ago. Briefly stated, these proposals are as follows:—

1.—BENEFICIARIES.

The Act makes the benefits of the Endowment available for children and youth of any race, provided they are British subjects and otherwise eligible. Descendants of the Native race of New Zealand are separately mentioned to ensure that they shall not be overlooked, but they are not given any exceptional or exclusive privilege. Descendants of English, Scotch or Irish parents are on exactly the same footing. Defect of accommodation and shortage of revenue have in the past prevented a full recognition of the obligations of the Trust in this respect.

At Paerata the position will be very different. There will be first-class buildings and ample accommodation. Carefully selected Native boys will be received as in the past; but there must be and will be provision for receiving Europeans also. The need for boarding schools such as Wesley Training College is intended to be is urgent and growing. The Children's Homes, in particular, are all finding difficulty in placing their elder boys, and this College ought to be able to help them.

It is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in thus extending the benefits. The Act leaves the selection of Candidates for admission entirely to the discretion of the Board. No person or body of persons can compel the Board to take unsuitable children. The Board securely holds the power to admit or decline any applicant. We may therefore assume as a certainty that the door will be open from year to year only to those who are sound in health, normal in mentality, and well commended as to character and conduct. The entrants must be fit and worthy; and thus there will be established and maintained the first condition for an efficient and high grade institution.

2.—EDUCATION.

The education to be given at Wesley Training College is to be primary, secondary and industrial. The curricula for the time being in force in the State primary and secondary schools will be followed as closely as possible, and every endeavour will be made to ensure that scholars and students shall be well and thoroughly prepared for the public examinations. Industrial work will include agriculture, breeding and treatment of stock, dairying and gardening. For these branches the splendid College farm of several hundred acres will afford especial facilities. Later there will be added some instruction in elementary mechanics. There will be ample playing grounds, and no effort will be spared to maintain efficiency in the various games and sports. Careful and systematic religious teaching will be an integral part of the daily routine, and its influence will at all times pervade the life of both scholars and staff.

3.—EXPENSES AND REVENUE.

In starting the College on the new site at Paerata, the Board will aim at providing in the near future for a roll of at least forty scholars and students, ranging in age from about nine to eighteen. The average annual cost per head for maintenance and tuition cannot be safely put down at much less than £45. With a roll of forty there will thus be an annual expenditure on College account of about £1800. The revenue for meeting this expenditure will come from three sources:—(a) The College will depend in much the largest degree upon the net proceeds from the rents of suburban lands. (b) Net earnings of the College farm will form an important secondary source. (c) And there will, we hope, be a considerable and increasing amount accruing from fees and contributions. The Act expressly empowers the Board to charge fees in certain cases, the idea being that many parents and guardians who cannot afford to send their children to the ordinary boarding schools or to the agricultural colleges will be able and willing to send them to a school like Wesley Training College, where the fees can be modified to suit their means.

The strength of the Board's position lies in a prospective increase in all these sources of revenue. Subject to necessary outlay for subdivision and roading the suburban lands will some day easily yield several times their present return. Building leases lately granted at Grafton Road afford an exceedingly encouraging indication of prospects to be realised when all these lands come into demand for similar purposes. The College farm cannot be made a paying concern under present circumstances; but when occupied as the home of the College, in accordance with the original intention, it will soon begin to contribute to the educational department. The amount to be derived from fees and contributions will depend upon the power of the College to awaken appreciation and attract patronage. If we raise the work to the standard we have set for ourselves, appreciation and patronage in ample measure will be assured.

It is obvious that the Board's charity will be limited by its available revenue. Boys cannot be housed and fed and educated on good intentions. There must be cash in the Bank to pay salaries and bills. The estimate of expenditure and income appended hereto is based on a roll of thirty scholars. If the number is to be forty or fifty, there must be more money to pay the additional cost of maintenance.

There is need of no argument to show that the more paying or contributing scholars can be enrolled, the easier it will be to help those who cannot pay or contribute, and the larger the roll may consequently become. The Conference will see that the chief concern of the Board centres round the question of adequate revenue for the support and upkeep of the College after it is established on the new site. The difficulty will be most acute in the near future, and will gradually disappear as the earning power of the estate as a whole increases. If all sources of revenue are efficiently and carefully developed, a period of twenty years may well see the revenue doubled and the whole situation made easy for a large and prosperous institution.

4.—COST OF NEW BUILDINGS.

The Board has had prepared plans and estimates for a suite of buildings to be erected on the new site at Paerata. The main buildings are to be separate, but adjacent. Dormitories, school-rooms, teachers' rooms and lavatories will form one block; dining-room, kitchen, laundry,

and rooms for domestic staff another; play shed and workshop another. The Principal's residence will be detached, but centrally placed. There are already on the property a wool shed, barn and two small cottages; but there will be required milking accommodation and a house for the man in charge of that department. It is proposed to make the walls of all main buildings of brick, and to cover the roofs with best corrugated iron or tiles. The design, in every case, will have regard to economy, convenience and durability. Nothing will be wasted on useless ornament. The new buildings will be placed on a broad ridge that commands a view of the whole farm, and is within a mile of the Paerata Railway Junction.

The cost of the new buildings, with necessary roading, water supply, and drainage, is estimated at £10,000 to £11,000. Towards this amount the Board has in hand only £4000. Outstanding and urgent, therefore, is the need for a further £7000. To raise this by borrowing or by sale of rent-earning land would seriously weaken the annual revenue available for the support and upkeep of the College. That revenue, as we have already seen, will for the first few years be barely sufficient to meet necessities. To thoroughly understand the situation it is necessary to remember that the Paerata farm was purchased a short time before the outbreak of war, and has had to be financed under very unfavourable conditions. £7000 is in reality little more than an equivalent for the advantages lost through unavoidable arrest and delay of the whole scheme in 1914, and succeeding four years. A further appeal for donations to the building fund would have been necessary in any case, and the need for help in this way has now been accentuated by events over which the Board has had no control.

It has been suggested that such appeal shall be included as one of the objects of the Centenary efforts to be made in 1922. But the need for removal to Paerata is too pressing to admit of another three years' delay. The College building at Three Kings is beyond the possibility of effectual repair, and scarcely habitable. The land at Paerata was purchased as a site for the College, and cannot be farmed to best advantage until occupied for that purpose. The alternative, indeed, appears to be either prompt occupation of the Paerata farm by the College or sale of that splendid property, and reversion to a suburban site and a greatly contracted scheme for future operations.

Looking at the position all round, the Board decided at its annual meeting to make an immediate appeal for the building fund in Auckland. The result to date is that sums have been promised amounting to £2000. Conference is asked to approve of the Board's action, and to pass such resolutions as will facilitate the appeal, not only in Auckland, but in other parts of the Dominion.

(Signed)

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

J. H. SIMMONDS, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Conference expresses its continued appreciation of the work of the Principal of the College, Rev. J. H. Simmonds, special reference being made to his completion of fifty years in the ministry; and that he be reappointed for a further term of three years.
2. That the President of the Conference (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse) be the Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

3. The following are the members of the Board:—Geo. Winstone, Senr., Stephen J. Ambury, Andrew Clarke Caughey, Joseph Henry Simmonds, James Edward Wheeler, John Veale, George Bond, George Winstone, Junr., Joseph Stanton, James Wilson Wiseman, Thomas William Jones, William Westney, Charles Henry Laws, E. T. Cox, William Edgar Lewisham and John William Court.
4. That a brief interim report on the work of the College, not including finance, shall be furnished to the Synods.
5. That the scheme for the erection of buildings at Paerata for the Wesley Training College be commended to the support of our people.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix xx.

The following Report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1918.

In accordance with the Rules of the Fund, the Board of Management submits its Annual Report to Conference. The financial position is fully set forth in the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet which are presented with this Report.

The total amount received from Ministers' Subscriptions is £1553 10s. This amount shows an increase of £296 14s, compared with 1917. Arrears of subscriptions amount to £671 10s. 11d. This shows an increase of £218 18s. 9d., as compared with 1917. But this is more than accounted for by subscriptions owing by Ministers and Probationers with the Expeditionary Forces, and in most cases the individual amount is largely increased by the years of status granted to Probationers by last Conference. Apart from these the arrears decreased by £28 3s. 9d. The following Table shows how the arrears are distributed:—

Districts.	Arrears of Subscriptions			Interest on Arrears.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	64	19	7	6	14	6	71	14	1
South Auckland	22	11	0	3	3	3	25	14	3
Taranaki-Wanganui	23	11	0	2	14	10	26	5	10
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	17	6	0	0	8	1	17	14	1
Wellington	33	10	0	3	0	10	36	10	10
Nelson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Canterbury	28	8	3	4	5	1	32	13	4
South Canterbury	8	17	0	-	-	-	8	17	0
Otago	7	16	1	0	10	0	8	6	1
Southland	8	17	0	0	10	0	9	7	0
Mission Field	17	14	0	1	14	1	19	8	1
Expeditionary Forces	438	1	0	9	13	4	447	14	4
Totals	£671	10	11	£32	14	0	£704	4	11

As the Conference of 1918 gave years of status to the Probationers and Students with the Expeditionary Forces, it has been necessary to charge the amount of subscriptions for those years to their personal account. Almost the whole of this remains unpaid. It will be for Conference to say what course is to be adopted in the case of Probationers recommended for ordination.

The Board recognises that while it is necessary for interest on these arrears to be paid, it would not be fair to expect the Probationers themselves to pay it, nor is it necessary that the penal rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. should be paid from any other source. It is therefore proposed to charge $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. against the Special Fund which is to be raised for the payment of the equivalent of Circuit Levies. (Vide Min., 1918, p. 74.) The interest thus charged is not included in the amount shown in the above table. It amounts to £31 16s. 5d.

The amount due as Circuit Levies in connection with the above, with interest thereon, amounts to £406 14s. 9d. A further sum on the account will become due during the current year. The exact amount will depend on the rapidity with which those concerned can be employed in ordinary Circuit work. Probably the additional amount required will not be much less than £100.

The sum of £238 12s. is still due by former Primitive Methodist Ministers for completion of purchase of benefits; and £25 1s. 2d. is due for interest thereon. According to the arrangement made in 1916, the purchase money was to be paid by quarterly instalments during not more than five years, the unpaid balance to bear interest at 5 per cent. In most cases something has been paid off, and in a few cases the entire amount has been paid. In the interests of the Ministers concerned, and their wives, it is very desirable that the purchase should be completed at the earliest possible date.

The amount payable during the year as Circuit Levies was £2084 2s. The arrears amount to £829 18s. 4d. These represent the usual levies for December quarter, and those due on account of Probationers whose status has been advanced while engaged on military service.

The Balance-sheet shows that £77,275 is invested on mortgage, £19,550 is now earning 6 per cent.; £2,800, $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; and the balance $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Debenture securities are distributed as follows:— N.Z. Government Debentures, £5600 at 4 per cent.; City of Wellington, £895 10s. at 4 per cent.; New Plymouth, £3000 at 5 per cent.; Auckland Harbour Board, £1500 at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; Mount Eden Borough, £960, equal to $5\frac{1}{2}$ on the price paid for them; N.Z. Government War Loan (Inscribed Stock), £500 at 5 per cent.

The total amount of interest earned during the year from all sources was £4937 0s. 6d. This represents about £5 4s. 5d. per cent. on the mean capital.

The amount of working expenses during the year was £251 6s. 6d. This includes a fee of £50 for valuation of the Fund. The whole represents 6.9 per cent. of the revenue from subscriptions and Circuit Levies. This is lower than the average because of the specially increased revenue from these sources, as indicated above.

The report of last year intimated that a valuation of the Fund as at 31st December, 1917, was being made by Mr. Percy Muter, F.I.A. His report, appended hereto, discloses a deficiency of £4346. This was caused by the adoption of changes made in the Australian Fund, after the New Zealand Fund was established, viz., an increase of 15 per cent. in the Superannuation allowances and the extension of benefits to wives other than the first.

Mr. Muter does not recommend any increase of contributions to meet the above deficiency, as he expects this to disappear by reason of the rate of interest being earned. Nor does he recommend any increase in the Annuities until the Fund shows a surplus for distribution. In a letter accompanying his report, Mr. Muter says: "The Fund is in a sound condition, and I think the members are already enjoying the benefits of the low expense rate and high interest returns, and other evidence of good administration."

In accordance with the advice of the Actuary, the Board has set aside the sum of £500 as an Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund. It is proposed to add to this from time to time such sums as may be considered desirable.

MINISTERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

The Board has given careful consideration to the question of the relation of Ministers and Probationers on active service to the Super-numerary Fund. At the request of the Board, the Actuary included in his valuation report an expression of his opinion on the subject. The Board has taken that opinion into account, as also it has done the resolution of Conference, pages 74 and 75 of Minutes, 1918, and on page 84 of Minutes, 1917.

In view of the cessation of hostilities, and of the certain early declaration of peace, it should shortly be possible to determine, with a fair degree of accuracy, the probable effect on the Fund of the active service of our Ministers and Probationers. As far as can be seen at present, it is unlikely that there will be any material increase in the liability cast upon the Fund.

Of those who were engaged in active service, one married Minister and one Probationer have made the supreme sacrifice. Only the former, however, involves the payment of an annuity to the widow (£23 19s.) Of ten who have been wounded or returned sick, only two have ten years or more of standing in the ministry and who, consequently, if unable to resume circuit work, will become permanent claimants on the Fund. As far as is known at present, both will be fit and return to their usual work. The others, in the event of being compelled by failure of health to retire from the ministry, could only claim a return of subscriptions with compound interest thereon, or an annuity for ten years, if able to earn a living otherwise.

It is possible that the health and constitution not only of those who are wounded or sick, but also of the others who have been or still are on active service, have been adversely affected, although not sufficiently to warrant a pension, and that the period of their future ministerial service may be shortened as a result. A medical examination of all who have been on active service should settle that question, and enable an assessment to be made of the extra premium that would be required to cover the additional risk, and so to preserve the solvency of the Fund.

Referring to the question of the benefits to which ministers on Active service are to be entitled, the view is held by the Board that they should not be less than those to which they would have been entitled, had the disablement or death taken place under normal conditions. As a matter of fact, however, the provisions of the War Pensions Amendment Act, 1917, secure to both Ministers and widows pensions in excess of those provided by this Fund, excepting furniture grants.

If the war had lasted longer, and had there been a probability of a great increase in the liability, it would have been necessary to decide

the more difficult question of the extent to which benefits from the Supernumerary Fund should be affected in the case of those drawing Military Pensions. At present, however, only two Military Pensions are being drawn, one by a widow who is entitled to an annuity of £23 19s. from this Fund, and the other by a Minister who is only entitled to a return of subscriptions paid to the Fund if he retires from the ministry. In view of the small amount involved, and of the improbability of any further Military Pensions being required, the Board is of opinion that it is unnecessary to adopt the Actuary's suggestion to suspend the benefits, but that all Ministers and widows, irrespective of any Military Pensions to which they may be entitled, should be allowed full benefit from the Supernumerary Fund.

The Board desires to emphasise the importance of preserving the solvency of the Fund, and it has already indicated that it should be possible to do this by having a medical examination made of all Ministers who have been or are on active service. The Board, therefore, recommends that it be given authority to make the necessary arrangements to have this done, and to fix the amount of extra single premium, if any, that may be required in each case. It further recommends that the total amount of extra premium that is required be provided for under Conference direction either by the Contingent Fund or by any Special Fund that it may decide to raise for the purpose.

Death has been very busy during the past year, and the number of Ministers who have died is exceptionally large. Two of them, one a Supernumerary, and one in Circuit work at the time of death, were connected with the Australasian Fund. One Supernumerary, four Ministers in full work, and one Probationer, all of whom were connected with this Fund, had passed away during the year, two of them on the battlefield. All these, except the Probationer, leave widows who are entitled to annuities from this Fund. These total £212 13s. 4d.

Three additional Ministers are recommended by the Synods for a place among the Supernumeraries. It is therefore evident that the amount to be paid in annuities during the coming year will be considerably greater than that paid last year, which was nearly £4000.

BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Two distributions of grants have been made during the year from the Benevolent Branch of the Fund. Together these amounted to £200. The first grant was made from the interest derived from the Plampin Bequest Investment. The second was made possible by the vote of £100 by the Fire Insurance Board, as authorised by the last Conference, and the payment into the Fund of £120 1s. 9d., collected by Mr. John Stevenson, of Wanganui. A statement of accounts in connection with this branch of the Fund is appended to those of the Supernumerary Fund. From these it will be seen that in addition to £1000 invested, there is a balance of £134 18s. in the Post Office Savings Bank available for future use.

The Rev. J. Cocker is the retiring member of the Board. In view of the uncertainties of the Station Sheet, the Board has not nominated a successor.

The Board recommends that the Rules and Regulations of the Fund be altered so as to provide that when any person who is a widower is accepted as a Candidate for the ministry, Rules 46 and 48, relating to second marriages shall apply to any subsequent marriage on the part of such person.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

SAMUEL LAWRY }
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

REPORT BY MR. P. MUTER, F.I.A.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF
NEW ZEALAND.

ACTUARIAL EXAMINATIONS FOR THE SIX YEARS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1917.

1. I have the honour to submit the following report on the Super-numerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand as at 31st December, 1917.

2. The Fund came into existence on the 1st January, 1912, by separation from the Australasian Fund. The amount allotted to New Zealand, as shown in the Consolidated Revenue Account, Table I of the Appendix, was £60,413 16s. 0d., while the liabilities were stated in Mr. Carment's report to be £55,432 14s. 0d., leaving a surplus to be brought forward of £4,981 2s. The securities, however, appear to have been over-valued, and the division of the assets resulted in New Zealand being debited with £606 14s. 2d., after deducting a proportionate part of the depreciation fund. In 1916 the funds were augmented by the sum of £10,733 17s. 4d., owing to the purchase of benefits for ministers joining the scheme through the union of the Primitive Methodist Church.

3. The number of contributors transferred from the Australasian Fund, according to the cards supplied, appears to have been 120, and the number of annuities 22, viz., 10 ministers and 12 widows, while 33 contributors and 4 annuitants entered through the Methodist Union, vide Table II.

At the date of the valuation there were—

157 ministers who were either contributing, or whose contributions were temporarily suspended for various reasons; and
49 annuities, comprising 27 ministers and 22 widows.

4. The experience of the Fund as regards deaths and retirements was not sufficiently extensive to enable this basis to be employed in the valuation, consequently the Life and Labour Table used in the valuation in 1905 has been employed as far as possible. The British Offices Life Annuity Tables, 1893, have been employed in valuing the annuities to ministers and widows, and the reversionary annuities to prospective widows, giving due weight to the fact that the latter benefit has practically been altered from an annuity to the minister's present wife if she outlives her husband, to an annuity to the wife living at the time of his death.

5. The rate of interest assumed in the valuation was 4 per cent. The return yielded by the investments was considerably in excess of this, and averaged £5 3s. 3d. % for the six years, but a higher rate than 4 per cent, free of all losses can hardly be looked for over the long period involved in a pension scheme.

6. **Expenses of Management.** A provision of 10 per cent. of the subscriptions and Circuit levies has been made in the valuation for future expenses. The actual rate for the period under review has been £8 13s. 9d. per cent.

7. The valuation balance-sheet, which is given in detail in Table III., discloses a deficiency of £4,346. The present value of the benefits and contributions for expenses amounts to £137,042, and the value of future contributions and levies to £40,351, leaving a net liability of £96,691, to meet which, funds to the extent of £92,345 have been accumulated, showing a deficiency of £4,346 as stated.

8. The deficiency is caused by the increase of 15 per cent. in the superannuation allowances and the benefits to widows being extended so as to include any wife surviving her husband, whether the marriage was a first or second one. The deficiency would, of course, have been considerably greater but for the high rate of interest earned on the investments which yielded, after the deduction of the loss already referred to, a surplus of £5,592 for the six years over and above the valuation rate.

9. The surplus interest will in all probability be sufficient to meet the deficiency by the time the next valuation is made, and I think that there is no occasion either to increase the contributions or reduce the benefits at the present time.

10. **Increasing the Benefits.** In view of the deficiency it is clear that no further increase in the benefits should be made. If the present high rate of interest continues it is possible that there may be a surplus available for this purpose at some future date, but before the benefits are increased the present deficiency should be liquidated, and a surplus should be accumulated sufficient to pay for the increase.

11. **Depreciation Fund.** The funds are rapidly assuming large proportions, and although apparently well invested, the question of setting up a depreciation fund should be borne in mind.

12. **Members on Active Service.** From the cards supplied, 16 ministers appear to be on active service as combatants, 10 as military chaplains, and 3 are serving with the Young Men's Christian Association, or 29 in all. Twenty-six are members of His Majesty's Forces, and as such, are clerically entitled to military pensions for themselves or their dependants in the event of disablement or death. If retained in the Fund they may increase the liability (1) by permanent disablement necessitating retirement on superannuation, and (2) by early death and the consequent annuity to the widow. Of the sixteen serving in the combatant branch of the service, only four, however, have service of five years and over, and only three of these are married, and their pensions would be very small. Of the military chaplains the longest service is thirty years, and even in this case the military pension for total disablement, or to his widow, would be much in excess of that payable from the Fund, viz., for disablement, £2 per week to member, £1 to his wife and 10/- to each child, and for widow with children, £2 per week, and 10/- for each child, with higher allowances according to rank. Vide War Pensions Amendment Act, 1917.

I think that the benefits for all the ministers on military service should be suspended, and on their return each case be treated on its merits. In many cases the injury for which the pension is received will not materially affect either the recipient's longevity or his ability to perform his duties.

PERCY MUTER, F.I.A.

30th August, 1918.

Government Insurance Department,
Wellington.

TABLE I.
**CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT OF THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE
 METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**
 For the six years ending 31st December, 1917.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accumulated Fund at 1st January, 1912 ...	60,413	16 0	Annuities	17,753	17 5
Received through Primitive Methodist Union	10,733	17 4	Furniture Grants	732	10 0
Transferred from Australia on account of			Subscriptions Remitted	167	5 11
Rev. Avery	107	12 3	Subscriptions Refunded	449	0 3
Purchase of Benefits	332	15 3	Expenses	1,579	11 4
Received from English Missionary Society	252	2 7	Depreciation of Securities in Australia,		
Ministers' Subscriptions	8,156	8 6	less Reserve	606	14 2
Circuit and Missionary Levies	10,028	2 6	Funds at 31st December, 1917	92,345	13 5
Interest	23,518	15 5			
Miscellaneous	91	2 8			
	£113,634	12 6		£113,634	12 6

Average rate of expenses, £8 13s. 9d. %

Effective rate of interest realised:

1912	£4 13 6 %
1913	£5 0 2
x 1914	£4 18 2
1915	£5 13 8
1916	£5 8 6
1917	£5 5 7

x After deducting loss due to depreciation of securities.

TABLE II.

PROGRESS OF THE FUND

During the six years, 1st January, 1912, to 31st December, 1917.

Contributors.				No.
Transferred from Australia	...	...	...	120
Entered through Methodist Union	...	...	...	38
New Entrants	...	...	...	39
				<u>197</u>
Less Removals by Resignations, Deaths and Pensions	...	...	...	40
				<u>157</u>

Comprising:—

Ordinary Contributors	...	...	...	122
Completed 44 years and contributions ceased	...	...	...	2
Without Pastoral Charge	...	...	...	4
On Active Service (combatant branch)	...	...	...	16
On Active Service (military chaplains)	...	...	...	10
On Active Service (as members of the Y.M.C.A. Organisation)	...	...	...	3
				<u>157</u>

Cause of Removal:—

Death	...	...	...	...	13
Pensioned	...	...	...	...	15
Resignations	...	...	...	...	12
				<u>40</u>	

Pensions to Ministers.

Pensions to Ministers.				No.
Transferred from Australia	...	...	...	10
Joined through Methodist Union	...	...	...	4
New Pensions	...	...	...	16
				<u>30</u>
Deaths	...	...	...	3
Existing at 31st December, 1917	...	...	...	<u>27</u>

Pensions to Widows.

Pensions to Widows.				No.
Transferred from Australia	...	...	...	12
New Pensions	...	...	...	13
				<u>25</u>
Deaths	...	...	...	3
				<u>22</u>

TABLE III.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF
NEW ZEALAND.

VALUATION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1917.

(Interest 4 per cent.)

	£
Value of annuities to 27 Supernumeraries, £2,926 10s. per annum	19,529
Annuities to 22 widows, £977 9s. 10d. per annum	9,677
Prospective annuities to the present wives of Supernumeraries	7,366
Prospective annuities to Ministers	59,135
157 prospective annuities to ministers' widows (whether first or second wives)	30,573
Furniture grants	3,627
Temporary superannuation allowances	3,100
Reserve for future expenses, viz., 10 per cent. of subscriptions and circuit levies	4,035
	£137,042
	£
Amount of Funds at 31st December, 1917	92,345
Value of subscriptions and circuit levies	40,351
Deficiency	4,346
	£137,042

The Balance-sheets of the Supernumerary Fund Revenue Account, Benevolent Fund and H.M. Retiring Fund were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the consideration of the relation of Ministers serving with the N.Z.E.F. to the Supernumerary Fund be deferred until a report of their medical examination has been obtained.
2. That the Board be requested to obtain an actuarial report as to what amount would be necessary to provide for an increase of, say 15%, on the present rate, and what increase in the contributions from Ministers and Circuits is necessary to keep the fund solvent and pay such increased amount.
3. That a copy of the H.M. Retiring Fund Statement of Prospective Benefits be embodied in the Minutes (see under Question XLI.)
4. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. Stevenson for his interest and work in connection with Supernumerary Benevolent Fund matters, and that he be requested to continue his efforts.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. J. Cocker on his retirement from the Board.
6. That the following be the members of the Board for 1919:—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. S. Lawry), Revs. W. J. Williams, T. Fee, A. C. Lawry, W. Beckett, W. Grigg, Messrs. J. C. Prudhoe (Treasurer), J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, W. Dobbs, G. Bowron and F. Thompson.

7. That the Conference express its satisfaction at the administration and growth of the Fund.
8. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. S. Lawry and Mr. J. C. Prudhoe, Treasurers of the Fund, and to the Board for their valuable services.
9. That Mr. J. C. Prudhoe be reappointed Lay Treasurer.

II.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. xxv.

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 the children of Rev. J. Napier Milne be placed on the Fund, as from April, 1919.

III.—CONTINGENT FUND.

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

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 Rev. M. A. R. Pratt and Mr. E. Rosevear be the Treasurers for 1919-20.
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 the Home Mission Treasurers pay to the Contingent Fund Treasurers the sum of £70 for Military purposes.
9. That compassionate allowances be made to five needy cases, making a total amount of £190.
10. That the sum of £12 10s. be paid to the Treasurer of the Val Trigge Mission Fund.
11. That the personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund of Probationers while on active service, holding the rank of Private or N.C.O., be paid by the Contingent Fund, application to be made to the Military Fund for a grant to cover the amount.
12. That the Contingent Fund defray the cost of a suitable case for the Presidential Insignia and a portrait portfolio.
13. That half the cost of removal expenses in the case of the Edendale Circuit shall be drawn from the Contingent Fund, and half from the Home Mission Fund.
14. That half the cost of removal expenses in the case of the Balclutha Circuit, and a quarter of the cost in the case of the Invercargill (Don Street) and Papanui Circuits, shall be drawn from the Contingent Fund, and similar amounts in each case from the Home Mission Fund.

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

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

GENERAL.—We regret to report our failure to reach the £15,000 aim of last Conference. Our total receipts amount to £11,165 8s. 7d. This is an advance on last year, and considering that that was double the preceding year's income, the result is not wholly unsatisfactory. We have been well served through the year by our Deputations. Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A., of Melbourne, spent three months in the Dominion, and charmed large audiences by his informative and eloquent addresses. Mission study circles have been commenced in some centres as the result of his visit. Rev. A. H. Scriven, of Papua, conducted a series of meetings for two months at a less favourable time of the year, and did good work by his earnest appeals.

We are grateful to Collectors, Circuit Secretaries and District Secretaries who have served the cause well during the year, but would ask for prompter remittances to the Conference F.M. Secretary in the future. Of the amount raised this year, no less than £5,107 was received after the end of the financial year and during the fourteen days of grace allowed by the Conference. Some Circuits make progress payments with commendable regularity, but others make a rule of keeping everything back to the last day. In one case, a sum received at the Conference was not remitted until October 12th.

By arrangement with the Committee of the "New Zealand Methodist Times," three columns of each issue have been devoted to Foreign Missions. The arrangement has worked well. Our thanks are due to the Editors for giving us more space than that agreed upon, and for stirring leading articles on our work.

£100 has been paid to the British and Foreign Bible Society, as directed by last Conference.

The Women's Missionary Auxiliaries throughout the Dominion have been actively employed. Their system of regular meetings keeps interest in the cause alive, and helps in various ways. They have contributed £476 17s. 3d. to the Foreign Mission Fund during the year.

"MISSIONARY REVIEWS."—The circulation of the "Missionary Review" has increased from 3700 to 4550.

Working Capital Fund.—The Working Capital Fund has been increased during the year by £1552 12s. 7d. from the General Fund; £50 from a legacy by Mr. David Graham, and £31 10s. appreciation of War Bonds. The present total is £4,073 8s. 10d.

WAIKAWAU FOREIGN MISSION TRUST.—This Trust, inaugurated last year, has paid £25 to the Foreign Mission Fund.

The Report and Balance-sheet were adopted.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. xxxiii.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Re Allocation for 1919. That the total amount raised up to £10,000 be paid into the General Fund; that any balance up to £2,000 be paid into the New Zealand Working Capital Fund; and that any balance then remaining be paid into a suspense account to be used by the Board of Missions after consultation with and approval by the New Zealand Foreign Mission Executive.
2. That Mr. J. W. Court be heartily thanked for his services as Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That all legacies unless otherwise specified be placed to the Working Capital Fund Account.
4. That the Executive inquire into the aims and objects of the Working Capital Fund during the year.
5. That the Executive consider and report on the duties of the District Committees and Organising Secretaries.
6. That the Executive consider the relationship of the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society to the Foreign Mission Fund of our Church.
7. That, while the objective of £15,000 set for the year has not been reached, the Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the interest of our people in the Missionary cause, as shown in the record income of £11,165 8s. 7d.
8. That, without fixing any objective for the coming year, the Conference urge upon the Church the continued liberal support of the growing needs of our Mission work, so that an advance may be made on the sum raised during the past year.
9. That with a view to placing our income on a reliable basis, and also assuring its steady growth to meet future needs, it is desirable that a policy of organisation in the Circuits and of more thorough dissemination of missionary information be adopted.
10. That to carry out this policy, the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be set apart in 1919 from Circuit work, as Conference Secretary for Foreign Missions, to undertake organisation and deputation work throughout the Connexion.
11. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall be appointed to act as clerical Treasurer to the Fund at a remuneration of £75 per annum.
12. That the Foreign Mission Secretary be requested to prepare a brief summary of the Annual Report to be read at the Foreign Missionary meetings.
13. That the financial year close on September 30th, with 14 days' grace, and that the Foreign Mission Deputation work and collecting be done in the earlier part of the winter months.
14. That lists of money received showing contributions of 2/6 and over be sent to the Treasurer not later than October 14th.
15. That the sum of £100 be paid to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

16. That Conference re-affirms the necessity for the Methodist Church of New Zealand assuming the responsibility for the maintenance and control by it of a separate Mission Field in the Pacific.
17. That the aim of the Conference shall be to establish the New Field in 1922.
18. That it be regarded as essential in determining the locality of the Field that the following considerations shall be observed:—That the Field shall include (a) unevangelised territory, in order to provide scope for aggressive missionary work; (b) evangelised territory from which Native Teachers and workers may be drawn.
19. That Conference suggest as a basis of discussion of a possible suitable field:—Tonga, Samoa, and the Solomon Islands
20. That the Foreign Mission Executive be authorised to enter into negotiations immediately with the Board of Missions and the New South Wales Conference by correspondence or deputation, with a view to laying definite proposals for a New Field before the Synods of 1919 and the following Conference.
21. That the March Quarterly Meetings be instructed to appoint a Circuit Foreign Mission Secretary and Treasurer, and also a Circuit Missionary Committee; the name and address of the Circuit Secretary to be forwarded to the Conference Foreign Missionary Secretary immediately after the meeting.
22. That in addition to the Circuit Secretary, a Secretary be appointed in each Church in the Circuit.
23. That all Foreign Mission money be paid through the Circuit Secretary into the Circuit Account, and be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer as soon as even a small sum is in hand.
24. That Circuits be strongly urged to complete collection of subscriptions within one month of the time of holding the annual services and public meetings.
25. That permission be given for the establishment of a Juvenile Missionary Association.
26. That where subscribers desire to contribute special amounts to some specific object in connection with the New Field, permission be given for such money to be retained in New Zealand.
27. That the following be the Foreign Mission Committee for 1919:—
 - The President of the Conference (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse).
 - The Foreign Mission Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair).
 - The Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court.)
 - Revs. J. J. Lewis, G. Bond, T. G. Brooke, T. F. Jones, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. Wrigley, W. J. Elliott, A. B. Chappell, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., and W. A. Burley, M.A.
 - Mesdames H. E. Pacey, J. W. Court and Miss M. E. Carr.
 - Messrs. G. Winstone, Senr., B. Buttle, J. W. Shackelford, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. W. Stone, G. H. Fleming, J. Buttle, H. Field, S. L. Hirst., A. Peak and W. J. Holdsworth.

28. That the following be the District Committees for Foreign Missions, the Chairman of the District being an ex officio member in each case:—

Auckland.—The Foreign Mission Executive.

South Auckland.—Messrs. C. H. Bycroft, A. T. Maunder, T. L. Hames, Rev. E. O. Blamires (Convener).

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Revs. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S., A. M. Costain, Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, J. J. Parkes, A. S. Wansborough, S. J. Goodey, P. Whitlock, W. J. Andrew, M.A., and J. Mara (Rev. B. Dudley, Convener).

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Revs. G. F. Stockwell, J. S. Cook, Messrs. J. H. Oldham (Convener) and J. Harding.

Wellington.—The Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs. F. Chinchin, J. Kershaw, S. T. Martin, T. Sims, T. Fathers, M. Cable, B. J. Lynneberg (Rev. W. Rowe, Convener).

Nelson.—Messrs. S. Gorman and A. A. Lucas, Rev. E. D. Patchett (Convener).

North Canterbury.—Revs. S. Lawry, E. P. Blamires, F. Copeland, W. W. Avery, Messrs. C. E. Salter, W. C. Francis, W. L. Thomas, Mr. F. Sheppard Green (Convener).

South Canterbury.—The Timaru Ministers, with Messrs. *C. G. Vogel* J. B. Weir, B. W. Williams, S. Uren, Mr. T. E. Holdgate (Convener).

Otago.—Rev. C. Eaton, Messrs. J. Dawson, E. Rosevear, Rev. B. Rothwell (Convener).

Southland.—The Invercargill Ministers, Messrs. J. J. Wesney, A. Noble, A. S. Froggat, F. W. Preddy, J. Hensley, P. A. Pearce (Chairman of District, Convener).

DISTRICT ORGANISING SECRETARIES.

29. That the following be the District Organising Secretaries:—

Auckland.—Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.

South Auckland.—Rev. E. O. Blamires.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr. J. H. Oldham.

Wellington.—Rev. W. Rowe.

Nelson.—Rev. E. D. Patchett.

North Canterbury.—Mr. F. Sheppard Green.

South Canterbury.—Mr. T. E. Holdgate.

Otago.—Rev. B. F. Rothwell.

Southland.—Rev. A. Peters.

30. 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 in 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 Readings.
- (e) That one issue each year of the "New Zealand Methodist Times" 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.

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

The Financial Statement for 1918, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1919, were presented to Conference and adopted.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE.

In forwarding to the Synod and Conference a report of another year's work, the members of the Executive desire to express their gratitude to God for the opportunities of service that have been theirs, and for the grace and wisdom given them as they have tried to discharge their many duties. While claiming no infallibility of either outlook or judgment, they have striven to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and so with confidence commend their work to the Church, feeling assured that both in discussion and decision they have been guided by Him.

Six meetings of the Executive have been held during the year, and at least two more will be necessary before its close. There have also been several meetings of the Consultative Committee, to whom much routine work is committed, and by whom urgent business is considered when prompt action is required. All Executive meetings have been marked by an excellent attendance of its members, the average present being twenty-two, and this number has been equally divided amongst Ministers and Laymen. The operation of the Conference rule which requires two members of the Committee to retire from it every year, this year compels Messrs. J. E. Wheeler and J. W. Shackelford to cease their membership of it. Both of these gentlemen have rendered the Church long and honourable service in this department of its work, and the Executive is very sorry to lose their services. This is especially true concerning Mr. Wheeler. His constant and close attention to the business of the Executive has enabled him to acquire an intimate knowledge of its work that few men possess, and his retirement is therefore a very serious loss to it. One member, the Rev. J. Wrigley, has been passing through a period of great trial during the whole of the year. The life of Mrs. Wrigley has hung in the balance the whole of the year, and now God has mercifully given her release and called her home. The utmost sympathy is felt for this sorrowing brother.

The management of the Executive business for the year has been in the hands of the new Chairman, the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, and his conduct of the business has been both courteous and prompt. The duties of Minute Secretary have been entrusted to the Rev. W. H. Speer, and his work has given satisfaction to all concerned. During the year the Executive has found it necessary to change its local habitation. The Board Room occupied during recent years has never been satisfactory, and for a considerable time it has been compelled to trust

to the hospitality of the Trustees of Pitt Street Church. Its Executive meetings were held there, with the result that at times they clashed with the interests of the church itself. A suite of rooms in the N.Z. Insurance Buildings has been secured, the cost of same being shared proportionately by the various Church Committees that use them.

The question of Home Mission appointments has demanded serious attention all through the year. Almost immediately after they had been confirmed at the last Conference it was discovered that mistakes had been made, but as it was too late to rectify them, the matter was remitted to the Executive for consideration and re-arrangement. The following changes were made—Rehia, N. Challenger; Kaukapakapa, F. T. Broom; Hikurangi, J. Tyson; Huntly, P. J. Mairs; and Methven, W. Vickers. Two Home Missionaries who had resigned, Messrs. J. H. Edmondson and J. H. Allen, at the request of the Executive reconsidered their determinations, and returned to the work. They were appointed respectively to Ngaruawhaia and Denniston-Granity. Mr. E. Ranson, who had previously been in the work was re-employed and stationed at Hokianga. During the year Mr. W. Bowden, of Coromandel, and Mr. J. Tyson, of Hikurangi, both retired from the work, and Mr. W. Vickers has been granted extended leave of absence because of military duty. Four applications to enter the work have been under consideration, but only one, Mr. J. F. Jack, was considered suitable. Mr. Jack has been instructed to proceed to Havelock, in the Nelson District. Mr. T. F. Reeve, a Brother who spent some years in our ministry in his early manhood, has consented to look after the work at Opotiki until an appointment can be made to that Circuit. There are still thirty vacant Stations.

The Native work has not been marked by much to call for comment, except that the Executive has found it somewhat difficult to keep in touch with it. Both Piripi Rakena and Hapeta Renata report a considerable number of conversions in connection with their work. The work also of the Deaconess continues to prosper. One of the Native Ministers, Eruera Te Tuhi, has been called up in the ballot, and at his own request no appeal for exemption has been lodged. The vacancy at Otorohanga caused by this calls for another appointment to conserve the work. The new departure whereby a Native Home Missionary was stationed at Oparure, continues to bear excellent fruit. The Brother is well received by the people, and has won both their respect and confidence. One evidence of this is seen in their response for the support of the work.

The number of appeals for special help has not been so numerous as in some previous years. This no doubt is accounted for by the number of vacant Stations. Still, some such appeals have been received, and sympathetic consideration accorded to them. Practically the whole of the Home Mission Stations have responded to the Conference instruction in re the increase of the salaries of the Home Missionaries to at least a minimum of £160, in addition to a free house for married men, and £120 for those that are unmarried. The same is also true of the Circuits that are paying their Ministers less than £200. The one trouble in the matter has been the large amount of unnecessary correspondence that has had to be carried on, and the dilatory way in which many of the Quarterly Meetings have dealt with the resolutions. These things have largely added to the labour of the already overburdened Executive officials. One fact that has given much satisfaction to the Executive is the readiness shewn by some Circuits immediately to increase the salary of the Minister to the £225 minimum, instead of waiting till next year and claiming the pound for pound grant to enable them to do it.

The staff of Home Missionaries as a whole continues to serve the Church with both faithfulness and efficiency, and some of them are rendering unusually effective service. Reports that come to hand are full of cheer. One of them tells of growing interest in every department of the work. Preaching places, that had become a despair in consequence of the general indifference of the people, have become centres of activity, with very largely increased congregations. The financial returns have also proportionately increased, and best of all, there have been some cases of glad surrender to Jesus Christ. From another comes a letter from the Circuit Steward, who testifies to the splendid work being done by the Missionary on his Station. He speaks of the increase of his influence, of the very fine tone in the church, and of its growing status in the eyes of the public. These are facts that are especially commended to the thought of the Synods and Conference. There is shadow, however, in the work as well as encouragement, and this has been painfully evident in some Missionaries' homes. In two or three of them there has been severe affliction, and great care has been requisite in order that the stricken ones may be restored. In one case disease ran its course with fatal results, and C. W. Brown, of Te Kuiti, saw his wife gradually sink, until the end came; then God called her and she slept.

The great Forward Movement adopted by the last Conference has been warmly welcomed by the Executive, and as soon as possible efforts were made to carry it through with success. First it was decided to issue a Circular Letter to the Quarterly Meetings of both Circuits and Stations that were paying less than £200 to their Ministers, and £160 to their married Home Missionaries. The letter called their attention to the legislation that had been adopted, explained the system of proportional grants, and urged them to avail themselves of its provisions. A leaflet was also prepared for general distribution throughout the Church, explaining the Movement to the people, and urging their generous support of it. Twenty thousand copies were printed, and a bundle sent to every Superintendent for distribution. A further step was taken by asking the Chairman of each District to organise a great inaugural meeting at some suitable centre within his District at which the campaign for the District should be launched. It was suggested that at such meetings the principal speakers should be well-known laymen, and it was hoped by this to create an enthusiasm that would reach to every Circuit. Such a meeting was organised in the Auckland District, the Executive itself making the arrangement for it.

The Executive is, however, compelled to call the serious attention of Conference to the conflict of interest that is taking place between Home and Foreign Missions. The permission given to the Foreign Mission Committee to carry its appeal through the greater part of the year is seriously prejudicing the appeal for Home Missions in the later part of it. The General Secretary reports that though he did not anywhere begin his appeal until after the middle of August, he has found it almost impossible to do any satisfactory deputation work. In every Circuit he has visited, up to the date of the issue of this report, the Superintendent has expressed his regret that the two appeals come so close together, and there is practical unanimity of opinion that under present conditions it is impossible to do justice to both Funds. So much so has this impressed itself upon some of the Brethren that they have made no effort at all to awaken interest in the Home work until the other is out of the way. In several of the Circuits visited there had been no attempt whatever to create a sympathetic atmosphere for the appeal of the deputation, not even a solitary leaflet being distributed. The reason given for this state of things was the impos-

sibility of carrying on two appeals at once. The Executive is, therefore, compelled to ask the Conference so to arrange such department of the work that there shall be no clashing of interests, and that an end shall come to the grounds of excuse that the two appeals come too closely together.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

T. G. BROOKE, General Secretary.

Auckland, October 24th, 1918.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1919 be received and adopted.

That all grants to Aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations be conditional on a salary of not less than £200 being paid to Married Ministers, £140 to Probationers, £160 to Married Home Missionaries, and £120 to Unmarried Home Missionaries.

That no grant be made to any Circuit for the purpose of enabling it to pay its Minister a larger salary than £200 per year.

N.B.—This is not intended to prevent a Circuit receiving a grant from making increased local effort to place its Minister in a better position, but only that the grant is to assist in reaching the £200 minimum.

That the Home Mission Executive take into consideration, during the year, the question of dealing with Circuits and Home Mission Stations which, for many years, have been receiving large grants from the Home Mission Fund without any prospect of becoming approximately self-supporting in the near future, and report to next Conference.

That in future application for Proportional Grants for increase of salaries must be forwarded from Circuits and H.M. Stations not later than the June Quarterly Meeting.

That £50 be granted to the Deaconess Institute from the Home Mission Fund, and £50 from the Contingent Fund.

That a Special Grant of £10 from the Home Mission Fund be made to the Val. Triggs Committee, and £10 from the Contingent Fund.

That the rate of pay of the Supply for a disabled or deceased Minister be 30/- per week in addition to board and lodging.

That all money required for Territorial Camps be a charge on the Wellington Military Committee.

THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE.

That the Report of the Home Mission Executive be received and adopted.

That the Report of the General Secretary be received and adopted, and that he be thanked for his services during another year.

- That, seeing the General Secretary works under the direction of the Home Mission Executive and reports his work to them, his report to Synods and Conference be discontinued.
- That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the General Treasurer, the Rev. G. Bond, for his services during another year, and that he be reappointed with the usual honorarium.
- That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. Veale for his services as the Lay Treasurer during another year, and that he be reappointed.
- That a cordial vote of thanks be presented to the members of the Home Mission Executive for their services during another year, and in doing so the Conference makes special mention of Messrs. J. E. Wheeler and J. Watkinson, two gentlemen who have rendered long and honourable service to the Church, and who now retire from the Committee.
- That the following be the Home Mission Executive for the ensuing year:—The General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Lay Treasurer, the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, the General Superintendent of Maori Missions, and Messrs. J. Veale (life member), J. W. Shackelford, T. W. Jones, T. Caley, A. Peak, J. Trounson, W. Hetherington, J. W. Court, 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, G. A. R. Thomas, A. J. Booth and W. Thompson.

THE HOME MISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Auckland.—The Home Mission Executive acts as per rule.

South Auckland.—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendents of the Hamilton, Cambridge and Te Awamutu Circuits, a Home Missionary to be selected by the Chairman of the District, with Messrs. L. T. Hames, J. R. Fow and F. C. Lindsey. The Superintendent of the Hamilton Circuit, Convener.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the New Plymouth, Waitara, and Inglewood Circuits, with Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, W. Ambury, F. Fisher, E. Taylor and J. Gibson. The Superintendent of the New Plymouth Circuit, Convener.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Superintendents of the Napier, Hastings, Woodville, Palmerston North and Fielding Circuits, with Messrs. T. R. Hodder, John Harding, J. H. Oldham, and W. F. Bramwell. The Chairman of the District, Convener.

Wellington.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits with Messrs. W. E. Redstone, F. Chitchen, C. M. Luke, C. Swiney, G. Petherick, B. J. Lynneberg, F. Lockwood, T. Fathers, W. I. Clark, L. Brabin, S. T. Martin and A. Moncrief. The Rev. A. Reader, Convener.

Nelson.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, with Messrs. W. D. Pike and C. W. Parker. The Rev. H. Ryan, Convener.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham St., Christchurch East, St. Albans, Papanui, Woolston, Sydenham, Cambridge Terrace, Kaiapoi, Addington and Leeston Circuits, with Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, H. E. Peryman, H. Bosomworth, E. W. Hall, F. Campion, S. R. Webb, F. S. Green, E. J. Roberts, L. J. Berry and H. Buttle. The Chairman of District, Convener.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers of the Timaru Circuits, with Messrs. J. W. Holdgate, A. Stead and ~~J. S. Childs~~. The Chairman of District, Convener.
J. B. Weir.

Otago.—The Superintendents of the Dunedin Circuits, with Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, E. J. King, T. W. McIndoe, J. Winton, J. Davidson, J. Dawson and A. H. Reed. The Chairman of the District, Convener.

Southland.—The Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, with Messrs. A. S. Froggatt, J. J. Wesley, J. Hensley, A. Noble, W. Kellow, A. Peterson, F. W. Preddy and A. Mitchell. The Chairman of the District, Convener.

That the Question whether an age limit should be imposed upon Candidates for the Ministry from among the Home Missionaries, and if so, what the limit shall be, be referred to the H.M. Executive to consider and report to next Conference.

That all necessary reappointments to H.M. Stations be remitted to the H.M. Executive.

That the list of Home Missionaries and Home Missionary Probationers, as determined by the legislation of last Conference, be embodied in the Minutes.

LIST OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

J. H. White	A. Fitchett
C. Aker	F. E. Foot
W. T. Hooper	H. Spencer
P. J. Mairs	J. H. Edmondson
S. Keen	A. Nicholls
A. Laybourn	W. B. Pickering
G. H. Bridgman	J. Richards
C. W. Brown	C. J. People
W. E. Sleep	A. L. Whiteford
M. Ayrton	F. T. Broom
T. W. Featherstone	J. Common
F. P. Kellow	H. C. Orchard.
W. Watson	J. Belshaw
C. Duncan	A. E. Haynes
C. Strand	

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

O. S. Pearn	J. F. Jack
W. Alexander	V. S. Mercer
J. H. Allen	F. G. Brown
N. Challenger	H. S. Kings
G. H. Cule	E. H. Brooker
F. C. Pace	R. T. H. Wearne
E. Ranson	

That a new question be added to the business of the District Ministerial Committee and the Conference:—"What Home Missionary Probationers are there? and have they passed their examinations in their respective years?"

That the Home and Foreign Mission Committees be requested to confer together with a view to the Deputation work for each Fund being so arranged that there shall be no clashing of interests between them.

That the Home Mission Executive, after correspondence with the Advisory Committees, appoint the personnel of the Home Mission Deputations, and arrange the time of their visitation to the various Districts.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Table showing amount payable on retirement after five (5) years to thirty-five (35) years' service if the Fund earns an average of 4 per cent.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
5 years ...	50	13	11.	21 years ...	297	9	2
6 " ...	62	1	7	22 " ...	318	14	3
7 " ...	73	18	5	23 " ...	340	16	5
8 " ...	85	3	11	24 " ...	363	16	3
9 " ...	97	19	3	25 " ...	387	14	5
10 " ...	111	4	10	26 " ...	412	10	9
11 " ...	125	1	0	27 " ...	438	7	11
12 " ...	139	8	3	28 " ...	465	5	9
13 " ...	154	6	11	29 " ...	493	5	2
14 " ...	169	17	7	30 " ...	522	6	11
15 " ...	186	0	7	31 " ...	552	12	0
16 " ...	202	16	7	32 " ...	584	1	2
17 " ...	220	6	0	33 " ...	616	15	7
18 " ...	238	9	5	34 " ...	650	16	2
19 " ...	257	7	4	35 " ...	686	3	11
20 " ...	277	0	4				

QUESTION XLII.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and what can be done to Promote its Interests?

That the Native Agent for the South Island (Rakena Piripi) be placed under the direction of the Chairman of the North Canterbury District.

That the Rev. A. J. Seamer be designated the Superintendent of Maori Missions, the appointment to take effect in April, 1920.

MAORI REPRESENTATION IN SYNOD AND CONFERENCE.

THE DISTRICT SYNOD.

1. That all Native Ministers shall be members of the Annual Synod of the District in which they are Stationed, and shall have the right to speak and vote on all matters of business transacted by the Synod except those dealt with under Questions 4, 5, 6 and 7.
2. That all Native Probationers shall attend the Annual District Synod, but shall have no vote.
3. That the Native Quarterly Meeting of each Circuit or section of a Circuit shall have a right to elect from its members one Lay Representative to the Annual District Synod for each Native Minister in full connexion appointed to such section of the Circuit by the preceding Conference, and employed therein at the time of election. A substitute representative may also be elected. The election shall take place at the Quarterly Meeting immediately preceding the Synod.
4. That Native Ministers shall be members of the District Ministerial Committee, but shall have no vote on matters which relate exclusively to European Ministers and Probationers.

THE CONFERENCE.

1. That all Native Ministers and an equal number of Representatives elected by the Maori Circuit Quarterly Meetings shall be entitled to attend each Annual Conference and shall have the full rights of all members on all matters except those referring to the Reception of European Ministers into Full Connexion, their Remaining on Probation, their being Received on Probation, the reception of Students for Training, the reception of Candidates for the Ministry, the making of Supernumeraries, the return of Supernumeraries to the Active Work, the Permission of Ministers to Rest, and the leaving of Ministers without Pastoral Charge.
2. That when Native Probationers are directed by the Ministerial Committee of their District to attend the Conference for ordination, their travelling expenses shall be paid by the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.
3. That, until such times as the Maori Circuits pay the necessary Connexional charges, the travelling expenses of Maori Ministers (Superintendents excepted), and Lay Representatives to Conference shall not be a charge on the Equalisation Fund.

4. That in the case of the Maori Superintendents stationed respectively among the Ngapuhi, Kaipara, Waikato and Taranaki Native Tribes, the same privileges of the Equalisation Fund shall apply as to their European Brethren.
5. That all Lay Representatives to the District Synod and Conference must be members of the Church in good standing in the Circuits by which they are elected.

QUESTION XLIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting City Missions?

For definition of a "Mission," see Methodist Law Book, par 218; and for Missions designated by Conference, see Station Sheet.

N.B.—Each Mission is required to furnish an Annual Report to the Conference through the District Synod.

AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION.

The Report was received.

It was resolved to congratulate the Superintendent and officers on the good work being done, especially noting the forward movement in the Young People's Department, and the establishment of a Training Institution for young men in evangelistic work.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL MISSION.

The Report was received.

It was resolved:—

1. That the Superintendent and workers be heartily commended for the splendid work of the past year.
2. That Mrs. E. Knowles Smith be thanked for her work, particularly during the time when the Mission was without the services of a Deaconess.
3. That the following be members of the Management Committee for 1919-1920:—Lieut.-Col. C. D. Macintosh, Messrs. J. R. Burley and A. E. Moss.
4. That Conference agree to the site in Cuba and Eva Streets being purchased at the price named, provided that the vendor be willing to give £6000 for Webb Street property.
5. That no building be gone on with until a sum of £13,000 be raised in addition to the amount to be derived from the Herbert Street property.
6. That the Trustees have permission to appeal to the Connexion for contributions, Wellington District to be first canvassed.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

The Report was received.

It was resolved:—

That the Superintendent and officials be heartily congratulated on the excellent work of the past year.

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

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Sister Ruth be heartily thanked for her services during the year as Lady Superintendent, and that her resignation be received with regret.
2. That a grant of £100 be given—£50 from the H.M. Fund and £50 from the Contingent Fund.
3. That enquiries in the matter of Retiring Allowances be continued during 1919.
4. That Deaconesses who have been dedicated shall be members of the District Synods within whose bounds they are employed.
5. That Circuits employing Deaconesses be urged to release them periodically for deputation work in the interests of Deaconess work in the Circuits of the respective Districts in which they are employed, also that Mrs. W. J. Williams be asked to undertake deputation work throughout New Zealand after Conference.
6. Conference strongly urges the claims of Deaconess House to the liberality of our people, especially in view of the Institution being the Training Home for our Missionary Sisters.
7. That the following be 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. E. C. Brown, H. S. J. Goodman, E. Iles (Treasurer), C. E. Salter, J. C. Prudhoe and A. Borrows, together with five ladies who shall be the members of the House Committee.
8. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. Beckett (Secretary), and Mr. E. Iles (Treasurer), and that they be reappointed.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. That applications for the new appointment of a Deaconess shall be made to the Committee in October.

14. That Deaconesses shall be granted four weeks' holiday in each year.
15. That all cases of withdrawal from the work, or prolonged absence, shall be reported to the Committee by the Superintendent of the Circuit affected.
16. That the choice of a distinctive name by any Deaconess be made only with the consent of the Committee.
17. 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.
18. That each Candidate for training shall be expected to contribute towards the cost of board and training.
19. 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 at Deaconess 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.
20. That the Central Deaconess Committee prepare the curriculum and make arrangements for the examination of these extra-mural students.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. That the removal expenses of any Deaconess of a Circuit shall be paid by the Circuit receiving her.
24. That to par. 9, Minutes, 1917, p. 101, be added the words, "With the consent of the Circuits or Committees concerned."

LIST OF DEACONESSSES IN ACTIVE WORK.

Sister Mabel, Sister in Charge, South Island Orphanage.

Sister May, Taranaki Street, Wellington.

Sister Nellie, Hawera.

*Sister Douglas, Pitt Street, Auckland.

*Sister Ruth, Central Mission, Dunedin.

*Sister Emily, Sydenham.

*Sister May Barnett, South Island Orphanage.

Sister Edith Walton, Durham Street, Christchurch.

*Sister Constance Ashby, Masterton.

*Sister Florence, Hospital Training, Christchurch.

*Sister Annie, Hospital Training, Christchurch.

STUDENTS IN TRAINING.

- *Miss Berry, Hospital Training, New Plymouth.
- *Miss Beaumont, Deaconess House, Christchurch.
- *Miss Sparrow, Deaconess House, Christchurch.
- *Sister Hamilton (Sister Hazel), Trinity, Wanganui.

DEACONESSES RESTING.

- Sister Lilian.
- Sister Kenneth MacKenzie, Auckland.
- Sister Dora.
- Sister Jean Boot, Dunedin.
- Sister Mildred, Y.W.C.A., Invercargill.

DEACONESSES ON FOREIGN MISSION SERVICE.

- Sister Constance Olds, Solomon Islands.
- Sister Lily White, Fiji.

DEACONESSES RETIRED.

- Sister Jean.
- Sister Edith (Goodall).
- Sister Howard, died in 1918.
- Sister Catherine, died 22nd November, 1918.

*Trained at Deaconess House, Christchurch.

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

A.—THE NORTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

(Mount Albert, Auckland.)

Report for 1918.

In presenting our Annual Report, we desire to acknowledge with gratitude the unflinching goodness of our Heavenly Father which has attended the work of the past year.

The health of the children has, with a few exceptions, been good, they having escaped prevalent sickness, largely due to careful attention, and also the healthy location of the Home.

Our Honorary Physician and Dentists continue to render us valuable service, for which we tender our cordial thanks.

During the period since the opening of the Orphanage, sixty-two children have been admitted; thirty-three are with us at present.

During the year three of the girls who had been with us for four years were removed. Their guardian has expressed great appreciation of the care and training they have received whilst under the charge of our worthy Matron.

Our eldest boy, a lad of fifteen years, has passed out of our hands, and has been suitably placed on a farm, where he is treated as one of the family. Reports concerning his conduct are most satisfactory.

The first girl to be admitted to our Home has recently been adopted by Christian, well-to-do friends in Hawera, who were highly recommended by our Vice-President, Mr. E. Dixon.

The Ladies' Committee, in its several branches, has rendered splendid service throughout the year, and also provided the sum of £22 towards cost of clothing. In accordance with previous custom they also gave a Christmas Treat at the Orphanage, at which each child received a present. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated, and we tender them our sincere gratitude.

During last Christmas holidays, arrangements were made by which all the children were received for a fortnight into the homes of relatives and friends. This gave the Staff a much needed rest, and the change was mutually beneficial. We hope this programme may be again feasible this year.

We thankfully record the untiring interest and generosity of our esteemed life member, Mr. A. C. Caughey, his latest benefaction being the gift of two acres of land, which had previously been purchased from him, the purchase money having remained as a loan to the Trustees without interest.

In response to the call of Country, our Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Winstone, shortly proceeds to camp, and in consequence tendered his resignation. At the request of the Board he has re-considered the matter, and has now consented to retain office. Mr. Geo. Fowlds, Junr., has been appointed Acting Treasurer during his absence.

In thanking our many friends for their generosity in the past, we would call the attention of all our people to the growing and urgent claims of this truly Christian work on behalf of our orphans and destitute children.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

WM. ASTLEY, Hon. Secretary.

The Report was adopted.

Committee for 1919:—The Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Papakura and Pukekohe Circuits, together with the Supernumeraries, Miss Harvey, Mesdames F. W. Wilson, J. H. Gunson, A. H. White, J. P. Armitage, H. E. Pacey, J. Burton, J. Trounson and G. H. White; Messrs, T. Hudson, 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, J. Marsden Caughey, J. W. Court, W. Percy Winstone, and A. C. Caughey (life member).

B.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. 1.

Report for 1918.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference this, our Fifth Annual Report:—

We are extremely sorry to report a return of last year's epidemic, and that as a result of it we have lost another of our bright boys, little Bobbie Thwaites, whose bright, winning ways made him a great favourite in the Home. On account of this recurring trouble the Staff has had a very trying and strenuous time during the winter months. We desire to intimate that the Health Inspector again visited the Home, and pronounced it absolutely sanitary in every way, no blame being attachable to the Institution or its surroundings for the return of the epidemic.

We are thankful to report that the Home is now free from this dreaded epidemic, that both the Staff and the children are again enjoying the best of health, and are all happy and cheerful in their work.

Once again the Board desires to publicly acknowledge the invaluable services of the Staff rendered so patiently and ungrudgingly under the most trying circumstances. Their heroic services under such peculiar experiences has been the admiration of all concerned. We desire also to express our heartiest thanks to Dr. Whetter for his unceasing interest in, and medical care of, the children, during the year, so unstintingly and gratuitously given in spite of the fact of his exceedingly busy life.

We desire to call the attention of all our people to the need of systematic and regular support from all our Methodist people in the South Island. We wish to express our thanks to our numerous contributors and annual subscribers for their generous support during the year.

We have at present forty-one children in the Home, with six others seeking admission, but on account of the shortage of Staff, the Board is unable to admit them at present, but have decided to do so as soon as the Staff is increased. A circular is being prepared for all our Circuits, setting forth the necessity of further help, with the hope that suitable persons will offer for this philanthropic and Christ-like work.

In conclusion, we feel confident that the work of the Home in the training of these orphan and destitute children commends itself to all Christian people, and we bespeak for them your prayerful sympathy and help in the future.

A. C. LAWRY, Chairman.

T. W. VEALIE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Sister Mabel, Rev. T. W. Vealie (Secretary), and Mr. G. Bowron (Treasurer).
2. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the bequest made to the funds of the Orphanage by the late Mr. W. Morrow, and commends his action as an example of thoughtful help to the laymen of our Church.
3. That the Board of Management be authorised to elect its own Secretary for 1919.
4. That the membership of the Board be as follows:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Papanui, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, Woolston and Lyttelton Circuits, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber and C. E. Ward, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, C. E. Salter and H. Berry; Messrs. W. H. Seed, J. C. Prudhoe, J. A. Flesher, E. W. Hall, T. T. Robson, A. F. Drayton, J. Gilmour, W. Keith, G. Bowron (Treasurer), J. H. Blackwell, L. M. Iistt, M.P., J. Lomas, A. G. Williams, and F. Campion.
5. The matter referred to in Minutes of Conference, 1917, page 106, par. 7, having been dealt with by the Board during the year 1918, the following resolutions were 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.
 - (6) That with a view to carrying the above resolutions into effect, the Conference appoints a Corresponding Committee of three members from the Board of Wesley Training College, three from the Board of Management of the Auckland Orphanage, three from the Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust, and three from the South Island Orphanage Board of Management, to be selected by the four Bodies concerned. Mr. G. Bowron (Christchurch), Convener.
6. The Conference requests the Corresponding Committee to consider the advisability of securing the co-operation of all the Boards throughout the Dominion in carrying on the work of their Institutions.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting Connexional Literature?

A written Report was presented to Conference and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That immediate arrangements be made for procuring or publishing a booklet, dealing with the question of Church Membership for young people, at the earliest possible date, Conference to provide the cost of initial supplies.
2. That the Editors of the "Methodist Times" be requested to arrange for competitive essays on subjects suitable for publication for use among our young people; prizes to be offered for the same.
3. That the Literature Committee be asked to keep in touch with the best English Methodist Literature, and advise from time to time our appointed Book Depôts with a view to its importation for circulation among our people.
4. That the Literature Committee be requested to consider the advisability of appointing an Agent in each of the four chief cities, who will endeavour to secure advertisements for the paper.
5. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Editor (Rev. W. J. Williams), and the Associate Editor (Rev. J. Cocker), for their services during the year, and that the Rev. W. J. Williams be reappointed, with the Rev. A. C. Lawry, as Associate Editor.
6. That the best thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. W. Laycock for his generous work in securing advertisements for the "Methodist Times."
7. That the Rev. S. Lawry be heartily thanked for the efficient way in which he has controlled the business affairs of the "Methodist Times" for the year, and that he be reappointed Business Manager.

8. That the following be the Committee for the year 1919-1920:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Sydenham, Cambridge Terrace and Woolston Circuits; the Connexional Secretary, the Revs. W. J. Williams and W. Laycock, with Messrs. C. E. Salter, J. A. Flesher, E. W. Hall, J. Lomas and F. H. Christian. Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Salter. Convener, Rev. F. Copeland.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. F. Copeland as Convener of the Literature Committee, and that he be reappointed.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. lii.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1918.

* In presenting its Annual Report to the Conference, the Committee desires to record its thankfulness to God for His continued blessing upon the work of our Chaplains at home and abroad.

During the year our Church sustained a great loss in the death of Chaplain Allen, who was killed in action at the front. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his life gave promise of great usefulness.

Chaplains F. Rands, C. H. Olds, B.A., and W. B. Scott went to the front, and our local work has been under the supervision of Chaplains P. R. Paris and H. A. Sharp.

At the beginning of the year Chaplain Read returned from his work on a hospital ship, and took up his duties as the Superintendent of the Kilbirnie Circuit, where he is doing excellent work. Chaplain Hopper left on a hospital ship, and is still on active service. Chaplain L. B. Neale came back on furlough, but had to leave hurriedly to represent our Church with the forces in Egypt. Chaplains A. J. Seamer and H. T. Peat also returned, and are steadily recovering from the effects of their arduous and dangerous work.

The income for the past year has been £1775 16s. 9d., which, together with the credit balance of the previous year of £568 0s. 10d., makes a total income of £2343 17s. 7d., leaving a credit balance of £566 5s. 3d.

The Committee desires to express its gratitude for the generous response of our people, and also for the munificent gifts from several patriotic societies, which have enabled the Committee to make remittances to our Chaplains upon a scale which would otherwise have been impossible.

The Committee, also, greatly rejoices to learn of the cessation of hostilities, and confidently prays and believes that, under the guidance of God, the future negotiations at the "Peace Conference" will result in a just and stable peace being established among the nations.

In view of these altered conditions, the Committee does not consider it necessary to make an appeal for the ensuing year, as the amount in hand will be sufficient to meet contingencies which may arise in the future.

An urgent appeal recently came from Chaplain Peat for assistance to carry on work amongst the soldiers at Rotorua. The Committee decided to make inquiries to ascertain what was being done by other organisations, and, as far as possible, to act in concert with them in the matter.

The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the services of the Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Luke, who has given ungrudgingly of his time to the work of the Committee.

The thanks of the Committee are also given to the Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. E. Dawson for their services as Auditors.

Should the Committee need to make any further appeal to our people for work amongst our returned soldiers, we are sure that the needed support will be forthcoming.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. READER, Secretary.

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

The Conference expressed its appreciation of the splendid work done by our Chaplains on active service.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Wellington Military Committee control the Fund for use of the work among soldiers.
2. That all matters relating to the Expeditionary Camps be under the control of the Wellington Military Committee.
3. That, if necessary, the Wellington District Committee be empowered to make an appeal to all our Circuits for funds necessary for the carrying on of work among soldiers.
4. That all moneys for the Fund be paid through the Chairmen of Districts and forwarded by them to the General Treasurer.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Luke, and that he be reappointed.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Secretary, Rev. A. Reader, and that he be reappointed.
7. That the Auditors, Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. E. Dawson, be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
8. That the Military Committee in Wellington, in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, consider whether any building shall be erected at Rotorua, on our church site or elsewhere, for work among the Returned Soldiers.

9. 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. G. Chapman.
 Lyttelton: Rev. F. L. Frost.
 Timaru: Rev. W. A. Hay.
 Dunedin: Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.
 Port Chalmers: Rev. S. H. D. Peryman.
 Bluff: Rev. T. Skuse.
 Napier: Rev. T. R. Richards.

10. That a Methodist Chaplain be in attendance during the whole period of training in Territorial Camps, and that Circuits concerned be urged to release their Ministers for that purpose.
11. That payments due to the Supernumerary Fund on behalf of Probationers who are with the Expeditionary Forces, be made by the Contingent Fund, such payments to be a charge on the Military Fund.
12. That we express devout thanks to God for the victories gained, the peace assured, and the home-coming of our men, and place on record our grateful appreciation of their work, and of the sacrifices of those who have fallen in the noble cause of freedom.
13. That we express heartfelt and prayerful sympathy with those bereaved families whose loved ones have made peace possible by their heroism and sacrifice.
14. That it be a recommendation to our Ministers and people to show personal and social interest in our returning men, thus following up the hold which the Chaplains had upon them by their work at the front:—
- (a) By meeting them immediately upon arrival, and showing personal interest in their home coming, arranging from time to time social welcomes, inviting them to their homes for their own sakes, and introducing them to Church life and Christian people.
 - (b) By making allowance for the nervous conditions resulting from war strain, and seeking to counteract the social interest of those who immediately offer consolation in the fellowship of the public house.
 - (c) By co-operating with the Y.M.C.A. wherever such organisation exists (thus linking the Y.M.C.A. and Returned Soldiers to the Church), and where no Y.M.C.A. exists, co-operating with other Churches in such institutional and social work as may be possible. This must be done in view of prohibition, and the need of places to meet the social needs of men.
 - (d) By personal invitations to Church services, such services to be brighter in character, with shorter sermons than are usual at present. Crispness is a note of successful service for men.
 - (e) By keeping in touch with Returned Soldiers' Associations, and arranging Church Parades and Social Functions for them.

- (f) By forming a Committee of men and women at the close of a Sunday evening service to be specially charged with these matters, care to be taken that Bible Classes and Returned Soldiers already attending church have a definite place on these Committees.
15. That the claims of the work at Rotorua among Returned Soldiers be commended to the favourable consideration of the Wellington Military Committee, and they be urged to make a substantial grant towards the erection of an Institute for work among our soldiers there.
16. That the Conference list of Chaplains be amended so as to conform to the list of the Defence Department.
17. That the following be the District Committees:—
- Auckland.**—The Chaplains in the District, and Messrs. T. W. Jones, B. Buttle and W. S. Stone. Convener, Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
- Wellington.**—The Chaplains in the District, the Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits; Messrs. Col. C. D. Macintosh, W. H. Bennett, C. M. Luke (Treasurer), W. I. Clark, J. P. Shand, A. Swiney. Convener, Rev. A. Reader.
- Canterbury.**—The Chaplains in the District, Rev. T. A. Joughin (ex-President), Messrs. A. F. Drayton, C. E. Salter, J. H. Blackwell, W. Dobbs, H. Frampton. Convener, Rev. W. Walker.
- Otago.**—The Chaplains in the District, Messrs. E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, J. P. Simon, J. J. Kernohan. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.
18. That the Rev. G. Knowles Smith be appointed Chaplain to Returned Soldiers.
19. That application be made for the discharge of the Rev. H. A. Sharp, C.F.
20. That the Wellington Military Committee consider the best method of administration of the Institute in Trentham Camp in conjunction with the Military Committees of other Denominations.

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, 1918

Third Class: Ranking as Major.

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
Baumber, Rev. W.	July 3, 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.	" 10, 1915
Dawson, Rev. J.	" 10, 1915
Haslam, Rev. J. H.	" 10, 1915
Abbey, Rev. W. H. E.	" 26, 1915
Burley, Rev. W. A., M.A.	June 26, 1915
Ashcroft, Rev. A.	July 23, 1915
Neale, Rev. L. B.	Aug. 5, 1915
Peat, Rev. H. T.	" 10, 1915
Knowles-Smith, Rev. G.	Oct. 25, 1915
Speer, Rev. W. H.	Nov. 18, 1915
Te Tuhi, Rev. Eruera	May 8, 1916
Scott, Rev. W. Bramwell	April 27, 1917

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

During the past year the Minute Book of the Sydenham (Battersea Street) Trustees has been handed to the Custodian, the property having been sold, and the Trust ceased to exist. A small book, containing Minutes of Society Meetings and S.S. Teachers' Meetings held in the early days of Primitive Methodism at Waiquate, has been sent to the Custodian.

These are the only documents received. Nothing further has been done in regard to the classification and indexing of the documents. Until something of this nature is done the large number of documents at the Connexional office are of very little practical value.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Custodian.

The Report was received and adopted.

It was resolved that Rev. S. Lawry be reappointed Custodian, Rev. W. Baumber to be associated with him.

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

I.—WORK OF SYNODS AND CONFERENCE.

The Report of the Committee was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That in considering the report of the Conference Examination Committee, the findings under each question be dealt with by one vote, instead of taking a separate vote on each name, with the exception of Candidates for ordination and for the Ministry, and the Report of the Board of Examiners be limited to proposed alterations.
2. That Conveners of Committees of Details, when presenting their reports, give an outline of the reasons influencing the decision of the Committee, and to indicate whether the recommendation was agreed to unanimously or by a divided vote, especially on matters whereon the Synods have forwarded a diversity of recommendations.
3. That a small Committee of three members be appointed by each Conference to overlook and certify to the accuracy of the Daily Record, which shall not then be read to the Conference.
4. That the following method of determining the membership of the Annual Conference be adopted:—
 - (1) The Secretary of Conference shall prepare and send to the Circuits and Departments a printed circular to be filled in and signed by the Superintendent Minister, or the Minister in charge of a Department, showing:
 - (a) The number of Lay Representatives which may be appointed (to be filled in by the Secretary of Conference).
 - (b) The names and addresses of Ministers who expect to attend the Conference.
 - (c) The names and addresses of Lay Representatives.
 - (d) The names and addresses of Substitute Representatives.
 - (e) Whether or not hospitality is required.
 - (f) The latest date by which the information must be supplied.

The circulars and information to be supplied in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the Secretary, and one to the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

- (2) That the Secretary of Conference prepare cards of membership to be issued before the opening of the Conference, the list of names in the Agenda to be checked therewith; the attendance of substitutes notified thereon as early as possible, so that the names may be duly entered, and no person may occupy the

portion of the Church set apart for members of the Conference without showing his member's card, or other authority signed by the President or Secretary of the Conference.

5. That the reading of the Roll, at the beginning of the Conference, be dispensed with, and the Official Roll be compiled by the Secretary from the Agenda as corrected above.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

The following resolutions were adopted by a specially summoned meeting of the North Canterbury District Synod, and were submitted to other Synods for consideration, with a view to recommendation to Conference.

That the Conference be recommended to pass legislation providing for the appointment of District Executive Committees.

1. The Committee shall consist of not less than three, and not more than ten, Ministers and a similar number of Laymen, in each district. In all cases the Chairman of the District shall be, ex officio, Chairman of the Committee. Each Committee shall determine its own quorum.
2. Each Annual District Synod shall have the right to nominate the members of the Committee for its District, but the appointment shall be by resolution of the Conference, which shall have the power to substitute other names.
3. The duties of the Committee shall be:—
 - (1) To exercise the functions now discharged by:—
 - (a) The District Foreign Mission Committee.
 - (b) The District Home Mission Advisory Committee.
 - (c) The District Loan Fund Advisory Committee.
 - (d) Such other Committees as Conference may determine.
 - (2) To confer with and advise Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Trustees of Church property within the district respecting any Circuit or other local adjustments that may appear desirable, and make recommendations thereon to the Local Courts and the District Synod, when such action shall be deemed advisable.
 - (3) To encourage, and if necessary arrange for, such efforts as may be considered likely to promote the spiritual life of the congregations, or to facilitate the efficient working of the Church in the District.
 - (4) To take action in regard to any public matter that may require attention.
 - (5) To deal with any other matters which may be remitted thereto by Conference or the District Synods.
4. The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter to review the work of the Church in the District, and to do such other work as may be necessary.
5. The Chairman of the District shall convene the Committee for its first meeting in the Connexional year, not later than the month of May, when a Secretary shall be appointed, who shall convene all subsequent meetings at such times as may be determined by the Committee, or when requested to do so by the Chairman.

The above recommendations were considered and referred to the Committee set up for the purpose of propounding a scheme for the amalgamation of the Presidents' Advisory Committee and the Committee of Privileges, for their consideration and report to Synods and Conference.

II.—CENTENARY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN NEW ZEALAND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Centenary of the New Zealand Methodist Church be celebrated in 1922, the Rev. Samuel Leigh having landed in New Zealand in 1822, and commenced active preparation for the establishment of our Mission.
2. That the Centenary of the Introduction of Methodism into New Zealand be celebrated:—
 - (a) By suitable religious services and public gatherings, having as their object the rendering of thanksgiving to Almighty God, the deepening of the spiritual life of our people, the cultivation of a more intelligent and devoted loyalty to the doctrines and polity of our Church, and the development of a more earnest concern to make the influence of Methodism in the life of the Dominion increasingly strong and deep.
 - (b) By raising a suitable Thanksgiving Fund.

A. SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

1. That the Conference of 1922 be held in Auckland, and at such a date that a Great Thanksgiving Service may be held on February 22nd. And that a Conference Young People's Demonstration appropriate to the Centenary year be held subsequent to the above Service.
2. That the Conference set apart as a general Thanksgiving Sunday, the Sunday nearest to June 8th, on which day Thanksgiving Services shall be held in our churches throughout the Dominion. That it be recommended that the day begin with early meetings for prayer, and that suitable Young People's Gatherings be held in every church or group of churches.
3. That throughout the Connexion Week-night Centenary Gatherings be held in every Circuit. A plan of such meetings to be drawn up for the Dominion, showing dates and deputations, and that as far as possible this series of meetings be completed by June 8th.
4. That any overseas visitors who may be present at the Conference of 1922 accompanied by the President or Vice-President of the Conference, speak at as many of these meetings as possible, and that a supply be sent to the President's Circuit while he is absent on deputation work.
5. That Circuits be recommended to arrange for suitable Conventions and Evangelistic Missions during the Centenary year in addition to the above Celebrations.
6. That during the year 1921, with a view to preparing for the Centenary Commemoration of the following year, and also assisting to stimulate interest in the advocacy of the Thanksgiving Fund,

a series of meetings of an educational and inspirational character be held in each church or group of churches, at which addresses shall be given on:—

- The History of Methodism.
- Its Genius and Chief Characteristics.
- The Doctrines of our Church.
- The Place of Methodism in the World of To-day.

Also that quarterly addresses on such topics be arranged for in all our Bible Classes and Sunday Schools.

7. That immediately after the Conference of 1922, a special Day of Services be held at Whangaroa, during which a suitable Monument, commemorating the establishment of the Methodist Mission there, be unveiled. That the attendance of our Native people be specially invited, and that the President of the Conference, the Chairman of the Auckland District, and others take part in the gatherings, and a special effort be made to secure a representative attendance of Europeans. The expense of the Monument to be a charge on the General Thanksgiving Fund.
8. That a visitor from England, or, failing such an arrangement, from America, be invited to attend the Centenary Conference and take part in as many of the subsequent gatherings as possible, and that the General Conference of Australasia be also invited to send a representative.
9. That the Committee consider the following suggestions:—
 - That a Representative from Tonga be invited.
 - That Gipsy Smith be invited to conduct Evangelistic Missions in connection with the celebration, and
 - That the Committee report on suggested names to the next Conference.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

1. That a popular History of our New Zealand Methodist Church be published, to be sold at not more than 5/-, the net proceeds to be paid into the Thanksgiving Fund and devoted to assist in defraying the cost of the Whangaroa Monument. That a guarantee fund be raised to secure the Church against any loss on publication. The Committee to take into consideration the matter of suitable bindings and the advisability of having the volume printed in England, the choice of an author to be left in the hands of the Committee. That Circuits be asked to guarantee a certain number of copies.
2. That the financial arrangements be referred to the Committee for re-consideration as to the amount to be raised and the allocation thereof.
3. That a Methodist Museum be established in the Dominion, to which gifts of manuscripts, etc., connected with the establishment and development of our Church may be sent, and that Rev. W. Baumber be communicated with in order to receive his valuable advice and co-operation in this matter.
4. That to assist in organising and canvassing, two Ministers be set apart for six months each, providing that supplies can be arranged for their Circuits, and that Circuits which cannot be reached by these Agents be visited by specially appointed deputations.

5. That the effort be inaugurated at the Conference of 1921, the canvass to be completed at the Conference of 1922, and the promised amounts to be collected not later than the Conference of 1923.
6. That while contributors be allowed to allocate the whole or any part of their donations to any of the objects included in the aim of the Fund, the Conference be recommended to urge donors to pay their amounts into the General Fund without allocation, so that all the objects of the Fund, being vital to our Church life and progress, may benefit proportionately.
7. That the unallocated amount be divided pro rata among the specified objects of the Fund, excluding those objects, if any, which have already reached or exceeded the sum aimed at.
8. That to organise and supervise the Centenary Celebrations, including both the spiritual movement and the raising of the Thanksgiving Fund, a Central Committee be appointed by Conference, with District or sub-District Committees throughout the connexion.
9. The Central Committee shall consist of the President of the Conference, Revs. J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, T. G. Brooke, W. J. Elliott, W. A. Sinclair, E. T. Cox, M.A., J. Wrigley, W. A. Burley, M.A., C. H. Laws, B.A. (Convener); Messrs. A. C. Caughey, J. W. Court, T. W. Jones, W. J. Holdsworth, G. A. Buttle, J. Stanton, A. Peak, S. L. Hirst, T. B. Arthur, and as Corresponding Members:—The Vice-President, the ex-President, the Secretary of Conference, the Connxional Secretary, and Mr. E. Rosevear. The Committee to report to Synods and Conference.
10. The above Committee shall consider the proposal of establishing a Maori Girls' College as part of the Centenary Scheme.

III.—METHODIST COLLEGES IN NEW ZEALAND.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE.

(See Minutes, 1918, p. 104.)

The Committee is of opinion that, at the earliest possible date, a Secondary School, under the auspices of the Methodist Church, should be established in each Island of the Dominion. It, therefore, recommends that Committees be set up in Auckland and Christchurch to consider the best means of establishing such schools in or near to these centres, and that the Committees be given power to act, provided that the Conference is involved in no financial liability.

Without suggesting any delay in the initiation of this development of our work, the Committee would draw attention to the fact that it is proposed to set apart the sum of £10,000 from the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund to assist in the promotion of Higher Education under the auspices of our Church.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

Auckland,

C. H. LAWS, Convener.

October 9th, 1918.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. It is advisable that at the earliest possible date a Secondary School, under the auspices of the Methodist Church, either solely, or in conjunction with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches or either of them, should be established in each island of the Dominion.
2. That Committees be set up in Auckland and Christchurch to consider the best means by which such schools may be established, such Committees to have power to act, provided that the Conference is involved in no financial liability.
3. That these Committees be given power to consult with representatives of the above mentioned Churches with a view to joint action being taken in the establishment of such Secondary Schools.

Auckland Committee:—Revs. H. E. Bellhouse (President), J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, T. G. Brooke, W. A. Sinclair, W. J. Elliott, E. T. Cox, M.A., A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., H. Ranston, M.A., C. H. Laws, B.A., Messrs. A. C. Caughey, Jas. Buttle, T. W. Jones, J. W. Court, W. J. Holdsworth, G. A. Buttle, A. H. Garland, K. Dellow, J. Stanton, A. Peak, N. Law, J. W. Shackelford; Doctors McMaster, Lawry and Leslie Thompson, with power to add. Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A., Convener.

Christchurch Committee:—The ordained Ministers and Supernumeraries of the Christchurch and Kaiapoi Circuits, with the Connexional Secretary and Vice-President; Messrs. C. E. Salter, E. C. Brown, Col. G. J. Smith, Geo. Bowron, J. A. Flesher, J. C. Prudhoe, W. H. Seed, A. F. Drayton, J. Lomas, F. Thompson, S. R. Webb, L. M. Isitt, Dr. Orchard, Dr. Whetter, J. A. Purchase, M.A., Miss E. A. Chaplin, B.A.; Messrs. E. H. Andrews, J. Sinclair and A. Barrell, M.A., with power to add. Rev. W. Grigg, Convener.

IV.—LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Conference requests Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings to consider if adequate provisions are made in the organisation of each Church for Classes and Young People's 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 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, Minutes N.Z. Methodist Conference, 1905.
5. That the following be the Tutors for Local Preachers' Classes:—Auckland, Rev. H. Ranston, M.A.; Wellington, Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.; Christchurch, Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.; Dunedin, Rev. M. A. R. Pratt; and that they report to Synod.
6. That the Constitution of Local Preachers' Associations (see Minutes of Conference, 1918, pp. 101-102) be adopted, the necessary alteration being made in the Law relating to the constitution of the District Synods.

V.—MATTERS REMITTED TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

(See Minutes of Conference, 1918, p. 103)

CHURCH UNION.

The Committee of Privileges met to consider this question on October 21st, 1918, there being a good attendance of members.

Correspondence was received from the President and Vice-President of Conference, Rev. S. Lawry, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, J. Lomas and J. B. Shacklock, all of whom were in favour of union on equitable terms.

The Committee asks the Synods to give special attention to the Resolution of Conference, and to take into serious consideration the overtures of the various Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in favour of a Committee being appointed by the General Assembly to investigate the subject of Church Union. The Committee recognised the difficulty of making a pronouncement on the matter until the General Assembly had met, as the question depends entirely upon its action.

AMUSEMENT TAX.

Legal advice has been obtained showing that meetings held for Church and Philanthropic purposes are not liable to the Amusement Tax.

INSURANCE OF MINISTERS AND HOME MISSIONARIES.

Legal opinion goes to show that Churches and Home Mission Stations are not liable for the insurance of Ministers and Home Missionaries.

The Report was received and adopted.

CHURCH UNION.

The following Overture, with resolutions thereon, was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church:—

“That in view of the manifest weakness and loss occasioned to the work of the Christian Church through its manifold divisions, and especially of the waste of men, money and effort in our own country through the overlapping and over-multiplication of churches in sparsely-peopled rural districts; in view of the pressing

need at least of a living federation of the Churches for the solution of the exacting problems that the war is thrusting upon all the Churches; in view of the fact that several denominations working by our side in this Dominion are very near us, both in their interpretation of the Evangel and their general methods of work; and, above all, in view of the mind of our Lord, reflected in His word, that His people should, wherever possible, without sacrifice of essential conviction, manifest their inward unity in an outward union; the Presbytery overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand to take the subject into serious consideration, and to devise such means as may be necessary to ascertain whether the people of our Church are prepared to consider sympathetically a definite movement aiming at a union of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches of New Zealand, and of such other Christian bodies as may find it possible to come together on the basis of a common polity."

"That the Assembly adopts the overture and in order to give effect to its suggestions further resolves:—

- (1) To ascertain the mind of the Church on the question of union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches by submitting it to the Presbyterian Kirk Sessions and Congregations for their consideration and report to next Assembly.
- (2) To facilitate the inquiry, appoint a Central Committee, with a Branch Committee in every Presbytery, upon whom shall rest the responsibility of giving effect to the Assembly's instructions; the Branch Committee to report to the Central Committee not later than September 30.

In adopting this resolution, the General Assembly now declares that, whatever be the immediate or ultimate issue of these proceedings, no union shall be consummated until Parliament has passed the legislation necessary to assure to the United Church its property now held by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches respectively."

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Conference desires to express its appreciation of the action of the Presbyterian Assembly in sending a deputation to convey its fraternal greetings, and to bring before the Conference the question of Church Union, and cordially reciprocates the greetings thus brought to it.
2. The Conference receives with satisfaction the communication of the Assembly, through its Clerk, conveying the result of the discussion on Union in the recent Assembly, of its willingness cordially to receive and consider any overture in favour of Union that may be forwarded to it by the Assembly at a subsequent date.
3. The Conference is impressed by the widespread sentiment in favour of Church re-union that is stirring throughout the Christian Church to-day, and especially by the success that has thus far attended the negotiations for the corporate union of the Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodist Churches in Canada and in Australia.
4. The Conference affirms its adherence to the principle of Union between the Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodist Churches in New Zealand, providing that a satisfactory basis of Union, both as to creed and polity, can be agreed upon, the terms of which shall be equitable to the several uniting Churches.

5. The Conference is fully persuaded that such a Union would be a practical step towards the recovery of the New Testament ideals of the unity of the Christian Church, and would also remove serious causes of disability and weakness, and add greatly to the power and effectiveness of the Evangelical Church of the Dominion, and prays that the wisdom of God may continue to guide His people until this end is reached.
6. That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary of Conference to the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, and Chairman of the Congregational Union.
7. That the following Committee be set up to consider any overtures from the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches that may be received during the year, together with any other matters relating to the Union that may arise, and report to the next Conference:—
Revs. the President, G. Bond, T. G. Brooke, C. H. Laws, J. Wrigley, W. A. Sinclair, W. J. Elliott, H. Ranston; Messrs. A. C. Caughey, J. Veale, J. Stanton, A. Peak, J. W. Court, J. A. Buttle, W. J. Holdsworth and T. B. Arthur; with the Revs. the ex-President, the Secretary of Conference, S. Lawry, A. C. Lawry, J. Guy, S. Griffith and E. P. Blamires; Messrs. the Vice-President, Col. G. J. Smith, C. M. Luke, J. A. Flesher, W. H. Seed, E. Rosevear, E. H. Penny and C. E. Bellringer. Convener, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.

RE BAPTIST UNION.

This Conference cordially receives the communication from the Baptist Union, and heartily reciprocates the fraternal greetings therein contained. It realises how much the Baptist and Methodist Churches have in common, both in evangelical doctrine and in Church ideals, and rejoices in the cordial relations which obtain throughout the Dominion between the Ministers and people of the two Churches. It is, however, unable to accept the view of the Sacrament of Baptism which is suggested to it in the communication now acknowledged, and believes that, for the present, a movement for the corporate union of the two Churches must be delayed. It trusts, however, that the operations of the two Churches may continue to be carried on in brotherly good feeling and in a spirit of mutual consideration and co-operation, and that, in the near future it may be possible to commence negotiations for union more hopefully than can be done to-day.

QUESTION L.—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, Rev. W. J. Williams, Messrs. J. Veale, G. Tiller, H. Brittain, W. E. Redstone, E. Kellow, J. A. Flesher, C. M. Luke, J. Lomas, A. J. Luke, J. B. Shacklock, H. Holland, A. Peak and T. H. Jones. 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.

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

Thanks to the Ex-President.

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the ex-President, Rev. T. A. Joughin, for his faithful and effective charge delivered to the newly ordained Ministers, and that he be respectfully requested to allow the same to be published in the "Methodist Times."

Labour Aims and Ideals.

1. That this Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand affirms its full sympathy with Labour in its efforts to secure its fair and equitable rights, including improved conditions, increased wages, and shorter hours, and pledges itself to assist Labour to that end.
2. The Conference strongly recommends to both employer and employed the principle of co-partnership and profit sharing in all forms of industry.

Laymen Having Official Positions in Conference.

That par. 245, page 69, Book of Laws, having reference to a six years' limitation, be rescinded.

Peace Hymn.

The Conference approved of a hymn composed by Mr. J. Ball (Wanganui), as one that may be used in Peace Celebrations in our Churches.

Ministerial Invitations.

That the following be referred to the Circuit Quarterly Meetings and District Synods, the findings to be reported to next Conference.

1. That the provision in paragraphs 89 and 206 of the Book of Laws, requiring invitations for a sixth or subsequent year's appointment, to be supported by a written statement of reasons, signed by the Circuit Stewards, and that such appointment be regarded as a special case, be repealed.
2. That no appointment beyond the fifth year shall be made except upon the request of a three-fourths majority of those present at the September Quarterly Meeting.
3. The voting to be by ballot.

Press Reporter.

The Conference appoints Mr. H. Field as General Press Reporter in Auckland.

Pew Rents.

That Boards of Trustees be urged to consider the advisability of abolishing pew rents in our churches.

League of Nations.

The Conference welcomes the fact that the aims and efforts of the Allied Nations have been expressed in the idea of the League of Nations. We regard this principle as essential to the safety of democracy, the rights of nationality for great and small States alike, the progress of disarmament, and the prospects of permanent peace. We trust that this object will be so promoted at the coming Peace Conference, as to mark a new stage in the development of civilisation, and we recognise in this idea a new token of increasing conquest of the world by the Prince of Peace.

Widows' Pensions.

The Government having seen the necessity for making adequate provision for the needs of widows and fatherless children left desolate through the influenza epidemic, this Conference further urges upon the Government the necessity of raising the amounts paid under the Widows' Pension Act, so that a widow and her children shall be able to live upon the sums granted, also that the fact of her receiving pay from some other pension or superannuation fund shall not make her ineligible for receiving help from the Widows' Pension Fund.

Calling of Trustee Meetings.

That the provisions of the Model Deed be so altered that the Secretary of a Trust Board, when so authorised by the Chairman, may sign notices convening Trustee Meetings.

President's Advisory Committee.

Revs. G. Bond, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. J. Elliott, Messrs. T. W. Jones, A. Peak, J. Stanton, LL.B.

Standing Committee.

The following were appointed a Committee to consider during the year the advisability of appointing a Standing Committee of Conference to meet from time to time as may be necessary; such Committee to take the place of the President's Advisory Committee, and of the Committee of Privileges, its numbers and powers to be determined by the Conference. The President and Secretary of Conference, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., W. A. Sinclair, T. A. Joughin, A. C. Lawry, S. Lawry, W. Baumber, P. N. Knight, B.A., W. J. Williams; Messrs. the Vice-President (Mr. J. H. Blackwell), J. C. Prudhoe, W. H. Seed, G. J. Smith, J. Lomas, C. E. Salter and J. A. Flesher. Convener, Rev. T. A. Joughin.

Removal Expenses.

1. That the proposals for a scheme whereby Removal Expenses may be paid out of Connexional Funds be referred to Quarterly Meetings and Synods for report to next Conference.

2. That the Home Mission Advisory Committee of the South Canterbury District, with Mr. M. H. Hamilton (Temuka), as a special member, and Mr. T. P. Hughson (Cape Egmont), as a corresponding member, take into consideration a scheme to carry the aforementioned proposal into effect and report as directed.

Boy Scouts and Girl Peace Scouts.

The Conference, recognising the great value of these movements, recommends that wherever possible, these organisations be formed in connection with our Church, and that Trustees be urged to place church premises at the disposal of troops.

The Late Thomas Buddle.

In noting the reference in the Report of the Probert Trust of the death of Mr. Thomas Buddle, late Treasurer of the estate, this Conference places on record its high appreciation of the valuable services which Mr. Buddle rendered to the Church. The Probert Estate was only one of many departments of Church activity to which Mr. Buddle devoted himself. In expressing its regret at the loss of such a useful member of the Church the Conference would also respectfully convey its sympathy to Mr. Buddle's widow and family.

President's Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. A. Flesher be reappointed.

Conversation on the Work of God.

That a Committee be appointed to consider during the year, and report to next Conference, how the time devoted to the Conversation on the Work of God can be used to the fullest advantage; the Committee to consist of Revs. the President, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. A. Sinclair, W. J. Elliott (Convener), H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., Messrs. G. A. Buttle, H. Field, T. B. Arthur and G. A. R. Thomas.

That the above Committee also consider how the Conference method of dealing with obituaries of deceased Ministers, and of recognising the work of Ministers becoming Supernumeraries, can be made more effective.

QUESTION LII.—When and Where shall the Next Conference be held?

On Thursday, February 26th, 1920, in the Pitt Street Church, Auckland.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, President.

EDWARD DRAKE, Secretary.

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 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
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edward Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	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. Fairclough	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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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.

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 J. 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.)</p> <p>1861—Cannell, William (Supy.)</p> <p>1862—Smith, John (Supy.)</p> <p>1864—Lee, William (Supy.)</p> <p>1867—Oliver, William C. (Supy.)</p> <p>1868—Bull, Henry (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, McNicoll, David (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)</p> <p>1869—Beck, William H. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Simmonds, Joseph H.</p> <p>1870—Lewis, John J. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Williams, William J. (Supy.)</p> <p>1871—Bond, George (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Carr, Thomas G. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Thomas, James (Supy.)</p> <p>1872—Ward, Josiah</p> <p>1874—Clover, James (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Hammond, Thomas G.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Jory, John D. (Supy.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Murray, Daniel J.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Nixon, John (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Standage, Charles H. (Supy.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber, William (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Griffin, Cornelius (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Luxford, John A., C.M.G.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Potter, William S. (Supy.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Lawry, Samuel</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Peters, Alfred</p> <p>1879—Abernethy, Christopher</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Hudson, Lewis (Supy.)</p> <p>1880—Brooke, Thomas G.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Dukes, John</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Griffin, Thomas N. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Pinfold, James T., D.D.</p> | <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Jones, T. Francis (Supy.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Mather, Joseph J. (Supy.)</p> <p>1884—Laycock, William</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Ready, William</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Rothwell, Benjamin F.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Wallis, T. Jackson</p> <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Clement, George</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Joughin, Thomas A.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Laws, Charles H., B.A.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Wrigley, James</p> <p>1888—Dawson, John</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Grigg, William</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Olphert, John</p> <p>1889—Chapman, James G.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Knight, Percy N., B.A.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Read, Frederick T.</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Harding, Arthur</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Mitchell, Arthur</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Newbold, Thos. W. (Supy.)</p> <p>1891—Boys, Frederick W. (Supy.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Sinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Raine, Robert</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Elliott, William J.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Frost, George</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Harrison, Colin C.</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Henderson, Samuel</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Vealie, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Griffin, John W.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Lochore, John A.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
F.R.E.S.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">,, Hosking, James A.</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued)

- 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
 „ Milne, J. Napier
 „ 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
 „ Ryan, Henry
- 1908—Speer, William H.
 „ Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cottom, Harry
 „ McArthur, John D.
 „ Turner, Nicholas
- 1910—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 L.
 „ 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—Batley, Percy
 „ Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Burnet, Oswald
 „ Foston, Charles A.
 „ Harris, Francis T.
 „ Marshall, Henry H.
 „ Sullivan, Joseph R.
 „ Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 „ Mogridge, Sidney J.
 „ Minifie, A. J. Lester,
 „ Olds, E. Thomas
 „ Odell, Henry J.
 „ Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.
 „ Fordyce, Robert E.
 „ Hocking, William H.
 „ Kendon, Charles H.
 „ Sage, Ernest E.
 „ Smith, William S.
 „ Warburton, Egbert R.
- 1917—Blight, William T.
 „ Costain, Alfred M.
 „ Dennis, John
 „ Dent, Tom
 „ Nelson, John R.
 „ Parker, Fredk. J.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued)

1918—Neal, Wallace S.	1919—Cuming, William B.
„ Parker, James W.	„ Ford, Herbert
„ Skuse, Thomas	„ Gatman, William
1919—Chambers, Ernest B.	„ Jefferson, Alfred E.

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882—Rakena, Piripi	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
1904—Papakakura, Neho Hemi	

APPENDIX.

The Rev. S. F. Prior (1875), Supernumerary of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, resides 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 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 (Supy.)	Christchurch, Papanui	1919	Christchurch
1907	Abbey, William H. E.	Gisborne	2	351 Palmerston Rd., Gisborne
1895	Ashcroft, Arthur	Palmerston North	2	23 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North
1906	Avery, William W.	Ohoka	3	Ohoka, Canterbury
1901	Bailey, Samuel	Willowby	2	Parsonage, Willowby
1913	Bathey, Percy			With Expeditionary Forces
1876	Baumber, William (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham Street)	1918	169 Hackthorne Rd., Christchurch
1869	Beck, William H. (Supy.)	Wellington South	1913	171 Queen's Drive, Lyall Bay
1898	Beckett, William	Christchurch (Sydenham)	3	4 Harper St., Sydenham, Christchurch
1894	Bellhouse, Harold E.	Auckland West	4	32 Arthur St., Auckland
1913	Bensley, Arthur A.	Inglewood	1	Parsonage, Inglewood
1907	Blair, Charles	Petone	1	37 Nelson St., Petone
1900	Blamires, E. Percy	Christchurch East	3	173 Fitzgerald Av., Christchurch
1904	Blamires, Ernest O.	Hamilton	2	London St., Hamilton
1896	Blamires, Henry L.	Wanganui	6	Wicksteed St., Wanganui
1887	Blight, Joseph (Supy.)	Auckland (Avondale)	1910	Methodist Orphanage, Mt. Albert
1917	Blight, William T.			With Expeditionary Forces
1871	Bond, George (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	Banff Av., Epsom, Auckland
1891	Boys, Frederick W. (Supy.)	Palmerston North (Broad St.)	1919	Palmerston North
1880	Brooke, Thomas G.	H.M. General Secretary	11	Penryn Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1916	Brown, George E.	Reefton	1	Reefton
1868	Bull, Henry (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham St.)	1911	40 Clissold St., Merivale, Christchurch
1910	Burley, William A., M.A.	Auckland (Avondale)	2	Parsonage, Mt. Albert, Auckland
1914	Burnet, Oswald	Mosgiel	2	Mosgiel

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1861	Cannell, William (Supy.)	New Plymouth	1900	112 Young St., New Plymouth
1871	Carr, Thomas G. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	Mt. Eden, Auckland
1919	Chambers, Ernest B.	Opotiki	1	Opotiki
1889	Chapman, James G.	Wellington (Taranaki St.)	9	38 Macfarlane St., Wellington
1896	Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Without Pastoral Charge		Registrar, University, Auckland
1906	Clark, James R.	Whangarei	3	Bank St., Whangarei
1887	Clement, George	Invercargill (Elles Road)	5	57 Elles Road, Invercargill South
1874	Clover, James (Supy.)	Hamilton	1917	Claudelands, Hamilton
1902	Coatsworth, Thomas	Otautau	2	Parsonage, Otautau
1890	Cocker, James	Masterton	1	46 Worksop Rd., Masterton
1901	Cook, George S.	Palmerston North (Broad St.)	1	126 Church St., Palmerston North
1915	Cooke, Percy I.	Auckland (Birkenhead)	1	Birkenhead, Auckland
1905	Copeland, Fred.	Christchurch (Woolston)	3	46 Radley Rd., Woolston, Christchurch
1897	Cossum, Percy J.	Rangitikei	3	Marton, Rangitikei
1917	Costain, Alfred M.	Wanganui	1	Gonville, Wanganui
1909	Cottom, Harry	Morrinsville	1	Morrinsville
1908	Cox, Edwin T., M.A.	Auckland Methodist Mission	5	East St. Hall, Newton, Auckland
1919	Cuming, Wm. B.	Edendale	1	Edendale
1888	Dawson, John	Sec. N.Z. Alliance		136 Coromandel St., Wellington
1917	Dennis, John	St. Albans (Edgeware Rd.)	1	
1917	Dent, Tom	Timaru (Bank Street)	1	Timaru - <i>42 High Street.</i>
1871	Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1911	Spring St., Onehunga
1893	Drake, Edward	Wellington South	4	89 Daniel St., Wellington South
1898	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S.	Wanganui North	1	Aramoho, Wanganui
1880	Dukes, John	Te Aroha	4	Te Aroha
1852	Dumbell, John (Supy.)	Wellington (Thorndon)	1885	Sydney St., Wellington
1901	Eaton, Clarence	Dunedin Central Mission	5	56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin
1893	Elliott, William J.	Auckland (North Shore)	4	17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland
1911	Enticott, Walter J.	Paeroa	1	Paeroa
1901	Featherston, Jacob	Milton	4	Milton, Otago
1877	Fee, Thomas (Supy.)	Christchurch (St. Albans)	1913	Barbadoes St., St. Albans, Christchurch

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1919	Ford, Herbert	Dunedin (Trinity)	1	Glenavon, Dunedin
1916	Fordyce, Robert E.	Te Aroha (Supply)	1	Te Aroha
1914	Foston, Charles A.	Waipawa	3	Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa
1911	Fowles, Albert H.	Greendale-Malvern	2	Greendale-Canterbury
1912	Frost, Fred L.	Lyttelton	1	19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton
1893	Frost, George	Papakura	1	Papakura
1919	Gatman, Wm.	Palmerston North (Broad St.)	1	Ashhurst
1912	Gosnell, Robert B.	South Wairarapa	1	Main Street, Greytown
1900	Greenslade, William	Blenheim	1	Blenheim
1897	Greenwood, Fred	Otahuhu	1	Otahuhu
1876	Griffin, Cornelius (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1914	7 Eglinton Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1895	Griffin, John W.	Waiuku	1	Waiuku, Auckland
1880	Griffin, Thomas N. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham St.)	1918	Christchurch
1882	Griffith, Samuel	Dunedin (Caversham)	2	66 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin
1888	Grigg, William	Christchurch (Cambridge Tr.)	1	227 Cambridge Tr., Christchurch
1875	Guy, James	Rangiora	4	142 King Street, Rangiora
1874	Hammond, Thomas G.	General Supt. Maori Mission	3	Putaruru
1890	Harding, Arthur	Foxton	3	Foxton, Manawatu
1910	Harris, Archer O.	Timaru	1	111 Arthur St., Timaru
1914	Harris, Francis T.	Temuka	1	Birkett St., Temuka
1905	Harris, John	Springston	2	Parsonage, Springston, Canterbury
1893	Harrison, Colin C.	Onehunga	4	Grey St., Onehunga
1900	Haslam, Jonathan H.	Levin	2	Queen St. East, Levin
1897	Hay, W. Arthur	Timaru	1	Butler St., Timaru
1894	Henderson, Samuel	Te Awamutu	3	Te Awamutu
1912	Hinton, George B.	Kaponga	1	Kaponga
1916	Hocking, William H.	Taihape	2	Taihape
1911	Hopper, Arthur	Dunedin (St. Kilda)	4	52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh
1900	Hosking, James A.	Eltham	1	Conway Rd., Eltham
1879	Hudson, Lewis (Supy.)	Christchurch	1918	165 Ollivier's Rd., Linwood, Christchurch
1900	Hunt, George P.	Geraldine	5	Geraldine, Canterbury

ALPHAPETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued

ENT	NAME	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1903	James, Benjamin J.	Sanson-Rongotea	2	Sanson, Manawatu
1919	Jefferson, Alfred E.	Matamata	1	Matamata
1876	Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)	Feilding	1901	Kimbolton Rd., Feilding
1882	Jones, Thomas F. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1919	
1908	Jordan, Charles B., B.A.	Rangiora	2	Woodend, Canterbury
1874	Jory, John D. (Supy.)	Auckland (Birkenhead)	1912	"Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland
1887	Joughin, Thomas A.	Christchurch (Papanui)	1	Matson's Rd., Papanui
1899	Keall, R. Purcell	Woodville	2	Woodville
1916	Kendon, Charles H.	Tauranga	1	Tauranga
1889	Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Christchurch (Durham Street)	6	54 Chester St., Christchurch
1912	Lawrence, Frederick B.	Waitara	1	Parsonage, Waitara
1885	Lawry, Albert C.	Christchurch (St. Albans)	4	Rugby St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1877	Lawry, Samuel	Connexional Secretary	9	P.O. Box 931, Christchurch
1887	Laws, Charles H., B.A.	Auckland Central	6	10 Hopetoun S., Auckland
1884	Laycock, William	Leeston	3	Parsonage, Leeston
1911	Lea, William			With the Expeditionary Forces
1864	Lee, William (Supy.)	Auckland East	1907	Henley Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1870	Lewis, John J.	Auckland East	1919	
1903	Liddell, Ralph J.	Gore	1	Irk St., Gore
1900	Liversedge, Arthur	Hawera	2	South Rd., Hawera
1895	Lochore, John A.	Oamaru	6	Eden St., Oamaru
1876	Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Auckland Central	1916	Military Hosp., Walton-on-Thames, Eng.
1909	McArthur, John D.	Cambridge	1	Queen St., Cambridge
1904	McBean, Angus	Hastings	1	Queen St. East, Hastings
1868	McNicol, David (Supy.)	Auckland (North Shore)	1909	
1883	Marshall, George T.	Theological College	1	
1914	Marshall, Henry H.	Without Pastoral Charge		
1908	Martin, J. Frederick	Pukekohe	3	Pukekohe, Auckland
1883	Mather, Joseph J. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	Henley Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1905	Metson, Basil	Tai Tapu	4	Tai Tapu, Canterbury
1902	Milne, J. Napier	New Plymouth	1	Liardet St., New Plymouth

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1915	Minifie, A. J. Lester	Pahiatua	1	Pahiatua
1890	Mitchell, Arthur	Thames	1	Queen St., Thames
1915	Mogridge, Sidney J.	Without Pastoral Charge		Blenheim
1875	Murray, Daniel J.	Hutt	3	Parsonage, Lower Hutt
1918	Neal, Wallace S.	Waimarino	1	Raetihi
1911	Neale, Leslie B.			With Expeditionary Forces
1917	Nelson, John R.	Auckland East	1	
1890	Newbold, Thomas W. (Supy.)	Dunedin (Trinity)	1912	516 Cumberland St., Dunedin
1875	Nixon, John (Supy.)	Rotorua		
1915	Odell, Henry J.	Manaia	1	Manaia
1910	Olds, Charles H., B.A.	S.S. and Y.P. Secretary	1	Christchurch
1915	Olds, E. Thomas	Hamilton	1	Hamilton East, Waikato
1867	Oliver, William C. (Supy.)	Christchurch (St. Albans)	1909	8 Dudley Tr., Shirley, Christchurch
1888	Olphert, John	Waihi	3	Regent St., Waihi
1902	Oxbrow, Walter J.	Dunedin (Dundas St.)	2	52 Dundas St., Dunedin
1906	Paris, Percy R.	Auckland Central	3	619 Dominion Rd., Auckland
1917	Parker, Fredk. J.	Dunedin, Roslyn (Supply)	1	
1918	Parker, James W.	Eketahuna	1	Eketahuna
1912	Parsons, John E.	Auckland East		Mt. Eden
1902	Patchett, Ernest D.	Nelson	2	Hardy St., Nelson
1913	Peat, Harold T.	Rotorua	1	Rotorua
1892	Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Port Chalmers	4	Scotia St., Port Chalmers
1877	Peters, Alfred	Invercargill (Leet Street)	3	198 Dee St., Invercargill
1881	Pinfold, James T., D.D.	Wellington South	2	Wellington South
1876	Potter, William S.	Auckland West	1919	
1902	Pratt, M. A. Rugby	Dunedin (Trinity)	1	169 York Place, Dunedin
1897	Pybus, T. Arthur	Dunedin (Roslyn)	4	36 Brighton Rd., Roslyn, Dunedin
1892	Raine, Robert	Dunedin (Cargill Road)	4	94 Macandrew Rd., South Dunedin
1901	Ranston, Harry, M.A.	Auckland Central	4	8 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland
1889	Read, Frederick T.	Wellington (Kilbirnie)	2	58 Wellington Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington
1901	Reader, Amos	Wellington (Thorndon)	4	17 Goring St., Wellington

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1885	Ready, William	Kaiapoi	2	Parsonage, Kaiapoi
1911	Richards, Horace L.	New Plymouth	3	Fitzroy, New Plymouth
1910	Richards, James	Dannevirke	2	High St., Dannevirke
1905	Richards, Raymond	Feilding	1	Halcombe
1895	Richards, Thomas R.	Napier	6	Madeira Steps, Napier
1906	Roberts, Charles	Paparoa	3	Paparoa, North Auckland
1885	Rothwell, Benjamin F.	Dunedin (Mornington)	1	56 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin
1911	Rowe, William	Johnsonville	3	Johnsonville, Wellington
1908	Ryan, Henry	Blenheim	2	Tua Marina, Marlborough
1916	Sage, Ernest E.	Auckland (Avondale)	2	Avondale, Auckland
1907	Scott, W. Bramwell			With Expeditionary Force
1900	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Waimate	3	Coronation St., Waimate
1903	Seamer, Arthur J.	Christchurch (Addington)	1	100 Harman St., Addington, Ch.Ch.
1910	Sharp, Harold A.	Invercargill (Don Street)	1	228 Spey St., Invercargill
1869	Simmonds, Joseph H.	Wesley Training College	25	Three Kings, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1891	Sinclair, William A.	Conference F.M. Secretary	1	N.Z. Insurance Bldgs., Queen St., Auck.
1918	Skuse, Thomas	Bluff	2	14 Elizabeth St., Bluff
1915	Slade, William G., M.A.	Otaki	1	Otaki
1868	Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1903	91 St. Paul's Rd, Canonbury, London N.
1892	Smith, G. Knowles	Wellington Central Mission	7	21 Hankey St., Wellington
1862	Smith, John (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1891	35 Fairview Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1916	Smith, William S.			With Expeditionary Forces
1899	Southern, John	Northern Wairoa	2	Dargaville
1908	Speer, William H.	Auckland West	2	52 Collingwood St., Auckland
1875	Standage, Charles H. (Supy.)	Timaru	1915	Timaru
1904	Stockwell, George F.	Feilding	3	West St., Feilding
1914	Sullivan, Joseph R.	Without Pastoral Charge		Residing in England
1871	Thomas, James (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1907	Brockville Rd., Toorak, Melbourne
1908	Tinsley, R. Borrows	Stratford	4	Stratford, Taranaki
1909	Turner, Nicholas	Without Pastoral Charge	1	203 Lichfield St., Christchurch
1894	Vealie, Thomas W.	Ashburton	1	Havelock St., Ashburton

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.--Continued

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1912	Walker, William	Christchurch East	2	16 Union St., New Brighton, Ch.Ch.
1885	Wallis, Thomas J.	Greymouth	2	138 Tainui St., Greymouth
1916	Warburton, Egbert R.	Wellington (Thorndon)	1	Karori
1876	Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Cambridge Tr.)	1910	Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1872	Ward, Josiah	Carterton	5	High St., Carterton
1912	Watson, William A.	Westport	1	Derby St., Westport
1914	Werren, Samuel J.	Balclutha	1	Balclutha
1906	White, Hedley	King Country Rural Mission	1	Taumarunui
1870	Williams, William J. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Woolston)	1914	Sumner, Christchurch
1899	Wills, William	Richmond	2	Parsonage, Richmond, Nelson
1901	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Auckland (North Shore)	1	Takapuna
1887	Wrigley, James	Auckland East	5	Pukenui Road, Epsom
NATIVE MINISTERS.				
1900	Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki	West Coast Maori Mission	20	Normanby, Taranaki
1903	Hare, Hone M.	Northern Maori Mission	10	Te Kopua
1896	Heretini, Te Tuhi	Northern Maori Mission	12	Whirinaki, Hokianga
1911	Kakuere, Hori	Northern Maori Mission	5	Raglan
1904	Papakakura, Noho Hemi	West Coast Maori Mission	3	Rahotu
1914	Piripi, Rakena	Southern Maori Mission	3	Rapaki, Canterbury
1915	Paikea, Paraire R.	Northern Maori Mission	3	Otorohanga, Waikato
1882	Rakena, Piripi	Northern Maori Mission	5	Ivydale, Kohu Kohu, Hokianga
1900	Renata, Hāpeta	Northern Maori Mission	18	Kaeo, Whangaroa
1911	Te Tuhi, Eruera	Northern Maori Mission	7	Reweti, Auckland
1911	Wilcox, Davis	Northern Maori Mission	8	Opua, Bay of Islands

**CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF HOME MISSIONARIES
AND HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS
WITH THEIR POSTAL ADDRESSES.**

N.B.—Only complete years of service count. The number following the address indicates the years of present appointment.

- 1896—J. H. White, 87 Mitchell St., Brooklyn, Wellington, 7.
 1904—C. Aker, Ohura, King Country, 1.
 1904—W. T. Hooper, Riccarton, Christchurch, 3.
 1905—P. J. Mairs, Huntly, Waikato, 2.
 1907—S. Keen, Lawrence, Otago, 5.
 1907—A. Laybourn, Waddington, Canterbury, 1.
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Hokitika, Westland, 2.
 1908—C. W. Brown, Ngaruawahia, Waikato, 1.
 1908—W. E. Sleep, Nightcaps, Southland, 1.
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Roxburgh, Otago, 3.
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Mayfield, Canterbury, 2.
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki, 4.
 1910—C. Duncan, Hawarden, North Canterbury, 1.
 1911—C. Strand, Opunake, Taranaki, 2.
 1911—A. E. Haynes, Murchison, Nelson, 1.
 1912—J. Common, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty, 1.
 1913—A. Fitchett, Arapohue, Northern Wairoa, 1.
 1914—F. E. Foot, Oxford, North Canterbury, 4.
 1915—H. Spencer, Linwood, Christchurch, 1.
 1916—J. H. Edmondson, Port Albert, Kaipara, Auckland, 1.
 1916—A. Nicholls, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty, 1.
 1916—W. B. Pickering, Waikouaiti, Otago, 4.
 1916—J. Richards, Apiti, Feilding, 2.
 1917—C. J. People, Kaitangata, Otago, 1.
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Cromwell, Otago, 3.
 1918—F. T. Broom, Te Kuiti, King Country, 1.
 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Motueka, Nelson, 1.
 1919—J. Belshaw, Ashburton, 2.
 1919—J. Boothroyd, Porirua, Wellington, 1.
 1919—H. C. Orchard, Warkworth, Auckland, 2.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

- 1915—O. S. Pearn, Addington, Christchurch, 1.
 1915—F. G. Brown, Hikurangi, Auckland, 1.
 1915—H. S. Kings, Mangonui, Auckland, 1.
 1916—W. Alexander, Paraparaumu, Wellington, 2.
 1917—J. H. Allen, Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islands, 1.
 1917—N. Challenger, Rawene, Hokianga, 1.
 1917—G. H. Cule, Douglas, Taranaki, 1.
 1917—F. C. Pace, Kaukapakapa, Auckland, 1.
 1917—R. T. H. Wearne, Wakefield, Nelson, 1.
 1918—E. Ranson, Kaeo, Whangaroa, 1.
 1919—J. F. Jack, Havelock, Marlborough, 1.
 1919—V. S. Mercer, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay, 1.
 1919—E. H. Brooker, Leamington, Cambridge, Waikato, 1.

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.

- 1915—J. Field, Riverton, Southland, 2.
 1917—E. D. M. King, Okato, Taranaki, 3.
 1918—T. Roseveare, St. Kilda, Dunedin, 2.

NATIVE HOME MISSIONARIES.

- Wi Kaitara, Toanui, Raetihi, Waimarino.
 Hone Tamati, Oparure, Te Kuiti, King Country.
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APPENDIX.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—General Fund.

Cash Account for year ending 10th January, 1919.

Treasurers—Rev. S. LAWRY and Mr. J. A. FLESHER.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
To Balance forward—		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Invested on Mortgage	600	0	0				
Cash on Deposit—P.O. Savings Bank	535	6	3				
Cash at Bank	447	18	6				
				1583	4	9	
„ Loan Instalments repaid				1822	5	3	
„ Interest on Overdue Instalments	26	18	10				
„ Interest on Mortgage Deposits	26	7	4				
Less Interest on Bank O/D	0	10	0				
	25	17	4				
	85	16	2				
„ Contributions from Trusts	54	15	0				
„ Working Expenses Fees	42	18	2				
„ Commission on Hymn Book Sales	23	7	10				
				206	17	2	
				£3612	7	2	
By Loans—							
Brooklyn	80	0	0				
Sydenham	256	0	0				
Greendale	250	0	0				
Dominion Road	250	0	0				
Kensington	300	0	0				
Wanganui East	150	0	0				
Enfield	150	0	0				
Paekakariki	125	0	0				
Warkworth	275	0	0				
Lyttelton	100	0	0				
Matangi	300	0	0				
Balclutha	150	0	0				
							2380 0 0
„ Grant to Connexional Secretary's Office	83	6	9				
„ Printing and Stationery	1	0	0				
„ Stamps and Telegrams	3	13	3				
„ Bank Charges and Exchanges	1	0	0				
							89 0 0
„ Balances—							
Investment on Mortgage	600	0	0				
Cash on Deposit—P.O. Savings Bank	77	13	7				
„ Cash on Deposit—Building Societies	600	0	0				
				1277	13	7	
Less Dr. Balance at Bank	134	6	5				
							1143 7 2
				£3612	7	2	£3612 7 2

January 28th, 1919.

Audited and found correct.

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

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—General Fund.

BALANCE-SHEET AT 10th JANUARY, 1919.

LIABILITIES.			£	s.	d.	ASSETS.			£	s.	d.
Accumulated Capital	...	...	10,041	14	11	Outstanding Balances of Loans			9127	18	3
Working Expense Fund	...	...	229	10	6	Mortgage	...	...	600	0	0
						Deposits—P.O.S. Bank	...	...	77	13	7
						Building Societies	...	...	600	0	0
									677	13	7
						Less Dr. Balance at Bank	...	...	10,405	11	10
									134	6	5
			£10,271	5	5				£10,271	5	5

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Special Branch.

BALANCE-SHEET at 10th JANUARY, 1919.

LIABILITIES.			£	s.	d.	ASSETS.			£	s.	d.
Accumulated Capital as at 10/1/18	...	...	3889	10	10	Outstanding Balances of Loans	...	...	3210	2	1
Add Graham Legacy	...	...	50	0	0	Deposits Mut. Benefit Soc.	...	...	250	0	0
						P.O. Savings Bank	...	...	106	18	5
Less Loss on Cheviot Sale	...	...	3939	10	10	Cash at Bank of N.Z.	...	...	356	18	5
			2	9	9				370	0	7
			£3937	1	1				£3937	1	1

January 28th, 1919.

Audited and found correct,

ARTHUR C. REED
A. K. ENGLAND Auditors.

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

College Account for year ended 31st December, 1918.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December 31, 1918—													
To Salaries	507	16	0				December 31st, 1918—						
„ Wages	101	3	5				„ By Rent of Hill Paddock ...	90	0	0			
„ Bread, Meat, Groceries, Fuel, Seeds, Manure, Ironmongery, Drapery, etc.	474	10	6				„ School Fees Received ...	75	0	0			
„ Connexional Charges	48	2	0				„ Sale of Produce	2	7	6			
„ Rates and Taxes	4	0	4				„ Income and Expenditure A/c				157	7	6
„ Purchases of Stock	14	0	0								1095	18	0
„ Repairs and Maintenance	103	13	3										
				1253	5	6							
				£1253	5	6					£1253	5	6

General Expenses Account for year ended 31st December, 1918.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
December 31, 1918—							December 31, 1918—							
To Salary, Secretary	100	0	0				By Income and Expenditure A/c	849	15	5				
„ Wages spent in maintaining properties	145	6	2											
„ Repairs and Maintenance	299	1	5											
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	21	16	7											
„ Insurance	23	12	6											
„ Rates and Taxes	189	17	7											
„ Solicitors' Fees	1	16	0											
„ Survey Fees	16	16	0											
„ Audit Fee	5	5	0											
„ Ranger's Fees	4	10	0											
„ Stamps and Petties	20	8	7											
„ Principal's Expenses	5	2	3											
„ Proportion of Board Room Furniture	10	0	0											
„ Proportion of Board Rent and Telephone	6	3	4											
						849	15	5						
						£849	15	5				£849	15	5

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Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December, 1918.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
December 31, 1918—					December 31, 1918—					
To College Account	...	1095	18	0	By Rents	...	1833	14	11	
„ General Account	...	849	15	5	„ Interest	...	416	11	7	
„ Farm Working Account	...	570	13	0			2250	6	6	
				2516	6	5		265	19	11
				£2516	6	5		£2516	6	5
To Balance	...									
„ Capital A/c	...				By Profit on Sale of Mt. Eden land			2500	0	0
				265	19	11				
				2234	0	1		£2500	0	0
				£2500	0	0		£2500	0	0

Building Fund Account, 31st December, 1918.

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

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account			4009 3 3	Loan on Mortgage:—			
				Mrs. Harbutt	2100	0	0
				Interest accrued	54	16	5
							2154 16 5
				Loan at Call	250	0	0
				Interest accrued	10	8	4
							260 8 4
				Bank of N.Z., on fixed deposit ...	1001	6	9
				Interest accrued	34	16	9
							1036 3 6
				Auckland Savings Bank	400	0	0
				Interest accrued	12	15	0
							412 15 0
				Cash in General Trust A/c			145 0 0
							£4009 3 3
			<u>£4009 3 3</u>				<u>£4009 3 3</u>

Balance-sheet, 31st December, 1918.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loan on Mortgage:—							
Public Trustee	...	9782	3	9			
Interest accrued	...	134	10	1			
					9916	13	10
Loan on Mortgage:—							
Smith and Caughey, Ltd.	...	1400	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	14	0	8			
					1414	0	8
Loan—Smith and Caughey, Ltd.		3254	3	0			
Interest accrued	...	29	18	1			
					3284	1	1
Loan:—							
Home Mission and Church	Ext.						
Fund	...	350	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	4	7	6			
					354	7	6
Loans free of Interest:—							
S. J. Ambury	...	200	0	0			
Geo. Winstone, Senr.	...	200	0	0			
A. C. Caughey	...	200	0	0			
Wm. Thorne	...	250	0	0			
					850	0	0
Bank of New Zealand	...	1632	18	9			
Interest accrued	...	36	2	6			
					1669	1	3
Sundry Creditors	...				623	13	1
Rents received from Tenants	in						
Advance	...				153	15	2
Capital: General Trust A/c		60226	2	3			
Building Fund Trust A/c		4009	3	3			
					64235	5	6
Carried forward		82,500	18	1			

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
City and Suburban Properties	...	46024	11	4			
Kawhia Property	...	338	0	0			
Dalkeith Estate	...	15832	12	0			
					62195	3	4
Improvements to Farm Properties					617	4	9
Dalkeith Farm Stock	...				1434	0	0
Dalkeith Farm Plant and Horses	...	380	1	1			
Less Depreciation	...	38	1	1			
					342	0	0
Loan on Mortgage:—							
De Luen and Hardley	...	9600	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	120	0	0			
					9720	0	0
Loan on Mortgage:—							
Mt. Eden Land Co., Ltd.	...	2651	11	0			
Interest accrued	...	51	13	4			
					2703	4	4
Loan on Mortgage:—							
H. Schmidt	...	500	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	6	12	8			
					506	12	8
Loan on Mortgage:—							
E. W. Buckeridge	...	306	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	2	0	3			
					308	0	3
Building Fund:—							
Loan on Mtge: Mrs Harbutt	...	2100	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	54	16	5			
					2154	16	5
Loan: A. C. Caughey	...	250	0	0			
Interest accrued	...	10	8	4			
					260	8	4
Carried forward		80,241	10	1			

BALANCE SHEET—CONTINUED.

Brought forward £82,500 18 1	Brought forward £80,241 10 1
	Bank of New Zealand:—
	Fixed Deposit 1001 6 9
	Interest accrued 34 16 9
	1036 3 6
	Auckland Savings Bank 400 0 0
	Interest accrued 12 15 0
	412 15 0
	Sundry Debtors: Rent 152 6 4
	Buckland and Son 66 9 3
	218 15 7
	Cash in Hand 266 13 11
	Repairs to Grafton Road Property to be written off during next two years 265 0 0
	Rates and Insurance paid in advance 60 0 0
£82,500 18 1	£82,500 18 1

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(Signed H. E. SIMMONDS, F.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.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 30th September, 1918.

Treasurer—G. A. BUTTLE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Balance in Hand	...	...	16 11 0	By Theological Institution	...	...	95 0 0
„ Interest on Mortgage	...	...	96 0 0	„ Bank Charges	...	...	0 10 0
„ Interest on War Bonds	10 8 9	„ Management	5 6 6
				„ Cash in Bank	22 3 3
			<u>£122 19 9</u>				<u>£122 19 9</u>

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CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
September 30, 1918—To Capital	.. 1900 0 0	September 30, 1918—By Mortgages	... 1600 0 0
		„ War Bonds	... 300 0 0
	<u>£1900 0 0</u>		<u>£1900 0 0</u>

21/10/18.

Audited and found correct,

CHAS. H. RALPH, Auditor.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1918.

October 31, 1918—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	October 31, 1917—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Revenue Account—							By Bank of New Zealand—						
Rents ... ..	...	1760	6	8			Balance due				1403	11	0
Interest ... ..	...	49	10	0			October 31, 1918—						
					1809	16	8	By Theological Institute—					
„ Students' Library Fund—							Paid to Treasurer				400	0	0
Deposit at 4½ per cent ... ..	...				700	0	0	„ Students' Library Fund—					
„ Bank of New Zealand—							Deposit Repaid				700	0	0
Balance due ... ..	...				1316	5	10	„ Marshall's Trust—					
							Deposit Repaid				225	0	0
							„ General Charges—						
							Repairs and Maintenance	171	9	8			
							Rates	337	15	10			
							Interest	352	18	11			
							Insurance	89	18	4			
							Supervising Estate, collect-						
							ing rents and interest and						
							sundries	145	8	9			
											1097	11	6
											£3826	2	6

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(Signed) G. A. BUTTLE, Treasurer.
Auckland,
7th November, 1918.

Audited and found correct,

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

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1918.

January 1, 1918—			December 31, 1918—		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance carried forward	13,549	19 7	By General Expenses—		
December 31, 1918—			Travelling Expenses	5	0 3
To Interest earned during year	560	0 0	Foxton Borough Rates	9	16 8
„ Rent earned during year	270	11 4	Bank Charge Keeping Account	0	10 0
			Postages, Exchange, etc.	3	0 0
					18 6 11
			„ Balance carried forward...	14,362	4 0
	£14,380	10 11		£14,380	10 11

Balance-sheet.

To Balance from Revenue Account			Loans on Mortgage		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
...	14,362	4 0	...	9,510	0 0
			Freehold Properties—		
			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
			Balance in Post Office Savings Bank	932	19 9
			Interest accrued to Dec. 31, 1918	132	8 9
			Rent accrued to Dec. 31, 1918	67	4 6
			Balance in hand, Bank of Australasia	178	10 0
	£14,362	4 0		£14,362	4 0

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Audited and found correct,

F. A. BARCLAY, F.I.A.N.Z.
CHAS. McDONALD.

Wellington, 29th January, 1919.

Wellington, 28th January, 1919.

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

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Cash Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

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

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balances forward—				By Re-insurance on Church Pro-			
Investments on Mortgage ...	8130	0	0	perties ...	135	18	0
Advances to Church Trustees				„ Insurances of Personal Pro-			
on Loans ...	1436	0	6	perties ...	44	15	1
Cash on Deposit ...	1055	0	0		-----		
Cash at Bank and on hand ...	4	1	9			180	13
N.Z. Government War Bonds	500	0	0	„ Losses by Fire ...		9	10
Auckland Harbour Board ...	500	0	0	„ Insurance Premium on Mort-			0
			9625 2 3	gage Property ...	1	9	4
Insurance Levies on Church Pro-				„ Grant to Secretary's Office ...	190	0	0
perties ...	976	11	10	„ Stamps and Telegrams ...	4	19	5
Premiums on Personal Properties	66	1	11	„ Printing and Stationery ...	2	0	0
			1042 13 9	„ Bank Charges ...	0	10	0
Interest on Mortgages ...	387	7	10	„ Interest on Overdrafts and			
Interest on Church Loans ...	62	8	11	Temporary Loan ...	4	2	6
Interest on Deposits ...	10	15	3	„ Refund Excess Levies ...	10	7	8
Interest on Debentures ...	48	15	0	„ Supernumeraries' Fund, Bene-			
Mortgage Indemnity Premiums ...	3	12	6	volent Branch ...	100	0	0
Atlas Company, Losses by Fire ...	9	10	0			313	8
Refund of Insurance Premiums ...	1	2	5	„ Investments on Mortgage ...	7630	0	0
			523 11 11	„ Advances to Church Trustees			
				on Loan ...	1388	4	8
				„ N.Z. Government War Bonds ...	500	0	0
				„ Auckland Harbour Board ...	500	0	0
				„ Cash on Deposit ...	600	0	0
				„ Cash at Bank ...	69	11	3
					-----	10687	15
						11	

						£11191	7
						11	

						£11191	7
						11	

We have examined the Cash Book, Vouchers and Bank Pass Book of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, and are of opinion that the above Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is correct.

January 29th, 1919,

FRANK THOMPSON }
WM. L. THOMAS } Auditors

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 31st October, 1918.

Treasurer—G. A. BUTTLE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Cr.	By Bank Balance ...	...	20 13 7	Dr.	To House ...	...	406 11 11
	„ Probert Trust ...	...	400 0 0		„ Stipend (in addition to House and Board Allowance) ...	...	200 0 0
	„ Contingent Fund ...	...	100 0 0		„ Rent ...	...	208 0 0
	„ Emsly Trust Board ...	...	95 0 0		„ Furnishing ...	...	25 1 4
	„ Home Mission ...	...	50 0 0		„ Connexional Charges ...	...	12 18 11
	„ Auckland East ...	...	262 10 0		„ Telephone ...	...	13 0 0
	„ A. C. Randerson ...	...	5 5 0		„ Garden ...	...	44 6 10
	„ Boarders ...	...	72 5 6		„ Insurances ...	...	5 3 7
					„ Bank Charges and Interest ...	...	6 5 0
					„ Auckland East ...	...	20 0 0
					„ Postages, Stationery, etc. ...	...	3 6 9
					„ Office Rent ...	...	1 5 0
					„ Rates (two years) ...	...	24 0 0
					„ Water Rates (two years)	20 0 0
					„ Bank Balance	15 14 9
			£1005 14 1				£1005 14 1

Audited and found correct,

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CHAS. H. RALPH }
T. W. JONES } Auditors.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1918.

LIABILITIES.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Accumulated Funds at 31st Dec. 1917	92345	13 5	
Add Revenue Account Transferred, being balance of Income over Expenditure for 1917	3829	13 9	
	96175	7 2	
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund	500	0 0	
Sundry Creditors	51	0 11	
Carried forward	96726	8 1	

ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Investments—			
Loans on Mortgage	77275	0 0	
Gov. and other Debentures	12455	10 0	
	89730	10 0	
Interest due and accrued on Mortgages	989	16 11	
Interest due and accrued on Debentures	253	0 6	
	1242	17 5	
Deposits—			
Post Office Savings Bank	1252	8 10	
Ch.Ch. Building and Land Soc.	1050	0 0	
Mutual Benefit Bldg. Soc.	1000	0 0	
Interest due and accrued on above	49	13 9	
	3352	2 7	
Ministers' Subscriptions due and unpaid	662	13 11	
Interest due on Ministers' Arrears	30	19 8	
	693	13 7	
Circuit Levies due and unpaid			829 18 4
Interest charged to Special Fd.			36 1 2
Balance due for Purchase of Benefits	238	12 0	
Interest Accrued	25	1 2	
	263	13 2	
Carried forward	96148	16 3	

K.I.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	96,726	8	1	Brought forward	96,148	16	3
				Sundry Debtors—Valuation Fee	1	1	0
				Sundry Debtors—General Treasurers (Melbourne)	9	15	5
				Cash at Bank	566	7	5
				Cash in Hand	0	10	0
					566	17	5
	<u>£96,726</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£96,148</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>

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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 Books of Account. We have had all securities produced to us, with the exception of those held by the Bank of New Zealand and Mr. J. A. Flesher, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1918.

Christchurch, February 1st, 1919.

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

SUPERNUMERARY FUND (Benevolent Branch).

Cash Statement for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

Treasurers—Rev. S. LAWRY and Mr. J. C. PRUDHOE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance forward				54	6	8				
„ Interest on Mortgage	32	10	0				By Grants to Beneficiaries	200	0	0
„ Interest on Debentures	26	5	0				„ Stamps and Exchanges	0	15	0
„ Donations per Mr. John Stevenson (less exchange)	120	1	9					200	15	0
„ Grant from Fire Insurance Fund	100	0	0				„ Balance at P.O.S. Bank	134	18	0
„ Interest on Deposits at P.O.S. Bank	2	9	7							
				281	6	4				
				£335 13 0						
								£335 13 0		

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CAPITAL ACCOUNT, as at 31st December, 1918.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
Capital	1000	0	0	Investments on Mortgage	500	0	0
Balance	134	18	0	Ch.Ch. City Council Debentures	500	0	0
				Deposited at P.O.S. Bank			1000 0 0
							134 18 0
	£1134 18 0						£1134 18 0

Christchurch,
February 3rd, 1919.

Audited and found correct,

HENRY R. BEST, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z. }
THOS. NEWBURGH, A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Cash Statement for year ending 31st December, 1918.

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Balance forward	...	201	6	5	By	Subscriptions refunded—							
	Personal Subscriptions	...	125	5	0		H.M. Fund	...	9	0	0			
	Circuit Contributions	...	129	0	0		Personal	...	19	0	0			
	Home Mission Fund Payments	...	123	15	0							28	0	0
	Interest on Deposit and Arrears	...	9	8	10		Printing and Stationery	...				0	18	0
							Incidental Expenses	...				1	1	4
							Debentures Waimairi County Council	...				400	0	0
							Deposit P.O. Savings Bank	...				155	18	4
							Cash in hand	...				3	13	0
												589	10	9
							Less Dr. Balance at Bank	...				0	15	6
												£588	15	3
												£588	15	3

SAMUEL LAWRY }
 J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurer

Audited and found correct,
 HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z.

Christchurch, January 31st, 1919.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

31st December, 1918.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Credit Balance, 1917				31	3	7	
To Circuit Levies—							
Auckland	402	0	4				
South Auckland	147	15	0				
Taranaki-Wanganui	214	6	5				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	192	15	0				
Wellington	224	9	4				
Nelson	119	5	0				
North Canterbury	327	7	8				
South Canterbury	139	11	4				
Otago	195	15	0				
Southland	88	5	0				
	2051	10	1				
	£2082	13	8				
Payments as per Warrants—							
Auckland	256	10	0				
South Auckland	112	10	0				
Taranaki-Wanganui	159	15	0				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	261	0	0				
Wellington	263	5	0				
Nelson	184	10	0				
North Canterbury	210	0	0				
South Canterbury	153	0	0				
Otago	204	15	0				
Southland	27	0	0				
	1832	5	0				XXX
Sundries—							
Conference Expenses—							
Rev. D. J. Murray	5	2	6				
Bank Charge Keeping A/c	0	10	0				
Bank Exchange	0	14	3				
Petty Expenses	1	16	3				
	8	3	0				
	1840	8	0				
By Credit Balance	242	5	8				
	£2082	13	8				

Audited and found correct,

V. NEWMAN }
R. J. WEBB } Auditors.

Wellington, 24th February, 1919.

DANIEL J. MURRAY }
ERNEST KELLOW } Treasurers.

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended December 31st, 1918.

Hon. Treasurers—Rev. W. A. HAY and Mr. ERNEST ROSEVEAR.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
January 1st, 1918—				By Cost of Dunedin Conference Re-			
To Balance brought forward ...			707 16 7	presentative Expenses, Equalisation			
„ Sale of Conference Agenda ...	18	0	6	Fund	270	2	0
„ Sale of Book of Laws, Schedule				„ Travelling to Conference (Officials			
Books, etc.	24	17	2	Ministerial Representatives and			
			42 17 8	Probationers for Ordination ...	187	5	11
„ Grant Home Mission Fund o/a				„ Printing Agenda, Minutes, etc. ...	164	0	0
Military Expenses			70 0 0	„ Conference Stationery, Bibles,			
„ Circuit Levies—				Cables, Telegrams, Postage, etc.	37	4	7
Auckland District	382	13	6				658 12 6
South Auckland District ...	181	3	11	„ Travelling of Chairman and other			
Taranaki-Wanganui District ...	194	15	0	District Expenses (including Ex-			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	171	3	2	change, Cheque Book, Bank			
Wellington	188	5	8	Charge, Postage, etc.)—			
Nelson	121	6	8	Auckland District	21	8	10
North Canterbury	281	3	8	South Auckland District ...	45	6	4
South Canterbury	120	8	11	Taranaki-Wanganui District ...	18	4	1
Otago	197	5	4	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	19	9	10
Southland	94	7	4	Wellington District	9	1	5
			1932 13 2	Nelson District	19	17	4
„ Sale of Minutes—				North Canterbury District ...	24	19	3
Auckland District	-	-	-	South Canterbury District ...	11	18	0
South Auckland District ...	0	16	0	Otago District	13	3	3
Taranaki-Wanganui District ...	0	6	6	Southland District	10	13	5
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	0	8	6				194 2 2
Wellington District	0	18	6				
Carried forward			2753 7 5	Carried forward			852 14 8

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	...	...	...	2753	7	5
Nelson District	...	0	5	6			
North Canterbury District	...	-	-	-			
South Canterbury District	...	0	14	0			
Otago District	...	0	8	6			
Southland District	...	0	3	0			
					4	0	6
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	2757	7	11

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	...	...	...	852	14	8
„ District Synod Expenses (Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries, Travelling to Synod, Telegrams, Stationery, etc.)—							
Auckland District	...	26	17	10			
South Auckland District	...	20	1	11			
Taranaki-Wanganui District	...	17	18	10			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	...	17	2	5			
Wellington District	...	6	10	7			
Nelson District	...	23	11	1			
North Canterbury District	...	5	9	7			
South Canterbury District	...	6	0	7			
Otago District	...	5	15	3			
Southland District	...	2	5	0			
					131	13	1
„ Ministerial Supply to Circuits (half cost)	...				112	0	1
„ Military Affairs (see Contra. H.M. Fund)—							
Grants	...	40	0	0			
Removal Expenses	...	31	12	10			
Supernumerary Fund Payments	...	216	13	10			
Solicitor's Charges	...	2	2	9			
Printing Letters, etc.	...	18	0	9			
					308	10	2
Carried forward	1404	18	0

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CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.		PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2757	7	11		Brought forward	1404	18	0
					By Grant Theological Institution ...		100	0 0
					„ Compassionate Allowances—			
					Widow Rev. Wm. Slade	30	0	0
					Rev. T. A. Pybus	30	0	0
					Rev. Chaplain J. R. Sullivan ...	50	0	0
					Rev. Chaplain J. R. Sullivan (cost of cables and exchange)	2	7	8
							112	7 8
					„ “Methodist Times”—			
					Editor	25	0	0
					Associate Editor	15	0	0
					Cost Exchanges, etc.	5	0	0
							45	0 0
					„ Removal Expenses (half cost)—			
					Baclutha Circuit		8	8 0
					„ Examination Committee Accounts ...	5	3	9
					„ Medical Examination Fees	6	16	6
								12 0 3
					„ Connexional Secretary's Office ...		165	0 0
					„ Grant Sunday School Board		25	0 0
					„ President—Rev. Sinclair's 1918			
					Travelling and other Expenses	13	8	11
					„ President, Rev. Joughin's—			
					Supply	47	13	7
					Travelling	14	10	0
					Postage	10	0	0
					Telegrams, Cables and Telephone Bureau	13	11	4
							85	14 11
Carried forward	2757	7	11		Carried forward	1872	13	11

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	2757	7	11	1872	13	11
			By Brought forward						
			„ Secretary, Rev. Drake's—						
			Postage ...	10	0	0			
			Typing, Telegrams &						
			Stationery ...	3	10	3			
							13	10	3
			„ Printing (Membership Tickets, etc.)				112	14	1
			„ Temperance and Public Morals				47	6	4
			Committee ...				0	7	6
			„ Sundry—Exchange, Bank Charge,						
			Telegrams, Postage and Station-						
			ery, per Hon. Treasurer ...				7	13	0
			„ Interest Overdraft Bank N.Z. ...				0	9	3
			„ Balance Bank of New Zealand ...	588	12	11			
			Due by Chairmen—						
			Auckland District	51	16	10			
			South Auckland District	10	0	0			
			Taranaki-Wanganui Dis-						
			trict ...	4	15	2			
			Hawke's Bay-Manawatu						
			District ...	20	3	5			
			Wellington District ...	11	6	0			
			Nelson District ...	1	13	3			
			N. Canterbury Dstret.	27	16	3			
			S. Canterbury Dstret.	-	-	-			
			Otago District ...	-	-	-			
			Southland District ...	-	-	-			
							127	10	11
							716	3	10
				£2757	7	11	£2757	7	11

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February 24th, 1919.

Audited and found correct,

R. MOFFAT }
T. W. HEMER } Auditors.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA—NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 30th September, 1918.

Treasurers—Rev. G. T. MARSHALL and Mr. J. W. COURT.

	RECEIPTS.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
General Fund			9773	14 10
Women's Auxiliaries—				
Auckland	100	0 0		
Wanganui	10	0 0		
Wellington, Hutt, Palmerston and Feilding	114	15 6		
Canterbury	120	1 9		
Blenheim	10	0 0		
Timaru	22	0 0		
Otago	100	0 0		
			476	17 3
For Native Teachers and Students			304	2 3
For Orphans and Waifs			103	13 8
Interest—F. C. Hamilton	12	6 0		
Interest—Working Capital Fund	73	8 8		
			85	14 8
Legacies—				
Henry T. Williams, Ashburton	218	15 0		
John Hardy, Hastings	20	0 0		
David Graham, Rangiora	50	0 0		
			288	15 0
Missionary Reviews			128	14 1
Maps			1	19 6
For Rev. A. H. Scriven			1	17 4
Carried forward			11,165	8 7

	DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Head Office—				
Remitted to	7125	10 0		
Disbursed on Account of	571	14 4		
Sent direct by Subscribers—				
Mr. J. W. Court	1000	0 0		
Mr. H. T. Williams	218	15 0		
The Misses Fleming, Takapuna	21	0 0		
“Blank”	20	0 0		
Mrs. J. A. Cumming, Wellington	5	0 0		
Taranaki St. C.E. Society	1	15 0		
			8963	14 4
Working Expenses—				
Deputation Expenses	146	16 11		
Exchanges, Stamps, etc.	22	16 6		
Secretary's Honorarium	68	15 0		
Printing	37	10 8		
Advertising and Special Supple- ments of N.Z.M. Times	69	12 6		
Fare to Conference—Rev. G. T. Marshall	7	13 0		
Missionary Editor's Expenses, 1917	1	3 6		
District Secretaries' Expenses	12	8 2		
Mission Boxes	6	18 11		
			373	15 2
Working Capital Fund—Mr. Gra- ham's Legacy			50	0 0
Carried forward			9387	9 6

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA—NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

Brought forward	..	...	£	s.	d.
		...	11,165	8	7
			<hr/>		
			£11,165	8	7

Brought forward	...	...	£	s.	d.
"Missionary Reviews," Postage,	...	...	9387	9	6
Wrapping, etc.	...	...	100	16	5
Fare to Sydney, Rev. W. A.	...	...	14	19	2
Sinclair	...	...	5	0	11
Refund, Auckland East Circuit	4	10	0
Annuity, Nosworthy Estate	<hr/>		
Balance in hand	125	6	6
			1652	12	7
			<hr/>		
			£11,165	8	7

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Memo of disposal of Balance in hand—

To B. and F. Bible Society	100	0	0
„ Working Capital Fund	1552	12	7

Audited and found correct,

(Signed) J. BURT VEALE
22/10/18 ALDRED E. LAWRY } Auditors.

NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY FOREIGN MISSIONS.

WORKING CAPITAL, FUND. 1918.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Capital at end of 1917 ...	2439	6 3	By Mount Eden 5 per cent Debentures ...	200	0 0
.. Legacy, David Graham ...	50	0 0	.. Dunedin Water Board 4½ per cent. De- bentures ...	100	0 0
.. Appreciation War Bonds ...	31	10 0	.. £100 Government War Bonds, due in 3 years	89	0 0
.. Allotment from General Fund, 1918 ...	1552	12 7	.. £600 Government War Bonds, due in 4 years	507	0 0
			.. 4 £10 Government War Bonds, due Aug., 1921 ...	34	0 0
			.. Mortgage ...	2600	0 0
			.. John Court, Ltd. (at call) ...	500	0 0
			.. Cash in Auckland Savings Bank ...	43	8 10
	<u>£4073</u>	<u>8 10</u>		<u>£4073</u>	<u>8 10</u>

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

To Dunedin Water Board Debentures ...	£	s. d.	By Transfer to General Fund ...	£	s. d.
.. Mount Eden Debentures ...	4	10 0	...	73	8 8
.. John Court, Ltd., ...	10	0 0			
.. Auckland Savings Bank ...	57	6 6			
	1	12 2			
	<u>£73</u>	<u>8 8</u>		<u>£73</u>	<u>8 8</u>

19/12/18

Audited and found correct,

J. BURT VEALE
ALDRED E. LAWRY } Auditors.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA,
NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

Circuit Contributions, 1918.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	563	6	7
Auckland West	188	2	0
Auckland East	225	10	5
Auckland (Avondale)	174	12	8
Auckland Methodist Mission	102	10	0
Auckland (North Shore)	100	0	0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	155	5	5
Auckland (Birkenhead)	From 1917	16	11 2
Onehunga	17	14	3
Otahuhu	34	0	0
Papakura	138	6	10
Pukekohe	120	0	0
Waiuku	66	15	0
Mahurangi	23	0	0
Paparoa	57	17	0
Northern Wairoa	31	2	6
Whangarei	24	18	6
Port Albert	82	4	0
Coromandel	2	5	0
Helensville	0	7	0
Bay of Islands	5	10	0
Hokianga	10	0	0
Whangaroa	4	8	9
Mangonui	0	7	6
Hikurangi	8	4	5
Direct to Head Office	1021	0	0
Missionary Reviews	27	12	7

£3201 11 7

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	100	0	0
Te Aroha	91	15	4
Waihi	24	7	10
Paeroa	2	15	6
Morrinsville	28	0	0
Cambridge	From 1917	11	17 6
Cambridge	89	16	6
Hamilton	154	14	1
Huntly	2	0	0
Rotorua	13	0	6
Tauranga	45	0	0
Opotiki	9	8	9
Te Kuiti	17	0	10
Taumarunui	18	7	7
Te Awamutu	21	6	0
Whakatane	From 1917	3	0 0
Te Puke	7	9	9
Matamata	From 1917	7	8 0
Matamata	9	0	0
Ohura	12	0	0
Ngaruawahia	15	10	0
Missionary Reviews	8	8	6

£692 6 8

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	...	...	...	From 1917	2	7	11
New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	245	0	0
Waitara	...	...	...	...	41	10	0
Inglewood	...	...	...	From 1917	2	10	0
Inglewood	...	...	...	...	39	4	11
Stratford	...	...	...	...	85	10	9
Eltham	...	...	...	...	55	0	0
Hawera	...	...	...	...	300	0	0
Manaia	...	...	...	...	30	17	6
Cape Egmont	...	...	...	From 1917	50	15	9
Cape Egmont	...	...	...	...	53	10	0
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	30	0	2
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	176	0	4
Wanganui North	...	...	...	...	43	11	7
Rangitikei	...	...	...	...	16	0	0
Taihape	...	...	...	...	47	13	7
Waimarino	...	...	...	...	23	5	0
East Egmont	...	...	...	...	4	10	6
Patea	...	...	...	...	13	14	10
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	13	19	0
					<hr/>		
					£1275	1	10

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Napier	...	...	...	...	143	4	6
Hastings	...	...	...	...	140	18	6
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	19	10	0
Waipawa	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Dannevirke	...	...	...	From 1917	0	12	0
Dannevirke	...	...	...	...	28	3	4
Woodville	...	...	...	...	88	12	4
Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	37	13	4
Palmerston North (Broad St.)	...	...	...	...	82	9	6
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	...	...	...	...	48	9	11
Feilding	...	...	...	...	153	15	8
Sanson and Rongotea	...	...	...	...	49	4	1
Foxton	From 1917	1	10	0
Foxton	5	0	0
Apiti	31	1	3
Norsewood	-	-	-
Missionary Reviews	13	19	0
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					£864	3	5

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	286	4	4
Wellington Central Mission	-	-	-
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	11	18	11
Wellington (Thorndon)	From 1917	53	5 3
Wellington South	75	19	9
Johnsonville	53	5	0
Hutt	41	13	3
Petone	From 1917	1	18 3
Petone	87	6	7
South Wairarapa	15	15	4
Carterton	33	12	8
Masterton	72	10	0
Eketahuna	From 1917	4	4 10
Levin	114	17	7
Otaki	43	6	4
Direct to Head Office	6	15	0
Missionary Reviews	12	16	0
	£915	9	1

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	102	17	4
Richmond	36	2	2
Blenheim	139	2	4
Hokitika	19	13	0
Greymouth	27	8	4
Motueka	11	0	8
Reefton	From 1917	5	19 0
Westport	35	4	0
Missionary Reviews	6	11	0
	£383	17	10

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	155	0	0
Christchurch East	253	19	7
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	68	8	2
Christchurch (Woolston)	59	4	3
Christchurch (Sydenham)	65	13	2
Christchurch (St. Albans)	104	19	4
Christchurch (Addington)	113	10	0
Christchurch (Papanui)	47	8	1
Lyttelton	17	5	6
Springston	29	0	5
Tai Tapu	47	15	5
Leeston	59	0	0
Kaiapoi	71	15	0
Ohoka	80	0	0
Rangiora	121	19	5
Greendale-Malvern	70	15	0
Hawarden	-	-	-
Oxford	10	11	2
Missionary Reviews	17	9	6
	£1393	14	0

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru (Bank Street)	100	13	11
Timaru (Woodlands Street)	-	-	-
Waimate	88	3	7
Temuka	58	0	0
Geraldine	29	10	11
Ashburton	95	0	0
Willowby	60	0	0
Oamaru	53	17	11
Methven	18	10	0
Mayfield	From 1917	7	18 6
Missionary Reviews		7	9 6
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	£519	4	4

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	124	19	1
Dunedin Central Mission	From 1917	6	19 0
Dunedin Central Mission		43	1 6
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	From 1917	7	0 5
Dunedin (Cargill Road)		55	12 3
Dunedin (St. Kilda)		41	5 4
Dunedin (Caversham)		30	0 6
Dunedin (Mornington)		53	0 0
Dunedin (Roslyn)		21	15 9
Mosgiel		10	0 0
Port Chalmers		13	2 6
Waikouaiti and Palmerston		16	0 0
Balclutha	From 1917	9	6 3
Balclutha		24	6 10
Milton		28	2 9
Roxburgh		6	17 1
Kaitangata		12	0 0
Lawrence		-	- -
Cromwell		-	- -
Missionary Reviews		10	18 6
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	£514	7	9

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Invercargill (Leet Street)	100	0	0
Invercargill (Don Street)	48	0	0
Invercargill (Elles Road)	24	10	0
Bluff	16	5	9
Gore	33	10	5
Otautau	26	0	0
Edendale	7	0	0
Riverton	4	0	0
Nightcaps	8	15	6
Missionary Reviews	6	7	6
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	£274	9	2

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT TOTALS.

	£	s.	d.
I.—Auckland	3201	11	7
II.—South Auckland	692	6	8
III.—Taranaki-Wanganui	1275	1	10
IV.—Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	864	3	5
V.—Wellington	915	9	1
VI.—Nelson	383	17	10
VII.—North Canterbury	1393	14	0
VIII.—South Canterbury	519	4	4
IX.—Otago	514	7	9
X.—Southland	274	9	2
Sent to Conference F.M. Secretary	1131	2	11
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	£11,165	8	7

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INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
Brought forward		£	s. d.	Brought forward		£	s. d.
		1,671	14 2			1,578	13 4
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.				Waimarino.			
New Plymouth	..	90	0 4	Native Home Mis-	..	75	0 0
Waitara	..	27	2 3	Travelling	..	16	5 0
Inglewood	..	*3	18 0	Southern District.			
Stratford	..	33	6 2	Native Probationer	..	95	0 0
Eltham	..	8	9 2	Travelling	..	18	15 0
Hawera	..	*86	0 0	653 15 0			
Manaia	..	28	13 2	Total for Maori work, £2,232/8/4.			
Cape Egmont	..	*35	6 9	AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Kaponga	..	15	0 0	Home Mission Stations.			
Wanganui	..	69	7 0	Port Albert	..	9	7 6
Wanganui North	..	28	9 7	Coromandel	..	25	0 0
Rangitikei	..			Helensville	..	29	7 6
Taihape	..			Bay of Islands	..	55	0 0
Waimarino	..	8	0 0	Hokianga	..	55	0 0
West Coast Maori	..			Whangaroa	..	50	0 0
Mission	..	36	4 8	Mangonui	..	32	0 0
Home Mission Stations.				Hikurangi	..	16	13 4
East Egmont	..	3	10 0	Rehia	..	27	0 0
Patea	..	3	16 0	Aided Circuits.			
477 3 1				Methodist Mission	..	48	15 0
HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU DISTRICT.				Papakura	..	20	0 0
Napier	..	45	0 0	Waiuku	..	11	5 0
Hastings	..	68	10 4	Mahurangi	..	15	0 0
Gisborne	..	47	12 6	Northern Wairoa,	..		
Waipawa	..	13	7 11	1 quarter	..	7	10 0
Dannevirke	..	10	11 4	Paparoa	..	11	5 0
Woodville	..	30	0 0	413 3 4			
Pahiatua	..	26	16 9	SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Palmerston North	..			Home Mission Stations.			
(Broad Street)	..	58	5 0	Matamata	..	35	0 0
Palmerston North	..			Ohura	..	75	0 0
(Cuba Street)	..	44	2 6	Ngaruawahia	..	9	7 6
Feilding	..	60	0 0	Waimiha	..	31	15 0
Sanson-Rongotea	..	33	10 0	Hauraki Plains	..	27	10 0
Foxton	..	10	0 0	Aided Circuits.			
Home Mission Stations.				Morrinsville	..	26	5 0
Apiti	..	16	0 0	Waihi	..	26	5 0
Norsewood	..	9	2 7	Paeroa	..	15	0 0
472 18 11				Huntly	..	29	7 6
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.				Tauranga	..	3	0 0
Wellington (Tara-	..	100	4 5	Te Kuiti	..	35	15 0
naki Street)	..			Taumarunui	..	90	0 0
Wellington (Central	..	14	5 6	Te Awamutu	..	42	10 0
Mission)	..			Whakatane	..	115	0 0
Wellington (Thorn-	..	2	16 6	561 15 0			
don)	..			TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
Wellington (South)	..	*31	7 6	Home Mission Stations.			
Wellington (Kil-	..	15	19 10	East Egmont	..	69	7 6
birnie)	..			Patea	..	59	7 6
Johnsonville	..	18	15 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Hutt	..	23	19 4	Cape Egmont	..	10	15 0
Petone	..	20	18 6	Aided Circuits.			
South Wairarapa	..	10	10 7	Waitara	..	9	7 6
Carterton	..	20	0 0	Inglewood	..	55	12 6
Masterton	..	12	0 0	Eltham	..	2	10 0
Eketahuna	..	16	7 1	Kaponga	..	23	15 0
Levin	..	25	19 1	Waimarino	..	25	0 0
Otaki	..	32	16 10	255 15 0			
346 0 2				2,967 16 4			
Carried forward				Carried forward			
2,967 16 4				3,463 1 8			

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INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Brought forward		2,967	16 4	Brought forward		3,463	1 8
NELSON DISTRICT.				HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Nelson	52	11	10	Apiti	15	15	0
Richmond	13	1	0	Ncrsewood	18	5	0
Blenheim	89	5	0				
Hokitika	13	12	1	Aided Circuits.			
Greymouth	21	6	8	Waipawa	44	7	6
Motueka	7	8	8	Dannevirke	30	0	0
Reefton	9	12	9	Pahiataua	39	10	0
Westport	26	0	1	Foxton	49	7	6
							197 5 0
Home Mission Stations.				WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Havelock	*1	10	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Denniston-Granity ..	7	5	0	Johnsonville	32	10	0
Murchison	3	3	0	Otaki	65	0	0
			244 16 1	Aided Circuits.			
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Central Mission ..	73	15	0
Ch.Ch. (Durham St.)	143	17	2	Wellington South ..	60	0	0
Ch.Ch. East	*150	3	2	Wellington (Kil-			
Ch.Ch. (Cambridge				birnie)	58	6	8
Terrace and Dur-				Scouth Wairarapa ..	49	7	6
ham St. South) ..	73	3	6	Eketahuna	46	15	0
Ch.Ch. (Woolton) ..	31	12	9				385 14 2
Ch.Ch. (Sydenham)	34	19	5	NELSON DISTRICT.			
Ch.Ch. (Addington)	63	0	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Ch.Ch. (St. Albans)	60	7	1	Havelock	20	0	0
Ch.Ch. (Papanui) ..	27	18	7	Denniston-Granity ..	42	17	6
Lyttelton	20	1	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Springston	*43	5	2	Richmond	18	15	0
Tai Tapu	30	10	9	Aided Circuits.			
Leeston	41	5	0	Hokitika	25	0	0
Kaipoi	38	16	0	Motueka	23	5	0
Ohoka	30	0	0	Westport	42	10	0
Rangiora	36	1	10	Reefton	6	5	0
Greendale-Malvern	*35	8	5				178 12 6
Home Mission Stations.				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Hawarden	10	18	3	Home Mission Stations.			
Oxford				Hawarden	71	17	6
Southern Maori				Oxford	27	0	0
Mission	7	10	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
			878 18 1	Addington	31	5	0
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Aided Circuits.			
Timaru (Bank St.)	56	0	0	Papanui	36	5	0
Timaru (Woodlands				Lyttelton	16	5	0
(Street)	3	15	5	Ohoka	9	7	6
Waimate	35	19	1	Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
Temuka	31	0	0				198 15 0
Geraldine	17	10	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Ashburton	*66	6	0	Methven	*5	4	3
Willowby	30	0	3	Mayfield	*23	12	0
Oamaru	40	1	5				309 8 5
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Methven	*5	4	3				
Mayfield	*23	12	0				
			309 8 5	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Carried forward	4,400 18 11			Aided Circuits.			
				Papanui	36	5	0
				Lyttelton	16	5	0
				Ohoka	9	7	6
				Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
							198 15 0
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Methven	*5	4	3
				Mayfield	*23	12	0
							309 8 5
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	18	15	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	25	0	0
				Motueka	23	5	0
				Westport	42	10	0
				Reefton	6	5	0
							178 12 6
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Hawarden	71	17	6
				Oxford	27	0	0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Addington	31	5	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Papanui	36	5	0
				Lyttelton	16	5	0
				Ohoka	9	7	6
				Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
							198 15 0
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Methven	*5	4	3
				Mayfield	*23	12	0
							309 8 5
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	18	15	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	25	0	0
				Motueka	23	5	0
				Westport	42	10	0
				Reefton	6	5	0
							178 12 6
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Hawarden	71	17	6
				Oxford	27	0	0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Addington	31	5	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Papanui	36	5	0
				Lyttelton	16	5	0
				Ohoka	9	7	6
				Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
							198 15 0
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Methven	*5	4	3
				Mayfield	*23	12	0
							309 8 5
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	18	15	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	25	0	0
				Motueka	23	5	0
				Westport	42	10	0
				Reefton	6	5	0
							178 12 6
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Hawarden	71	17	6
				Oxford	27	0	0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Addington	31	5	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Papanui	36	5	0
				Lyttelton	16	5	0
				Ohoka	9	7	6
				Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
							198 15 0
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Methven	*5	4	3
				Mayfield	*23	12	0
							309 8 5
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	18	15	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	25	0	0
				Motueka	23	5	0
				Westport	42	10	0
				Reefton	6	5	0
							178 12 6
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Hawarden	71	17	6
				Oxford	27	0	0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Addington	31	5	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Papanui	36	5	0
				Lyttelton	16	5	0
				Ohoka	9	7	6
				Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
							198 15 0
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Methven	*5	4	3
				Mayfield	*23	12	0
							309 8 5
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	18	15	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	25	0	0
				Motueka	23	5	0
				Westport	42	10	0
				Reefton	6	5	0
							178 12 6
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Hawarden	71	17	6
				Oxford	27	0	0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Addington	31	5	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Papanui	36	5	0
				Lyttelton	16	5	0
				Ohoka	9	7	6
				Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
							198 15 0
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Methven	*5	4	3
				Mayfield	*23	12	0
							309 8 5
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Richmond	18	15	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Hokitika	25	0	0
				Motueka	23	5	0
				Westport	42	10	0
				Reefton	6	5	0
							178 12 6
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
				Hawarden	71	17	6
				Oxford	27	0	0
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
				Addington	31	5	0
				Aided Circuits.			
				Papanui	36	5	0
				Lyttelton	16	5	0
				Ohoka	9	7	6
				Rangiora (Woodend)	6	15	0
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INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward		4,400	18 11	Brought forward		4,423	8 4
OTAGO DISTRICT.				SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Dunedin (Trinity) ..	86	0	0	Methven	13	2	6
Dunedin (Central Mission) ..	66	5	6	Mayfield	48	15	0
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ..	30	4	10	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ..	31	16	1	Ashburton (Wills St.)	4	10	0
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ..	15	5	6	Aided Circuits.			
Dunedin (Caversham) ..	20	0	11	Temuka	20	0	0
Dunedin (Mornington) ..	30	14	9	Geraldine	9	7	6
Dunedin (Roslyn) ..	*22	9	7	95 15 0			
Mosgiel	7	0	0	OTAGO DISTRICT.			
Port Chalmers ..	13	0	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Waikouaiti and Palmerston ..	16	1	7	Kaitangata	20	0	0
Balclutha	9	10	0	Lawrence	19	7	6
Milton	11	3	5	Cromwell	55	0	0
Roxburgh	9	12	8	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Home Mission Stations.				Waikouaiti and Palmerston			
Kaitangata	11	7	6	48 15 0			
Lawrence	6	0	6	Aided Circuits.			
Cromwell				St. Kilda	31	5	0
386 12 10				Mosgiel	45	0	0
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				Port Chalmers ..	39	7	6
Invercargill (Leet St.)	70	0	0	Milton	29	7	6
Invercargill (Teviot Street) ..				Roxburgh	3	15	0
Invercargill (Don St.)	38	0	0	291 17 6			
Invercargill (Elles Road) ..	17	10	0	SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.			
Bluff	10	0	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Gore	30	0	0	Riverton-Tuatapere	18	15	0
Otautau	15	0	0	Winton, Supplies ..	15	0	0
Edendale	3	0	0	Nightcaps	24	7	6
Home Mission Stations.				Aided Circuits.			
Riverton				Bluff	22	10	0
Winton				Otautau	31	5	0
Tuatapere				Edendale	6	15	0
Nightcaps	8	11	0	118 12 6			
192 1 0				Departmental.			
Circuits' Total, £4979 12s 9d.				H.M. General Secretary	275	0	0
Connexional Properties.				H.M. Gen. Sec., House Allowance	95	0	0
Auckland	700	0	0	H.M. Gen. Sec., Travelling, Postage, etc.	86	11	5
Grey Institute ..	540	0	0	H.M. Gen. Sec., Connexional Charges	55	12	8
Kai Iwi	115	0	0	H.M. Gen. Sec., Travelling to Dunedin Conference, with Postage and Telegrams ..	15	7	4
1,355 0 0				General Treasurer's Honorarium ..	60	0	0
Interest on Investments.				General Treasurer's Incidental Expenses	15	0	0
Auckland	258	7	8	General Treasurer's Travelling to Dunedin Conference ..	13	10	6
Canterbury	57	12	6	4,929 13 4			
Dunedin Debenture Meredith Wilson	4	10	0	Carried forward			
Legacy, Ashburton	16	5	0				
On advance to Te Kopua Native Parsonage ..	17	10	0				
On Money Awaiting Investment ..	45	0	0				
On After War Reserve	37	10	0				
436 15 2							
Carried forward							
		6,771	7 11				

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INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward		6,771	7 11			4,929	13 4
Memorial.							
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim	6	0	0				
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	9	0	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. John C. Botham, Tua Marina	6	0	0				
			39 0 0				
Rents.							
Okaiawa House	32	16	0				
Spring Creek, Blenheim	6	0	0				
Little River	6	19	5				
			45 15 5				
Sundry Donations.							
C.W.O.	50	0	0				
War Certificates, Port Albert	25	0	0				
C.W.O.	10	0	0				
Anonymous, Dunedin Conference	10	0	0				
Mrs. A. L. Watson, Eltham, Xmas Gift	5	0	0				
E. G. A. Reynolds	5	0	0				
Other amounts	7	0	0				
			112 0 0				
Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary.							
Auckland	20	0	0				
Palmerston North	4	0	0				
Wellington	10	0	0				
North Canterbury	80	0	0				
Otago	20	0	0				
Southland	20	0	0				
			154 0 0				
N.Z.Y.W. Bible Class Union	100	0	0				
			100 0 0				
Miscellaneous.							
Birthday League	25	12	7				
Sale of Maori Hymn Books	4	12	6				
Dunedin Conference Collection	24	6	6				
Refunds, H.M. Retiring Fund	9	0	0				
Proportion of Boardroom Expenses, Rent, etc.	25	6	8				
Other Boards' Contributions towards Furnishing Boardroom and Offices	37	0	0				
			125 18 3				
Carried forward		7,348	1 7				
				EXPENDITURE.			
Brought forward				£	s. d.	£	s. d.
				63	2	6	
				Office Rent			
				Office Cleaning and Lighting, etc.			
				1	17	0	
				Telephone			
				11	13	7	
				Postage, Telegrams, etc.			
				9	15	0	
				Bank Charges, Commission, Cheque Books, and Exchange			
				9	13	0	
						712	3 0
				Printing.			
				Balance Sheets and Estimates			
				14	17	6	
				Reports, including Postage			
				97	1	6	
				Leaflets			
				16	3	0	
				Circulars, Cards, Letter Books, etc.			
				19	12	9	
				Typing and Stationery			
				1	3	0	
						148	17 9
				Miscellaneous.			
				Rents—Ohura Parsonage			
				26	0	0	
						26	0 0
				C.B. and Loan Fund Instalments: Taneatua Church, plus Exchange			
				30	2	0	
				Coromandel and Kuaotunu Churches			
				25	0	0	
						55	2 0
				Rates and Insurance			
				4	14	2	
				Interest			
				90	12	3	
				Annuity			
				4	10	0	
				Advertising in N.Z. Methodist Times			
				2	5	0	
						102	1 5
				Special.			
				Hawarden Church (earmarked)			
				25	0	0	
				Territorial Camps			
				25	0	0	
				Contingent Fund for Military Purposes			
				70	0	0	
				Removal Expenses			
				56	18	7	
				Furniture, etc., for Boardroom			
				66	2	9	
				A Plough, Te Kopua Station			
				7	10	0	
				Te Kopua Commission			
				5	11	0	
				Furniture Grant to Native H.M.			
				15	0	0	
				Flood Relief Fund, Opotiki			
				25	0	0	
				Seddonville Church			
				10	0	0	
Carried forward				Carried forward		5,973	17 6

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1919.

Treasurers—Rev. G. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

INCOME.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	200	0	0
" West	87	0	0
" East	187	0	0
" (A vondale)	50	0	0
" Meth. Mission	31	0	0
" (North Shore)	75	0	0
" (Birckenhead)	125	0	0
Onehunga	37	0	0
Otahuhu	25	0	0
Papakura	20	0	0
Pukekohe	62	0	0
Waiuku	25	0	0
Mahurangi	19	0	0
Paparua	25	0	0
Northern Wairoa	30	0	0
Whangarei	25	0	0

Maori Mission.

Whangaroa	25	0	0
Bay of Islands	25	0	0
Hokianga	50	0	0
Kaipara	45	0	0
Waikato	65	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Port Albert	19	0	0
Coromandel	6	0	0
Helensville	9	0	0
Bay of Islands	12	0	0
Hokianga	12	0	0
Whangaroa	6	0	0
Mangonui	6	0	0
Hikurangi	12	0	0
	1315	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames	50	0	0
Te Aroha	60	0	0
Morrinsville	25	0	0
Waihi	15	0	0
Paeroa	14	0	0
Cambridge	30	0	0
Hamilton	70	0	0
Huntly	5	0	0
Rotorua	10	0	0
Tauranga	12	10	0
Opotiki	10	0	0
Te Kuiti	10	0	0
Taumarunui	10	0	0
Te Awamutu	30	0	0
Whakatane	5	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Te Puke	0	0	0
Matamata	12	0	0
Ohura	20	0	0
Ngarawahia	23	0	0
Marakopa	0	0	0
Hauraki Plains	0	0	0
	412	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Mission, West Coast.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Superintendent	225	0	0			
Travelling	50	0	0			
Rent	75	0	0			
Connexional Charges	45	0	0			
Whangaroa—						
Native Minister	150	0	0			
Travelling	15	0	0			
Bay of Islands—						
Native Minister	120	0	0			
Travelling	10	0	0			
Hokianga—						
Native Minister,						
No. 1	150	0	0			
Travelling	20	0	0			
Native Minister,						
No. 2	100	0	0			
Travelling	10	0	0			
Deaconess, Waima	100	0	0			
Kaipara—						
Native Minister	120	0	0			
Travelling	20	0	0			
Waikato—						
Native Minister,						
No. 1	150	0	0			
Travelling	20	0	0			
Rent	17	10	0			
Native Minister,						
No. 2	120	0	0			
Travelling	15	0	0			
Native Minister,						
No. 3	120	0	0			
Travelling	15	0	0			
Native Missionary	80	0	0			
Travelling	15	0	0			
Rent	26	0	0			
	1788	10	0			

Home Mission Stations

Port Albert	0	0	0
Coromandel (if M.H.M.)	30	0	0
Helensville (if Circuit divided and M.H.M.)	70	0	0
Kaukapakapa	20	0	0
Bay of Islands (if M.H.M.)	70	0	0
Hokianga (if M.H.M.)	60	0	0
Whangaroa	55	0	0
Mangonui (if S.H.M.)	25	0	0
Hikurangi (if S.H.M.)	15	0	0
Behia	50	0	0
Kaikohe (if Agent appointed)	50	0	0
	445	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Auckland West (1 year, 1/2 of £50)	30	0	0
North Shore (1 year if required)	75	0	0
Mahurangi	25	0	0
	130	0	0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for year 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.			
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
New Plymoutha	75	0	0
Taranaki Rural Msn.	20	0	0
Waitara	25	0	0
Inglewood	25	0	0
Stratford	40	0	0
Eltham	30	0	0
Hawera	70	0	0
Manaia	20	0	0
Cape Egmont	35	0	0
Kaponga	25	0	0
Wanganui	85	0	0
Wanganui North	25	0	0
Rangitikei	20	0	0
Taihape	20	0	0
Waimarino	15	0	0
Maori Mission.			
West Coast	30	0	0
Home Mission Stations.			
East Egmont	5	0	0
Patea	4	0	0
Mokau	0	0	0
			569 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT			
Circuits.			
Napier	50	0	0
Hastings	70	0	0
Gisborne	40	0	0
Waipawa	15	0	0
Dannevirke	20	0	0
Woodville	30	0	0
Pahiatua	20	0	0
Palmerston N. (Broad Street)	65	0	0
Palmerston N. (Cuba Street)	40	0	0
Feilding	60	0	0
Sanson-Rongotea	35	0	0
Foxton	12	10	0
Home Mission Stations.			
Apiti	15	0	0
Norsewood	10	0	0
			482 10 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	150	0	0
Wellington Central Mission	12	10	0
Wellington (Thorndon)	35	5	0
Wellington South	35	5	0
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	20	0	0
Johnsonville	18	15	0
Hutt	25	0	0
Petone	27	10	0
South Wairarapa	16	5	0
Carterton	25	0	0
Masterton	62	10	0
Eketahuna	16	5	0
Levin	25	0	0
Otaki	25	0	0
			496 5 0

EXPENDITURE.			
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
	£	s.	d.
Te Puke (if S.H.M.)	40	0	0
Matamata	20	0	0
Ohura	60	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Waihi	25	0	0
Paeroa (if M. Minister, £30)	15	0	0
Morrinsville	30	0	0
Huntly	40	0	0
Te Awamutu	30	0	0
Rotorua (if M. Minister)	50	0	0
Opotiki (if Probationer)	20	0	0
Whakatane (if M. Minister)	150	0	0
(If H.M. £100, Probr. £60)			
Tauranga (if M. Minister)	40	0	0
Taumarunui (if M. Minister)	200	0	0
(S. Minister £80.)			
Te Kuiti (if M.H.M.)	60	0	0
			780 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
Maori Missions.			
Normanby—			
Native Minister	180	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Rent	40	0	0
Opunake—			
Native Minister	150	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Rent	40	0	0
Patea—			
Native H. Msnry.	50	0	0
Travelling	5	0	0
Waimarino—			
Native H. Msnry.	90	0	0
Travelling	15	0	0
Home Mission Stations.			
East Egmont	70	0	0
Patea	60	0	0
Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Cape Egmont (if M. Minister and M.H.M.)	25	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Taranaki Rural Msn.	75	0	0
Waitara	12	10	0
Inglewood	50	0	0
Kaponga	20	0	0
Manaia (if M. Minister)	50	0	0
Waimarino	20	0	0
			1002 10 0
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Apiti	15	0	0
Norsewood	15	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Waipawa	35	0	0
Pahiatua	35	0	0
Foxton	35	0	0
Dannevirke	20	0	0
			155 0 0

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for year 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.							
NELSON DISTRICT.				WELLINGTON DISTRICT.							
Circuits.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Nelson	...	60	0	0	Johnsonville	...	25	0	0		
Richmond	...	30	0	0	Otaki	...	75	0	0		
Blenheim	...	80	0	0	Aided Circuits.						
Hokitika	...	13	0	0	Central Mission	...	85	0	0		
Greymouth	...	25	0	0	Wellington South	...	70	0	0		
Motueka	...	7	10	0	Kilbirnie	...	45	0	0		
Reefton	...	12	10	0	S. Wairarapa	...	55	0	0		
Westport	...	25	0	0	Eketahuna	...	45	0	0		
Home Mission Stations.				400 0 0							
Havelock	...	3	0	0	NELSON DISTRICT.						
Murchison	...	0	0	0	Home Mission Stations.						
Runanga	...	0	0	0	Havelock	...	40	0	0		
Denniston-Granity	...	7	0	0	Murchison (if Agent appointed)	...	30	0	0		
263 0 0				Denniston-Granity				...	35	0	0
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.							
Circuits.				Richmond				...	15	0	0
Ch.Ch. (Durham St.)	100	0	0	Aided Circuits.							
Ch.Ch. East	...	125	0	0	Hokitika (if M. Minister)	...	30	0	0		
Ch.Ch. (Cambridge Tr.)	37	10	0	Motueka (if H.M.)	...	15	0	0			
Ch.Ch. (Woolston)	...	57	0	0	Westport	...	40	0	0		
Ch.Ch. (Sydenham)	44	0	0	205 0 0							
Ch.Ch. (Addington)	63	0	0	NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.							
Ch.Ch. (St. Albans)	...	63	0	0	Maori Missions.						
Ch.Ch. (Papanui)	...	32	0	0	Southern Missions—						
Lyttelton	...	25	0	0	Native Probationer	110	0	0			
Springston	...	40	0	0	Travelling	...	20	0	0		
Tai Tapu	...	40	0	0	Home Mission Stations.						
Leeston	...	50	0	0	Oxford	...	25	0	0		
Kaiapoi	...	50	0	0	Hawarden	...	65	0	0		
Ohoka	...	35	0	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
Rangiora	...	44	0	0	Addington, if 2 H.M.'s	15	0	0			
Greendale and Malvern	44	0	0	Asst. to Rev. A. J. Seamer, ½	£100	50	0	0			
Maori Missions.				Aided Circuits.							
South Island	...	10	0	0	Papanui	...	30	0	0		
Home Mission Stations.				Lyttelton				...	15	0	
Hawarden	...	10	0	0	Rangiora-Woodend	...	9	0	0		
Oxford	...	12	10	0	Greendale-Malvern	...	40	0	0		
382 0 0				Ohoka				...	12	10	
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT				391 10 0							
Circuits.				SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.							
Timaru	...	100	0	0	Home Mission Stations.						
Waimate	...	50	0	0	Methven (if H.M. appointed)	...	17	10	0		
Temuka	...	30	0	0	Mayfield	...	35	0	0		
Geraldine	...	20	0	0	Aided Circuits.						
Ashburton	...	70	0	0	Temuka	...	20	0	0		
Willowby	...	40	0	0	Geraldine	...	10	0	0		
Oamaru	...	40	0	0	82 10 0						
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.							
Methven	...	0	0	0	Aided Circuits.						
Mayfield	...	12	10	0	82 10 0						
362 10 0											

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for year 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity) ...	75	0	0			
Dunedin Cent. Msn. ...	40	0	0			
Dunedin (Dundas St.) ...	35	0	0			
Dunedin (Cargill Rd.) ...	35	0	0			
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ...	20	0	0			
Dunedin (Caversham) ...	20	0	0			
Dunedin (Mornington) ...	30	0	0			
Dunedin (Roslyn) ...	15	0	0			
Mosgiel ...	10	0	0			
Port Chalmers ...	15	0	0			
Waikouaiti						
Palmerston ...	15	0	0			
Balclutha ...	15	0	0			
Milton ...	13	0	0			
Roxburgh ...	10	0	0			
Home Mission Stations.						
Kaitangata ...	10	0	0			
Lawrence ...	6	0	0			
Cromwell ...	6	0	0			
				370	0	0

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Invercargill (Leet St. and Teviot St.) ...	70	0	0			
Invercargill (Don St.) ...	30	0	0			
Invercargill (Elles Rd.) ...	30	0	0			
Bluff ...	10	0	0			
Ore ...	30	0	0			
Otautau ...	20	0	0			
Edendale ...	6	0	0			
Home Mission Stations.						
Riverton ...	6	0	0			
Winton ...	0	0	0			
Tuatapere ...	0	0	0			
Nightcaps ...	8	0	0			
				210	0	0
Total Income from Circuits	£5362	5	0			

GENERAL.

Connexional Properties.

Auckland ...	700	0	0			
Grey Institute, New Plymouth ...	475	0	0			
Kai Iwi, Wanganui ...	200	0	0			
				1275	0	0
Interest on Investments.						
Auckland ...	250	0	0			
Canterbury ...	57	0	0			
Dunedin ...	4	10	0			
				311	10	0

EXPENDITURE.

OTAGO DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Kaitangata (if M. H.M.) ...	70	0	0			
(If S.H.M., £15) ...						
Lawrence ...	20	0	0			
Cromwell ...	50	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
St. Kilda ...	30	0	0			
Mosgiel ...	50	0	0			
Port Chalmers ...	40	0	0			
Milton ...	35	0	0			
Roxburgh ...	20	0	0			
Circuits with Home Missionaries.						
Palmerston ...	35	0	0			
Waikouaiti ...	40	0	0			
				390	0	0

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Riverton and Tuatapere ...	25	0	0			
Winton (if M.H.M.) ...	50	0	0			
Nightcaps ...	25	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Bluff (if M. Minister) (If Probationer, £20) ...	40	0	0			
Otautau ...	25	0	0			
Edendale (if M. Minister) (If H.M., £20) ...	40	0	0			
				205	0	0
Total Expenditure on H.M. Stations and Circuits	£5975	0	0			

GENERAL.

Departmental.

Home Mission—						
General Secretary ...	275	0	0			
House Allowance ...	100	0	0			
Travelling, etc. ...	90	0	0			
Connexional Charges	56	0	0			
General Treasurer's						
Honorarium ...	60	0	0			
Incidental Expenses ...	15	0	0			
Office Rent and Taxes ...	90	0	0			
Telephone ...	12	5	0			
Postage and Telegrams	8	0	0			
Bank Charges, Cheque Books, Exchanges, etc. ...	10	0	0			
				716	5	0

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ending December 31st, 1918.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. G. BOWRON.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at December 31st, 1917			68 1 9	Property Account—			
Endowment Account			260 0 0	Repayment of Loan ...			400 0 0
Maintenance Account—				Maintenance Account—			
Donations ...	94	12	11	Salaries, Wages and Incidentals—			
Annual Subscriptions ...	544	7	2	Staff and Casual Help for			
Collections ...	38	9	11	Home ...	283	11	0
Maintenance Fees ...	443	11	2	Garden and Farm ...	167	10	4
Accident Insurance ...	10	10	0				451 1 4
Sale of 2 Cows ...	18	19	0	Food ...	310	1	4
Sale of Windmill and Sundries ...	13	14	11	Fire and Lighting ...	54	19	3
			1164 5 1	Chemist ...	3	14	9
				Stationery, Stamps, Tele-			
				grams and Exchange ...	9	4	3
				Telephone ...	9	0	0
				Repairs and Renewals ...	12	10	4
				Sundries ...	21	0	8
				Fire Insurance, 1917 ...	11	8	4
				Fire and Accident Insurance ...	13	12	9
				Rates ...	1	13	0
				Interest ...	8	15	1
				Bank Charge ...	0	10	0
				Travelling Expenses and Com-			
				mission ...	5	5	3
							461 15 0
				Furnishings ...			78 5 6
				Purchase—1 Cow ...			13 0 0
				Funeral Expenses ...			8 2 6
							1412 4 4

	Balance—			
	Cash in Hand ...	...	...	24 15 2
	Bank of Australasia ...	...	...	52 19 6
	P.O. Savings Bank ...	...	...	2 7 10
				<u>80 2 6</u>
				<u>£1492 6 10</u>

Balance-sheet as at December 31st, 1918.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Endowment Account ...	...	660	0	0				Freehold Property ...	...				5002	8	7
Maintenance Reserve Account ...	...	150	0	0				Furnishings ...	...	358	0	0			
					810	0	0	Furnishings purchased during year		78	5	6			
Balance—Being Excess of Assets over Liabilities ...	...				4678	11	1			436	5	6			
								Less Depreciation, say ...	...	43	5	6			
													393	0	0
								One Cow ...	...				13	0	0
								Cash in Hand ...	...	24	15	2			
								Bank of Australasia ...	...	52	19	6			
								P.O. Savings Bank ...	...	2	7	10			
													80	2	6
													<u>£5488 11 1</u>		
															<u>£5488 11 1</u>

ii.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books, Bank Books and Vouchers of the South Island Orphanage, and that the foregoing Statement and Balance-sheet correctly set forth the position as at December 31st, 1918. We wish to point out, however, that so far nothing has been written off the Property Account for depreciation of buildings. These were purchased for £2750 in 1914, since when £2252 8s. 7d. has been expended in additions, and in our opinion some provision should be made on this account.

For NEWBURGH, BEST and CO., Hon. Auditors.

W. S. Newburgh, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A. (N.Z.)

MILITARY CAMPS COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Cr. 1/1/1918	...	...	...	568	0	10	
Contributions:—							
Districts—							
Auckland	71	14	1				
South Auckland	78	7	2				
Taranaki-Wanganui	124	6	2				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	152	3	1				
Wellington	144	10	3				
Nelson-Marlborough	41	12	7				
North Canterbury	130	19	2				
South Canterbury	75	10	0				
Otago	41	9	3				
Southland	94	0	0				
				954	11	9	
Patriotic Societies—							
Eltham Patriotic Committee	490	0	0				
Mania Patriotic Society	100	0	0				
Marton Patriotic Shop Committee	65	10	0				
Palmerston North Town and Country Women's Workers' Association	56	0	0				
Wanganui and Waitotara Patriotic Association	50	0	0				
Taranaki Patriotic League, Ladies' Committee	20	0	0				
Lady Liverpool Red Cross League, Hunterville	6	10	0				
Rangitikei Patriotic Society	5	0	0				
				793	0	0	
Maintenance of Featherston and Trentham							
Institutes:—							
Stationery	232	2	10				
Magazines	31	2	9				
Orderlies	27	5	0				
Communion Sets	27	3	6				
Repairs	12	12	9				
Leaflets	12	3	0				
Testaments, Hymn Books, etc.	12	2	10				
Furniture	9	13	3				
Lantern	7	2	10				
Tent	7	2	0				
Hospital Comforts	5	2	10				
Forms	3	17	0				
Insurance	2	8	3				
Music	1	2	9				
Sundries	21	16	3				
							412 17 10
Contribution to United Institute, Featherston							150 0 0
Grants to Chaplains on Embarkation							125 0 0
Remittances to Chaplains overseas							860 0 0
Expenses of Committee—							
Exchange and Cables	7	14	2				
Postage and Telegrams	7	6	9				
Travelling Expenses	2	14	10				
Cheque Books	0	10	0				
Sundries	0	5	6				
							18 11 3

iii.

Sundry Donations—		
Personal	23	0 0
Wellington Bible Class Union	8	9 11
		<u>31 9 11</u>
Rent of Institute Building ...		1 0 0
		<u>£2348 2 6</u>

Half Contribution from Eltham Patriotic Committee to Presby- terian Church		245	0	0
Balance 31/12/1918—Cr.—				
Bank of Australasia ...	487	1	5	
P.O. Savings Bank ...	25	0	0	
Cash in Hand	24	12	0	
		<u>536</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>
		<u>£2348</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

CHARLES M. LUKE, Hon. Treasurer.

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.

DANIEL J. MURRAY } Auditors.
ERNEST DAWSON }

Wellington, 14th February, 1919.

RETURNS OF MEMBERSHIP.

For Year ending September 30, 1918.

1.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
Auckland Central	771	1	307
„ West	421	—	151
„ East	540	—	136
„ Avondale	304	—	78
„ Methodist Mission	145	7	45
„ North Shore	198	—	85
„ Birkenhead	181	—	106
Onehunga	199	14	138
Otahuhu	132	—	24
Papakura	120	—	45
Pukekohe	170	—	47
Waiuku	84	—	11
Mahurangi	78	—	21
Paparua	100	1	42
Northern Wairoa	120	—	26
Whangarei	118	—	24
Port Albert	72	—	14
Coromandel	34	—	20
Helensville	80	—	39
Bay of Islands	35	—	—
Hokianga	58	—	6
Whangaroa	20	—	12
Mangonui	45	—	7
Hikurangi	32	—	12
Rehia	38	—	—
	4095	23	1396

2.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	120	—	50
Te Aroha	127	2	30
Morrinsville	117	7	23
Waihi	106	—	18
Paeroa	43	—	16
Cambridge	125	—	22
Hamilton	316	—	197
Huntly	70	—	—
Rotorua	80	—	19
Tauranga	72	—	31
Opotiki	40	1	9
Te Kuiti	57	—	1
Taumarunui	86	—	2
Matamata	102	5	24
Whakatane	39	—	7
Te Puke	35	—	10
Te Awamutu	111	—	14
Ohura	54	—	15
Ngaruawahia	75	—	2
Waimiha	23	2	2
Hauraki Plains	—	—	—
Marakopa	—	—	—
	1800	17	492

3.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
New Plymouth	489	10	141
Waitara	83	—	21
Inglewood	87	5	44
Stratford	194	—	26
Eltham	104	6	29
Hawera	306	2	113
Manaia	93	—	18
Cape Egmont	116	—	8
Kaponga	73	6	25
Wanganui	360	—	75
Aramoho	157	—	32
Rangitikei	82	—	16
Taihape	61	2	9
Waimarino	52	3	12
East Egmont	38	2	15
Mokau	—	—	—
Patea	34	—	4
	2329	36	602

4.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	361	—	183
Hastings	301	—	96
Gisborne	174	—	30
Waipawa	66	—	3
Dannevirke	108	—	32
Woodville	105	—	—
Pahiatua	95	—	12
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	285	14	75
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	220	—	70
Feilding	313	—	45
Sanson and Rongotea	128	—	40
Foxton	70	2	15
Apiti	44	—	15
Norsewood	84	—	15
	2364	16	641

5.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Taranaki Street	586	—	175
Central Mission	237	—	50
Thorndon	256	—	92
Wellington South	324	—	129
Kilbirnie	143	5	63
Johnsonville	104	7	22
Hutt	152	—	50
Petone	204	—	27
South Wairarapa	55	—	4
Carterton	120	8	—
Masterton	254	6	152
Eketahuna	74	—	23
Levin	118	—	30
Otaki	101	—	47
	2728	26	882

6.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
Nelson	201	—	35
Richmond	245	—	—
Blenheim	371	—	76
Hokitika	50	—	7
Greymouth	150	—	30
Motueka	136	1	—
Reefton	82	—	24
Westport	103	1	53
Havelock	44	—	—
Murchison	27	—	4
Runanga	40	—	—
Dennistown-Granity	70	—	30
Tapawera	28	5	5
Dovedale	—	—	—
	1547	7	259

7.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch, Durham Street	301	—	22
„ South	98	—	18
„ East	644	—	229
„ Cambridge Terrace	150	—	12
„ Woolston	219	—	82
„ Sydenham	238	—	95
„ Addington	304	24	81
„ St. Albans	352	—	70
„ Papanui	142	—	56
Lyttelton	102	—	23
Springston	148	—	36
Tai Tapu	118	—	26
Leeston	166	10	18
Kaiapoi	200	—	15
Ohoka	86	—	15
Rangiora	275	5	28
Greendale and Malvern	170	—	81
Hawarden	29	—	—
Oxford	41	—	10
	3783	39	917

8.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Bank Street)	315	—	134
Timaru (Woodland Street)	150	—	80
Waimate	216	3	74
Temuka	101	—	10
Geraldine	112	11	25
Ashburton	289	—	69
Willowby	125	—	30
Oamaru	183	5	48
Methven	32	—	—
Mayfield	51	—	—
	1574	19	400

9.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
Dunedin, Trinity	354	3	120
„ Central Mission	212	—	30
„ Dundas Street	142	—	58
„ Cargill Road	186	—	80
„ St. Kilda	180	—	60
„ Caversham	184	1	72
„ Mornington	150	—	55
„ Roslyn	150	—	64
Mosgiel	31	—	—
Port Chalmers	81	—	20
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	86	—	9
Balclutha	47	—	30
Milton	61	3	3
Roxburgh	73	—	24
Kaitangata	52	—	6
Lawrence	38	—	15
Cromwell	46	—	3
Queenstown (vacant)	—	—	—
	<u>2073</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>649</u>

10.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill, Leet Street	263	—	63
„ Don Street	194	2	73
„ Elles Road	145	2	18
Bluff	83	—	55
Gore	113	—	25
Otautau	63	—	33
Edendale	38	—	—
Riverton	30	—	—
Winton	10	—	—
Tuatapere	18	—	—
Nightcaps	38	—	20
	<u>995</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>287</u>

11.—MAORI MISSION.

(Last year's Returns)

	Senior Members.	Junior Members.
Northern Maori Mission	1803	1212
West Coast Maori Mission	100	—
Last Year's Returns	100	33
South Island Maori Mission	—	—
	<u>2003</u>	<u>1245</u>

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1918

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.	Active Members.	Societies	Active Members	Societies	Active Members	Societies	Members	Societies	Members	Societies	Members	Societies	Members	Societies	Members	Societies	Members							Societies	Members								
Auckland	84	113	32	25	39	9	2	132	13	4095	23	1396	1068	2662	6	152	16	244	12	367	16	337	19	1909	14270									
South Auckland	38	89	12	14	11	10	..	79	9	1800	17	492	...	1281	1	14	4	87	3	88	12	359	4	355	7072									
Taranaki-Wanganui	56	44	15	16	15	5	2	96	..	2329	36	602	...	1571	...	...	6	106	8	237	13	428	2	198	7619							
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	44	29	12	15	14	3	2	97	2	2364	16	640	...	1518	2	78	3	47	5	100	10	276	5	201	6431									
Wellington	42	16	21	13	17	4	2	83	11	2728	26	882	...	2012	...	...	7	113	15	525	13	358	8	618	8488							
Nelson	37	27	11	12	7	4	..	57	4	1547	7	259	...	963	1	45	9	216	5	102	3	100	1	50	5110									
North Canterbury	70	44	28	26	29	4	6	122	8	3783	39	917	106	2661	2	126	13	249	13	353	17	399	15	1096	11762									
South Canterbury	29	30	10	10	9	3	..	73	..	1574	19	400	...	1247	1	10	4	83	5	161	4	82	4	230	5175									
Otago	33	20	11	16	14	6	1	63	7	2073	7	649	...	1574	3	56	4	72	10	363	10	184	4	250	7471									
Southland	19	19	5	9	7	3	..	39	5	995	4	287	...	489	...	...	5	71	5	161	4	151	2	245	3758							
Maori Mission	2003	1245								
General Totals	452	431	157	156	162	51	15	841	59	25291	194	6524	1174	17223	16	481	71	1288	81	2457	102	2674	64	5152	77156									

SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1918.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools.	TEACHERS.			SCHOLARS.						BIBLE CLASSES.				C.E. & WESLEY GUILDS.			Young Worshippers' League.	Average Attendance.	Bands of Hope.	Attendance at Lord's Supper.	Using Graded Lessons.	Receiving Teacher Training.	Home Department.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.		
		No. on Roll.	Average Attendance	Church Members.	No on Roll.	Average Attendance	Church Members in full.	Junior Members.	Received into Church during the year.	No. on Cradle Roll.	Young Men's B.C.	Average Attendance.	Young Women's B.C.	Average Attendance.	C.E. & W.G. active.	C.E. & W.G. associate.	Total average Attendance.											
Auckland	72	648	554	554	6539	4459	290	1226	132	1252	359	247	464	329	555	147	553	652	476	21	282	21	43	..	..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
South Auckland	43	246	212	183	2416	1724	109	403	18	395	92	68	167	113	155	2	108	274	212	4	114	13	9	..	..	130 1 5	141 16 5	
Taranaki-Wanganui	51	265	236	239	2808	1970	258	581	131	448	75	49	173	118	424	16	289	416	289	2	361	14	15	9	..	..	44 18 10	23 15 3
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	43	274	236	249	2584	1937	171	643	78	713	96	67	206	147	233	40	176	212	164	5	200	16	1	..	..	79 19 8	42 8 10	
Wellington	46	392	327	354	3857	2601	214	872	65	666	125	84	186	120	282	92	305	302	191	6	245	13	..	..	..	..	132 7 8	44 1 2
Nelson	28	189	159	170	1895	1327	100	394	40	154	55	38	82	61	257	11	116	103	79	1	105	8	8	..	..	22 16 4	51 2 8	
North Canterbury	67	493	420	454	4448	3092	288	869	142	694	247	138	359	243	666	55	493	851	614	11	413	8	4	..	..	183 19 0	86 18 9	
South Canterbury	25	204	168	172	1616	1228	112	359	66	323	85	57	170	123	240	36	195	145	111	3	225	1	19	10	..	..	58 11 5	16 13 1
Otago	30	301	254	267	2376	1880	153	628	63	437	145	104	210	165	274	73	261	468	353	6	216	10	4	63	..	..	63 2 6	47 7 4
Southland	21	128	106	117	1222	876	67	276	19	211	31	18	90	62	209	30	172	272	212	2	61	1	10	..	..	94 17 6	3 17 1	
Totals	426	3140	2672	2757	29771	21094	1762	6251	754	5293	1308	870	2107	1481	3295	502	2668	3695	3401	61	2222	105	113	82	..	..	808 18 6	494 12 0
Increases	4	..	..	43	736	1305	..	499	319	80	96	..	..	..	2037	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decreases ... ..	..	22	8	..	..	..	284	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1919.

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 ...	915	0	0	59	9	8	515	0	0	77	5	0
Conf. F.M. Secy. ...	275	0	0	17	17	8	175	0	0	26	5	0
Auckland West ...	450	0	0	29	5	0	250	0	0	37	10	0
Auckland East ...	595	0	0	38	13	8	335	0	0	50	5	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.)	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	22	10	0
Auckland (Avondale) ...	362	10	0	23	11	0	202	10	0	30	7	8
Auckland Meth Mssn.	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	18	15	0
Auckland (North Shore)	425	0	0	27	12	8	225	0	0	33	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 ...	160	0	0	10	8	0	60	0	0	9	0	0
Papakura ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Pukekohe ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Waiuku ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Mahurangi ...	178	15	0	11	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paparua ...	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 ...	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	18	15	0
Northern Maori Mission Pt. Albert (H.M. Stn.)	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	18	15	0
Coromandel ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bay of Islands ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6199	5	0	331	2	4	3302	10	0	495	7	8

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	221	5	0	14	7	8	121	5	0	18	3	8
Morrinsville	190	0	0	12	7	0	90	0	0	13	10	0
Waihi	185	0	0	12	0	8	85	0	0	12	15	0
Paeroa	160	0	0	10	8	0	60	0	0	9	0	0
Cambridge	212	10	0	13	16	4	112	10	0	16	17	8
Hamilton	437	10	0	28	8	8	237	10	0	35	12	8
Huntly ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rotorua	140	0	0	9	2	0	40	0	0	6	0	0
Tauranga	160	0	0	10	8	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Opotiki	140	0	0	9	2	0	80	0	0	12	0	0
Te Kuiti	160	0	0	10	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taumarunui	140	0	0	9	2	0	40	0	0	6	0	0
Te Awamutu	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Matamata	140	0	0	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whakatane (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marakopa ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimiha ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2746	5	0	194	16	4	1226	5	0	183	19	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	452	10	0	29	8	0	252	10	0	37	17	8
Waitara	190	0	0	12	7	0	90	0	0	13	10	0
Inglewood	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Stratford	213	15	0	13	18	0	113	15	0	17	1	4
Eltham	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Hawera	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	22	10	0
Manaia	150	0	0	9	15	0	90	0	0	13	10	0
Cape Egmont	180	0	0	11	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga	190	0	0	12	7	0	90	0	0	13	10	0
Wanganui	415	0	0	26	19	8	255	0	0	38	5	0
Wanganui North	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	140	0	0	9	2	0	80	0	0	12	0	0
East Egmont (H.M. St)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea (H.M. Station)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokau ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3131	5	0	211	10	8	1611	5	0	241	13	0

HAWKES 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	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	18	15	9
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	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Palmerston N (Broad St)	396	0	0	25	15	0	236	0	0	35	8	0
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Feilding	435	0	0	28	5	8	235	0	0	35	5	0
Sanson and Rongotea	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Foxton	200	0	0	13	0	0	160	0	0	15	0	0
Kimbolton (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0	...			...
Norsewood ..	...			4	0	0	...			...
	2911	0	0	197	5	0	1551	0	0	232	13	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 St.	340	0	0	22	2	0	240	0	0	36	0	0
„ Central Msn.	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	18	15	0
„ (Thorndon)	365	0	0	23	14	8	205	0	0	30	15	0
„ South	427	10	0	27	16	0	227	10	0	34	2	8
„ Kilbirnie	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Johnsonville	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	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	185	0	0	12	0	8	85	0	0	12	15	0
Carterton	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Masterton	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	22	10	0
Eketahuna	192	10	0	12	10	4	132	10	0	19	17	6
Levin	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Otaki	182	10	0	11	17	4	82	10	0	12	7	8
	3367	10	0	218	18	8	1847	10	0	277	2	10

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6¼%			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	445	0	0	28	18	8	245	0	0	36	15	0
Hokitika	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greymouth	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Motueka	150	0	0	9	15	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reefton	140	0	0	9	2	0	80	0	0	12	0	0
Westport	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Denniston (H.M. Station)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Havelock (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murchison	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Runanga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Granity	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tapawera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dovedale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1585	0	0	123	0	8	775	0	0	116	5	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6¼%			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 St. South	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
East	450	0	0	29	5	0	250	0	0	37	10	0
Cambridge Terrace	220	0	0	14	6	0	120	0	0	18	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	365	0	0	23	14	6	205	0	0	30	15	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
Kaiapoi	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	18	15	0
Ohoka	190	0	0	12	7	0	90	0	0	13	10	0
Rangiora	380	0	0	24	14	0	180	0	0	27	0	0
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. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4305	0	0	287	16	10	2345	0	0	351	15	0

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)	590 0 0	38 7 0	330 0 0	49 10 0
Waimate ...	225 0 0	14 12 8	125 0 0	18 15 0
Temuka (King Street)	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Geraldine ...	190 0 0	12 7 0	90 0 0	13 10 0
Ashburton ...	222 10 0	14 9 0	122 10 0	18 7 8
Willowby ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Oamaru ...	212 10 0	13 16 0	112 10 0	16 17 8
Methven (H.M. Stn.)	...	4 0 0
Mayfield	4 0 0
		<u>122.11.8</u>		
	1840 0 0	127 11 8	980 0 0	147 0 4

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OTAGO DISTRICT.

Circuits.	Stipends.	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption.	Children's Fund Levy 15%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin—	395 0 0	25 13 8	235 0 0	35 5 0
Trinity ...	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	22 10 0
Central Mission	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Dundas Street	225 0 0	14 12 8	125 0 0	18 15 0
Cargill Road	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Caversham ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 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 ...	180 0 0	11 14 0	80 0 0	12 0 0
Port Chalmers	190 0 0	12 7 0	90 0 0	13 10 0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	...	4 0 0	...	...
Balclutha ...	200 0 0	13 0 0	100 0 0	15 0 0
Milton ...	190 0 0	12 7 0	90 0 0	13 10 0
Roxburgh ...	...	4 0 0	...	...
Lawrence (H.M. Stn.)	...	4 0 0	-	...
Cromwell	...	4 0 0	...	...
Kaitangata ..	...	4 0 0	...	...
	2630 0 0	194 19 4	1370 0 0	205 10 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 St.)	225	0	0	14	12	8	125	0	0	18	15	0
Invercargill (Don St.)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Invercargill (Elles Rd.)	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Bluff ...	170	0	0	11	1	0	110	0	0	16	10	0
Gore ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Otautau ...	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	15	0	0
Edendale ...	140	0	0	9	2	0	80	0	0	12	0	0
Riverton (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0		
Winton	...			4	0	0		
Tuatapere	...			4	0	0		
Nightcaps	...			4	0	0		
	1335	0	0	102	15	8	715	0	0	207	5	0

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ERRATUM:

Add to Question LI.

Nomination of Connexional Treasurers and Committees.

That except in cases otherwise provided for, the Treasurers of Connexional Funds, and the members of Connexional and District Committees be nominated by the Synods of the districts with which they are connected; and that the following Question be included in the business of District Synods:—“Whom do we nominate as the Treasurer of Connexional Funds, and as members of Connexional and District Committees connected with this district?”

STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

CONFERENCE

— OF —

The Methodist Church of New Zealand.

I.—ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

The following shall be the Order of Business in the Conference day by day:—

- (A) The President shall take the chair at the hour to which the Conference may stand adjourned, the members standing until the President is seated. He shall then cause the Session to be opened by singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, an ex-President may preside.
- (B) The Daily Record.
- (C) Notices of Motion. Notices of Motion must be in writing, and cannot be considered till at least one day after such notice is given. They shall be printed for circulation in the Conference.
- (D) Correspondence, etc.
- (E) Reports of Committees.
- (F) The Questions as they follow in the Minutes of Conference.
- (G) Any other matters which may be arranged for by sessional order or from time to time.

II.—BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION.

1. The official work of the Conference, comprised under the Questions constituting the ordinary routine of business, shall be introduced by the Secretary. The answer to each Question shall be regarded as a motion proposed by the Secretary.
2. A member of the Conference wishing to speak shall rise and address the President. In case two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall decide which has the precedence, and shall announce, if required, his name; and no member shall be heard save when speaking from his place.
3. No member shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Conference, except when the Conference is in Committee of the whole. The mover of a motion, however, has the right of reply. (See No. 9).
4. Every motion and amendment shall be presented in writing by the proposer at the time the proposition is made, and shall be immediately handed to the Secretary.

5. Motions of which due notice has been given shall, unless in special cases, be dealt with under the Questions to which they relate or refer.
6. When a motion is proposed and seconded, or a report is presented and is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, and no such motion shall be withdrawn without the consent of the Conference.
7. The seconder of a motion or of an amendment may reserve his speech.
8. Only one amendment shall be before the Conference at one time, but notices of other amendments may be given before the amendment is put from the Chair. Such amendments shall be taken in the order in which notice has been given.
9. The mover of a motion shall have the right of reply, but not the mover of an amendment. The reply must be limited to answering the arguments advanced against the motion.
10. No motion or resolution on any other subject shall be submitted until the one under consideration is disposed of.

This may be done by withdrawal, adoption, or rejection, or by one of the following motions:—

(1) Amendment of the subject matter, either by varying the terms, omission or addition.

(A) Should an amendment be carried, it becomes the substantive motion, and thereon an amendment may be proposed. But if no further amendment is proposed the amendment (which has become the substantive motion) shall be put without further discussion.

Should the amendment be lost and no further amendment be proposed, the original motion shall be put without further discussion.

(B) No second amendment shall be submitted until the first is disposed of, though any speaker may give notice of his intention to propose another amendment.

(2) Any of the following motions, which will be in order whether a motion or a motion with amendment shall be before the Conference:—

(A) "The previous question"—which shall be put to the Conference in the following form: "That the motion (or motion and amendment) before the Conference be not put." This may be discussed concurrently with such motion or amendment.

If "the previous question" be carried, the motion or amendment before the Conference cannot be put. If it be not carried, the discussion may proceed.

(B) The "Order of the Day"—i.e., that the next business as ordered by the Conference be now taken.

(C) The postponement of the question either to a definite time or to a time to be hereafter fixed.

(D) Reference to a Committee.

(3) Adjournment—

(A) Of the Debate.

(B) Of the Conference.

11. A motion "That the vote be now taken" may be presented by any member who has not spoken in the debate; but no discussion shall be allowed thereon. Should the motion be carried by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those voting, the President shall forthwith call upon the member (if any) who may have the right of reply, and immediately thereafter shall put the question. "The question" shall include the amendment or amendments (if any) which have been moved or of which notice has been given and the substantive motion in their proper order.
12. At the close of a discussion the President shall request all members to be seated, and the resolution, or resolution and amendment, shall be read or stated before being put to the vote. The vote on the amendment shall be taken first. No member shall speak after the President has risen to put "the question" to the Conference until the vote has been taken.
13. The President shall call to order any person who departs from the question under discussion or who violates the courtesies of debate.
14. A member may rise to a point of order when he deems the Rules of debate or the regulations of the Conference to have been violated. He must submit the "point of order" to the President. Upon the question of order being raised, the member addressing the Conference shall take his seat and retain it until the "point of order" is decided.
15. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.
16. A member who thinks himself misrepresented by a speaker may, by the indulgence of the Conference, interrupt the speaker to correct the misstatement; but he must not enter into argument.
17. Every member who is within the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference shall for special reasons excuse him.
18. No member shall be allowed to vote on the question who is not within the bar when any question is put by the President, except by the leave of the Conference.
19. It shall be competent for any member to propose that any subject shall be considered in a Committee of the whole Conference. The vote on the proposition shall be taken without debate.
20. It shall be competent for any member who voted with the majority to propose the reconsideration of a resolution that has been passed by the Conference, provided he shall have given notice at a previous day's session. The vote on the proposition shall be taken without debate.
21. Questions which relate to the rights and privileges of the Conference, or of individual members thereof, or to the order of business, shall have precedence.
22. The Station Sheet, as presented by the Stationing Committee, shall be discussed in the Conference, but no vote shall be taken on any single appointment, only on the sheet as a whole. Changes may, however, be suggested, and, if the Conference so determine, be referred to the Committee for consideration.
23. The financial report of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund, as presented by the Conference Home Mission Committee, shall be discussed in the Conference; but no vote shall be taken on any single item. Suggestions may, however, be made, and, if the Conference so determine, be referred to the Committee for consideration.

24. No member shall leave the Conference before its close without having sought and obtained permission to do so.
25. The attendance of thirty (30) members shall constitute a quorum of the Conference, unless at any stage in its business the Conference itself shall otherwise determine.
26. No rule or order of proceeding adopted by the Conference shall be suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

I.—EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The Examination Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26th.

1. The members of this Committee are:—(1) The President and Secretary of Conference, and the Chairmen of Districts; (2) such members of the Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference; (3) ten other Ministers chosen by the President from among those who attend the Conference.
2. The Committee is to receive all Reports, including all individual Reports from Examiners, concerning Probationers, Students, and Candidates, conduct the oral examinations, and make recommendations to Conference in each case.
3. The Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits are a 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.
4. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners (Rev. J. S. Haslam) shall act as Convener and bring the findings of the Committee before the Conference.

II.—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Board of Examiners will meet when called together by the Convener, and report its recommendations to the Conference.

III.—STATIONING COMMITTEE

1. The Stationing Committee consists of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference are members *ex-officio*.

