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**THE FIRST
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in
1874.

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

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

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Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand having taken
effect on February 6th, 1913.

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1920.

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The Eighth Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Pitt Street Church, Auckland, on Thursday, 26th February, 1920, and concluded on March 9th, 1920.

The Session was opened by Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, Retiring President, after which the President-elect, Rev. E. Drake, was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. E. H. Penny was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary-elect, Rev. A. Ashcroft, was introduced, and took up his duties.

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1.—MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION WITH CONFERENCE.

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 E. Thomas Olds
 Henry J. Odell
 William G. Slade, M.A.
 George E. Brown

Robert E. Fordyce
 William H. Hocking
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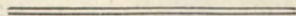
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N.B.—The Circuits not named in the foregoing list did not elect Representatives.

Names marked with an asterisk indicate Representatives who did not attend Conference.



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

1. Frederick B. Lawrence
Who has completed eight years of Probation.

2. Henry J. Odell
Who has completed five years of Probation.

3. George E. Brown
Robert E. Fordyce
William H. Hocking
Charles H. Kendon
Ernest E. Sage
Egbert R. Warburton
Who have travelled four years.

RESOLUTIONS.

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, G. E. Brown.

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

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

1. William S. Smith
Who has completed four years of Probation.

2. William T. Blight
John Dennis
Tom Dent
John R. Nelson
Frederick J. Parker
Who have travelled three years.

3. Ernest B. Chambers
Wallace S. Neal
Thomas Skuse
Who have travelled two years.

4. William B. Cuming
Herbert Ford
William Gatman
Alfred E. Jefferson
James W. Parker
Who have travelled one year.

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

Victor S. Mercer
William B. Pickering

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

Leslie A. G. Brooks
Thomas H. Burton

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

Arthur F. Attwood
Henry Benny
Eric W. Hames

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

Paraire R. Paikea
Who has travelled five years.

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

None.

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

Matarae Tauroa

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

None.

QUESTION XI.—What Home Missionary Probationers are there, and have they passed their examinations in their respective years?

J. H. Allen

Who has passed the second year's examination with honours.

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

1. Henry Bull
James Clover
John Dukes

2. Samuel Knight
Samuel Prior

Ministers of the Victoria-Tasmania Conference.

3. Charles Harris, Home Missionary.

HENRY BULL. Born in London, in 1843, Henry Bull, with other members of his family, came to New Zealand in 1862, and was converted during the Mission conducted in Christchurch by "California" Taylor. After a course in a theological class, conducted by Rev. Thos. Buddle, he became a local preacher in the Christchurch Circuit, which then covered the whole of Canterbury, north of the Rakaia River. In 1868 he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry, and appointed to the Timaru Circuit. His ministry was always characterised by earnest and fruitful evangelism, wise administration, diligent pastoral work, and careful attention to all the details of Circuit life. His connexional work included the Presidency of the Conference, chairmanship of several districts, eight times Secretary of Conference, and Convener of innumerable Committees. In 1902 he was appointed to the office of Connexional Secretary, and fulfilled its duties with great efficiency for nine years. His personal qualities secured him a host of friends and no enemies. He was a good man, a true friend, and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. On August 1st, 1919, he passed to his well-earned reward.

JAMES CLOVER. After a strenuous, faithful and fruitful ministry of forty-five years, during which much pioneering fell to his lot, James Clover was suddenly called to higher service at the close of the Sabbath Day, December 7th, 1919, on which day he had twice conducted Divine worship. Converted in the Primitive Methodist Church, Rattlesden, Suffolk, at the age of seventeen, he became a local preacher at eighteen, and later a Home Missionary. After three years of successful service as a Probationer, he was selected for work in New Zealand, and appointed to New Plymouth. In all his Circuits he served with great acceptance. He occupied almost every official position in the Church during his active ministry, being elected President in 1896. After consummation of Methodist Union he continued in the active work until 1917, when he was superannuated. A diligent pastor, an excellent preacher, a wise administrator, and loving personality, he served the Church until the end, leaving behind a memory cherished by the whole Church.

JOHN DUKES. Born in July, 1845, at the age of seventeen, John Dukes gave his heart to God, and immediately entered upon Christian service. In 1879 he came before the British Conference as a candidate, and was recommended to seek employment in the Colonial ministry. In 1880 he came to New Zealand and was received by the Conference. In all his Circuits his fidelity and capacity have been recognised, and he had the joy of seeing the work of God prosper in them all. As pastor, preacher, chairman or friend, he endeared himself to his brethren and the Methodist people generally, and has left behind him a very gracious memory.

SAMUEL KNIGHT. The late Samuel Knight, although not a member of the New Zealand Conference, ended his days in the Dominion, and his decease calls for a tribute of respect to his memory. His was no ordinary ministerial career. In Australian Methodism no name was better known, or more highly respected. He was rich in evangelistic gifts, and was greatly successful as a winner of souls. He was also keenly interested in the educational institutions of the Church, and laboured in various ways to promote their efficiency. Full of years and honours he breathed his last at the age of 81 in the home of his son, Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., leaving a record that will live in the grateful remembrance of all who knew him.

CHARLES HARRIS, born in a Christian home, early yielded himself to Christ, and when quite a young man he qualified for service as a

local preacher in the Primitive Methodist Church. In Geraldine he served the Church with great acceptance, and soon after Methodist Union he obeyed the call to take up Home Mission work; and was appointed to the Ohura district in 1915. Our late brother faced the difficulties of the station with faith in Christ and a stout heart; his Christian character, earnest preaching, diligent pastoral visitation and faithful attention to duty being crowned with much success. For five years Brother Harris laboured with great acceptance, his faith being tried by the death of his only child and the long illness of his devoted wife, until sickness seized him, and in the midst of his labours God called him to the higher service.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

1. John Dumbell ^x
 - William Cannell
 - John Smith
 - William Lee
 - William C. Oliver
 - David McNicoll
 - Joseph S. Smalley
 - William H. Beck
 - John J. Lewis
 - Charles E. Ward ^x
 - William J. Williams
 - George Bond
 - Thomas G. Carr
 - Henry R. Dewsbury
 - James Thomas
 - John D. Jory
 - John Nixon
 - Charles H. Standage
 - William Baumber
 - Cornelius Griffin
 - Peter W. Jones ^x
 - John A. Luxford
 - William S. Potter ^x
 - Thomas Fee
 - Christopher Abernethy
 - Lewis Hudson
 - Thomas N. Griffin
 - T. Francis Jones
 - Joseph J. Mather
 - Joseph Blight
 - Thomas W. Newbold
2. Frederick W. Boys
 - For three years.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

1. Josiah Ward
 - Thomas G. Hammond
 - Daniel J. Murray
 - Alfred Peters
 - George T. Marshall
 - Samuel Griffith
2. James G. Chapman
 - For one year.

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JOSIAH WARD entered the ministry in 1872, and became a probationer in the Cambridge Terrace Circuit under the Superintendency of his sainted father, Rev. Robert Ward, the pioneer missionary of N.Z. Primitive Methodism. During his ministry he has laboured in nine Circuits, in three of which he served a total of twenty-two years. At the time of his applying for superannuation he was the Senior Minister in active Circuit work, having served the Church for 48 years. In connection with new church schemes he has rendered the Church very great service. He has done the work of an evangelist, and there are many in this land who look to him as their spiritual father. He has excelled as a pastor and administrator. For some years he served the Church as Connexional Editor. Having passed the allotted span of three score years and ten he retires from active Circuit responsibility with the good will of the whole Church.

THOMAS G. HAMMOND is the last of a race of great Missionaries who have devoted themselves to the Maori Missions of the Methodist Church. After a lengthened and honourable career in the ranks of its ministry, he is now compelled, by the stress of years, to apply for supernumerary relationship to the Church. His ministerial life began at the first N.Z. Conference in 1874. As a Probationer he was engaged in the European work, and was appointed successively to the Manawatu, New Plymouth and Palmerston North Circuits, being the first minister appointed to Palmerston. He began his missionary career at Waima, Hokianga, and on that historic spot laid the foundation for the reputation he now enjoys. During the whole of the forty-two years devoted to the Native people, Mr. Hammond has been a very close student of their customs and character, and as a consequence has acquired a unique knowledge of them. He has also been an equally successful student of Church History in the Province where he lived so long, and in his writings upon the question he has laid the Church under a heavy debt of gratitude to him. In retiring from the active work of the ministry, the Conference assures Mr. Hammond that he is held in the highest esteem by his brethren, both for his personal qualities and the work he has done. It would also put on record its appreciation of the ungrudging service that Mrs. Hammond has also rendered to the Missionary work of her husband, and it prays that the blessing of God may be with them and grant them a long and happy eventide.

DANIEL J. MURRAY, after 45 years of active service now becomes a Supernumerary. The Conference, in acceding to his request, recognises that Brother Murray has earned the right to superannuation, and congratulates him upon having fulfilled so long and honourable a record in the service of the Church. Coming in 1879 from England, where he had served four years in the Primitive Methodist Church, he later joined the Wesleyan Methodists, travelling in many important Circuits, and, in all of them, earning a good degree. As President and Secretary of the Conference, and Chairman of Districts he displayed conspicuous ability and keen devotion to the interests of the Church. The Conference rejoices that he retires with a degree of health and vigour that gives promise of still further acceptable service as a preacher and counsellor—assures him of the love and esteem of his brethren, and prays that his days of retirement may be many and happy.

ALFRED PETERS. After a faithful and effective ministry of forty-three years, Alfred Peters retires from the active work, carrying with

him the esteem and affection of all his brethren. He entered the ministry of the United Methodist Free Church in 1877, and laboured in a number of important Circuits with eminent success. Throughout his years of active service he has displayed great administrative and organising ability, evidence of which is seen in the fine church built at Papanui in 1913. His pulpit work has been marked by intellectual vigour and deep devotion to Christ. In social life Brother Peters has displayed great brotherliness of spirit, endearing himself to a wide circle of friends. In the course of his ministry he occupied the positions of Secretary and Chairman of Districts in the United Methodist Free Church. For the past three years he has been Chairman of the Southland District, where his wise and tactful oversight has made for harmony and progress. We pray that in his years of retirement he may enjoy God's richest blessing.

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, having preferred a request for permanent superannuation, Conference in granting the request, expresses profound regret that such a step has become necessary, and records its gratitude for the long and useful ministry he has exercised, twenty-four years of such service having been given to one District. No man holds a higher place in the affectionate esteem of his brethren. In every Circuit in which he has laboured he has had a most fruitful and effective term of service. His connexional work has been of an important character and of long duration, and has been discharged with fidelity and diligence. In every position he has occupied his cultured and gentlemanly bearing have approved him to all with whom he has been associated. As Chairman of the Otago District he has won the regard of both ministers and Circuit officials. We earnestly pray that he may be blessed with such a measure of health as will enable him to render many added years of service to the Church in such positions as he is fitted to fill both by his gifts of nature and of grace.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Albert B. Chappell, M.A., Dip. Jour, F.R.E.S.
Joseph R. Sullivan
Egbert R. Warburton.

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

No.

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

1. Frank E. Leadley

Formerly a minister of the English Primitive Methodist Conference.

2. Herbert Daniel

Is re-admitted into full connexion with the Conference.

QUESTION XX.—Are there any Objections to any Minister, Pro-
 tioner or Home Missionary?

No.

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

Hone M. Hare

Who has resigned.

QUESTION XXII.—What are the Arrangements for the Annual Exami-
 nation of Probationers, Students and Candidates for the Ministry
 and Home Missionaries.

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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

(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. W. Laycock
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	... Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
Elementary Greek	... Rev. G. Frost
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. W. A. Hay
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 (Pea- body)	... Rev. J. Cocker
Hinduism (Haigh) and Mohammedanism (Margoliouth)	... Rev. W. A. Hay

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. S. Sinclair
Exegesis	...	...	...	...	Rev. A. C. Lawry
Homiletics	...	...	...	...	Rev. J. Wrigley
English	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. P. Blamires
Latin	...	...	...	...	Rev. C. B. Jordan, B.A.
Greek	...	...	...	...	Rev. G. Frost
Hebrew	...	...	...	...	Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.
Mathematics	...	...	...	...	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
Social Economics	...	...	...	...	Rev. A. Liversedge
Mental and Moral Philosophy	...	...	...	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam

(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. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	...	...	...	...	Rev. W. Beckett
Church History	...	...	...	...	Rev. E. D. Patchett
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 follow:—(a) To direct the studies of the Students on the Presi-

dent'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, and to prepare a general report on the examinations for the Examination Committee. To supply Probationers, Candidates and Home Missionaries with a code word to be used instead of their names in their answers to questions; to receive from Supervisors papers taken by the Examinees, with the Examinees' answers thereon, and transmit them to the individual Examiners; (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 City Circuits, where Conference is to be held, 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. All Examination Papers, with the exception of Hebrew, shall be typewritten.
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, he 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. Examinees are in no case to put their names on their answers to questions, but to use

- the code word supplied by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners prior to the examination.
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 Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall forward them to the individual Examiners. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall provide a list of instructions and forward them, through the Chairmen, 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 7th.

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 Moulton's Introduction to the Study of New Testament Greek.
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.-xliv.
2. New Testament (Greek): St Mark, Chapters xi-xvi; Cambridge Greek Text, and Moulton's Introduction.
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 the 3rd year Century Bible, and for 4th year Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.

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 in 1920, Smith's *Initia Graeca*, pp. 1 to 59, and in 1921 and thereafter, Nunn's *Elements of New Testament Greek*, pp. 1 to 64, in their second year, p. 64 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 1920, are as follows:—

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

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

Third year: *Cicero, De Amicitia*.

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

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.

1. CURRICULUM.

Subjects.	Hours per Week
1. Theology (Systematic)	2 hours
(Biblical)	1 "
2. Bible Introduction and Exegesis	2 "
3. Homiletics	1 "
4. New Testament—Greek	2 "
5. Hebrew (if taken)	2 "
6. Latin	2 "
7. English Language and Literature	2 "
8. Mathematics	2 "
9. Mental and Moral Philosophy (3 years' course) (Including Child Psychology and Principles of Pedagogy).	1 "
10. Social Economics (2 years' course)	1 "
11. Elocution and Voice Production—Instruction by a Professional Teacher.	
12. In the Third year, a brief Course of Lectures will be given in Circuit and Sunday School Organisation, Pastoral Efficiency, and Methodist Law as related thereto.	

2. REGULATIONS.

1. The College terms shall coincide with the terms of the Auckland University College, except that the first term shall commence on the third Monday in March. Students are expected to enter during the week previous.

2. Students shall go out of residence at the College during the vacations.

3. The Curriculum shall be arranged on a basis of a Three Years' Course of training, and only in the case of the most extreme necessity shall a Student be called out for Circuit work before the expiration of this term.

4. During Conference no Student who has not completed his three years' course shall be removed from the College for employment in Circuit work except by a two-thirds vote of the Stationing Committee and Conference, and no President shall remove a Student during the year, except his Committee of Advice, after giving full consideration to the recommendation of the Principal has agreed to the removal by a two-thirds vote. In every case where a Student is called out during the year, the President shall present, in writing, to the following Conference, a full statement of reasons for his action.

5. There shall be an examination in each subject at the end of each term, conducted by the Lecturers or Tutors and, in addition, an examination in the last week of November on the whole year's work, conducted by Examiners appointed by Conference, other than the Lecturers or Tutors. The marks from both series of examination shall be reported to Conference, and shall count for all prizes, etc.

6. There shall be a Board of Studies, consisting of the Chairman of the District, the Principal of the College, the Tutor in Languages, the Ministerial Lecturers, and two other persons appointed by such Board. This Board shall decide all adjustments in the Course of Study in accordance with the Regulations of Conference.

7. No Student shall enter upon a University Course without the consent of the Board of Studies, nor shall any Student prepare for Matriculation without such consent and without satisfying the Board that he has a reasonable prospect of success within at least two years.

8. In the case of a Student pursuing a Pass or Honours Course at the University College, the Board of Studies may make modifications in the College Curriculum, but no Student shall be relieved from taking the full Course in Theology, Bible Exegesis, Homiletics and Greek, unless he is taking the last-named subject at the University Pass or Honours standard.

9. All Students who attend University lectures shall sit for the University or University College Examinations in such subjects, and the result shall be reported to Conference.

10. The Board of Studies shall determine what Students are to take Hebrew.

11. Any Student proposing to offer himself for the Maori work may substitute Maori for one of the subjects set out in the Curriculum. The Board of Studies must first approve of the arrangement, and decide what subject shall be omitted.

12. Students on the List of Reserve for admission to the College shall pursue their studies under the direction of the Board of Studies, who shall report thereupon to Conference.

13. The Principal shall, after laying the results before the Board of Studies, furnish the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, at the earliest possible date, with the complete results of the Student's Examination conducted by the Conference Examiners and the College Lecturers and Tutors.

14. Each Student shall preach a trial sermon before one or more of the Ministers of the Auckland City or Suburban Circuits, a written report of which, marked according to the scale appointed by Conference, shall be presented to the Auckland District Ministerial Committee and forwarded to Conference. The Board of Studies shall arrange for these trial sermons.

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 Board of Studies, 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—1920, Longman's Latin Course Part I., or Walters and Conway's Limen, Part I., Sections 1-138. 1921, Walters and Conway's Limen, Part I., Sections 1-138.
3. Greek—1920, Smith's Initia Graeca to the Auxiliary Verb; 1921, Clapperton's First Steps in New Testament Greek.
4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series, Book II. The World. (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography; (b) Sections on the British Empire.
5. History—History of England from the accession of William III. to the accession of Victoria. (C. Ransome, J. R. Green).
6. Science—Any one of the following subjects:—(a) Geology; (b) Zoology; (c) Botany; (d) Human Physiology; (e) Inorganic Chemistry; (f) Heat, Sound, and Light. (Longman's Elementary Science Manuals.)

SECTION C.

MATHEMATICS.

1. Arithmetic—Simple and Compound Rules, Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Practice, Ratio and Proportion, Unitary Method, Measurement of Surfaces, Interest and Discount, Square Root (J. B. Lock, C. Pendlebury, or Workman).
2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilinear Figures and Area of Rectilinear Figures. (Geometry, Parts I. and II. Baker and Bourne.)

- 3 Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems, to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i. to xxii.)

REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be three Examiners, one for each section of the subjects A, B and C.
2. Examination Papers shall be set as follows:—
 - (a) General Bible Knowledge and Church History
 - (b) Systematic Theology.
 - (c) English Grammar and Composition.
 - (d) Latin.
 - (e) Greek.
 - (f) Hebrew.
 - (g) Geography, History and Science.
 - (h) Arithmetic.
 - (i) Geometry.
 - (j) Algebra.
3. The results for each subject shall be classed in the following manner:—
 - 85 to 100 per cent. of marks: First Class.
 - 70 to 84 per cent. of marks: Second Class.
 - 50 to 69 per cent. of marks: Third Class.
 - Below 50 per cent. of marks: Failure.
4. Section A must be taken in all cases. All Candidates who have not passed the Matriculation Examination must also take English, Geography, History, Science, and Arithmetic. Others including undergraduates and graduates of a Chartered University will be excused from taking any part of Sections B and C.
5. Candidates for the Ministry are required to prepare for the Matriculation Examination of the New Zealand University in the literary and mathematical subjects (Greek excepted), and in the event of their sitting, the report of their marks shall be obtained by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and reported to the Examination Committee, and they shall be exempted from sitting for the Conference Examination.
6. The Hebrew text-book shall be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.
7. Immediately after the September Quarterly Meetings, each Superintendent shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the names and scholastic status of all 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—Tout's History of England, Part 3, page 642 to end.
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 respective headings.

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

- Bennett and Adeney's Biblical Introduction.
- Clarke's Sixty Years with the Bible.
- Davidson's Old Testament Prophecy.
- *Davidson's Old Testament Theology.
- Davidson's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
- Deissmann's Light from the Ancient East.
- Deissmann's St Paul.
- Dods' The Bible: Its Origin and Nature.
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets.
- Glover's Jesus of History.
- Hogg's Christ's Message of the Kingdom.

- Moulton's History of the English Bible.
 *Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
 Orr's Problem of the Old Testament.
 *Paterson's Rule of Faith.
 Peake's Critical Introduction to the New Testament.
 Peake's The Bible: Its Origin, Nature, and Significance.
 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.
 Robertson's The Spiritual Pilgrimage of Jesus.
 Ryle's Canon of the Old Testament.
 Shaw's Pauline Epistles.
 Smith's Book of the Twelve Prophets.
 Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
 Wade's Old Testament History.
 Warschauer's What Is the Bible?
 Westcott's Bible in the Church.
 Westcott's Canon of the New Testament.

(n) Philosophical and Apologetic—

- Ballard's Haeckel's Monism False.
 *Ballard's Miracles of Unbelief.
 Ballard's The True God.
 Bowne's Studies in Theism.
 Bowne's The Immanence of God.
 *Brown's The Christian Hope
 Burrowes' Valley of Decision.
 *Caird's Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
 Chesterton's Orthodoxy.
 Clifford's Ultimate Problems of Christianity
 Concerning Prayer (Symposium by Anglican writers).
 Davison's The Indwelling Spirit.
 Denney's Atonement and the Modern Mind.
 Denney's Christian Doctrine of Reconciliation.
 Denney's Death of Christ.
 Denney's Jesus and the Gospel.
 Denney's Studies in Theology.
 *Fairbairn's Philosophy of the Christian Religion
 Fitchett's Beliefs of Unbelief.
 Fitchett's Unrealised Logic of Religion.
 *Griffith-Jones' The Ascent Through Christ.
 Griffith Jones' Faith and Immortality.
 Humphrey's The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience.
 Illingworth's Divine Immanence.
 Illingworth's Doctrine of the Trinity.
 Illingworth's Personality, Human and Divine.
 Illingworth's Reason and Revelation.
 *Inge's Christian Mysticism.
 Inge's Faith and its Psychology.
 Iverach's Christianity and Evolution.
 *Kidd's Science of Power.
 Lidgett's Fatherhood of God.
 Mosley's The Doctrine of the Atonement.
 Orr's Christian View of God and the World.
 Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Christian Character.
 *Peabody's Jesus Christ and the Social Question.
 Rashdall's Philosophy and Religion.
 *Rauschenbusch's Christianity and the Social Crisis.
 Romanes' Thoughts on Religion.
 *Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.

Schmid's The Scientific Creed of a Theologian.
 Simpson's Spiritual Interpretation of Nature.
 Strachan's The Individuality of St. Paul.
 Tabrum's Religious Beliefs of Scientists.
 Walker's Christian Theism.
 Warschauer's Problems of Immanence.

(c) Pastoral—

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

II. CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY:

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

III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY:

Bergson's Creative Evolution.
 Bertrand Russell's Problems of Philosophy
 Caird's Hegel.
 Drummond's Ascent of Man.
 Duncan's The New Knowledge.
 Eaton's The Fight Against Drink.
 *Eucken's Truth of Religion.
 Hoffding's Outlines of Psychology.
 Hopkins' Profit and Loss in Man.

- *Horsley and Sturge's Alcohol and the Human Body
- Hutton's The Lesson of Evolution.
- *Jane T. Stoddart's New Socialism.
- Jones' Rudolf Eucken.
- Jowett's Introductions to Plato.
- Lodge's Man and the Universe.
- Mackenzie's Manual of Ethics.
- Mackenzie's Outline of Metaphysics.
- Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee.
- Marshall's Principles of Economics.
- Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory.
- *Muirhead's Elements of Ethics.
- Rae's Contemporary Socialism.
- Romanes' Darwin and After Darwin.
- Soddy's Matter and Energy.
- Thomson and Geddes' Evolution.
- Wallace's Darwinism.
- Wallace's Kant.
- *Wardell's Contemporary Philosophy.
- Wardell's First Lessons in Philosophy.

IV. HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY:

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

V. POETRY—

Sir Edwin Arnold's *Light of the World*
 Bridges.
 Browning.
 Byron.
 Clough.
 Francis Thompson
 Keats.
 Longfellow.
 Matthew Arnold.
 Milton.
 F. W. H. Myers' *St. Paul*.
 Russell Lowell.
 Shakespeare.
 Shelley.
 Tennyson.
 Watson.
 Whittier.
 Wordsworth.
 Yeats

VI. MISCELLANEOUS :

Devotional—

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

Fiction—

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

VII. ESSAYS AND BELLES LETTRES :

Arnold, Bagehot, Belloc, Benson, Birrell, Burke, Carlyle, Chesterton, De Quincey, Emerson, Goldsmith, Hazlett, Hunt (Leigh), Holmes, Lamb, Lucas (E. V.), Macaulay, Marvel (Ik.), Pater (Walter), Russell (Geo. W. E.), Ruskin, Symonds, (J. A.)

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.)
- "The Faith and Modern Thought" (W. Temple, M.A.)

UNIVERSITY DECREES.

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.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Rev. J. H. Haslam for his services as Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners during the year, and that he be re-appointed.
2. That the Board of Studies, together with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, consider during the year the matter of text books for Candidates in Systematic Theology, English History, and Algebra, and to bring up a recommendation to next Conference.
3. That the same Committee consider and report upon the "List of Books Recommended to Probationers."
4. That hearty appreciation be expressed of the excellent work done by the Rev. G. T. Marshall, as Acting-Principal of the Theological Institution.
5. That on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners the Conference appoint each year an Examiner for the oral examinations at the succeeding Conference, and that in the event of such examiner not being able to attend the Conference, a substitute be appointed by the President.
6. That the Examiner for 1921 be the Principal of the Theological College.

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

ALTERATION OF DISTRICTS.

Otago and Southland Districts.—That the Otago and Southland Districts be amalgamated, and that the amalgamated district be called the Otago-Southland District.

AUCKLAND.

- (a) That Alexandra Street Property be transferred from the Auckland Central Circuit to the Auckland Methodist Mission.
- (b) That the Pitt and Edwin Streets Church properties be transferred from the Auckland Central Circuit to the Auckland Methodist Mission on the conditions mutually agreed to by the Trustees.
- 1. Auckland (North Shore).—That Takapuna be constituted a separate Circuit, the boundaries being on the south, St. Leonards Road and Eversleigh Road; from water to water on the west on coast line to Barry's Point, thence the Main Road; round the Lake to Sheriff's Store, thence along to the seaward of Main East Coast Road to Deep Creek, which includes the new settlement of Castor Oil Bay, Campbell's and Murray's, Brown's Bay and Deep Creek. That a Married Minister be appointed with a suitable grant.

The former North Shore Circuit to be known as the Devonport Circuit, and the new Circuit as the Takapuna Circuit.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Huntly.—That Huntly be placed under the direction of Ngaruawahia Home Mission Station, and that Hamilton Circuit assist in supplying the appointments.

NELSON.

Runanga.—That the Runanga Home Mission Station be amalgamated with the Greymouth Circuit.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

- 1. Addington.—That the Addington Circuit be divided. Addington to include Union Church (Selwyn Street South), Lincoln Road and Halswell; the new Circuit (to be called Riccarton Circuit) to comprise Clarence Road, Riccarton Village and Masham, with Married Minister.
- 2. Durham Street South.—That Durham Street South be attached to Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace) and High Street, to Christchurch (Sydenham).

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

- 1. Invercargill (Leet Street and Don Street Circuits).—(a) That a new Circuit be constituted to comprise the following places: Leet St., Don St., West Plains, Otataru, Kennington, and Long Bush, and to be known as the Invercargill Central Circuit. (b) That the proposal to sell properties connected with Leet Street and Don

Street Churches, the proceeds of sale to be devoted to the purchase of sites for the proposed Central and Gladstone Churches, with the erection thereof, be recommended to the favourable consideration of the Building and Loan Fund Committee. (c) That the staff for the year be one Married Minister.

2. Invercargill (Elles Road and Teviot Street Circuits).—(a) That Elles Road, Teviot Street and Clifton Churches be a second Circuit, to be called Invercargill (St. Peter's) Circuit. (b) That Teviot Street Church property be sold, and that after liquidating the liabilities, £300 of the purchase money be devoted to the purchase of a site for a church at Gladstone, and the balance towards a Sunday School for St. Peter's (Elles Road), and that the funds in hand for new parsonage at Teviot Street be devoted to new parsonage at St. Peter's. (c) That the staff be one Married Minister.
3. Riverton-Tuatapere H.M. Stations.—That the Riverton and Tuatapere Home Mission Stations be amalgamated, and that the station be known as the Riverton-Tuatapere Station.
4. Kaitangata.—That the Kaitangata Home Mission Station be placed under the direction of the Balclutha Circuit.

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

AUCKLAND.

Pukekohe.—That a Home Missionary be stationed at Bombay.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

1. Matamata.—That an Unmarried Home Missionary be appointed as an additional Agent to reside at Pukeruru.
2. Morrinsville.—That an additional Agent be appointed to the Morrinsville Circuit, to be stationed at Tahuna. That Orini be transferred from the Ngaruawahia Circuit, and worked from Tahuna.
3. Hamilton.—That a Probationer be appointed as an additional Agent.
4. Te Aroha.—That a Probationer be appointed as an additional Agent.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

1. Stratford. That the Second Agent in the Stratford Circuit be a Married Home Missionary instead of a Minister, such Home Missionary to reside at Midhurst.
2. Wanganui.—That a Single Home Missionary be appointed as an additional Agent, to reside at Wanganui East.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Gisborne.—That a Home Missionary be appointed as a second Agent.

WELLINGTON.

Masterton.—That a Single Home Missionary be appointed to reside at Kuripuni.

NELSON.

Dovedale.—That Dovedale be separated from Motueka, and that a Single Home Missionary be appointed.

OTAGO.

Dunedin (Roslyn).—That a Single Home Missionary be appointed, to reside at Maori Hill.

QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

None.

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

AUCKLAND.

1. Auckland (East) is due, but it relieved for a fourth year.
2. Auckland (Avondale) is due, but is relieved for one year.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

1. Opotiki is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.
2. Tauranga is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

1. Taihape fulfils its obligation.
2. Waimarino is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

NELSON.

1. Reefton.— That a Probationer be continued for another year.
2. Motueka.—That a Married Home Missionary be appointed for another year.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Christchurch (St. Albans) second is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Timaru Third is due, but is relieved for a second year.

QUESTION XXVII.—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. EDWARD DRAKE.

Secretary:
REV. ARTHUR ASHCROFT.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1920.

(N.E.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 127, and (1) to (5) for Maori Stations, is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, within the space of twelve months, at such time or times and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister.)

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **Auckland Central.**—Percy N. Knight, B.A., Harry Ranston, M.A., Percy R. Paris; Joseph S. Smalley, John J. Lewis, James Thomas, John A. Luxford, C.M.G., George T. Marshall (Supernumeraries).
FOREIGN MISSION FUND.—William A. Sinclair, Conference Secretary.
2. **Auckland West.**—Jonathan H. Haslam, William H. Speer; William S. Potter, (Supernumerary).
3. **Auckland East.**—John A. Lochore, John E. Parsons; one wanted; Albert B. Chappell, M.A., Dip. Jour., F.R.E.S., (without Pastoral charge); John Smith, William Lee, David McNicoll, George Bond, Thomas G. Carr, Henry R. Dewsbury, Cornelius Griffin, Samuel Griffith, T. Francis Jones, Joseph J. Mather (Supernumeraries).
WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE, THREE KINGS.—Joseph H. Simmonds, Principal.
HOME MISSION FUND.—Thomas G. Brooke, General Secretary.
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Charles H. Laws, B.A., Principal;
Harry Ranston, M.A., Tutor in Classical Languages and Literatures.
4. **Auckland (Avondale).**—William A. Burley, M.A., William T. Blight; a Home Missionary; Lewis Hudson (Supernumerary).
5. **Auckland Central Mission.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.

R.B. Gosnell -

6. Auckland (Devonport).—William J. Elliott.
7. Auckland (Takapuna).—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.
8. Auckland (Birkenhead).—Percy I. Cooke, John D. Jory, (Super numerary).
9. Onehunga.—James Wrigley.
10. Otahuhu.—Horace L. Richards.
11. Papakura.—George B. Hinton.
12. Pukekohe.—John Olphert; a Home Missionary.
13. Waiuku.—J. Wesley Griffin.
14. Mahurangi.—One wanted (Warkworth).
15. Paparua.—Charles H. Kendon.
16. Northern Wairoa.—John Southern.
17. Whangarei.—James R. Clark.
- 18 Maori Missions.—Arthur J. Seamer (General Superintendent).

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NORTHERN MAORI MISSION.

- (1) NGAPUHI—
 - (a) WHANGAROA.—Hapeta Renata (Kaeo).
 - (b) HOKIANGA.—Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki), Paraire R. Paikea (Mangungu).
 - (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) a Home Missionary (Otorohanga); a Home Missionary (Oparure).
Piripi Rakena, Superintendent.

PORT ALBERT.—A Home Missionary.
 COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.
 HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.
 KAUKAPAKAPA.—A Home Missionary.
 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.

PERCY N. KNIGHT, B.A., Chairman of the District.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

19. Thames.—Arthur Mitchell; Joseph Blight, (Supernumerary).
20. Te Aroha.—Arthur Hopper; one wanted.
21. Morrinsville.—Harry Cottom; a Home Missionary (Tahuna).
22. Waihi.—Fred. Greenwood.
23. Paeroa.—Walter J. Enticott.

24. Cambridge.—John D. McArthur; a Home Missionary.
 25. Hamilton.—Ernest O. Blamires, Herbert Ford (Supply), E. Thomas Olds; one wanted.
 26. Huntly.—One wanted.
 27. Rotorua.—Percy Battey.
 28. Tauranga.—Victor S. Mercer.
 29. Opotiki.—Ernest B. Chambers.
 30. Te Kuiti.—One wanted.
 31. King Country Rural Mission.—Hedley White (Taumarunui); one wanted (Te Kuiti); a Home Missionary (Ohura); a Home Missionary (Mokauiti). Hedley White, Superintendent.
 32. Te Awamutu.—Samuel Henderson.
 33. Whakatane.—One wanted.
 34. Matamata.—Alfred E. Jefferson; a Home Missionary (Putaruru); Thomas G. Hammond, (Supernumerary).
 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 the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

35. New Plymouth.—J. Napier Milne, J. Frederick Martin; William Cannell, John Nixon, (Supernumeraries).
 36. North Taranaki Rural Mission.—One wanted.
 37. Waitara.—Frederick B. Lawrence; a Home Missionary.
 38. Inglewood.—Arthur A. Bensley.
 39. Stratford.—Leslie B. Neale; a Home Missionary.
 40. Eltham.—James A. Hosking.
 41. Hawera.—Arthur Liversedge.
 42. Manaia.—Henry J. Odell.
 43. Cape Egmont.—One wanted; a Home Missionary.
 44. Kaponga.—William W. Avery.
 45. Wanganui.—Henry L. Blamires; John R. Nelson.
 46. Wanganui North.—Ben. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
 47. Rangitikei.—Harold T. Peat, (Marton).
 48. Taihape.—William Lea.
 49. 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.—A Native Home Missionary.
 PARIROA.—A Native Home Missionary.
 RAETIHI.—Matarae Tauroa.
 Robert T. P. Haddon, Superintendent.
 EAST EGMONT.—A Home Missionary.
 MOKAU.—A Home Missionary.
 PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

HENRY L. BLAMIRES, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

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

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THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

62. **Wellington (Taranaki St.)**—Harold E. Bellhouse, Josiah Ward, James G. Chapman (Supernumeraries).
 63. **Wellington Central Mission.**—G. Knowles Smith.
 64. **Wellington (Thorndon).**—Colin C. Harrison, George E. Brown; John Dumbell, (Supernumerary).
 65. **Wellington South.**—Edward Drake, (President of the Conference), James T. Pinfold, D.D., John Dawson, (who has permission to act as Secretary of New Zealand Alliance); William H. Beck, (Supernumerary).
 66. **Wellington (Kilbirnie).**—Frederick T. Read.
 67. **Johnsonville.**—Nicholas Turner; one wanted.
 68. **Hutt.**—William Rowe; Daniel J. Murray, (Supernumerary).
 69. **Petone.**—Charles Blair.
 70. **South Wairarapa.**—Robert B. Gosnell.
 71. **Carterton.**—Samuel H. D. Peryman.
 72. **Masterton.**—James Cocker; one wanted.
 73. **Eketahuna.**—James W. Parker.
 74. **Levin.**—George Frost.
 75. **Otaki.**—William G. Slade, M.A.; a Home Missionary.

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EDWARD DRAKE (President of the Conference),
 Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

76. **Nelson.**—Ernest D. Patchett.
77. **Richmond.**—William Wills; a Home Missionary.
78. **Blenheim.**—William Greenslade, Henry Ryan; a Home Missionary.
79. **Hokitika.**—One wanted.
80. **Greymouth.**—T. Jackson Wallis.
81. **Motueka.**—One wanted.
82. **Reefton.**—William B. Pickering.
83. **Westport.**—William A. Watson.
- 76.57. HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
- MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
- RUNANGA.—A Home Missionary.
- DENNISTON-GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.
- DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

84. **Christchurch (Durham St.).**—William Ready; William Baumber, Christopher Abernethy, Thomas N. Griffin, (Supernumeraries).
- CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Samuel Lawry.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—C. H. Olds, B.A., Organising Secretary.
85. **Christchurch East.**—E. Percy Blamires, William Walker; a Home Missionary.
86. **Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).**—William Grigg; Charles E. Ward, (Supernumerary).
87. **Christchurch (Woolston).**—Fred. Copeland; William J. Williams, Thomas Fee, (Supernumeraries).
88. **Christchurch (Sydenham).**—William Beckett.
89. **Christchurch (Addington).**—Robert B. Tinsley.
90. **Christchurch (Riccarton).**—Albert H. Fowles.
91. **Christchurch (St. Albans).**—Albert C. Lawry, John Dennis; William C. Oliver, (Supernumerary).
92. **Christchurch (Papanui).**—Thomas A. Joughin; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
93. **Lyttelton.**—Fred. L. Frost.
94. **Springston.**—John Harris.
95. **Tai Tapu.**—Basil Metson.
96. **Leeston.**—William Laycock.
97. **Kaiapoi.**—W. Bramwell Scott.
98. **Ohoka.**—Charles Roberts.
99. **Rangiora.**—James Guy, Charles B. Jordan, B.A.

100. Greendale-Malvern.—Frank E. Leadley; a Home Missionary.

(5) South Island Maori Mission (under the supervision of the Chairman of District).—Rakena Piripi (Rapaki).

HAWARDEEN.—A Home Missionary.

OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS A. JOUGHIN, Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

101. Timaru.—W. Arthur Hay, Archer O. Harris, Tom Dent; Joseph R. Sullivan (without Pastoral Charge); Charles H. Standage (Super-numerary).

102. Waimate.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

103. Temuka.—Francis T. Harris; a Home Missionary.

104. Geraldine.—Jacob Featherston.

105. Ashburton.—Thomas W. Vealie; a Home Missionary.

106 Willowby.—Samuel Bailey.

107. Oamaru.—Amos Reader.

METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.

MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS W. VEALIE, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

108. Dunedin (Trinity).—M. A. Rugby Pratt, Robert E. Fordyce; Thomas W. Newbold (Supernumerary).

109. Dunedin Central Mission.—Clarence Eaton.

110. Dunedin (Dundas St.).—Walter J. Oxbrow.

111. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Robert Raine.

112. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Ernest E. Sage.

113. Dunedin (Caversham).—George P. Hunt.

114. Dunedin (Mornington).—Benjamin F. Rothwell.

115. Dunedin (Roslyn).—T. Arthur Pybus; Frederick J. Parker (Supply).

116. Mosgiel.—One wanted.

117. Port Chalmers.—George Clement.

118. Waikouaiti and Palmerston.—Oswald Burnet; a Home Missionary.

119. Balclutha.—Samuel J. Werren.

120. Milton.—Herbert Daniel.

121. Roxburgh.—William J. Hocking.

122. Invercargill (Central).—Harold A. Sharp.

123. Invercargill (St. Peter's).—Percy J. Cossum.

124. Bluff.—Thomas Skuse.

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125. Gore.—Ralph J. Liddell.
 126. Otautau.—Thomas Coatsworth.
 127. Edendale.—William B. Cuming.
 KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.
 LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
 CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
 QUEENSTOWN.—Vacant.
 RIVERTON-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.
 NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

BENJAMIN F. ROTHWELL, Chairman of the District.

NOTES.

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

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

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

Ernest O. Blamires has permission to visit England.

Neho Hemi Papakakura has permission to visit America.

Egbert R. Warburton has permission to resume Theological Training.

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 XXVIII.—How are the Home Missionaries Employed by the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1920.

Auckland District—

Auckland, Avondale, Waikumete.—One wanted.

Pukekohe, Bombay.—W. T. Hooper.

Rehia, Arapohue.—G. H. Cule.

Port Albert.—H. C. Orchard.

Coromandel.—One wanted.

Helensville.—P. Bridge.

Kaukapakapa.—F. C. Pace.

Bay of Islands.—J. H. Allen.

Kaikohe.—One wanted.

Hokianga, Rawene.—N. Challenger.

Whangaroa, Kaeo.—E. Ranson.
 Mangonui.—One wanted.
 Hikurangi.—E. H. Brooker,
 Mahurangi.—J. Richards.
 Oparure (Native).—H. Tamati.

Henry W. M. Payne

South Auckland District—

Huntly.—One wanted.
 Te Kuiti.—C. H. G. Bycroft.
 Whakatane.—P. J. Mairs.
 Cambridge, Leamington.—One wanted.
 Te Puke.—L. Green.
 Matamata, Putaruru.—W. Parker.
 Ohura.—A. E. Haynes.
 Ngauawahia.—W. A. Porter.
 Mokauti.—One wanted.
 Morrinsville, Tahuna.—F. J. Handy.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

Waitara, Uruti.—One wanted.
 Stratford, Midhirst.—One wanted.
 Cape Egmont, Opunake.—C. Strand.
 Cape Egmont, Okato.—C. Aker.
 East Egmont, Douglas.—A. L. Witheford.
 Patea.—W. Watson.
 Mokaui.—One wanted.
 Wanganui East.—O. S. Pearn.
 Pariroa (Native).—One wanted.
 Rahotu (Native).—Wi Kaitara.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Gisborne, Te Hapara.—R. T. H. Wearne.
 Apiti.—One wanted.
 Norsewood.—T. Flower.

Wellington District—

Johnsonville, Porirua.—One wanted.
 Masterton, Kuripuni.—One wanted.
 Otaki, Paraparaumu.—C. H. Earwaker.

Nelson District—

Richmond, Wakefield.—J. Tyson.
 Blenheim, Picton.—One wanted.
 Havelock.—J. F. Jack.
 Murchison.—J. Boothroyd.
 Runanga.—One wanted.
 Denniston, Granity, Millerton.—One wanted.
 Hokitika.—G. H. Bridgman.
 Motueka.—C. W. Brown.
 Dovedale.—One wanted.

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North Canterbury District—

Christchurch East, Linwood.—H. Spencer.
 Greendale-Malvern, Waddington.—H. S. Kings.
 Hawarden.—J. Belshaw.
 Oxford.—C. Duncan.

South Canterbury District—

Methven.—One wanted.
 Mayfield.—F. P. Kellow.

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin, St. Kilda.—T. Roseveare.
 Mosgiel.—F. E. Foot.
 Palmerston.—One wanted.
 Kaitangata.—One wanted.
 Lawrence.—S. Keen.
 Cromwell.—J. W. Bayliss.
 Roslyn, Maori Hill.—One wanted.
 Riverton-Tuatapere.—T. W. Featherstone.
 Nightcaps.—W. E. Sleep.

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

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—Percy N. Knight, B.A.
 Auckland South.—Samuel Henderson.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Henry L. Blamires.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Thomas R. Richards.
 Wellington.—Edward Drake (President of the Conference).
 Nelson.—William Greenslade.
 North Canterbury.—Thomas A. Joughin.
 South Canterbury.—Thomas W. Vealie.
 Otago-Southland.—Benjamin F. Rothwell.

STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland.—Jonathan H. Haslam.
 Auckland South.—John D. McArthur.
 Taranaki-Wanganui.—Ben Dudley.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—George F. Stockwell.
 Wellington.—Frederick T. Read.
 Nelson.—Ernest D. Patchett.
 North Canterbury.—William Beckett.
 South Canterbury.—Archer O. Harris.
 Otago-Southland.—Percy J. Cossum.

QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1921?

President.—Rev. William Grigg.
 Secretary.—Rev. Arthur Ashcroft.

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

(For Statistical Returns, see Appendix, pp. 1, 2, 3.)

REPORT OF THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

The Statistical Returns received through the Synods are varied in character, some totals showing a gratifying increase, and others a regrettable decrease. The number of Church Members is 23,266, being a decrease of 122, while the number of attendants on Public Worship is stated as 77,800, being an increase of 590. Junior Membership is reported as 6,607, an increase of 50. While the number of C.E. Societies shows a decrease of 13, there are 7 additional Wesley Guilds, and an increase of 40 in the number of other Young People's Societies, the joint increase in the membership of these Societies being 1,442.

Though the above figures have some encouraging features, they do not warrant any feeling of complacency. While thankful for every encouraging feature we cannot but recognise much in our Church life that calls for prayerful enquiry and earnest, faithful review.

The removal, for the present at least, of the subject of Church Union as a practical issue, involves a renewal of the Mission of Methodism to the people of this Britain of the South. While working in Christian accord, and as far as possible, in co-operation with sister Churches, we cannot but recognise that for some years to come, the Methodist Church, as such, will have its message to deliver and its work to do, both for the Europeans and the Maoris of New Zealand.

To accomplish our mission, we need nothing so much as a renewal of that "passion for souls" which in the first instance brought Methodism into existence, and which has been the secret of our past triumphs both at Home and abroad.

Your Committee would again express its deep conviction that the special attention of the Conference, and of the Church in general, should be given to the enquiry as to how we may secure and retain a helpful and saving relationship with the men of the community. Unless we secure the fathers much of our work amongst the boys must fail. It is impossible to effectively promote the religious spirit of the community, while so large a proportion of adult males are untouched by the Church. Rejoicing in the prominent place rightly assigned to the Youth of the Church, we feel the time is ripe for a special well-planned campaign on behalf of the men.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

B. F. ROTHWELL, Chairman.

R. RAINE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Welfare of the Church Committee be received and adopted.
2. This Conference, realising that the present state of human life and society calls for a more adequate and effective presentation of Christ to the hearts and consciences of the people, affirms its conviction that a Forward Spiritual Movement is imperatively and immediately necessary.
3. That the Methodist Church may take her full share in the duty of leading the people of this Dominion to instal Christ as Head in every department of life, we here and now resolve on the development and releasing of all our resources for the fulfilment of the task which God has laid upon us.
4. In order that the fullest and most accurate information may be obtained as to the best ways and means of reaching our great objective and disseminating such, the following Committees are now set up by this Conference:—
 - (a) To consider whether our ordinary methods in the Sunday services and week-evening meetings need changing for the sake of efficiency; and also to consider the question of Church membership tests; and that the following be the Committee:—The Principal of the Theological College, the Superintendents of the Auckland Central and West Circuits, Revs. H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., J. E. Parsons, Messrs. H. Field, W. S. Mackay, J. W. Court, T. Clark, A. Peak, and W. J. Holdsworth; with the following Corresponding Members: The President of Conference, Revs. A. Liver-

sedge, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. P. Blamires, J. Richards, W. Rowe; Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, E. Penny, H. P. Mourant, R. H. Turner, A. H. Reed and E. Dixon. Convener, Rev. J. E. Parsons.

- (b) To examine the history of genuine spiritual movements for the purpose of discovering the conditions most favourable to intensive and extensive evangelism, and in general to investigate the problems of modern evangelists as they relate to our own Church; The following to be the Committee:—The Secretary of the Conference, Rev. H. L. Blamires, J. Napier Milne, J. F. Martin, Arthur A. Bensley, J. A. Hosking, L. B. Neale, Messrs. Walter Ambury, H. P. H. Grave, J. T. Griffin, E. Dixon, A. S. Wansborough, T. White, with the following Corresponding Members: Rev. C. H. Laws, W. A. Hay, J. E. Parsons, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. P. Blamires, J. Richards, Messrs. H. Field, C. G. Voegler, D. C. Cameron. Convener, Rev. J. Napier Milne.

These Committees shall commence their investigations as soon as possible, and report their findings to the Welfare of the Church Committee, the Synods and the Conference.

REV. VAL. TRIGGE MISSION.

REPORT FOR 1919.

For the abundant blessing that has attended the work of the Rev. Val. Trigge throughout the year we desire to express sincere gratitude to Almighty God. In Mr. Trigge we have an Evangelist of winning personality and quenchless zeal, whose labours continue to be marked by unabated devotion.

In the early part of the connexional year Mr. Trigge gave some assistance to the New Zealand Alliance in its April campaign. Since that time he has conducted Missions at Franklin Road (Auckland Mission), Northern Wairoa, Carterton, Donald McLean Street, New Plymouth, Kaponga, Feilding, Caversham, Invercargill (Don Street), Hokitika and Westport. Missions for the remainder of the connexional year are fixed for Linwood, Ohoka, Motueka, Waihi, Morrinsville, Matamata and Te Awamutu. In every Circuit visited the Evangelist has exercised a gracious influence, and left hopeful conditions for ordinary Circuit work. Wherever proper conditions have been provided, his ministry has borne gratifying fruit, and resulted in a marked deepening and quickening of spiritual life.

To the contributors to the Auxiliary Fund, whose gifts have made Missions possible in weaker Circuits, we give hearty thanks.

Applications for Missions for next year have been received from Avondale, North Shore, Waiuku, Whangarei, Te Aroha, Cambridge, Hamilton, Opunake, Masterton, Eketahuna, Thorndon, Blenheim and Gore. No less than five of these are return Missions — a fact that is sufficiently eloquent. Enquiries are to hand from Wanganui North, Donald McLean Street, and other places.

In view of the undiminished demand for the Evangelist's services, the Committee has asked Mr. Trigge to remain in New Zealand for another year, subject to the ratification of his and our own Conferences. In notifying his provisional acceptance, Mr. Trigge states that it is for "a fifth and final year."

The Committee recommends:—

1. That as an intelligent and earnest evangelism is essential to fullest Ministerial effectiveness, special attention be given thereto in the training provided at the Theological Institution.
2. That in view of the great scope and widespread demand for the services of a Connexional Evangelist, Conference be urged to adopt the policy of training for this work one or more of our young Ministers possessing the necessary gifts and calling.
3. That Conference establish an Evangelistic Department under the direction of a Committee empowered to make all necessary arrangements for Evangelistic Missions on lines suited to present-day conditions; such Missions to be conducted either by our own Ministers or other approved agents.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

B. F. ROTHWELL, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

THE REV. VAL. TRIGGE COMMITTEE.

The Report and Supplementary Report were received.

The Financial Statement was read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference express its gratitude to God for the success that has attended the labours of the Rev. Val. Trigge as Connexional Evangelist during the past year.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Rev. Val. Trigge for his devoted and zealous soul-winning work, and that he be re-appointed Connexional Evangelist for another year.
3. That the Conference record its gratitude to the Victoria-Tasmania Conference for permitting Mr. Trigge to continue his labours in New Zealand.
4. That appreciation be expressed of the generous assistance given by contributors to the Auxiliary Fund, that the Fund be commended to our people, and that an effort be made to raise the sum of £100 for the coming year, and that the Revs. R. Raine and G. P. Hunt be appointed to canvass for subscriptions.
5. That in order to liquidate the estimated deficiency on the current year's working, a sum not exceeding £10 be paid by the Home Mission Fund.
6. That the house allowance of the Evangelist for next year be £100.
7. That the three children of Mr. Trigge be placed on the Children's Fund, and the Committee be assessed on the basis of the stipend paid.
8. That the cost of the return of the Rev. Val. Trigge and family to Melbourne, Victoria, on completion of his term of service be paid by the Contingent Fund.
9. That as an intelligent and earnest evangelism is essential to fullest ministerial effectiveness, special attention be given thereto in the training provided at the Theological College.

10. That in view of the great scope and widespread demand for the services of a Connexional Evangelist, consideration be given by the Committee to the matter of setting apart for this work one of our young Ministers possessing the necessary gifts and calling, and that a report be presented to the next Conference.
11. That the Val. Trigue Committee be known henceforth as the Evangelistic Committee, and that the Committee be:—Revs. B. F. Rothwell, M. A. Rugby Pratt, G. P. Hunt (Convener), Messrs. J. P. Simon, T. Roseveare and D. C. Cameron.
12. That the Evangelistic Committee be empowered to make all necessary arrangements for Evangelistic Missions on lines suited to present-day conditions, such Missions to be conducted either by the Connexional Evangelist, our Circuit Ministers or other approved Agents.
13. That the Maori Mission authorities confer with the Evangelistic Committee, with a view to arranging for the Rev. Val. Trigue conducting Evangelistic Missions among the Native people.
14. That as far as possible the services of Rev. J. Tolefree Parr, Ex-President of the English Primitive Methodist Conference be secured for Evangelistic Missions.
15. That arrangements for Mr. Parr's Missions be made by the Evangelistic Committee.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. 4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD.

REPORT FOR 1919.

While regretting the fact that the schedules shew a slight decrease in the number of schools, and a decrease of 95 teachers, it is gratifying to note that the attendance of scholars shows an increase of 129, and the Y.M.B.C. an increase of 105 members.

The number of scholars who are Church Members has also increased by 176; but this is discounted by the fact that there is a decrease of 353 Junior Members, and a decrease of 91 scholars received into Church Membership. This, coupled with the decrease of 381 in attendance at the Lord's Supper, should call forth the careful consideration of every Minister and S.S. worker.

In the Wesley Guilds, Christian Endeavour and Y.W.L. it is gratifying to note substantial increases in each department. Another pleasing feature is that during the year our schools have raised for Home and Foreign Missions £1452 17s. 7d., an increase of £149 7s. 1d.

Attention must be drawn to the very small number of teachers receiving training. This year the number reported is only 40, as against 113 last year.

For statistical purposes the Band of Hope returns are hopeless. Some districts have correctly reported the membership, while others have merely sent in the number of Bands of Hope.

Lesson Material.—The Board is giving careful attention to the question of suitable Lesson Material. Representative schools throughout the Dominion are being requested to forward recommendations and

criticisms upon whatever literature they may be using, and enquiries are being made through Rev. Horton Williams, of Victoria, concerning the extent to which the Australasian Graded Lesson Helps are being used by our schools in Australia, and the degree of satisfaction they yield. The Board received an earnest request from the Board of Management of the Australasian Graded System through Rev. John Mackenzie, M.A., to consider the question of co-operating with them in their system; but it was felt that no recommendation could be made until fuller information has been obtained.

Meanwhile the Board has recommended such schools as are not using the graded lessons to use the Improved Uniform Series as prepared in America, together with Tarbell's Helps.

Theological Students.—The Board urges that in any rearrangement of the college curriculum, adequate provision be made for such subjects as Child Psychology, S.S. Organisation and the Principles of Religious Education.

Literature.—The Board has arranged for the writing of a suitable leaflet on Junior Membership and the Lord's Supper. This is to supplement the pamphlet now being published by the Connexional Literature Committee for use of young people joining the Church. The Rev. A. T. Thompson's pamphlet "A Proposed Solution of the Religious Education Problem," is recommended for the favourable consideration of Conference. We believe Mr. Thompson makes a most important contribution towards the solutions of one of our greatest national problems. We urge the Conference, before committing itself to any future policy on the questions of Bible in Schools, and the establishment of Denominational Colleges, to consider the bearing upon them of these proposals.

The Scheme of Organisation.—In urging upon our Circuits the more general adoption of the scheme of S.S. and Y.P. Organisation recommended by Conference, the Board submits to Conference a number of amendments to the scheme as printed in the Book of Laws, with a view to making it more simple and effective.

S.S. and Y.P. Organising Secretary.—Owing to delays in repatriation, it was October before the Organising Secretary could take up his work. Since then he has visited Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington, Auckland, Hamilton and Invercargill centres, meeting the District S.S. and Y.P. Committees, holding conferences with the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Unions, and with S.S. teachers and workers, and addressing young people's inspirational rallies. The importance, however, of visiting individual Circuits was soon realised, and already local conferences have been held at Otautau, Riverton, Bluff, Gore, Balclutha, Milton, Oamaru, Waimate, Timaru, Geraldine, Temuka and Lyttelton. In every case the results have been encouraging, but the work of our Sunday Schools is seriously hampered chiefly by lack on the one hand of suitable accommodation, and on the other of young people with a sufficient sense of the urgency of S.S. work to shoulder its burden and equip themselves for it through the Teacher Training Course. While rejoicing in the loyal and self-sacrificing service rendered by so many teachers, we appeal to more of our young men and women to consecrate their powers to this work with the thoroughness that its greatness demands.

Finance.—The income approximates to the amount estimated. The credit balance of £126 8s. 8d. is due to the fact that the stipend of the Organising Secretary did not begin until October. Neither the £30 grant nor the £50 loan from the Contingent Fund has been needed, and the £50 loan from the H.M. Fund has been returned. There are still

thirty-six Circuits and twenty-six H.M. Stations from which no amounts have been received, and Conference is requested to remind these of their responsibility. On the whole, however, the method of Circuit contribution recommended by last Conference is proving satisfactory.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF ORGANISATION OF S.S. and Y.P. DEPARTMENT. Pp. 141-146, Book of Laws.

I.—The Local S.S. and Y.P. Committee—

1. That the words "in December if possible" be inserted after "annually," in par. 5 of the constitution of the Committee.
2. That pars. 6, 7, and 8 of the duties of the Committee be eliminated.

II.—The Circuit S.S. and Y.P. Council—

That par. 9 of the duties of Council be eliminated.

III.—District and Sub-District S.S. and Y.P. Committee—

That Section III. be amended to read as follows:—III. District S.S. and Y.P. Committee. This Committee shall consist of members appointed annually by Conference on the nomination of the District Synod, together with two representatives each from the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Unions. It shall—

1. Meet at least once a year to elect its own Chairman.
2. Receive Circuit S.S., Wesley Guild, C.E. and Temperance Schedules and Reports, present a District Schedule and Report to Synod and to the Connexional Board, and supply the District Statistical Secretary with figures required for the General Returns.
3. Deal with all matters connected with Sunday Schools in the District, and further the interests of Sunday School, Wesley Guild, C.E. and other Young People's work by arranging Training Classes, S.S. Examinations, Lectures, Conventions, etc.
4. Receive recommendations from Circuit S.S. and Y.P. Councils, and forward them, with its own recommendations to the Connexional Board.
5. Elect annually a District S.S. and Y.P. Representative to Synod from among the lay members of the Committee, and also nominate a substitute. The election and nomination respectively may be carried out by correspondence.
6. Elect annually representatives to the S.S. and Y.P. Convention.

IV.—The Connexional S.S. and Y.P. Board—

That the constitution of the Board be amended to read as follows:—

1. Six Ministers and six S.S. and Young People's workers appointed annually by the Conference on the nomination of the Synod in the District in which the Board shall meet.
 2. The S.S. and Y.P. Organising Secretary.
 3. Two representatives each from the N.Z. Young Men's and Young Women's B.C. Unions.
 4. Any other persons interested in S.S. and Young People's Work who may be appointed by the Annual Conference.
- N.B.—Members absent for three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse shall forfeit their seats, and substitutes may be appointed by the Board.

V.—The S.S. and Y.P. Convention.—

That the following be substituted for Section V.:—

1. An annual convention shall be held between Synod and Conference in the District in which the Connexional Board shall meet.
2. It shall consist of the members of the Connexional Board (the Chairman of which shall be Chairman of the Convention), and not more than four representatives from each district, elected by the District Committee.
3. The Convention shall consider all questions of policy in connection with our S.S. and Y.P. Organisations, and its recommendations shall be incorporated in the Board's report to Conference.

VI.—General—

1. That in view of the foregoing amendments, pars. 9, 10 and 25 (b) of the General Resolutions, pp. 54-56 of the Minutes of Conference, 1919, be eliminated.
2. That Par. 47 of the General Resolutions on pp. 54-55 of the Minutes of Conference, 1918, be eliminated in favour of what appears re Sunday Schools on pages 4 and 5 of the Additions and Amendments to the Book of Laws.

NOMINATIONS.

I.—S.S. and Y.P. Board—

That the members of the S.S. and Y.P. Board, appointed by Conference for 1920-21 shall be:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Beckett, W. Grigg, E. P. Blamires and F. Copeland, Miss Moncrief, Messrs. W. C. Francis, C. H. Virtue, M. Kershaw, J. H. White and A. Williams. Convener, the S.S. and Y.P. Organising Secretary.

II.—North Canterbury District S.S. and Y.P. Committee—

That the following be the members appointed by Conference to act on the District S.S. and Y.P. Committee for the ensuing year:—The Executive of the North Canterbury Methodist S.S. Union, together with Revs. A. C. Lawry, W. Ready, W. Beckett, E. P. Blamires, R. B. Tinsley, W. Walker, F. L. Frost. Convener, Mr. W. C. Francis.

THOS. H. JOUGHIN, Chairman.

W. CHAS. FRANCIS, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That we record our thankfulness to God for the measure of success attending the Young People's work during the year. We view with concern, however, a further decrease of 95 in the number of Sunday School teachers, and a decrease of 353 Junior Members. The Statistical Returns also reveal a decrease in the number on the roll. To obviate the necessity of this we recommend the appointment of persons in every Sunday School to visit systematically and secure the children for our schools.
2. 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.

3. That in view of the urgent need for Sunday School teachers and leaders, Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents be urged to do their utmost to secure the services of suitable young people for Sunday School work.
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. Entrants should communicate with Mr. J. H. White (Supt. of the Teacher Training Department), 90 Coleridge Street, Sydenham, Christchurch.
5. That the Sunday School and Young People's Board consider the advisability of adopting Osborn's "Method of Teaching" for use in conjunction with Hurlbut's Handbook in the Teacher Training Course.
6. That all baptised children of members and adherents of the Church, whose parents consent thereto, be regarded as infant members of the Church.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. That the Conference expresses satisfaction with the attention the Board is giving to the question of suitable Sunday School Lesson Material for uniform adoption throughout the Dominion, and urges the Board to make recommendations to Sunday Schools, if possible, in time for the ordering of material for 1921.
11. 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.
12. That the Conference heartily commends the Young Worshippers' League, and urges its establishment in connection with all our churches.
13. That in order to draw closer the tie between the Church and the young, it is desirable that, at least quarterly, the morning service in our churches be wholly a Children's Service.

14. 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, following a period of preparation, shall be held for the young, with a view to leading them to decision for Christ or renewal of their allegiance to Him.
15. That in addition to furnishing Statistical Returns of Bands of Hope, Circuits be required to specify what Temperance instruction is being given in the Sunday School, and to tabulate results. We are of opinion that every Sunday School should emphasise Temperance work, and have a Temperance organisation, and we urge Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers to lay greater stress upon the Quarterly Temperance lesson, and to hold Band of Hope meetings on a Sunday afternoon, if convenient on a week-night.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. That the Conference, recognising the great value of the Scout Movement among boys and girls, and also the Young Citizens' League, 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 the various units of those organisations.
19. That Conference considers Rev. A. T. Thompson's pamphlet: "A Proposed Solution of the Religious Education Problem," to be a most important contribution towards the solution of one of our greatest national problems. In view of its bearing on the question of Bible-in-Schools, and the establishment of Denominational Colleges, Conference remits it to the Committee on Denominational Colleges, as well as to the Sunday School and Young People's Board. The Conference recommends our churches to support any effort, such as the Child Welfare League, in Masterton, to give practical expression to the ideals set forth in the pamphlet.
20. That the following be appointed Sunday School Representatives to Synods, as per Section vi. of Sunday School Organisation:—
 - Auckland.—Mr. T. H. Martyn.
 - South Auckland.—Mr. J. H. Lange.
 - Taranaki-Wanganui.—H. T. H. Grave.
 - Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr. G. H. Stiles.
 - Wellington.—Mr. H. P. Mourant.
 - Nelson.—Mr. A. G. Nightingale.
 - North Canterbury.—Mr. W. C. Francis.
 - South Canterbury.—Mr. C. G. Voegler.
 - Otago-Southland.—Mr. H. Chapman.
21. 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.
22. That the Sunday School District Representative to Synod be ex officio a member of the District Committee.
23. That the following be the District Committees, as per Section iii.,

Scheme of Organisation:—

Auckland.—Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., J. H. Haslam, J. A. Lochore, P. R. Paris, E. T. Cox, M.A., H. Ranston, M.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., H. L. Richards, J. E. Parsons, and Messrs. I. Clarke, J. H. Martyn, A. J. Booth, A. Beer, R. H. Bycroft, H. Scott, A. D. Whitehead, W. Sussex. Convener, Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

South Auckland.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. A. Liversedge, Messrs. H. T. H. Grave and E. Dixon. Convener, Rev. A. Liversedge.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Palmerston North Circuits, Messrs. H. N. Vivian, G. H. Bennett and G. H. Stiles. Convener, Mr. G. H. Stiles.

Wellington.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits. Convener, Rev. C. C. Harrison.

Nelson.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in Nelson and Richmond Circuits, and Mr. F. O. Hart. Convener, Rev. W. Wills and Mr. A. G. Nightingale.

North Canterbury.—The Executive of the North Canterbury Methodist Sunday School Union, together with Revs. A. C. Lawry, W. Ready, W. Beckett, E. P. Blamires, R. B. Tinsley, W. Walker and F. L. Frost. Convener, Mr. W. C. Francis.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers and Superintendents of Sunday Schools in the Ashburton and Willowby Circuits. Convener, 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. Cable, H. Austin, H. M. Wilkinson. Convener, Mr. T. W. Hemer.

Southland (Sub-Committee).—The Circuit Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents of Invercargill, Bluff and Otautau Circuits, with Messrs. Brandford, Macfarlane, Clark and Misses Cheyne and Brandford. Convener, Mr. J. J. Wesley.

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.

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

24. That the Conference appointment of District Sunday School Convener be notified to those concerned by the Secretary of the Sunday School and Young People's Board.
25. That the Secretary of the Connexional Sunday School and Young People's Board be instructed to convey by circular to all Sunday Schools annually, in the months of April, the resolutions of Conference relating to Sunday School work.

SCHEME OF ORGANISATION OF S.S. and Y.P. DEPARTMENT.

That the Scheme of Organisation of S.S. and Y.P. Department (Book of Laws, pp. 141-146), be altered and amended as follows:—

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It shall—

1. Meet early after Conference and elect its own Chairman.
2. Act as an Advisory Committee for the District to the S.S. and Y.P. Organising Secretary.
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4. Any other persons interested in S.S. and Young People's work who may be appointed by the Annual Conference.

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ORGANISING SECRETARY.

1. That the best thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. C. H. Olds, S.S. and Y.P. Organising Secretary, for his services during the year.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. That the stipend of the Organising Secretary be raised to £250.
4. That Conference reminds each Circuit that it is expected to raise a sum equivalent to sixpence per Church member in support of S.S. and Y.P. Department, and that the method recommended for raising this sum is 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.
5. That such Circuits as have not forwarded any contribution to the Board for last year be urged to be especially generous in their contributions for the year.
6. That after this year the appeal for the Y.P. Department be made in the March quarter.
7. That the members of the S.S. and Y.P. Board for the ensuing year shall be:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Beckett, W. Grigg, E. P. Blamires and F. Copeland, Miss Moncrief, Messrs. W. C. Francis, C. H. Virtue, M. Kershaw, J. H. White and W. S. Burley. Convener, the S.S. and Y.P. Organising Secretary.

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

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS.

Meetings of the Committee have been held when necessary during the year, at which the attendance of members has been good. Much interest has been shown in the subjects discussed, and correspondence has been received from the Ministers of Defence, Railways, Justice, and the Commissioner of Police re matters that have been brought under their notice. It has been the aim of the Committee to guard our civil and religious rights in matters moral, raise the tone of public opinion in relation to them, and conserve, as far as possible, the interests of the Temperance Movement. Inter alia, emphatic protests have been sent to the proper authorities against the suggested four months' continuous training of the youth of New Zealand in camps, professional boxing, carriage of liquor on railways to the exclusion of more necessary goods, and the continuation of indentured labour in Samoa. Congratulations have been forwarded to the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America on the ratification by the requisite number of State Legislatures of the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. During the year one of our number, Mr. T. Sims, has died. He was a regular attendant at our meetings, and was deeply interested in the work of the Committee.

JAMES T. PINFOLD, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

Prize Fighting.

This Conference views with grave concern the efforts that are being made to revive public exhibitions of boxing by professionals, with all their attendant evils; and also the prominence given in the newspaper Press to the subject. It earnestly prays that the Government will take steps to suppress prize fighting. That a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, and the Minister of Internal Affairs.

Temperance.

1. The Conference desires to express its deep gratification at the largeness of the votes cast in favour of Prohibition in December last, when 270,222 persons voted in favour of National Prohibition, and that the combined vote shows the splendid majority of 61,204 against the continuance of the liquor trade as it exists at the present time. In view of the fact that the State Purchase and Control Issue, received less than six per cent. of the total number of votes recorded, this Conference demands that this issue be eliminated from the ballot paper, and only two issues, Continuance and Prohibition, be submitted to the people at the next poll.
2. In view of the great importance of instructing children with regard to the effect of alcohol on the human body, this Conference strongly urges upon the Government that it be made a compulsory subject in the curriculum of our public schools.
3. That this Conference heartily endorses the proposal of the New Zealand Alliance to appeal to all the Christian Churches in the Dominion to further co-operate in a final attempt to secure victory over the liquor traffic, and encourages all the Circuits to take part in the great Annual Field Day to be held throughout the Dominion.

Military Training.

That the matter of military training be referred to the Committee of Privileges to be watched throughout the year.

Industrial Unrest.

Being convinced that the present industrial unrest is largely the outcome of long continued unjust and oppressive economic conditions which are contrary to the principles of Christianity, and have borne most hardly on the workers, this Conference earnestly recommends to the members of our churches the systematic and sympathetic study of present conditions of life in order to secure some just and effective solution of the problem in a better understanding between employer and employed, and a co-operation for their mutual benefit and contentment. To that end Conference further recommends that at least once a quarter in all our churches an address shall be delivered on a pressing industrial question; that Circuits be urged to discuss various aspects of the industrial problem at their week-evening meetings; and that whenever opportunity arises, the quarterly meetings and Synods should demonstrate their practical sympathy with Labour by supporting just claims for improved conditions. The Conference is of opinion that the solution of industrial unrest can be found only as the principles of Christianity are uncompromisingly applied to commercial, social and individual relationship.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1919.**I.—SALES REPORTED.**

- Auckland Central.**—Cottage and section at Morningside, sold for £650; terms, £100 cash, balance remaining at 6 per cent.
- Auckland East.**—Sale of Mount Eden Parsonage for £1200, proceeds towards purchasing a more suitable property.
- Morrinsville.**—Old Parsonage and land sold for £800, proceeds used for purchase of new parsonage.
- Hamilton.**—Old Parsonage in Milton Street sold for £950, proceeds used for purchase of other properties.
- Manaia.**—Half-acre of land sold for £100, proceeds used towards purchase of Parsonage.
- Waimarino.**—Two roods of land at Ohakune sold for £10.
- Feilding.**—(1) Quarter-acre section at Waiata on which church formerly stood sold for £15. (2) Half-acre at Makino sold for £32 10s. Proceeds of these sales used for removal and re-erection of Waiata Church on section at Makino.
- Norsewood.**—Sale of old Parsonage and site for £130; proceeds used for purchase of new Parsonage property.
- Wellington (Taranaki Street)**—Tory Street Mission Hall property sold for £1000; £300 cash, balance remaining for 12 months at 6 per cent.
- Wellington South.**—Part of Island Bay land (120ft. by 80ft.) sold for £300; £200 used for reduction of debt on property, and £100 for Parsonage building scheme.

Christchurch (Sydenham).—Sale of property in Battersea Street for £500, of which £400 was used in liquidation of debt, and £100 paid off site in Somerfield Street.

Little River.—Sale of property for £323, the money paid into special branch of the Loan Fund, and to be available if required for aggressive work in the southern portion of Banks Peninsula.

Dunedin (Trinity).—Old Parsonage at York Place sold for £900, proceeds used towards purchase of new Parsonage.

II.—NEW ERECTIONS AND PURCHASE REPORTED.

Auckland East.—Purchase of Parsonage and land at Mount Eden.

Rehia.—Purchase of 5 acres with cottage for Parsonage purposes.

Morrinsville.—Purchase of Parsonage and land, costing £900; debt £500.

Cambridge.—Erection of school hall, by extending church building, costing £626; debt to Loan Fund £100.

Hamilton.—(1) Erection of church at Matangi, on land previously given; cost of erection £986 2s. 5d.; debt on completion £447 12s. (2) Purchase of Parsonage property at East Hamilton; costing £1000; debt, £500.

Rotorua.—Purchase of Parsonage property (Crown Lease), costing £900, debt £700.

Matamata.—Erection of church at Putaruru, on land previously given; cost of building, £600.

New Plymouth.—Erection of Schoolroom at Fitzroy, costing £281 5s. 7d. Debt, £100.

Manaia.—Purchase of Parsonage property costing £760; debt to Loan Fund, £300.

Wanganui.—Erection of church at Wanganui East, on land valued at £425, £150 advanced from Loan Fund in 1918. (This was incompletely reported on 1917 Schedule, and not included in Report).

Norsewood.—Purchase of land, valued at £60, with building for Parsonage, valued at £250. Additions made costing £150.

Feilding.—Re-erection at Makino of church formerly at Waiata, cost of removal, etc., £153 2s.

Otaki.—Erection of church of concrete at Manakau to take place of building destroyed by fire, costing £446; debt to Loan Fund, £125.

Richmond.—Erection of church at Wakefield; cost, £401 8s. 9d.; debt, £150.

Greymouth.—Erection of Alcove to church for reception of organ; cost £51 3s., cost of organ, £370—no debt.

Christchurch East.—Erection of brick church at Shirley; cost, £1450; debt, £800.

Christchurch (Woolston).—Erection of vestry at Heathcote Valley; cost, £95 7s. 2d.; debt, £45.

Christchurch (Papanui).—Erection of motor shed; cost, £54 12s. 9d.

Leeston.—Erection of school kitchen, 21 x 14; cost, £151; no debt.

PROPERTY REPORT.

III. **Enlargements and Improvements.**—The enlargements and improvements reported are of very varied character. The District totals under this heading are as follows:—Auckland, £536 4s. 11d.; South Auckland, £3706 6s. 1d.; Taranaki-Wanganui, £13 6s. 5d.; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, £402 14s.; Wellington, £1155 5s. 3d.; Nelson, £117 11s. 6d.; North Canterbury, £641 4s. 7d.; South Canterbury, £51 16s. 2d.; Otago, £41 14s. 2d.; Southland, nil.

IV. **Current Trust Accounts.** I have again to call the attention of Church Treasurers, Auditors, and District Secretaries to the discrepancies that occur in the balances brought forward from the preceding year and the balances with which the current year is said to begin. In a few cases an attempt is made to explain the difference. But from a book-keeping point of view no explanation is satisfactory. Every account should begin with the balance (if any) with which the previous one ended, no matter how it may be disposed of subsequently. Auditors should insist upon this being done in every case. Numerous errors in details have been passed by the Auditors, and an adjustment of the Schedules have involved a great deal of work for the District Secretaries and the General Secretary. I have also to call attention to the fact that a number of Balance-sheets have not been signed by the Auditors as required.

The following statement shows the transactions reported for the past year:—

	£	s.	d.
To Balances in hand from last year	5,004	14	11
„ Seat Rents	1,778	11	10
„ Trust Collections	3,261	1	1
„ Anniversary or Opening Services	2,851	9	4
„ Subscriptions and Donations	13,037	16	4
„ Loans obtained	7,444	18	9
„ All other Receipts	19,849	16	6
Total	53,228	8	9
Debit Balances carried forward	8,212	6	8
	£61,440	15	5
By Debit Balance from last year	8,226	10	2
„ Lighting and Cleaning	4,299	5	2
„ Alterations and Repairs	3,472	9	6
„ Enlargements and Improvements	6,666	3	1
„ Interest	6,006	14	9
„ Fire Insurance Premiums	1,435	18	6
„ Payments to Circuit Boards	571	1	10
„ All other payments (including debts reduced)	24,909	7	10
Total	55,587	10	10
Credit Balances carried forward	5,853	4	7
	£61,440	15	5

Debts reduced amount to £8,590 11s. 11d., and Debts increased amount to £2,627 13s. 6d., showing a net decrease of £5,962 18s. 5d. The amount for which Trust properties are insured is £371,093, showing an increase for the year of £9,954. In view of the greatly increased

cost of buildings of all descriptions, the increased amount of insurance cannot be regarded as adequate. Without allowing anything for new properties, it represents only a little over 2½ per cent. increase.

Note.—The above returns do not include the transactions with Connexional properties, the Trustees of which make their own report direct to Conference.

It is my duty to report that in several cases properties have been acquired, and erections begun before the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has been sought. In some instances the urgency of the case may be a sufficient excuse for this; but with the facilities afforded by the telegraph, and the existence of an Emergency Sub-committee, the consent of the Committee would not be delayed seriously. The consent of the Committee should not be taken for granted, as if it were a matter of form, in either the purchase or the sale of property. It will also be seen that several properties have been purchased or erected without complying with the Rule requiring two-thirds of the cost to be raised in the case of churches, and at least one-half in the case of parsonages.

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, and that the following be appointed for the ensuing year:—
 - Auckland.—Mr. J. W. Shackelford.
 - South Auckland.—Mr. F. C. Daniell, *Hamilton*
 - Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr. R. Pepperell, *New Plymouth*
 - Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Mr. T. R. Hodder, *Palmerston North*
 - Wellington.—Mr. T. Fathers, *Kilbirnie, Wellington*
 - Nelson.—Mr. W. D. Pike, *Blenheim*
 - North Canterbury.—Mr. C. E. Salter.
 - South Canterbury.—Mr. John Watson, *Cameron St. Ashburton*
 - Otago and Southland.—Mr. A. S. Froggatt, *Arcade Invercargill*
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; and that the revised Schedules, with summaries and reports, be sent by the 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 inaccurate.
6. That Circuit Superintendents be directed to see that all moneys raised for Trust purposes are reported to the Synods.

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1919.

During the year new loans have been advanced amounting to £3725, distributed as under:—

1. From the General Fund—

	£
Manakau Church	125
New Brighton Parsonage	425
Manaia Parsonage	300
Cambridge S.S. Hall	100
Geraldine Church	200
Selwyn Street, Christchurch	125
Whangarei Parsonage	50
Raetihi Parsonage	200
Gisborne Church, etc.	200
Kuripuni (additional land)	100
Te Awamutu Church	150
Opawa Church, etc.	100
	2075

2. From the Special Fund—

	£
Wakefield Church	150
Shirley Church	300
Hawarden Church	200
Rotorua Church	300
Selwyn St., Ch.Ch. (new site)	300
Lyttelton Church	200
	1450
	£3525

The amount thus advanced is nearly £1000 more than was advanced during 1918, and nearly £2000 more than in 1917. This has been made possible partly by repayments in several cases having been made before due date. The considerable amount on deposit and in the Bank has all been promised, and when the conditions are fulfilled will be advanced.

As was done the previous year, full details of each loan current in the District was sent to the Synods. These gave the arrears in each case, as well as the amount of the loans remaining unpaid, and the date of the last payment. Where there was evidence of laxity, the attention of the Synods was called to it, and in several cases the District Secretaries of Church Property also faithfully reminded delinquent Trustees of their duty in this matter.

I. SALES AND EXTENDED LEASES.

The following Sales and Extended Leases have been sanctioned by the Committee:—

Wesley Training College Board.—Extended leases. Sanctioned of three sections at Grafton Road; rent £1 per foot for 60 years, substantial building to be erected.

Auckland West.—Sale of Cottage property at Richmond Avenue.

Inglewood.—Sale of Mountain Road Church property for £120.

Manaia.—Sale of Parsonage site, a new property having been purchased.

Eltham.—Sale of Parsonage property, a new one being purchased.

Waimarino.—Sale of Parsonage site, a new property being secured.

Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Sale of Tory Street Mission property for £1000.

Petone.—Sale of Jackson Street Church property.

Havelock.—Sale of old Cottage and land for £60.

Timaru.—Sale of brick church at Waimataitai, the debt on the other building to be liquidated.

Ashburton.—(1) Sale of Wills Street Church Property for £425; furniture extra. (2) Wakanui Parsonage property for £600; (3) Vacant section adjoining the foregoing for £150. After payment of existing debts, the balance to be invested till required for use in development work at Hampstead. (4) Greenstreet Church, sale or removal sanctioned.

Dunedin (Trinity).—Sale of Parsonage property in York Place for £900.

Roxburgh.—Sale of section at Etrick, church having been removed to another site.

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

N.B.—The sanction given in the foregoing cases lapses if not acted on by February 28th, 1921.

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 Committee for its services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, St. Albans and Papanui Circuits, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher (Treasurer), A. F. Drayton, W. Henley, F. Thompson, A. C. Reed, T. T. Robson, J. Down, 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 all cases where Trustees have entered upon undertakings without receiving the sanction of the Committee be reported to the Conference.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. That the Sales and Extended Leases sanctioned by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be ratified by the Conference.
9. That a District Advisory Committee be appointed for each District, consisting of the Chairman of the District and the District Secretary of Church Property (ex officio), with at least one other Minister and Layman in each District. The following are the unofficial members of the Committees for the ensuing year:—
- Auckland.**—Rev. C. H. Laws, Mr. T. W. Jones.
- South Auckland.**—Rev. J. D. McArthur, Messrs. J. Fow and J. E. Tidd.
- Taranaki-Wanganui.**—Ministers New Plymouth Circuits and Mr. W. Ambury.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—The Ministers of the Palmerston North Circuits, Rev. A. McBean, Messrs. J. G. Cobbe and E. R.
- Wellington.**—The Ministers of Taranaki St. and Kilbirnie Circuits, Messrs. W. H. Bennett and W. E. Redstone.
- Nelson.**—The Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Rev. E. D. Patchett, and Mr. A. A. Lucas.
- North Canterbury.**—The Loan Fund Committee.
- South Canterbury.**—The Ministers of the Timaru Circuit, with Messrs. W. G. Irwin and J. Holdgate.
- Otago-Southland.**—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, and J. B. Shacklock.
10. That the two branches of the Loan Fund be unified, and in future be treated as one fund, with one cash account and balance-sheet.
11. That the Committee be authorised to administer 30 per cent. of the unified Fund for aggressive purposes, such as purchase of sites and helping causes in new districts; and that the printed conditions of loans, so far as they refer to the amount to be raised by the Local Trust, and the terms of repayment may be modified at the discretion of the Committee, in regard to any loans advanced under the provisions of this Resolution.

C.—REPORT OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE AND CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS, 1919.

Detailed Reports of transactions under the above heading were furnished to the District Synods, as well as to the Superintendent Ministers concerned. There is, therefore, no need to repeat these here. In each case of Trustees being registered, or of names being removed from the Register, a Certificate is forwarded to the Circuit Minister, and a receipt is sent for each Deed received.

I desire to call attention to the importance of having all newly acquired properties duly registered. For this purpose the particulars of the Title and the names of the Trustees should in every case be sent to the Authorised Representative, whether the Deed be sent or not. For want of this difficulties arise when it is desired to appoint new Trustees, or to effect any legal transactions relating to the property. The particulars of a considerable number of Primitive Methodist properties are still required for registration. Superintendents or Trust Secretaries will greatly oblige by supplying these as soon as possible.

(Signed) SAMUEL LAWRY,

Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That in accordance with the provisions of "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Samuel Lawry be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1920-21.

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

AUCKLAND.

1. General Connexional Property Trust.
The Balance-sheet was adopted.
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 13.
The Balance-sheet was adopted.
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.
The Balance-sheet was adopted.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 12.
4. Probert Trust.
The Balance-sheet was adopted.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 7.
5. Prince Albert College Property.
The Cash Statement was adopted.
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.
The Balance-sheet was adopted.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

7. Grey Institute.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 8.
The Balance-sheet was adopted.
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 9.
The Balance-sheet was adopted.

WELLINGTON.

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.
The Report and Balance-sheet were adopted.
For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 10.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. **Probert Trust.**—That this Conference express its hearty approval of the administration adopted and so far pursued by the Probert Trust Board, believing the same to be in accord with the intentions of the donor of the endowment, and in the best interests of the Theological College, and the Church generally.
2. **Grey Institute.**—That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered Mr. W. Ambury for his very complete statement concerning the condition of this property, and that the Conference expresses its satisfaction at the administration of the estate.

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

(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 11.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 1919.

The Board has pleasure in reporting another year of successful business. There has been no loss by fire, and payments of Insurance Levies have increased by £78 10s. 6d., the total amount received during the year being £1044 16s. 8d.

At the first meeting of the Board held after last Conference, Col. G. J. Smith was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Board for 1919.

In accordance with Resolution of last Conference the amount due by Anderson's Bay, £140, has been written off, and out of last year's funds £250 has been paid to the Supernumerary Fund. This reduced the accumulated funds to £10,297 15s. 11d. The profits of the year amount to £1068 17s. 2d.

From the Balance-sheet it will be seen that more than one-half of the funds is invested on mortgage. The amount advanced to Church Trustees is being reduced year by year, and now stands at £982 10s.; £2000 is invested in debentures, and at present £2700 is available for investment. The amount received for interest was £567 5s. 5d., being an increase of £43 13s. 6d. on the preceding year.

The Trustees are taking advantage of the provision by which a rebate is allowed for prompt payment of levies, and during the year £35 3s. has been allowed as rebates in this way.

The Board is pleased to report a considerable increase in the number of Trust Boards which are insuring property with the Connexional Fund, although there is still a large amount of insurance effected with outside offices. In view of the contributions being made to other funds of the Church, and the special rebate allowed for prompt payment, the Board hopes that wherever possible the insurance of all Trust property will soon be placed with the Connexional Fund.

To meet the difficulty raised by many Trustees with regard to the absence of policies when insuring with the Connexional Fund, the Board proposes to have copies of the Rules and Regulations printed in a handy form for the use of all insuring Trustees. As every receipt refers to the "printed Rules and Regulations of the Fund," this should offer ample security that any loss by fire will be met, so far as provided for by the payment of levies.

In accordance with the policy adopted by the Conference (see Minutes, 1919, p. 70), the Board recommends the Conference to authorise the following disposal of the year's profits:—

1. That the Treasurers be authorised to pay a sum not exceeding £150 to the Supernumerary Fund for payment of moneys due on account of Circuit Levies for Probationers who were on active service, and £150 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund.
2. That the balance of £768 17s. 2d. be carried to the Capital Account.

In view of the greatly increased value of buildings and the cost of replacing any that should be lost or damaged by fire, the Board suggests that Conference strongly recommend Trustees to consider the necessity, where it has not already been done, for increasing the insurance to an amount corresponding to the present value of the property.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1920:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. E. Ward and T. Fee, Col. G. J. Smith (Treasurer), Messrs. H. Buttle, E. C. Brown, H. Holland, C.B.E., and J. Down.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Cash Accounts and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
2. That in accordance with Rule 5 of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund (Book of Laws, p. 127), the Conference affirms the principle that, when the assets of the Fund have reached a sum of not less than £10,000, the Board shall year by year recommend such distribution of the annual profits as may be deemed advisable, provided always that no payments be made under this provision which will reduce the assets of the Fund to less than £10,000, or prevent at least £500 being added to the assets in any one year.
3. That the 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.
4. 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.
5. That the Treasurers be authorised to pay a sum not exceeding £150 to the Supernumerary Fund for payment of moneys due on account of Circuit Levies for Probationers who were on active service, and £150 to the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund.
6. That in view of the greatly increased value of buildings, and the cost of replacing any that should be lost or damaged by fire, the Conference strongly recommends Trustees to consider the necessity, where it has not already been done, of increasing the insurance to an amount corresponding to the present value of the property.
7. That the interest due on the Huiakama Loan be remitted for a further period of three years.

QUESTION XXXVII.—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 five important funds of the Church, as well as the duties attached to the position of Authorised Representative, Custodian of Deeds, and General Secretary of Church Property. The growing magnitude of the work will be seen from the fact that the gross payments into the Bank for the several departments amounted to nearly £42,000. There are six separate banking accounts to keep, each with its own set of books, and there are five accounts open with the P.O. Savings Bank. The latter are found to be a valuable means of earning interest on credit balances and moneys awaiting investment.

Last April the Committee lost the services of Miss Taylor, who had given great satisfaction in her work as a book-keeper. She was compelled to resign her position on account of ill-health. Her place has been filled by Miss C. A. Napper.

The receipts for the year, as authorised by appropriations of last Conference, and including a credit balance of £40 1s. 7d., and £32 19s. from the Authorised Representative, amount to £803 7s., and the expenditure to £756 4s. 7d., leaving a credit balance of £46 16s.

The Committee has considered the recommendations of the Home Mission Executive with regard to increase of salary, and has decided that for the current year the Secretary's salary be £350. The following appropriations are recommended for 1920, in order to meet the expenses of the office, viz., Church Building and Loan Fund, £170; Fire Insurance Fund, £200; Supernumerary Fund, £180; "Methodist Times," £65; Authorised Representative, £30; Contingent Fund, £165; Total £810.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1920:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Sydenham, Addington and St. Albans Circuits, Mr. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, and "Methodist Times" Committee (ex officio), Messrs G. Barrell, E. C. Brown, L. M. Isitt, M.P., and J. Down.

The Committee desires to express its sense of appreciation of the services of the Secretary, the Rev. S. Lawry, who with unequalled knowledge not only of our laws and usages, but of local conditions in our Circuits, continues to meet the demands of his position with efficiency and courtesy. To the members of the office staff the Committee extends its thanks for services faithfully rendered.

THOS. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman of District.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance-sheet of the Committee be received and adopted.
2. That the Secretary's salary be £350.
3. That the following appropriations be made for the year 1920:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £170; Fire Insurance Fund, £200; Supernumerary Fund, £180; "Methodist Times," £65; Authorised Representative, £30; Contingent Fund, £165; Total, £810.
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 Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Sydenham, Addington and St. Albans Circuits, Mr. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, and "Methodist Times" Committee (ex officio), Messrs G. Barrell, E. C. Brown, L. M. Isitt, M.P., and J. Down.
5. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Samuel Lawry for his faithful and efficient services in carrying out the increasing duties of the office of Connexional Secretary.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. 12.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1919.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

ACTING-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

There have been three Students in residence during the year — all are First Year's Men.

Mr. Thomas H. Burton has attended University lectures on Economics, Educational and Mental Science, and College lectures on Bible Exegesis, Systematic Theology, Greek and Homiletics. He sits for Examination for the first section of the B.A. Degree.

Mr. Leslie A. G. Brooks has taken the College subjects named above, and in addition Mathematics, Latin and English.

The third Student (Mr. Matarae Tauroa) has attended the lectures on Exegesis, English and Homiletics, and has taken Wesley's Sermons, and the Gospel according to St. Luke, under the Acting-Principal.

The Students have had good health during the year; have spent the prescribed time in gardening; have taken two or three more than the prescribed number of services, and have been exemplary in their conduct. For recreation they restored the netting of the tennis court, the Committee finding the material. The smallness of their number has prevented any team or club work of any kind.

The following lecturers have been engaged in the work of the College:—

Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., on Systematic Theology.

Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., on Latin and Greek.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Management Committee of the Theological Institution has held its usual Quarterly Meetings and transacted the ordinary business of the Institution, and has also held several special meetings in conjunction with the New Theological Building Committee.

A Memorial to the Rev. C. H. Garland.

On July 24th, the Committee resolved to raise a Memorial Fund for the late Principal—the Rev. C. H. Garland.

(1) To suitably cover and equip the grave.

(2) To found a prize for Theological Students to be called the "Garland Prize."

An enlarged portrait, handsomely framed, the gift of a few friends, will be a part of the Memorial effort.

Gifts to the Institution.

The following gifts have been received during the year:—

(1) From Mrs. Farley, Mt. Albert—Two framed prints of the first Kingswood and Woodhouse Grove Schools in England. These were given to the donor's great-grandparents by John Wesley himself.

- (2) From Mrs. F. W. Isitt—Thirteen Volumes of Dr. Parker's People's Bible.
- (3) From an anonymous donor—A Communion Service for use in the College in memory of Aldwyn R. Gordon, who died of wounds in France, 26th August, 1918.

Matters Remitted by Conference.

Special and careful attention has been given to matters remitted by Conference:—(1) Tutor in Languages and Literatures.

Last Conference decided that in order to enable the Principal to concentrate his attention upon and to give more thorough instruction in Systematic and Biblical Theology, Bible Exegesis, Homiletics, and other subjects, that the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., be appointed as Tutor in Languages and Literatures (Hebrew, Greek and Latin); and the Committee had to consider how this arrangement could best be carried out.

It was decided:—

- (1) That the Committee heartily recommend the appointment of the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., as Tutor in Languages and Literature.
- (2) That One Hundred Pounds (£100) be devoted to this office, £50 of which to be paid to Mr. Ranston, and £50 to the Auckland Central Circuit, to provide suitable help to relieve Mr. Ranston from some of his pastoral work.

Attaching a Church to the College.

Respecting placing a church or churches under the College supervision where the Students could undertake definite Church and Sunday School work, it was recommended that the matter be left in abeyance until the site of the College be definitely settled.

CO-OPERATION IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

During the year a communication was received from the Presbyterian College Committees inviting our Church to appoint Representatives to confer with their Committee re the question of Co-operation in Theological Education.

It was resolved to thank the Presbyterian College Committee for the invitation, but that we could take no action until our Conference had considered the matter.

New College Site.—It was decided that in view of the movement towards Union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, and of proposals that are being put forward for a Joint Training of Students for the Ministry, it is not desirable to acquire a site for a Theological College until the Conference has considered the future training of its Students in the light of these matters.

During the year a strong sub-committee was appointed to make enquiries respecting a site for the New Theological College.

This Sub-Committee met the Board of Wesley Training College to enquire re Sections at Grafton Road — as to what sections are now

available — as to the probable annual rental, on an ordinary or a Glasgow lease — as to what amount is necessary to acquire the freehold.

The Sub-Committee also made enquiries as to other available sites.

This Committee is still prosecuting its enquiries and may report to Conference.

Sale—Epsom Site.—The decision of the Trustees to road and subdivide this property with a view to sale was heartily approved.

Recommendations to Conference.—That the two Committees, viz., the Theological Institution Management Committee and the New Theological Institution Committee be blended into one.

That the following be the Committee:—

Ministers: Chairman of District, Principal of College, J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, G. T. Marshall, W. A. Sinclair, W. J. Elliott, A. B. Chappell, M.A., H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., Superintendents of Auckland Central and of Auckland East Circuits, and T. F. Jones.

Laymen: G. Winstone, Senr., J. Edson, A. C. Caughey, G. A. Buttle, A. Peak, J. W. Shackelford, J. E. Wheeler, J. Veale, T. W. Jones, S. J. Ambury, J. Stanton, LL.B., J. J. Parker, H. P. Caughey, and A. E. Lawry.

Treasurer: Mr. G. A. Buttle.

Secretary: T. F. Jones.

New Principal: Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., will enter upon his duties at the commencement of the Connexional year.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

T. FRANCIS JONES, Secretary.

The Report of the Acting-Principal was received.

The Report of the Committee of Management was received.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Clauses of the Report relating to "Memorial to Rev. C. H. Garland," "Gifts to the Institution," "Matters remitted by Conference," be adopted.
2. That the matter of "Attaching a church to the College" be referred to the College Committee, with a view to action being taken as soon as possible.
3. That the matter of "Co-operation in Theological Education" be referred to the Committee on the Union of the Churches.
4. That the Trustees of the Epsom site have permission to road and sell the property.
5. That the Theological Institution Management Committee and the New Theological Institution Committee be blended into one, and that the Committee for 1920 be the one nominated in the Report, with the addition of the name of the Superintendent of Auckland West Circuit.
6. That Mr. G. A. Buttle be appointed Treasurer and Rev. T. F. Jones, Secretary.
7. That the sum of £67 18s. 6d. be paid by the Probert Trustees, and the sum of £67 from the Contingent Fund to liquidate the overdraft of the Theological College Account.

8. That the Treasurers of the Children's Fund pay the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund the sum of £500.
9. That the following be the financial estimates for the year 1920:—
 Estimated Income—Probert Trust, £750; Contingent Fund, £850; Prince Albert College, £200; Home Mission Fund, £150; Emsley Trust, £90. Total £2040. Estimated Expenditure—Stipend, £250; Rent, £208, House, £650; Domestic Help, £225; University Fees, £50; Tutors, £160; Quarterage, £50; Rates, £45; Connexional, £50 5s.; Telephone, £13; Recreation, £12; Furniture, £300; Sundries, £20. Total, £2033 5s.
10. That the date of the Rev. C. H. Laws' visit to England, and the arrangements for carrying on the College work in his absence, be left to the Committee of the Theological College, in consultation with the President of the Conference.

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

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 13.

REPORT, 1919.

The especial interest this year attaches to the effort now in progress to complete the fund for new buildings. The Conference at its last meeting authorised an appeal for donations. To the date of the report (October 20) the appeal has yielded in promises and payments, £3387. At the last audit the old fund amounted to £4009. The Board has thus in view at this date a total of £7396. Buildings sufficient for a really good start at Paerata may be estimated to cost at least £12,000, such estimate being based upon the present prices of materials and labour. It thus appears that the Board will need a further £5000. The question will be asked: Why not borrow? Here is the answer. The College is not a commercial concern. It cannot charge fees sufficient to cover expenses and make profit as is done in other boarding schools. Some fees or payments there will be, and it is hoped that the amount per annum will greatly increase under new and improved conditions; but there must always be a large percentage of parents and guardians who will be unable to make any adequate contribution for the benefits received. It is mainly to meet such cases that the College has been founded. The problem the Board has to solve is not only how to provide new buildings, but how to maintain the College worthily and efficiently in its new home. The revenue from the endowments and from the College farm will in the not very distant future increase to a large amount; but during the next ten or fifteen years it cannot possibly be made more than barely sufficient to cover the cost of severely economical maintenance. If money has to be borrowed for the new buildings, the interest thereupon will overload the revenue and embarrass the efficiency and success of the institution for at least a decade. An appeal for donations to the full amount required is therefore necessary; and the kind and generous manner in which the appeal has so far been met encourages the Board to hope that the further £5000 needed will be given. The Principal of the College has been asked to spare as much as possible of his time from other duties for this work. His task is onerous and difficult, and the Board will be grateful for all the help and encouragement the Methodist people and other friends can give him.

It is the confident hope of the Board that the new buildings will be erected during the summer of 1920, and the operations of the College transferred to the new home before the winter of that year.

The removal to Paerata will not mean a revolution in policy, but merely an expansion and development of the work so long carried on successfully at Three Kings. Very carefully selected Native boys and a small percentage of pure Europeans have at Three Kings been housed and trained together in a quite harmonious and happy home — and school — life. At Paerata there will be a larger percentage of Europeans. Especial consideration will be given to the case of boys in the Orphanages. As these boys grow up, they must be drafted away to carry on their education and training elsewhere. Wesley Training College will be able to provide for a good many of them, and give them just the help they need until they face the world for themselves. At Three Kings we have this year three ex-scholars who are apprenticed to mechanical trades, and three others who are working at wages on the College farms. Many boys will have good homes to which they can go when their school days are over, but there will always be some who will need just such help as we are now giving these six young men at Three Kings. Members of the Conference will see that the one pressing need of the Board to make the extension of this good work under better conditions possible is a sufficient addition to the building fund to ensure a speedy and safe transfer to the very splendid new site at Paerata.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

J. H. SIMMONDS, Principal.

ANNUAL MEETING, 28th JANUARY, 1920.

REPORT.

In common with other similar institutions, Wesley Training College is confronted by a greatly increased and still increasing cost of all services and commodities. In the past efficiency has been maintained by economies that are no longer possible. Calculations based on the experience of several years ago have ceased to be of any practical value. We have to educate our boys as well as house and feed them; and anybody who will closely scrutinise the Board's statement of accounts for 1919 and several previous years, will see that the net revenue available for College work will need to be at least doubled if we are to fulfil these obligations in any worthy and adequate manner. The College cannot live on the capital value of its endowment, but only upon the net revenue therefrom. The endowment is undeveloped, and cannot be hastily forced into a higher earning power. Many thousands of pounds must be spent and several decades must elapse before the net annual income can approach what we all hope it will become. One or two outlying properties actually cost more at present for rates and upkeep than it is possible in any way whatever to derive from them in revenue; yet they must be held for the sake of the future. The problem the Board has to solve just now is how to conserve and develop the endowment and at the same time maintain a creditable institution. Three things are possible, and all of them urgently necessary.

1. The first of these things is the removal of the College to Paerata. This will set free for leasing the homestead and reserve now occupied at Three Kings, and it will ensure the more profitable working of the Paerata farm. But obviously the benefit from these sources would be neutralised if the Board were to borrow money for buildings and other improvements. Every thousand pounds borrowed would mean fifty or sixty pounds less per annum to be spent on maintenance and educa-

tion. The position is that the Board must not borrow. This is why it was necessary to create a Building Fund, and why it is still necessary to press the appeal for that fund. With donations received, interest accrued, and promises to be fulfilled the fund is now approaching £8000. This is a splendid asset, and the Board is most grateful to all who have contributed to its accumulation. But the amount is still at least four thousand pounds short of what will be needed, and, unless these further thousands can be obtained in donations, the Board will still be unable to proceed with an adequate building scheme.

It has been impossible to complete the appeal during the past year. Several large districts have not been touched; and even where visits have been made there has not been time to call upon all who might have been expected to help. Most of those who have been approached have expressed unqualified appreciation of the Board's proposals, and have responded willingly. He who solicits donations can but rarely suggest how much any person should give; but where thousands are needed he may well be pardoned for wishing that the average of the donations had been much larger. A great scheme needs big money.

2. The second thing the Board may and must do to increase its revenue is to obtain additional rental from its suburban lands. The complete subdivision of these lands for residential occupation will necessitate the formation of streets with drainage, water, and lighting services. This will be a very costly process, and at the best can be worked out only gradually as the demand for building sites assures interest and sinking fund on the outlay. The Board cannot look to any such general subdivision for an early increase in its net revenue. But there is the Grafton Road property, which is now being leased to much greater advantage than formerly. There are also in the more remote suburbs certain frontages to existing public roads, the leasing of which in building allotments may be possible some years before the formation of intersecting streets can be undertaken. The Board will be keenly advertent to its opportunities and will deal with these frontages as soon as there is the least prospect of a demand for them. The gain will be the difference between rent for grazing and rent for building purposes. Help from this source is certain, but just when and in what amount it will come will depend upon development of the suburbs and a consequent demand.

3. A third means available to the Board for augmenting its deficient revenue is to have on the roll of the College a large percentage of paying scholars. The Act of 1911, under which the Trust is being administered, expressly provides "that moderate and reasonable fees may be charged and taken for maintenance and tuition in cases where there is ability on the part of parents or guardians to pay the same, the amount of such fees to be determined in each case by the Board." We may reasonably assume that amongst those who will seek to enter Wesley Training College there will be some who will not be able to pay anything for the benefits they hope to receive, others who will be able to pay partial fees of smaller or larger amount, and some who will be quite able to pay full fees up to a "moderate and reasonable" maximum. The Act gives the Board discretion to deal with each class and with each individual case on its merits. But the Board cannot use this discretion in such manner as to incur debt and liability beyond its revenue. The number of non-paying scholars will be limited not by any sentiment, but by the amount available from year to year for paying salaries and tradesmen's accounts. The average annual cost per head under the economic conditions that we now all have to face will be high. Even allowing for the advantages of a farm home, it will not be safe to estimate it at less than £60 for the first thirty on the roll, and £50 for any larger number.

If the net revenue from the endowment and College farm for the first few years at Paerata does not exceed £1500 per annum, and we take only non-paying scholars, we shall on this estimate be limited to a roll of twenty-five. After all our endeavours to establish a worthy institution, such a position would be disappointing to everybody concerned. We are laying plans for at least twice that number, and must leave neglected no means by which we may fully achieve our purpose. The obvious and necessary course for the Board to adopt is to use its powers under the Act, and adequately supplement the revenue from the endowment with contributions and fees from the parents and guardians of the boys. A beginning has been made with this policy at Three Kings; and the Board has no doubt that if the new College is wisely staffed and made efficient and attractive, both as a school and as a home, many parents will be found who will be only too glad to have their boys admitted by paying actual cost of board and tuition, or at least some substantial part of that cost. The enrolment of these paying scholars will be a financial necessity. In the case of boys received from the Orphanages it is understood that the Orphanage Committees will pay sufficient to cover the cost of board, and that the College will bear the cost of tuition and oversight. All scholars will contribute something in labour, but this will be part of their training, and in the case of juniors will cost as much as it is worth. Later, when they become strong and skilful, the advanced boys will have to be allowed some payment for their work out of the College funds.

The adoption of a reasonable and wisely administered scheme of contributions or fees is necessary for moral and educational reasons, as well as for augmentation of revenue. In an endowed institution there is always the danger of bestowing gratuitous benefits upon people who can very well afford to pay in whole or in part for what they receive. This practice may easily amount to maladministration of trust and become a scandal. Especially is there danger of this where a Native race is concerned. The Native people too readily assume that the endowment relieves them from all obligation to help themselves. They may own broad acres well stocked with sheep and cattle, or may be receiving annually large amounts in rents, but still they think that the endowed school should be for them a free school. The Board has to make sure that its gratuitous benefits go only to those who need help and are worthy to receive it. The enrolment of paying scholars will make the College stronger and better for those who cannot pay; and the power to help the more needy will increase as the endowment becomes gradually developed.

The work at Three Kings has continued to be successful and happy. The available accommodation in the old buildings has been fully occupied, with a total number on the roll of twenty-nine. In the school, on the farm, and on the playground the boys have behaved well and done their best. Three who some time ago completed their ordinary school course and learning trades; two others are employed on the farm. All have received religious instruction and have willingly and regularly attended the Sunday services at the church. The grounds and orchards are more beautiful than ever and in good order. But the buildings show signs of another year's wear and decay, and are no longer fit for occupation for school purposes.

(Signed) J. H. SIMMONDS, Principal.

The Report was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference expresses its continued appreciation of the work of the Principal of the College, Rev. J. H. Simmonds, and that he be heartily thanked for his services.

2. 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, John William Court, T. B. Arthur and R. B. Gunson.
3. That a brief interim report on the work of the College, not including finance, shall be furnished to the Synods.
4. That the scheme for the erection of buildings at Paerata for the Wesley Training College be commended to the support of our people.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, 14.

1. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1919.

In accordance with the Rules of the Fund the Board of Management again submits its Annual Report to Conference. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet presented with this Report fully set forth the financial position of the Fund. From these it will be seen that the sum of £4,388 17s. 4d. has been paid as annuities, and £385 as Furniture Grants, making a total payment to beneficiaries of £4,773 17s. 4d. This is an increase of £695 15s. 1d. compared with the payments during 1918, and of £2,483 19s. 2d. compared with 1913, the first year of the separate working of the Fund.

Arrears of subscriptions amount to £544 5s. 6d., besides £26 11s. owing by Ministers in Australia. The sum of £132 15s. was received during the year from the Treasurers of the Military Camps Committee, on account of personal subscriptions owing by Probationers for years of status given to them during service with the Expeditionary Forces. A further sum has been received since the closing of accounts on December 31st. In some cases the Probationers concerned had paid their own subscriptions. Any amounts received in excess of what is due by them will be refunded.

The following Table shows how the arrears are distributed among the Districts—:

Districts.	Arrears of Subscriptions	Interest on Arrears.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland	31 2 2	4 19 11	36 2 1
South Auckland	46 16 0	6 9 9	53 5 9
Taranaki-Wanganui	8 17 0	6 14 8	15 11 8
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	9 19 9	0 13 4	10 13 1
Wellington	98 18 0	9 15 0	108 13 0
Nelson	53 2 0	0 5 0	0 5 0
North Canterbury	45 19 3	17 7 1	53 7 0
South Canterbury	Nil	Nil	Nil
Otago	36 4 0	3 1 7	39 5 7
Southland	8 17 0	—	8 17 0
Expeditionary Forces	204 10 6	7 7 3	211 17 9
	£544 5 6	£46 13 7	£590 19 1

During the year the sum of £250 was received from the Treasurers of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. This, as directed by Conference, has been applied to the reduction of the amount due as Circuit Levies for Probationers during the period of their service with the Expeditionary Forces. The amount due on this account has been further reduced by the retirement of some Probationers from the Ministry. As against this, £83 2s. 6d. has been added during the year for those not yet appointed to Circuit work; and £5 15s. must be added for the quarter ending March 31st, 1920, after which date there should be no further charge. The total still to be provided for on this account will be about £150.

The arrears of Circuit Levies amount to £556 15s. 1d. These represent the usual levies for the December quarter, and those due on account of Probationers referred to above, together with interest due.

INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.

Of the accumulated funds £77,325 is invested on mortgage, earning interest at $5\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{3}{4}$ and 6 per cent. £12,455 10s. is invested in various debentures, on which the interest varies from 4 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The total amount of interest during the year was £5353 2s. 11d. This represents nearly £5 7s. 2d. per cent. on the mean capital.

The working expenses of the Fund during the year were £210 5s. 2d., representing less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the income from subscriptions and Circuit Levies.

The Board has added £250 to the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, which now stands at £750, and the sum of £3010 6s. 2d. has been added to the accumulated funds.

INCREASE OF ANNUITIES.

In accordance with the Resolution of last Conference the Board has given very careful attention to the question of an increase of annuities. While desiring to deal as liberally as possible with the present annuitants, there must also be consideration for those who will at a later date become claimants on the Fund. It must be evident to all who give any serious attention to the matter that it is quite impossible to make the proposed increase in the annuities unless both the capital and the annual income of the Fund are increased. The Valuation Report by Mr. P. Muter, F.I.A., presented to last Conference showed that as the result of a previous increase of 15 per cent. in the annuities, and other advantages given, the surplus of £4,981 with which the New Zealand Fund began, had been converted into a deficiency of £4,346, notwithstanding the higher rate of interest earned. In view of this fact, the Actuary's Report stated that "no further increase in the benefits should be made," until a "surplus should be accumulated sufficient to pay for the increase."

The Board has submitted the case in all its bearings to Mr. Muter, and obtained his advice at every step. In view of the imperative necessity for making an increase at the earliest possible date, the Board recommends the adoption of the following as being the best possible consistent with the safety of the Fund:—

That the annuities of Supernumeraries and Ministers' Widows be increased by 15 per cent., subject to the following provisions:—

- (a) Circuit contributions to be increased to £15 per annum for each Minister; payable as at present in quarterly instalments.

- (b) Ministers' subscriptions to be increased to £10 per annum payable by half-yearly instalments; no interest to be charged if subscriptions be paid within one month of due date.
- (c) The levies payable by the Board of Missions to be £17 12s. per annum for each Minister employed in New Britain, Papua, or Solomon Islands, and £15 per annum for each Minister employed in other Mission Districts.
- (d) The sum of £8,000 to be paid into the capital of the Fund; the amount to be raised in connection with the Centenary Celebrations, and to be made a first charge on the Centenary Fund.
- (e) All annuities to be increased by $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. as from 1st April, 1920; the Board to be authorised to pay any additional increase, up to the maximum of 15 per cent. that may be warranted by moneys actually received in respect of the £8,000 proposed to be added to the capital.

MINISTERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

The Board has given attention to the matters recommended in last year's Report, and adopted by Conference, in regard to the medical examination of Ministers and Probationers who were on Active Service during the war. With a view to allowing each one a reasonable period for regaining normal conditions, the Board has not hurried the examination. The Chief Medical Officer of the Board has prepared a series of questions for a medical report, and a copy of this has been sent to each Minister and Probationer who has returned from Active Service. These reports will receive consideration in due course, and recommendations will be made as to the extra amount, if any, which will be required to provide for the increased liability on the Fund.

BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

During the year the sum of £154 has been distributed in grants from the Benevolent Branch of the Fund. These have been greatly appreciated by the recipients. The thanks of the Board and of the Conference are due to Mr. John Stevenson, of Wanganui, for his continued efforts in behalf of this branch of the Fund. Even if the annuities are increased to the full extent recommended, there still will be cases in which the ordinary annuity is quite inadequate, and help from this branch of the Fund will continue to be welcome.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

As will be seen by reference to the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure the sum of £100 19s. 2d. has been paid during the year to Home Missionaries, who for various reasons have retired from Home Mission work, and £65 5s. has been repaid to the Treasurers of the Home Mission Fund. The amount now standing to the credit of the Fund is £746 2s. 11d. Of this £700 is invested in Debentures, earning $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., and £37 6s. 3d. is in the Post Office Savings Bank. Interest earned during the year amounts to £50 7s. 11d. As the capital is subject to considerable fluctuations caused by retirements, it is difficult to say exactly what is the average rate of interest earned. As a larger amount becomes invested at a fixed rate of interest, these fluctuations will have a less disturbing effect.

GENERAL.

During the year two Supernumeraries have died, each leaving a widow as an annuitant on the Fund. One Minister in Circuit work has

died, and his widow will come on the Fund as from 1st April. Five Ministers have been recommended by the District Synods to be added to the list of Supernumeraries. The rapidly increasing number of annuitants, and the large increase in the annual payments from the Fund consequent thereon, call for the earnest consideration of Conference. It is evident that if the stability of the Fund is to be maintained, Ministers must not be placed on the list of Supernumeraries, nor continued thereon, except for absolutely sufficient reasons.

Mr. Frank Thompson, on account of the pressure of business claims, retires from the Board at his own request, and the Board nominates Mr. W. H. Foster as his successor. Mr. J. C. Prudhoe is nominated as Lay Treasurer of the Fund for the ensuing year.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

The Board recommends that the following alterations of the Rules be adopted and printed in the Resolutions of the Conference:—

1. 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 of such person.

The Board also recommends:—

That Conference enter into negotiations with the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, with a view to securing more specific arrangements in regard to the transfer of Ministers from the Supernumerary Fund of one Church to that of the other. It is suggested that the Australasian Conference and Board should accept the reading of the paragraphs in the provisions for an independent Conference for New Zealand, relating to Ministerial Transfers, (see Min. Gen. Conf., 1910, p. 92), as meaning that the transfer of a Minister from the New Zealand Conference to an Australian Conference, or vice versa, unless for temporary purposes, shall involve the right to transfer to the Supernumerary Fund of the Church to which the transfer is made, subject only to the adjustment of financial arrangements, and a satisfactory medical certificate being supplied.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. C. PRUDHOE }
SAMUEL LAWRY } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, as revised by the Conference Committee, be received and adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Cash Account and Balance-sheet of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, and the Cash Statement of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund be received and adopted.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management, and the Treasurers of the Fund for their services during the past year.
4. That the following be the members of the Board for the Year 1920:—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 W. H. Foster.

5. That the best thanks of the Conference be accorded to Mr. John Stevenson, of Wanganui, for his interest and work in connection with the Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund, and that he be requested to continue his efforts in this behalf.
6. That the annuities of Supernumeraries and Ministers' Widows be increased by 15 per cent., subject to the following provisions:—
 - (a) Circuit contributions to be increased to £15 per annum for each Minister, payable as at present by quarterly instalments.
 - (b) Ministers' subscriptions to be increased to £10 per annum, payable by half-yearly instalments, no interest to be charged if subscriptions be paid within one month of due date.
 - (c) The levies payable by the Board of Missions to be £17 ~~10s.~~ 12/- per annum for each Minister employed in New Britain, Papua, or Solomon Islands, and £15 per annum for each Minister employed in other Mission Districts.
 - (d) The sum of £8000 to be paid into the capital of the Fund, the amount to be raised in connection with the Centenary Celebrations, and to be made a first charge on that Fund.
 - (e) That in view of the practical certainty of the required £8000 being raised through the Centenary Fund, the full increase of 15 per cent. in the annuities be paid as from 1st April, 1920, and that the interest at the average rate earned by the Fund be paid on the above sum, or on any part thereof which is not in the hands of the Treasurers, until such time as the whole sum is paid over.
7. That a circular letter, embodying the above proposals, be sent to each Circuit Minister and Annuitant, and others interested, calling attention to the changes.
8. That the Supernumerary Fund Board have authority to make the necessary adjustments in the status of those Ministers who decline or are unable to pay the amount due by them for the purchase of full benefits in the field.
9. That the question of membership on the Board lapsing through non-attendance be referred back to the Board for further consideration. X
10. That the Conference request the Military Fund Committee to pay the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund the amount of monies paid out by that Fund on account of payments made to the Supernumerary Fund on behalf of Chaplains and other Ministers while absent on active service.
11. That the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the Board of Treasurers of the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund, be requested to regard the paragraphs in the provision for an independent Conference for New Zealand relating to Ministerial Transfers (see Minutes of Gen. Con., 1910, p. 92, and New Zealand Methodist Law Book, p. 153) as meaning that the transfer of a Minister from New Zealand Conference, to an Australian Conference, or vice versa, unless for temporary purposes, shall involve the right of transfer to the Supernumerary Fund of the Church to which the transfer is made, subject only to the adjustment of financial arrangements, and a satisfactory medical certificate being supplied.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revised Scale of Annuities from 1st April, 1920.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

Years of Service.			Years of Service.		
Yearly.	Quarterly.		Yearly.	Quarterly.	
5	£42.168	£10 10 10	25	£81.658	£20 8 3
6	43.504	10 17 6	26	84.870	21 4 4
7	44.876	11 4 4	27	88.271	22 1 4
8	46.287	11 11 5	28	91.874	22 19 4
9	47.737	11 18 8	29	95.688	23 18 5
10	49.237	12 6 2	30	99.730	24 18 7
11	50.789	12 13 11	31	104.010	26 0 0
12	52.398	13 1 11	32	108.543	27 2 8
13	54.092	13 10 1	33	113.087	28 5 5
14	55.809	13 19 0	34	118.439	29 12 2
15	57.621	14 8 1	35	123.840	30 19 2
16	59.517	14 17 7	36	129.567	32 7 10
17	61.500	15 7 6	37	135.648	33 18 2
18	63.580	15 17 10	38	142.106	35 10 6
19	65.767	16 8 10	39	148.980	37 4 10
20	68.068	17 0 4	40	156.309	39 1 6
21	70.493	17 12 5	41	164.114	41 0 6
22	73.056	18 5 3	42	172.473	43 2 4
23	75.656	18 18 3	43	181.443	45 7 2
24	78.625	19 13 1	44	191.101	47 15 6

WIDOWS.

5	£23.368	£5 16 10	25	£49.336	£12 6 8
6	24.374	6 1 10	26	51.166	12 15 9
7	25.400	6 7 0	27	53.088	13 5 5
8	26.451	6 12 3	28	55.113	13 15 6
9	27.591	6 17 11	29	57.243	14 6 2
10	28.620	7 3 1	30	59.503	14 17 6
11	29.703	7 8 6	31	61.905	15 9 6
12	30.886	7 14 5	32	64.466	16 2 3
13	32.063	8 0 4	33	67.211	16 16 0
14	33.267	8 6 4	34	70.163	17 10 9
15	34.505	8 12 6	35	73.356	18 6 9
16	35.776	8 18 11	36	76.670	19 3 4
17	37.086	9 5 5	37	80.186	20 0 11
18	38.435	9 12 2	38	83.914	20 18 0
19	39.825	9 19 1	39	87.870	21 19 4
20	41.266	10 6 3	40	92.073	23 0 4
21	42.757	10 13 9	41	96.539	24 2 8
22	44.293	11 1 5	42	101.174	25 5 10
23	45.911	11 9 6	43	106.355	26 11 9
24	47.587	11 17 11	44	111.751	27 18 9

2.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. 6.

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 $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
4. That the payments on account of the Children's Fund be £9 for each child per year.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. That all matters in dispute regarding this Fund be referred to the Treasurers for settlement.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. That the travelling expenses of one of the Treasurers to Conference be paid out of the Fund.
11. That the Children's Fund pay the sum of £500 to the Contingent Fund.
12. That the Children of the Rev. Val. Trigge be placed on the Fund on the basis of stipend paid last year, viz., £225.

3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

For Statement of Income and Expenditure, see Appendix 20.

For Table of Levies, see Appendix 23.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Balance-sheet for 1919 be adopted.
2. That the levy for the current year be $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
3. That the Treasurers, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mr. E. Rosevear, be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
4. That a Committee be set up to enquire into the Expenditure of the Contingent Fund, and to report upon possible economies to the next Conference. The following to be the Committee:—Revs. B. F. Rothwell and M. A. Rugby Pratt, with Messrs. J. B. Shacklock and E. Rosevear.
5. That an amount of £120 be granted for Compassionate Allowances.

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

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

It is with profound thankfulness to God that we report another year of continued success in connection with our Foreign Mission Campaign. The income for this year, exclusive of the Nelson District, amounts to £10,660. By arrangement with the Home and Foreign Mission Committees the Foreign Mission Appeal is being made in the Nelson District after the date of closing accounts on October 14th, the result to be included in this year's returns. When all the returns are in, the Treasurers confidently anticipate that this year's income will equal, if not exceed, the record income of last year. It must also be remembered that last year there was a special gift of £1000, and several large amounts were contributed to assist in claiming the special gift. It is apparent therefore that there has been increased giving this year on the part of our members generally.

The sum of £10,000 has been forwarded to the General Treasurers in Sydney, and £100 has been paid to the British and Foreign Bible Society in accordance with the resolution of Conference. The remainder will be added to our Working Capital Fund.

Waikawau Trust.

The Waikawau Foreign Mission Trust has been a source of revenue to the Fund. During the year an offer for the purchase of the property was made to the Trustees. The offer was duly considered and it was resolved to sell. A valuation by two independent valuers employed by the Trustees was obtained, and after consideration of their reports, a sum of £3,250 was agreed upon as the purchase price. There being a mortgage on the property of £1,200, which the purchaser takes over, the sum of £2,050 is available for the purpose of the Trust. The Trustees will continue to administer the Fund in accordance with the Deed of Trust. The Foreign Mission Secretary, Rev. W. A. Sinclair, has been appointed a Trustee in place of the late Rev. C. H. Garland.

Every Member Appeal.

The method adopted this year has been to appeal to every member of the Church for a direct subscription to the Foreign Mission Fund. Our War Cry has been "Every Wage-earning Member a Subscriber." This is the ideal and it must be kept steadily in view. We shall not reach this goal in one or two years, but we must plod on patiently and persistently towards it. In some Circuits definite efforts have been made to enlist the support of every member with satisfactory results, but in many Circuits there has been no serious attempt to secure subscriptions.

Circuit Secretaries.

Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries have been appointed in the majority of the Circuits, but there are still several delinquent Circuits that cannot be stirred into action in making this appointment. Our aim is to have a Circuit Secretary, and also a Local Secretary, in each Church in a Circuit, so that in every church there shall be one person charged with the duty of watching Missionary interests and developing the Missionary spirit there.

Missionary Boxes.

A special feature has been made of the Missionary Box this year. About 600 additional boxes have been placed in the homes of the people,

and a plentiful harvest from this sowing should be reaped next year. In most churches visited by the Conference Secretary, a Missionary Box Secretary has been appointed to superintend this department of our Missionary programme.

Educational.

The Conference Missionary Secretary is endeavouring to introduce a definite Missionary Educational Policy into the Church. Future progress depends upon an enlightened Church membership. He has been in communication with the Bible Class Leaders and has propounded a scheme of Missionary study which will be discussed at the Annual Meetings of the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Unions. It is also hoped arrangements may be made for conducting Mission Study Schools during the next year.

The Secretary has also conferred with the Sunday School and Young People's Board in Christchurch with regard to the introduction of definite Missionary instruction into all our Sunday Schools. Certain proposals in this connection will be laid before the Synods.

Literature.

A page in each issue of the "Methodist Times" has been devoted to Foreign Mission affairs. A Special Missionary Supplement was also issued. Ten thousand additional copies of the supplement were distributed in the churches throughout the Dominion. The "Missionary Review" is also a valuable educational agent. Its circulation in New Zealand now stands at 4600.

Workers for the Field.

No Minister was sent out by our Conference for Missionary work this year. This is greatly to be regretted. We cannot stress too much need for Missionary Workers. There are many indications that our chief difficulty in connection with our new field will not be finance, but workers. Volunteers for the Expeditionary Force of the Church overseas are urgently needed. It is worthy of note that one of our Maori Students has expressed a desire to serve on the Foreign Field.

We are pleased to be able to report that several women workers have gone out during the year. Mrs. Suckling, the widow of the late Rev. J. B. Suckling, has been appointed Matron of the Indian Boys' Orphanage at Dilkusha, in Fiji; Misses Griffin, B. A. Weston and Roscoe have gone to Fiji as Missionary Teachers; Sister Lily White, a trained nurse, has been appointed to Fiji, and Sister Constance Olds, a trained Deaconess, to the Solomon Islands.

Plunket Nurses.

The members of the Young Women's Missionary Movement in Dunedin have offered to undertake the support of a Plunket Nurse on the Mission Field. Miss Berry, who is completing her third year of training in the New Plymouth Hospital, is prepared to accept the appointment. She proposes to take a course of maternity nursing and will then undergo special training in the Karitane Children's Hospital before proceeding to the appointment. This offer from the young women of Dunedin is very deeply appreciated, and much interest has been aroused by the proposal to send a Plunket Nurse to the Islands.

Separate Field.

The proposals of the New Zealand Conference for a Separate Mission Field were considered by the Board of Missions at the Special Meeting

held in Sydney in October. The New Zealand representatives present were the Revs. S. Lawry, W. A. Sinclair and Mr. J. Vealie. Our proposal to take over the Solomon Islands, including the islands of Bougainville and Buka, was endorsed by the Board. The recommendations in this connection have still to be considered by the workers on the field, the annual meeting of the Board, and the General Conference. The proposals concerning Tonga and Samoa will be considered by the New South Wales Conference as these districts are not under the control of the Mission Board.

Ladies' Auxiliaries.

The Women's Missionary Auxiliaries have continued their good work throughout the year, and have raised the sum of £446 for the Foreign Mission Fund. They are proving themselves of exceeding great value in the Missionary Education of the Church, and we trust the day is not far distant when there will be a Women's Missionary Society in every church in the Dominion.

Conference Missionary Secretary.

The newly appointed Missionary Secretary took up the duties of his office in April. The month of May was spent in deputation work in Auckland City. Since then he has visited the Nelson, North Canterbury, South Canterbury and Otago Districts. Special attention has been devoted to the work of organisation in the Circuits visited. Three weeks were occupied in attending the Special Meeting of the Mission Board in Sydney. It is foundation work that is being done, and the full results will not be seen immediately, but there is no doubt that in time the office will fully justify its institution.

Thanks.

The thanks of the Foreign Mission Committee and of the whole Church are tendered to the hosts of workers, deputations, District Secretaries, Circuit Secretaries, and Collectors, who have assisted in the great work during this year.

The Committee desires to express its deep appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by the General Secretary during his first year of office. It is persuaded that the work he has done will prove to have prepared the way for very important developments in connection with our Church's Missionary work in the future.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, President.

W. A. SINCLAIR, Conference F.M. Secretary.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Conference places on record its thankfulness to God for the encouraging financial results of the year in which another record in Missionary giving has been established. It tenders hearty thanks to all who have assisted in the great effort and solicits a continuance of support during the present year.
2. That Mr. J. W. Court be thanked for his services as Treasurer, and that he be reappointed.
3. That the Rev. G. T. Marshall be thanked for his services as Clerical Treasurer, and that he be appointed at a remuneration of £85.

4. That the following be the Committee for 1920:—The President of the Conference; the Foreign Mission Secretary, Rev W. A. Sinclair, the Treasurers, Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court; the Superintendents of Auckland Central, Auckland East and Auckland West Circuits, Revs G. Bond, T. G. Brooke, T. F. Jones, C. H. Laws, B.A., W. J. Elliott, H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., A. B. Chappell, M.A., the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Auckland Branch of the Women's Auxiliary of Home and Foreign Missions; Messrs. G. Winstone, Senr., J. W. Shackelford, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. W. Stone, G. H. Fleming, J. Buttle, H. Field, A. Peak, J. Veale, W. S. Mackay, A. J. Booth and J. P. Blair; one Representative each from (1) The N.Z. Methodist Women's Missionary Union; (2) The N.Z. Young Men's B.C. Union; (3) The N.Z. Young Women's B.C. Union.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be given to those Societies and persons who are supporting teachers and other agents on the field.
6. That the allocation of Missionary income for 1920 be as follows:—The sum of £10,750 be paid into the General Fund; £500 to the Working Capital Fund; the disposal of any amount in excess of £11,250 shall be determined by the Foreign Mission Committee.
7. That the financial year for Foreign Missions remain as at present for this year, and that the Home and Foreign Mission Secretaries confer together to avoid any overlapping in deputation work.
8. That Whit Sunday be observed as a day of special intercession for Foreign Missions, when in all our churches and Sunday Schools prayer shall be offered for our Missions and Missionaries, and attention shall be called to the claims and needs of the heathen.
9. That an every member appeal be made during this year, and that a special effort be made in each Circuit to place the claims of Foreign Missions before each individual member of the Church.
10. That Quarterly Meetings be instructed to appoint a Circuit Foreign Mission Secretary and Treasurer, and also a Circuit Missionary Committee; and when a new appointment is made, the name and address of the Circuit Secretary to be forwarded to the Conference Missionary Secretary immediately after the meeting. That in addition to the Circuit Secretary, a Secretary be appointed in each church in the Circuit.
11. That Circuits be strongly urged to complete the collection of subscriptions within one month of the time of holding the annual services and public meetings.
12. That collections on one Sunday in the year be taken in all churches and preaching places, and that the entire proceeds of the day be remitted to the funds of the Society.
13. That whenever the visiting deputation conducts Sunday services it is understood that the collections for that day shall be for Foreign Missions, and be regarded as the Annual Collection as required by Conference regulations.
14. That the proceeds of Sunday services and public meetings be remitted to the Conference Treasurers immediately after the visit of the deputation, and whenever the amount of £5 or more is in the hands of the Circuit Secretary it shall be forwarded at once to the Conference Treasurers.
15. That with a view to encourage and develop an intelligent and sympathetic interest in Missions, the Conference suggests to all Min-

isters and Local Preachers the desirability of making specific reference to the Missionary work of the Church on at least one Sunday in each quarter; the Conference also suggests that the week-night service should be used for the purpose of giving Missionary information and offering prayer for Missionary work and workers.

16. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, and commends their work to the sympathy and support of our Ministers and people in the hope that a branch will be established in every Circuit in the Dominion.

SEPARATE FIELD FOR NEW ZEALAND.

The Report of the Representatives to the Board of Missions was received.

17. That in view of the important Missionary interests relating to our Separate Field, which will come under discussion at the approaching General Conference of Australasia, it is urgent that the N.Z. Church should be represented. The Conference, therefore, appoints the Rev. W. A. Sinclair to attend the General Conference. Should he be prevented from doing so, the Foreign Mission Committee shall arrange for a substitute.
18. The Conference Missionary Secretary presented the recommendations of the special meeting of the Board of Missions held in Sydney in October, 1919. These recommendations had been considered by all the Synods and adopted. After careful consideration by the Conference they were adopted as follows:—

19. 1—The Field—

- (a) That, subject to satisfactory arrangements being arrived at in regard to finance, South Sea Island Teachers, Missionaries, etc., it be a recommendation to the General Conference that the Solomon Islands District (including Bougainville and Buka) be transferred to the Methodist Church of New Zealand in 1922.
- (b) That as it may be found desirable in regard to the future extension of operations, especially in connection with the work among Indians in the Pacific or in India itself measures should be taken to secure co-operation between the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Methodist Church of New Zealand in these matters.

2—Financial Arrangements—

- (a) That in regard to the invested Funds and the Assets of the Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia, should the proposed transfer of the Solomon Islands District be effected, the Methodist Church of New Zealand be allowed to retain the Mission Funds invested in the Dominion at the time the transfer takes effect, including Mortgages and Working Capital Funds. That the Mission Assets in the Solomon Islands District be transferred to the Methodist Church of New Zealand—that all other Funds and Assets belonging to the Missionary Society of Australasia be retained by that Society.

(N.B.—Legal advice to be obtained before the General Conference as to the bearing of this resolution upon the Schofield Estate in New South Wales).

- (b) That in the event of the transfer of the Solomon Islands District taking effect in 1922, the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall pay to the Board of the Methodist Missionary Society of Australasia one-sixth part of any deficiency which may exist on the current working account of the Society on the 31st December, 1921 (or of any accumulated deficiency on that date). Should there be a credit balance at that date, then the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall be entitled to receive one-sixth part of such credit balance.

3—Relation of Australian Ministers—

- (a) Ministers or Probationers of the Methodist Church of Australasia, who are transferred, or who hereafter may be transferred by an Australian Conference to the New Zealand Conference for appointment to any portion of the territory transferred by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia to the jurisdiction of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (see Min. Gen. Conf., 1910, p. 89, under "Plan of Separation," Sec. B "Jurisdiction"), shall have the right to return to the Conference to which they belonged at the time of their transfer to the New Zealand Conference for missionary appointment. During such time as they are employed by the Methodist Church of New Zealand they shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations governing the ministry of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Ministers or Probationers connected therewith.
- (b) While any Minister or Probationer of the Methodist Church of Australasia is employed by the Methodist Church of New Zealand, all payments due to the Supernumerary Fund on his account shall be paid to the Fund of the Australasian Church.
- (c) Any Minister or Probationer employed under the arrangements referred to in the foregoing paragraphs may apply for an absolute transfer to the New Zealand Conference, and such transfer may be effected by agreement between the Conferences concerned. When such a Minister or Probationer has been permanently transferred to the New Zealand Conference, he shall have the right to have all his accrued interests in the Australasian Supernumerary Fund transferred to the New Zealand Fund, subject to a satisfactory medical certificate being supplied, provided that if any difference arise between the two Boards as to the value of the accrued interests involved the same shall be referred to the advising actuaries for decision.
- (d) The foregoing arrangements shall apply mutatis mutandis to any Minister or Probationer connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand, who is or who hereafter may be employed under the jurisdiction of the Methodist Church of Australasia.
- (e) Missionaries and Missionary Sisters who may be employed by the Mission Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall work under such Rules and Regulations as the New Zealand Conference may adopt from time to time.
20. That this Conference requests the Foreign Mission Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair) to visit the Solomon Islands Mission during the year, and that the Foreign Mission Committee arrange, if possible for a layman to accompany him.

21. That the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (the Rev. J. F. Goldie) be invited to attend the New Zealand Conference of 1921.
22. That the Foreign Mission Committee be instructed to consider during the year the whole question of the management of the N.Z. Methodist Missionary Society, and the laws and regulations by which it is to be governed, and report through the Synods to the next Conference.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

23. (1) That the object of the Working Capital Fund shall be the formation of a permanent security against the bank overdraft required from time to time for the financing of the Society.
- (2) That it be the aim of the Church to build up a fund which, on taking over our separate Foreign Mission Field, shall be not less than the amount required for one year's working expenditure, say, £10,000.
- (3) That this fund be invested in Government securities, local body debentures, or first mortgages.
- (4) That by means of this security arrangements be made with the bank, as may be necessary for carrying out the operations of the Society; the documents to be deposited with the bank where they will be accepted as security for overdraft.
- (5) That after 1922 the sum of at least £500 per annum be added to the capital, and that the annual additions to the fund be provided as follows:—
 - (a) All legacies except so far as the same may not be legally applicable to such purpose, provided that in case of emergency the Board may in any year release from this condition part of any legacy or legacies exceeding £500.
 - (b) Donations given specifically for this fund.
 - (c) Centenary contributions as may be decided by the Committee.
 - (d) Transfers from the general income of the Society when in any given year the revenue from legacies and specific donations has not reached £500.

24. BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

- (1) That the Conference records its appreciation of the great work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and tenders its thanks to the Society for the special help which it has rendered to our Island Mission Districts in connection with the translation of the Scriptures.
- (2) That the Conference recognises it to be the duty of the Methodist Church in the Dominion to support the Society financially.
- (3) That Conference appoint representatives on the Dominion Council of the Society in Wellington, and that the Foreign Mission Committee be empowered to make such appointments.
- (4) That a Bible Society Sunday be observed in all our churches. The Conference urges all our Circuits to support the Society financially.
- (5) That the claims of the Bible Society be advocated in the Missionary page of the "Methodist Times."
- (6) That for the year 1920 the sum of £100 be allocated from the Missionary income to the Society.

25. That the Conference learns with great gratification of the offer of Mr. E. Sayers, of Christchurch, to become a Medical Missionary of the Methodist Church, and highly appreciates the generosity of those who have promised to, furnish the cost of his training; and further expresses its earnest hope that the Church may be able to avail itself of the offer.
26. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Beckett for their services in raising the necessary funds in this matter.
27. That the Foreign Mission Committee be instructed to consider, during the year, the question of the establishment of Medical Mission Work in connection with our new field, and report through the Synods to the next Conference.
28. That representation be made to the Government to secure an amendment of the law in favour of gifts made to the Foreign Mission Fund in New Zealand, so that they will not be subject to a penalty to which other charitable and religious gifts are not subject.
29. That a deputation to be arranged by the Foreign Mission Committee wait upon the Prime Minister and present this request.
30. The Conference records its appreciation of the offer of the Otago Young Women's Missionary Movement to support a Plunket Nurse on the Mission Field, expresses its interest in this unique proposal, and the hope that it may soon become an accomplished fact.

DUTIES OF FOREIGN MISSION DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

31. The duties of the District Missionary Committee shall be:—
 - (1) To prepare the plan of Missionary Deputations for the district in consultation with the Conference Missionary Secretary; arrange a panel of Missionary speakers to assist at week-night services and meetings.

N.B.—Committees shall arrange for the assistance of laymen in Missionary deputations.

 - (2) To stimulate the general Missionary organisation throughout the District.
 - (3) To see that Circuits remit money frequently and promptly to the Conference Treasurers.
 - (4) To meet as soon as possible after Conference to prepare the plan of deputations and consider the Missionary campaign for the District; meet also to consider the result of the campaign, and prepare a report on the district effort for presentation to the Synod.
 - (5) The District Secretary shall keep in touch with Ministers, Local Preachers and Sunday School Superintendents, helping with suggestions.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

32. 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. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds.
- Taranaki-Wanganui.**—Rev. B. Dudley, Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, J. J. Parker, A. S. Wansborough, S. J. Goovey, F. Whitlock, J. Mare; Mesdames Morgan and Brown and Sister Hazel. Convener, Rev. B. Dudley.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—Revs. A. Ashcroft, G. S. Cook, A. McBean, R. P. Keall, G. F. Stockwell, B. J. James and W. H. E. Abbey, Messrs. G. W. Venables, H. R. French, T. R. Hodder, G. H. Stiles, J. Harding, F. S. Guy, R. Print, E. S. Goldsmith.
- Wellington.**—The Ministers of the Wellington and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs. F. Chinchin, J. Kershaw, S. T. Martin, T. Fathers, M. Cable, B. J. Lynneberg, J. P. Shand. Convener, Rev. F. T. Read.
- Nelson.**—Rev. E. D. Patchett, Messrs. S. Gorman and A. A. Lucas. Convener, Rev. E. D. Patchett.
- North Canterbury.**—Revs. S. Lawry, E. P. Blamires, W. Beckett, F. Copeland, and Messrs. C. E. Salter, W. C. Francis, W. L. Thomas and F. Sheppard Green. Convener, Mr. F. Sheppard Green.
- South Canterbury.**—The Chairman of the District, the Timaru Ministers, with Messrs. C. G. Vogeler, B. W. Williams, S. Uren and T. Holdgate. Convener, Mr. T. Holdgate.
- Otago.**—Revs. C. Eaton and M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. E. Rosevear and A. T. McIndoe. Convener, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.
- Southland.**—The Ministers of the Invercargill Churches, Messrs. J. J. Wesley, A. Noble, A. S. Froggatt, F. W. Preddy, J. Hensley, P. A. Pearce and S. Stephens. Convener, Rev. H. A. Sharp.

DISTRICT ORGANISING SECRETARIES.

That the following be the District Organising Secretaries:—

- Auckland.**—Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
- South Auckland.**—Rev. E. T. Olds.
- Taranaki-Wanganui.**—Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.**—Mr. J. H. Oldham
- Wellington.**—Rev. F. T. Read.
- Nelson.**—Rev. E. D. Patchett.
- North Canterbury.**—Mr. F. Sheppard Green.
- South Canterbury.**—Mr. T. E. Holdgate.
- Otago and Southland.**—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.

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

The Financial Statement for 1919 and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1920, were presented to Conference and adopted.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION EXECUTIVE.

In presenting a brief record of its operations during another year, the Home Mission Executive wishes to express its thankfulness to God for His presence and guidance in the conduct of its business. While there have been many difficult problems to face, and much wisdom has been necessary, they have gone forward in the full assurance that He was with them, and now they would ascribe praise to His Holy Name.

There have been six meetings of the Executive held so far, and another is arranged. The attendance at these meetings, both on the part of the Ministry and the Laity, has been satisfactory, and there has been a keen sense of the importance of the duties undertaken. During the year the Executive has lost two of its members, Mr. W. Thompson by resignation, and Mr. H. Fraser by death. The decease of Mr. Fraser was an especial loss to the Executive. He was a gentleman with a lengthened experience of life in a back country settlement, and was therefore entitled to speak with authority on many questions that have to be considered. A vote of sympathy was tendered to his widow and family.

The year has brought its usual crop of difficulties. Chief among them has been the question of supply for vacant stations. It began with twenty-four such stations, and one more has been added to the list. The following resignations have been received and accepted:—W. Alexander, A. Fitchett, J. Cameron, C. J. Peale and F. T. Broom. Two former Missionaries, W. A. Porter and L. Green, have returned to the work, and Mr. P. Bridge has been accepted and given an appointment. Mr. C. H. Earwaker has also been continued as a supply.

Several urgent appeals for special assistance have had to be considered, and in some cases the applicants have had to suffer disappointment. Four cases secured a special grant of £50 each, and some others were granted lesser amounts. The year has brought an unusual number of appeals for grants toward Removal Expenses, several of which have necessarily had to be declined. Some of the applications seem to indicate a want of self-reliance on the part of some of the Circuits. Instead of a special effort to meet their obligations, they turn to the H.M. Fund to do it for them, and thereby lower the financial ability of the Circuit concerned.

The instruction of the last Conference to the Home Mission Executive, charging it with the duty of appointing the personnel of the Home Mission Deputations to the various Districts, has not proved a great success so far. The trouble has been the Executive has no control over the men that it thought should be asked to undertake the work, and in most cases they refused to do it. Some of the Districts also declined to fall in with the Committee's suggestions. Under a recommendation to the Conference on this matter, it is hoped to secure a clear policy for the guidance of the business in the future.

The Staff of Home Missionaries, including Supplies, numbers forty-four. They are serving the Church with both loyalty and devotion, and they are deserving its best thanks. In no case can it be said theirs is a mercenary service. Two of them have been called upon to pass through a period of much trouble. The health of Mr. A. Lavbourn has so seriously failed that he has had to relinquish the work,

at any rate for the time being. Then the shadow of death has darkened the Parsonage at Norsewood, and the Missionary, Mr. Mercer, is mourning the loss of his wife. In each of these cases the Executive has been pleased to render assistance. On some of the Home Mission Stations there has been a manifest revival of spiritual life. Conversions have been recorded, and many have been admitted to the privilege of Church Membership.

The work of the Maori Church has been continued, with varying success. One Native Minister, Noho H. Papakakura, has been granted a year's leave of absence to visit America. In the homes of Hapeta Renata, Davis Wilcox, and Wi Kaitara there has been serious affliction through much of the year, interfering consequently with their work. It is hoped, however, that the crisis is passed in each case, and that their duty is now receiving their utmost attention.

T. G. BROOKE, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Home Mission Executive be received and adopted.
2. That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Rev. T. G. Brooke for his services as General Secretary during the year, and that seeing his present appointment terminates in 1921, he be re-appointed for a further term of three years after that date.
3. 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.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. Veale for his services as the Lay Treasurer during the year, and that he be reappointed.
5. That the Home Mission Executive be thanked for its services during the year, and that the following be the Executive Committee for the coming 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, 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, R. Clark, and W. S. Mackay.

That Sect. 232, p. 75, Methodist Law Book, be amended as follows:—The words "The Superintendent of the West Coast Maori Mission" be deleted, and the following words substituted:—"The General Superintendent of Maori Missions."

THE FORWARD HOME MISSION POLICY.

1. That the Forward Policy adopted by the Conference of 1918 (see Minutes, 1918, p. 94) be re-affirmed, and the parts of that policy that were suspended by the last Conference be restored and become operative forthwith.
2. That in consequence of the increased cost of living that has taken place since the outbreak of war in 1914, the minimum stipend for Ministers and Probationers of £200 and £120 respectively, be advanced to £250 for Ministers and £160 for Probationers.

3. That the estimates of income from the Circuits be based on the actual provision that is necessary to carry out the Conference policy of expenditure.
4. That pound for pound grants be available for Circuits applying for such aid to assist them in the increase of their Ministers' and Probationers' stipends to the Conference minimum now adopted.
5. That no grant be made to any circuit for the purpose of enabling it to pay its Minister or Probationer a larger stipend than the Conference minimum, and that District Synods be instructed not to recommend such grants.
6. That in every Circuit and Home Mission Station where a grant is received from the Home Mission Fund, the stipend paid must be not less than £225 to a Minister, and £150 to a Probationer, £160 to a Married Home Missionary, and £120 to a Single Home Missionary, and that the Home Mission Secretary be instructed to forward a circular letter to that effect to every place receiving a grant.
7. That the minimum stipend for Home Missionaries be £180 for Married men, and £140 for Unmarried men, and that pound for pound grants be made from the Home Mission Fund to enable this to be done.
8. That to meet the additional cost involved in the carrying out of these increases the estimated income from the Circuits be increased by ten per cent., and that the District Advisory Committees be instructed to allocate the increase to the various Circuits and Home Mission Stations of their particular districts.
9. That in all cases where a deficit is shown in the finances of a Home Mission Station, the Quarterly Board be asked to immediately assume responsibility for such deficit, and not withhold the stipend or working expenses of the Home Mission Agent to cover the shortage, as obtains in some cases at present, and that all such instances be reported immediately they occur to the Home Mission Committee.

MATTERS REMITTED BY LAST CONFERENCE.

1. Circuits and Home Mission Stations receiving Large Grants from the Home Mission Fund (see Minutes of Conference, 1919, p. 96).
 - (a) That the Report of the Executive be received and adopted.
 - (b) That the Home Mission Executive take into consideration during the year the case of Circuits and Home Mission Stations that seem to rest unduly upon the Home Mission Fund, prepare a list of them, and report to next Conference.
2. Age Limit for Home Missionaries desiring to present themselves as Candidates for the Ministry (p. 98, Sect. 6, Conference Minutes, 1919).
 - (a) That, save in exceptional circumstances, the age limit for Home Missionaries who desire to present themselves as Candidates for the Ministry be forty years.
 - (b) That the regulations adopted by the Conference of 1918 relating to the Course of Study for Senior Home Missionaries and their admission to the ranks of the Ministry be referred to the Home Mission Executive Committee for further consideration, and report to the Conference of 1921.

JOHN H. WHITE.

That the name of John H. White remain upon the list of our Home Missionaries, but without appointment, and that his name be continued on the gazetted list of Officiating Ministers.

After nearly twenty-five years of devoted labour our veteran Home Missionary, Mr. J. H. White, retires from the active service of the Church. It was the crying need of the outlying places in the New Plymouth Circuit, in which he then resided, that first called him into the work, and made him a Home Missionary. He was then successively stationed at Kumara, Kimbolton, Patea and Brooklyn, in the Taranaki Street Circuit. Mr. White has proved himself to be a very successful Agent of the Church, and everywhere he has won the loving confidence of the whole people. In acceding to his request to retire from the work, the Conference thanks him for his services, and wishes him a very happy eventide.

THE HOME MISSIONARY 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. Lindsay. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds. Corresponding Member, Rev. H. White.

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. Convener, Rev. J. Napier Milne.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. A. Ashcroft, G. S. Cook, A. McBean, R. P. Keall, G. F. Stockwell, B. J. James and W. H. E. Abbey, with Messrs. G. W. Venables, H. R. French, T. R. Hodder, G. H. Stiles, J. Harding, F. S. Guy, R. Print and E. S. Goldsmith. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

Wellington.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs. W. E. Redstone, F. Chinchen, C. M. Luke, C. Swiney, G. Petherick, B. J. Lynneberg, F. Lockwood, T. Fathers, W. I. Clark, A. F. Davis, S. T. Martin and J. R. Burley. Convener, the Rev. W. Rowe.

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

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, St. Albans, Papanui, Woolston, Sydenham, Cambridge Terrace, Kaiapoi, Addington, Riccarton and Leeston Circuits, with Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, H. E. Peryman, H. Bosomworth, E. W. Hall, F. Champion, S. R. Webb, L. J. Berry, H. Buttle, J. Lomas, and W. T. Burley. Convener, Rev. W. Ready.

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

Otago.—The Superintendents of the Dunedin Circuits, with Messrs. E. A. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, W. M. Roberts, J. B. Shacklock, T. W. Hemer, J. W. Reed, J. Davidson and T. McLennan. Convener, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.

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. Convener, Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

Addington.

That the Removal Expenses of the Addington Circuit be defrayed thus, half by the Circuit, quarter from the Home Mission Fund, and quarter from the Contingent Fund.

Westport.

That half the travelling expenses of Rev. T. N. Griffin (Supply for Rev. W. A. Watson) from Christchurch to Westport, be paid by the Contingent Fund, and the other half by the Home Mission Fund.

Reefton.

That in view of the special circumstances at Reefton, a Home Mission Grant of £30 be made for this year, and that the removal expenses be paid, half by the Contingent Fund, and half by the Home Mission Fund.

Kaponga.

That one quarter of the removal expenses of the Kaponga Circuit be paid by the Contingent Fund, and one quarter by the Home Mission Fund.

Assessments.

That the allocations and assessments be adopted.

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

QUESTION XLIV.—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.

The Conference congratulated the Rev. E. T. Cox and his officials upon the excellence of their work throughout the year.

WELLINGTON CITY MISSION.

The Report was received.

The Conference expressed its satisfaction with the Report of the Mission, and tendered its sympathy to the Missioner and his officials under the trying circumstances under which their work is carried on.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

The Report was received.

The Rev. C. Eaton was congratulated upon the work of the Mission during the year.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 19.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Thanks.

Our thanks are due to the members of the Ladies' House Committee, Mesdames Lamb (President), Knight (Secretary), Williams, Lomas and Beckett, for the deep interest they have taken in the welfare of the House and its inmates; also to

Lecturers.

The lecturers, who have faithfully discharged their duties:—

Rev. P. N. Knight, Theology.

Rev. E. P. Blamires, Church History and Methodist Polity.

Miss Abernethy, Old Testament.

Mrs. H. P. Berry and Rev. A. C. Lawry, English Literature, and Mr. Wansborough, of Wanganui, who has kindly directed the studies of Miss Hamilton (Sister Hazel) in Old and New Testament and English Literature.

Finance.

Owing to the added grant of £50 from the Contingent Fund (making with the Home Mission Grant £100 in all), our position is much healthier than last year, and we expect to close the year with only a small debit balance. Our thanks are due to the Associate Members who have so generously kept up their contributions.

The grant of £30 from the Conference Expenses Fund has enabled us to carry out some much-needed repairs at the Institution.

Lady Superintendent.

We are pleased to report that in May last we were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Bowie (widow of the late Rev. W. S. Bowie, of our Conference), as Lady Superintendent. She has given every satisfaction by her diligent and cheerful performance of all her duties, winning the love of the Probationers and the hearty commendation of the Ladies' House Committee.

Probationers.

The Misses Beaumont and Sparrow have earned for themselves a good degree at High Street and East Belt, where they have been working during the year; and the reports from Wanganui of Miss Hamilton, and from New Plymouth of Miss Berry, are eminently satisfactory. They have diligently applied themselves to their studies, and give promise of much usefulness. Miss Beaumont and Miss Sparrow leave the Institution next year for Circuit work. We hope other Probationers will be forthcoming to take their places.

Changes in Appointments.

Since last Synod, Sisters Constance Olds and Lily White have gone to the Foreign Mission Field. Sister Ruth has taken up work at our Dunedin Central Mission. Sister Edith has left Durham Street for the Secretaryship of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children (Christchurch).

Conference Remit.

The remit from last Conference, and recommendations from the Deaconess Convocation, have been carefully considered, and we recommend the following:—

1. That a Deaconess Retiring Fund be commenced from next Conference (not retrospective) on the lines of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, the payments to be £3 each for (1) the Deaconess; (2) the Circuit employing the Deaconess; (3) the Home Mission Fund.
2. That all vacancies and applications from stations for new appointments be duly advertised in the "Methodist Times."
3. That the Minimum stipend for a Deaconess be £100 per annum.

We again draw the attention of our Ministers to p. 103, Clause 22, of 1919 Conference Minutes.

(Signed) T. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman.
WM. BECKETT, Secretary

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The appointment of Mrs. Bowie as Lady Superintendent was reported to Conference as from June 1st, 1919, and was approved.
2. That a grant of £150 be given—£75 from the Home Mission Fund, and £75 from the Contingent Fund, on conditions that there are students in the Home, otherwise the grant be £50 each from the Home Mission and Contingent Funds.
3. That Deaconesses who have been dedicated shall be members of the District Synods within whose bounds they are employed.
4. 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.
5. 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, L. M. Isitt, M.P., E. Iles (Treasurer), C. E. Salter, J. C. Prudhoe and A. Borrows, together with five ladies who are the members of the House Committee.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. Beckett (Secretary), and Mr. E. Iles (Treasurer), and that they be reappointed.
7. 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.
8. 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.

LIST OF DEACONESSSES ON ACTIVE WORK.

- 1908—Sister "Mabel" Morley, Sister in Charge, South Island Orphanage.
 *1909—Sister "Florence" Hollanby, Taranaki St., Wellington.
 *1910—Sister "Emily" Hall, Central Mission, Dunedin.
 *1911—Sister "Douglas" Hunter, Pitt St., Auckland.
 1913—Sister "Edith" Walton, Secretary Society for Protection of Women and Children, Christchurch.
 *1914—Sister "Annie" Tocker, Hospital Training, Christchurch.
 *1915—Sister "Constance" Ashby, Palmerston North.

PROBATIONERS IN ACTIVE WORK.

- *1918—Sister "Winifred" Beaumont, Kingsland, Auckland.
 *1918—Sister "Beatrice" Sparrow, East Belt, Christchurch.
 1918—Sister "Hazel" Hamilton, Wanganui.
 1919—Sister "Mildred" West, Sydenham.
 1914—Miss Berry, Hospital Training, New Plymouth.

DEACONESSSES ON FOREIGN MISSION FIELD.

- 1912—Sister "Constance" Olds, Solomon Islands.
 1914—Sister "Lily" White, Fiji.

DEACONESSSES RESTING.

- Sister "May," Wellington.
 Sister "Kenneth" Mckenzie, Auckland.
 Sister "Jean" Boot, Dunedin.
 1911—Sister "Dora" Cherric.
 1908—Sister "Ruth" Fawcett, Dunedin.
 1912—Sister "Mildred," Y.M.C.A., Invercargill.
 1913—Sister "Lilian," Feilding.
 1913—Sister "May" Barnett, Tai Tapu.
 1916—Sister "Nellie" Hayes, Hawera.
 *Trained in Deaconess House, Christchurch.

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

A. THE NORTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

Mount Albert, Auckland.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 16.

Report for 1919.

In presenting this Annual Report the Board desires to express its gratitude to Almighty God for another year's successful operations.

The number of children in residence at present is 27 — 15 boys and 12 girls.

The Matron reports that with the exception of two cases of diphtheria, both of which recovered, the health of the children has been good; they are amenable to discipline and receptive of good influences. The result of the endeavour to train them in the right way is most encouraging. Several of the elder children have professed faith in Christ, and have become Junior Members of the Church.

The oldest girl, after taking a commercial course, is now employed as typiste in a large business firm in the city. One of the boys attends the Grammar School, and the other children, with the exception of three below school age, attend the Point Chevalier Public School. Creditable passes were secured by a number of the children in the Sunday School Union Examination.

Dr. Leslie Thompson, after several years' service as Honorary Physician, has resigned in favour of Dr. Pettit, who lives in the vicinity of the Orphanage, and who has kindly consented to undertake the medical care of the children.

In order to secure a regular income the Board has engaged the Rev. J. J. Mather to act as Collector. Already he has proved his fitness for the work, and we commend the cause he represents to the liberality of the Methodist people.

Owing to a contemplated visit to England, Mr. W. Astley resigned his position as Secretary of the Board. In view of his valuable service rendered since the inception of the Orphanage Scheme, the Board recommends that he be made a Life Member.

Mr. J. P. Winstone has had, owing to the pressure of business, to resign the position of Treasurer. The Board is greatly indebted to Mr. Winstone for his efficient services.

Negotiations have been proceeding with the Wellington Board, and with the South Island Board, re the establishment of a Boys' Hostel. Finality has not yet been reached, but the scheme is maturing. Many friends from all parts of the Dominion have visited the Orphanage, and expressed their appreciation of the good work being done and of the "home-like" atmosphere of the Institution. Very gratifying reports are being received of those who have passed through the Home.

The Board, in closing this report, desires to express its highest appreciation of the excellent service rendered by the Rev. J. and Mrs. Blight, who continue to prove their supreme fitness for the responsible position they occupy in the management of the Home.

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

COMMITTEE FOR 1920.

The Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Papanui and Pukekohe Circuits, together with the Supernumeraries, Mesdames F. W. Wilson, A. H. White, J. Burton, J. Trounson, G. H. White and Miss Harvey, Messrs. A. C. Caughey and W. Astley (Life Members), 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. P. Winstone, G. M. Fowlds, H. P. Caughey, T. Clark, Aldred E. Lawry. Chairman, Chairman of District; Treasurer, Mr. G. M. Fowlds; Secretary, to be appointed.

RESOLUTION.

That the Conference expresses its satisfaction with the Report and congratulates the Rev. and Mrs. Blight on their success, and commends the work of the Home to the continued support of our people. That the officers and Committee be heartily thanked for their work during the year.

B.—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 17.

Report for 1919.

We have the honour to present our Sixth Annual Report with a deep sense of gratitude to God for a year of good health in the Home, only occasional minor sickness having been experienced. We began the year with forty-four children in the Institution, twenty girls and twenty-four boys. During this period six girls have been admitted and two withdrawn; while five boys have been received and two have left; bringing our present numbers to twenty-four girls and twenty-seven boys, a total of fifty-one children under our care.

Of this number, however, five boys over twelve years of age are boarded in the Presbyterian Boys' Home, the cost of whose maintenance is borne by this Board. The necessity of this arrangement indicates the urgent need of providing, in the near future, a home of our own for boys. In the meantime our thanks are due to the Presbyterian Board for this fraternal arrangement. In November representatives of our Board met those of the Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust; the North Island Orphanage; and the Wesley Training College, and overtures have been made by this Board which it is hoped will soon materialise in the form of a Methodist Boys' Home in some part of the Dominion. The urgency of this need is felt acutely by all in close touch with our work.

With grateful appreciation we record the excellent work done by Sister Mabel and her staff. Only those who have first-hand knowledge of their heavy responsibility can realise all it means. Regretful evidence of the stress and strain imposed upon these ladies is given in the break-down in health of Sister May, our First Assistant, after four and a half years of devoted service. Should she be unable to continue her work it will be very difficult to fill her place, for, as in all domestic concerns, the difficulty of adequately staffing the institution is increasingly felt.

Invaluable work has also been done by our Ladies' House Committee, and by ladies from various churches in the city and suburbs, who have helped in sewing, etc. A deeper and more widespread interest has been taken this year in the "Christmas Cheer Fund," and generous gifts, both in money and kind have been spontaneously sent. One gratifying fact which should be noted in this connection is that in no previous year have Sunday Schools in the South Island given so freely to this fund. This augurs well for the future of the Home.

Our thanks are due to Drs. Orchard, Whetter and O'Brien, and the dentists of the Public Hospital for their willing, able and gratuitous services.

As we review the blessings of the past we thank God and take courage of hope that our Home will be in the future as in the past, a refuge to many stranded from the wrecks of time.

T. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman.

W. GRIGG, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Mr. George Bowron, Treasurer, be thanked for the excellent work he has done, and that he be reappointed.
2. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the excellent work done by the Matron (Sister Mabel) and her staff.
3. That the Secretary, Rev. W. Grigg, be thanked for his services, and that he be reappointed.
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 and C. E. Salter; 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. Isitt, M.P., J. Lomas, W. T. Burley and F. Campion.

C.—MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report for 1919.

In submitting our report for the work of the past year, we have great pleasure in stating that the work of building the Children's Home at Masterton has been commenced at last. The Conference is aware of the various reasons that have caused delay in making a start.

After many consultations with Mr. C. E. Daniell, final plans were agreed upon, and his firm entrusted with the work of erecting the first of the buildings.

Labour shortage, and difficulty in obtaining material, more especially cement, has retarded progress, but it is hoped that these conditions will soon improve.

The Board, realising its inability to efficiently manage the Home from Wellington, appointed the following gentlemen as a Committee of Management, viz., Dr. N. H. Prior, Messrs. C. E. Daniell, O. N. C. Pragnell, T. R. Mannell, and the Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary.

The Conference is respectfully requested to confirm these appointments, thus giving the Committee an official status as representing the Conference in the management of the Home.

The Conference is further requested to give such Committee power to add to their number, and to appoint any sub-committees that may be found necessary, for the efficient management of the Home.

The Board, together with the Masterton Committee, do not approve of the suggestion to use the Home for boys only, nor the further suggestion of employing a canvasser to travel in the interests of the three Homes.

It will be necessary for the Conference to give the Board power to raise by way of loan on mortgage whatever balance is required to complete the building. At the present moment, it is impossible to say what amount will be required. Mr. Daniell cannot say definitely what the building will cost, and it will depend on the length of time occupied in its completion, as to the money which the Board will have in hand towards the final figures.

Conference is also asked to make the following District allocations for the several Orphanages, viz.—

Wellington Orphanage.—Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Nelson Districts

Christchurch Orphanage.—North Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago and Southland Districts.

Auckland Orphanage.—Auckland, South Auckland, Taranaki and Wanganui Districts.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

J. G. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

W. HEMERY, Honorary Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the following be appointed as a Committee of Management:—
Dr. H. N. Prior, Messrs. C. E. Daniell, O. N. C. Pragnall, T. R. Mannell and the Rev. J. Cocker, who shall act as Secretary.
3. The Committee shall have power to add to their number, and appoint any sub-committees as may be found necessary.

D.—GENERAL.

The Conference regrets that the Corresponding Committee appointed last year to consider the advisability of securing the co-operation of all the Orphanage Boards throughout the Dominion has been unable to agree upon a scheme, and that the Committee be reappointed and requested to continue its work.

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

REPORT FOR 1919, OF THE CONNEXIONAL LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

There have been several meetings of the Committee during the year. Resolutions of the last Conference (vide 1919 Minutes, p. 107) were carefully considered, and the following decisions arrived at:—

In reference to the booklet for young people, dealing with the question of Church membership, at the request of the Committee, the Rev. E. P. Blamires has prepared the manuscript of a small work which, it is hoped, will meet the needs of the case. This will be in the hands of the printers at an early date, and particulars concerning the publication will be notified through the columns of the "Methodist Times."

It was not deemed practicable to carry out Resolution 2, in reference to competitive essays in the "Methodist Times."

Resolution 3 was thought to be met by the business arrangements obtaining at present with the various Methodist Book Depots in the Dominion. These depots are in close touch with the English Publishing Houses.

In reference to Res. 4, the Committee authorised the Business Manager to make arrangements to secure advertisements for the "Methodist Times" in the chief centres of the Dominion.

"METHODIST TIMES."

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix 21.

The Business Manager, the Rev. S. Lawry, reports as follows regarding the paper:—The circulation continues to increase steadily, though slowly. In a few Circuits a definite effort to secure new subscribers has met with encouraging results, and probably there are many Circuits in which a little more effort would result in adding to the list of subscribers.

Changes of address are a constant source of trouble. Many subscribers change their residence without notifying either the local agent or the office of the altered address. The result is that papers come back through the Dead Letter Office, and subscribers are lost in this way nearly every month.

In many Circuits there is room for improvement in the agency arrangements. Some Circuits have not appointed any agent, and in many cases when appointments are made or altered the office is not notified, and consequently the Manager does not know to whom communications should be sent. This is a matter which could be very easily remedied if attention were given to it. Agents should be told that they may retain sixpence for each year's subscription collected and remitted to the office. In some cases too many agents are appointed. Where there are several places in a Circuit it may sometimes be necessary to have some one in each Church interested in pushing the paper. But the Business Manager cannot undertake to keep separate lists for each congregation, and it is much better to have one person to be responsible to the office for the whole Circuit, even if it be found advisable to have several sub-agents. This is the plan adopted in some Circuits, and it appears to work satisfactorily.

The number of advertisements could be considerably increased with advantage to the paper. In large centres the number of subscribers is sufficient to make the paper a good advertising medium. The Business Manager will be pleased to hear from any one willing to help the paper in this way.

The financial position of the paper is still satisfactory. The Committee, however, is faced with the fact that the cost of production and management is likely to increase rather than decrease. For this year £40 is being paid to the Connexional Secretary's Committee for management expenses, in place of the £25 hitherto paid, with the prospect of a higher rate in the future.

The work of the Editor continues to be carried on in his characteristic manner. The new Associate Editor has shown that his pen has lost none of its cunning when writing for the youth of the Church. Both have the full confidence of the Committee.

Copies of Dr. Fitchett's pamphlet, "What Methodism Stands For," and the Rev. Val. Trigge's "Starting Points for Starters," are still in stock. Supplies may be obtained from the Connexional Office.

T. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman.

* FRED. COPELAND, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The following Supplementary Report was received and adopted.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that the booklet for Young People has been printed and copies are now on sale at the following prices, viz., single copies, 2d.; per dozen, 1/9; per hundred, 12/6;

quantities being post free. Messrs. L. M. Isitt, Ltd., Christchurch, will act as distributing agents, and supplies may be obtained through them. Representatives to Conference are urged to do their best to ensure the widest circulation of the booklet, the Committee believing that it will prove to be of great value.

The Committee desires to express its thanks to Rev. E. P. Blamires for writing the booklet.

Conference is asked to authorise the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund to advance the initial cost of printing the booklet. At its last meeting the Committee unanimously recommended that the honoraria paid to the Editors of the "Methodist Times" be increased by 50 per cent.

F. COPELAND, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That we note with pleasure that the booklet for Young People dealing with Church Membership has been written by Rev. E. P. Blamires, and that we thank him for his very satisfactory work.
2. That the Conference authorises the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund to advance the initial cost of printing the booklet.
3. That while appreciating the need and importance of publishing such a pamphlet on Gambling as that suggested, we do not consider that the publication lies within the function of our Connexional Literature Committee.
4. That the Literature Committee investigate ways and means which will lead to the publication of pamphlets suitable to our needs, and report to the next Conference.
5. That we request the various Book Depôts to stock copies of a portion of The Order of Communion Service for use by congregations.

"METHODIST TIMES."

6. That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Editor (Rev. W. J. Williams), and the Associate Editor (Rev. A. C. Lawry) for their services during the year, and that they be re-appointed.
7. That the amounts paid to the Editors of the "Methodist Times" be increased to £40 and £25 respectively.
8. That the Committee consider the advisability of permanently enlarging the "Methodist Times" to twenty pages.
9. That the members of our Church be urged to subscribe to the "Methodist Times."
10. That cards, advertising the "Methodist Times," be sent to the Circuits.
11. That the following be the Committee for 1920:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, and Superintendents of Durham St., Christchurch East, St. Albans, Sydenham, Cambridge Terrace and Woolston Circuits, Revs. W. J. Williams and W. Laycock, with Messrs. C. E. Salter (Treasurer), G. Barrell, E. W. Hall, J. Lomas and F. H. Christian. Convener, Rev. F. Copeland.
12. That the Rev. F. Copeland be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
13. That we heartily thank the printers of the "Methodist Times" for their courteous consideration shown in connection with its publication.

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

For Balance-sheet, see Appendix, p. 18.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1919.

The Committee again desires to place on record its gratitude to God for the work accomplished by our Chaplains, at home and abroad, during the past year. The conclusion of peace among the belligerent nations has created new conditions, and our work is now confined to the sick soldiers in our Hospital Camps.

Early in the year the Military Authorities decided to demobilise all the Chaplains in the camps, and permit the Chaplains resident in the vicinity of the camps to visit them for spiritual work. It was found, however, that such an arrangement was inadequate to meet the needs of the large number of men who were receiving treatment, and representations were made conjointly by the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches to have two Chaplains retained; one to represent the Anglican Church, and the other the non-Episcopal Churches. The Defence Department, however, would only agree to allow one Chaplain to be retained on full pay, but agreed that another Chaplain should be provided with rations and quarters, his pay to be a charge upon the Churches concerned. This arrangement has been agreed to; the Rev. White representing the Anglican Church, and the Rev. Hardie his own and kindred Churches. The arrangement has proved to be a very happy one, and the ratio of payment is apportioned according to the strength of the Churches as shown in the last census. As there was no further need to continue the use of our Institute at Trentham, the Committee agreed to offer it for sale, and remove the furniture to Wellington for disposal there. A satisfactory offer for the building was made by the Defence Department and accepted. The furniture was disposed of by auction, and realised a good sum, as shown in the Balance-sheet. A request was received from Auckland for assistance in work among the soldiers in the annexe at the Auckland Hospital. This was acceded to. As to the future needs of the work among the soldiers, it is difficult to forecast. The Featherston Camp will be closed in the near future, and the men removed to Trentham. It is likely that for some time to come the Chaplains at present in the camp will be needed to attend to the spiritual and social needs of the men. Fortunately the Committee has ample funds for all the needs of the work for some time to come. The Committee has carried out, as far as possible, the instructions of the last Conference in the matter of paying from the Military Fund the claims of the Supernumerary Fund on behalf of those men who served in the ranks. There is likely to be a surplus in the hands of the Committee after all claims have been met for work among the soldiers. The Department of Internal Affairs has submitted to the Committee proposals for investing any balance of the Fund in a Central Fund for relief to soldiers and their dependants; and also for rendering assistance to soldiers who may be permanently disabled, the Committee to have representation on any executive body which may be appointed to administer the Funds. The Committee feels that some portion of the Fund should be retained, if possible, for future work in Military Camps, and would be glad to have its hands strengthened in this connection by such recommendations as the Conference may see fit to make.

The Committee, now that its war work is nearly over, wishes to express its appreciation of the services of the Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Luke, for his faithful and efficient work during the whole of the war

period. We believe that all our Ministers, Probationers, Students and Home Missionaries have now returned, after carrying out their duties with credit to themselves and honour to the Church; and the Committee confidently trusts that their experiences with the soldiers will greatly add to their efficiency as Ministers of our Church. The cordial thanks of the Committee are also tendered to the Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. E. Dawson for their services as Auditors.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. READER, Secretary.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Wellington Military Committee control the Fund for use of the work among soldiers.
2. That all matters relating to the Hospital Camps be under the control of the Wellington Military Committee.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Treasurer, Mr. C. M. Luke, and that he be reappointed.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Secretary, Rev. A. Reader, and that Rev. F. T. Read be appointed.
5. That the Auditors, Rev. D. J. Murray and Mr. E. Dawson, be thanked for their services, and that they be reappointed.
6. The Conference accords a very hearty welcome to Lt.-Col. Luxford, C.M.G., Senior Chaplain, N.Z.E.F., and the other Chaplains and soldiers, who have been spared to return from active service. They have worthily and effectively upheld Christian ideals during the trying years of war. We trust the experiences through which they have passed will prove of great value to the Church in coming years, and assure them of our very sincere appreciation of the service they have rendered to the cause of liberty and righteousness and of Empire and humanity.
7. That a letter of greeting be sent to the Rev. W. A. Watson, a returned Chaplain, who is indisposed.
8. That we place on record our deep appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the Rev. J. A. Luxford, C.M.G., as Senior Methodist Chaplain during the whole period of the war. For many years Bro. Luxford has occupied the position of Senior Chaplain for our Church in the Dominion, and now on his retirement from that office, we assure him of our great esteem and love, and commend him to the comfort and abiding presence of our Heavenly Father.
9. That the Rev. E. O. Blamires be authorised to convey personally the fraternal greetings of the Conference to Rev. J. R. Sullivan, and report to the President of the Conference all matters affecting his relation to the New Zealand Methodist Church.
10. That after meeting the just claims of any Methodist Chaplains and soldiers, who have been on active service in regard to war disability, and Supernumerary Fund arrears, the balance to credit

be retained by the Conference for future use in Military work and Territorial Camps.

11. That the Conference List of Chaplains be amended so as to conform to the list of the Defence Department.
12. That the Defence Department be asked to give effect to the rule concerning promotions, that years of active service count double, to be applied to our Chaplains.
13. 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. P. N. Knight, B.A.
 Wellington.—Rev. F. T. Read.
 Lyttelton.—Rev. F. L. Frost.
 Timaru.—Rev. W. A. Hay.
 Dunedin.—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt.
 Port Chalmers.—Rev. G. Clement.
 Bluff.—Rev. T. Skuse.
 Napier.—Rev. T. R. Richards.

14. 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. A. Mitchell.

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. F. T. Read.

Canterbury.—The Chaplains in the District, Rev. T. A. Joughin 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.

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
Grigg, Rev. W.	...	...	...	December, 1919
			Captain,	April 5th, 1911

Fourth Class: Ranking as Captain.

Reader, Rev. A. ...	...	...	...	April 25, 1910
✓ 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
Chappell, Rev. A. B., M.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
Gosnell, Rev. R. B. ...	...	...	...	June 14, 1919

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

During the past year the Custodian has received from Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt the following documents:—

1. **Hastings.**—Two Minute Books of Trustee Meetings, covering the period from 1883 to 1910; three Minute Books of Quarterly Meetings, from 1896 to 1914; Collection Book, 1906 to 1917; Bank Pass Book, 1886 to 1898; Circuit Account Book, 1906 to 1908; Circuit Cash Book, 1897 to 1905; Trust Cash Book, 1891 to 1910; Minutes of Wesley Guild, 1900 to 1904; Circuit Plans, 1913 to 1919.
2. **Roxburgh.**—Circuit Plans, 1902 to 1913.

It is questionable if it is wise to send to the Custodian Minute Books relating to Circuit and Trustees' Meetings. It frequently happens that in later days information is desired respecting these matters,

and no one knows where to look for it, there being no local record of what has been done with the documents. Wherever practicable such documents should, in my judgment, be preserved in some safe place in the Circuit to which they belong, and be accessible to local officers of the Church whenever required.

The Connexional Secretary is much too busy with the numerous duties of his office to do anything in the way of completing the classifying and indexing of the documents at the Connexional Office. Nor is there any proper accommodation there for their proper custody, so that while securing their safety they should be available to persons who wish to consult them.

SAMUEL LAWRY, Custodian.

The Report was received and adopted.

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

I.

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 Sunday, January 22nd, 1922, being the Centenary of the Rev. Samuel Leigh's landing in New Zealand, be observed as Commemoration Sunday in all our Circuits, with suitable services and gatherings, and that the Committee consider during the year how this may best be given effect to.
2. That the Conference of 1922 be held in Auckland, and that in connection with it a central feature be a Great Thanksgiving Service be held in celebration of the Centenary. That the Conference Young People's Demonstration of that year be appropriate to the Centenary Celebrations and be held subsequent to the Thanksgiving Service.
3. That the Sunday nearest to June 8th be set apart as a General Thanksgiving Sunday, on which day Thanksgiving Services shall be held in our Churches throughout the Dominion. The Conference recommends 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. That arrangements be made for suitable Conventions and Evangelistic Missions during the Centenary year in addition to the above Celebrations.
7. 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 Bible Classes and Sunday Schools.

8. That immediately after the Conference of 1922 a Special Day of Services be held at Whangaroa, during which a Memorial Church shall be opened, or the foundation stone thereof laid. 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.
9. That the Rev. Samuel Chadwick, of the British Conference be invited to attend the Centenary Conference, and take part in the celebrations, and that failing his acceptance, the Rev. F. L. Wiseman, B.A., be invited. Travelling expenses to be a charge on the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.
10. That the Committee be authorised to approach the Methodist Episcopal Church of America with a view of securing the visit of a Bishop of that Church in connection with the Centenary.
11. That the General Conference of Australasia be invited to send a Representative to attend the Centenary Conference.
12. That Prince-Consort Tugi, of Tonga, be invited to attend the Centenary Conference.
13. The Conference deems it essential to a worthy celebration of the Centenary that our Native people should fully co-operate in the celebrations. It, therefore, appoints the following Committee to consider and report upon how this may best be achieved:—The General Superintendent of Maori Missions, the Organising Secretaries, the Native Ministers, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Revs. J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, T. G. Hammond, and C. H. Laws, Messrs. J. Veale, G. Elliott and T. W. Jones, together with Native laymen to be appointed by the General Superintendent of Maori Missions. Convener, Rev. A. J. Seamer.

B.—FINANCIAL.

1. That in connection with the Centenary a Thanksgiving Fund be raised, to be called "The Centenary Thanksgiving Fund," and that the sum of £40,000 be aimed at, to be allocated as follows:—

	£
Supernumerary Fund	8500
Theological College	8000
Church Building and Loan Fund ...	8000
Foreign Missions	5000
Wesley Training College (if required) ...	3000
Deaconess Work	3000
Local Preachers' Association	1000
Memorial Church (Kaeo)	1500
Working Expenses	1500
Leaving a balance of £500 unallocated.	

NOTES.

- (a) The £8500 allocated to the Supernumerary Fund includes the sum of £8000 required to be paid into the capital of that Fund, and estimated interest thereon until the amount is actually raised, to enable the whole increase of 15 per cent. to be made immediately in annuities payable by the Fund. (See resolutions on Supernumerary Fund).
- (b) The balance, if any, over and above allocated moneys, required to complete the £8500 to the Supernumerary Fund is to be a first charge on the unallocated portion of the Thanksgiving Fund before the pro rata distribution referred to in Resolution 7 below.
- (c) The Conference sanctions a preliminary canvass by selected laymen with a view to raising the sum allocated to the Supernumerary Fund at once, provided that in such canvass the claims of the whole Thanksgiving Fund are advocated.
- (d) The sum allocated to Foreign Missions is to assist in completing the Working Capital Fund, and in providing a Special Equipment Fund for use on taking over our Separate Field.
- (e) In view of the sum allocated to Wesley Training College, the Principal is requested to terminate his personal canvass for subscriptions not later than June 30th, 1920.
2. That the Rev. A. C. Lawry be set apart from Circuit work in 1921 and appointed one of the Organising Secretaries to the Fund, and that the Committee consider during the year the details of this arrangement.
3. That the Rev. T. G. Brooks (General Secretary of Home Missions), and the Rev. W. A. Sinclair (Secretary of Foreign Missions), be appointed to act in conjunction with the Rev. A. C. Lawry as Organising Secretaries during 1921. The ordinary appeals for Home and Foreign Missions shall be made in the Circuits, but, in view of the employment of the Secretaries in Centenary work, any deficit on these Funds for the year shall be paid from the Thanksgiving Fund. The Committee shall consider and report upon the details of this arrangement during the year.
4. That the Young People's Organising Secretary give special assistance in connection with the Centenary Celebrations, and that during the Centenary there be prominently brought before our young people the privilege of Church Membership, with a view to securing their definite attachment to the Church.

5. That the Thanksgiving Fund 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, they be recommended 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. (See par. 1, note (b), above).
8. The Committee set up to consider the participation of the Native Church in the Centenary Celebrations (see under "Services and Meetings," Resolution 13) shall also consider and report upon what can be done to promote work among Native girls, what sum would be required for the development of such work, and what may be expected, through the Thanksgiving Fund, for this purpose from the Native Church.

C.—GENERAL.

1. That a popular History of the New Zealand Methodist Church be published, and that the Committee be authorised to proceed with arrangements for the same, provided that a suitable volume can be published at a selling price of 5/-. That a guarantee fund be raised to ensure against any loss on publication, and that the Circuits be asked to guarantee a certain number of copies.
2. That the Rev. W. J. Williams be requested to undertake the authorship of the History of New Zealand Methodism, and that a suitable financial acknowledgment be made to him. The details of this arrangement are left to the Committee.
3. That the proposal for the establishment of a Methodist Museum be further considered by the Committee during the year, in consultation with the Rev. W. Baumber.
4. That to organise and generally supervise the Centenary Celebrations, including both the spiritual movement and the raising of the Thanksgiving Fund, a Central Committee be appointed, and that District or sub-District Committees be appointed throughout the Dominion.
5. That District Synods nominate the District or sub-District Committees for 1921, and that the following be the Central Committee for 1920:—The Chairman of the Auckland District, the Organising Secretaries, the Revs. J. H. Simmonds, G. Bond, W. S. Potter, C. H. Laws, B.A., J. Wrigley, P. N. Knight, B.A., W. J. Elliott, J. A. Lochore, A. B. Chappell, M.A., H. Ranston, M.A., A. J. Seamer, E. T. Cox, M.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., C. H. Olds, B.A., and Messrs. A. C. Caughey, G. Winstone, T. W. Jones, J. Veale, J. W. Shackelford, H. Field, J. W. Court, G. A. Buttle, J. Buttle, W. J. Holdsworth, J. Stanton, LL.B., A. Peak, T. B. Arthur and W. R. Tuck, with the following Corresponding Members. The President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, J. Dawson, Messrs. C. M. Luke, J. H. Blackwell and E. Rosevear. Convener, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A.

II. MINISTERIAL INVITATIONS.

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.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on Tuesday, September 23. Present—Revs. T. A. Joughin, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, A. C. Lawry and Messrs. Prudhoe, Seed, Flesher, Salter and Lomas.

The recommendations of the North Canterbury Synod with reference to District Executive Committees were considered, and the principle of District Executive Committees was affirmed.

Paragraph 1, p. 114, Minutes of Conference, 1919, was recommended, with the exception that the quorum of a committee should consist of not less than half its members. Par. 2 was adopted as printed in Minutes. Par. 3 was also adopted, with the addition that the Executive Committee shall have power to apportion any part of its duties to sub-committees. Par. 5 was adopted as printed.

With reference to a Standing Committee the following motion was carried:—

“That the Executive Committee for the District in which the President resides, together with six or more corresponding members to be appointed by Conference, shall be empowered to act as a General Committee of Conference during his year of office. It shall give advice to the President when desired, and shall be entrusted with the duties of the present Committee of Privileges and Exigency.”

T. A. JOUGHIN, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

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. All other Superintendent Ministers in the district to be Corresponding Members of the Committee. 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.
 - (6) The Executive shall have power to apportion any part of its duties to sub-committees.
4. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year 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, 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.
 6. That the date of the proposals coming into effect be determined by the next Conference.

IV.—REMOVAL EXPENSES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

In accordance with Resolution of Conference (Min. of Con., 1919, pp. 123, 124) the Committee having met and fully considered the matter, unanimously agreed as to the advisability of establishing a Removal Expenses Fund. With a view to carrying it into effect the Committee recommended the following proposals:—

1. That as periodic Ministerial changes are a part of the Connexional system of the Methodist Church, the cost of such removals should be borne by the whole Church. That it will divide the removal expenses over a number of years, and prevent the embarrassment of finding this in one lump sum.
2. That it would facilitate otherwise suitable appointments if removal expenses were not a Circuit consideration.
3. That under the extended Itinerant System, our stronger Circuits, who retain the services of our best men indefinitely, and are thereby relieved from this expense, should bear their equitable share of removal expenses.
4. That we recommend for this purpose an additional Circuit levy of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 per cent, on the Contingent Fund to meet the required amount.
5. And that where any Circuit causes a change of Minister in less than three years, such Circuit shall pay the removal expenses.

T. W. VEALIE, Convener.

The Report was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference affirms the necessity for a change in the method of dealing with Removal Expenses, and refers the whole question to a Special Committee, which shall report through the Synods to the next Conference.
2. That the following be the Committee:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. T. W. Vealie, W. Beckett and E. P. Blamires, Messrs. C. E. Salter, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, C. K. Wigglesworth and W. Dobbs. Convener, Rev. W. Beckett.

V. CONVERSATION ON THE WORK OF GOD.

The Report of the Committee was received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That a morning session of Conference be given to the Conversation on the work of God, to open at 9 a.m. with the Communion.
2. That a suitable address of twenty minutes' duration be given on some vital phase of Church life and experience, which shall have been the subject of special investigation by the Welfare of the Church Committee, to be followed by a special ten minutes' address. The subject and speakers to be chosen by the President in consultation with the Welfare of the Church Committee. An appropriate discussion shall follow thereon. Periods of silence shall be arranged, and for the remainder of the Conversation the President shall choose speakers from a list of those who have previously intimated their desire to take part, half an hour being allowed towards the close for general discussion.
3. That the salient features of the whole proceedings be concisely summarised by the President, and the requisite lessons duly enforced.
4. That following the taking of the census, the General Returns of the Church, together with a timely resolution, be presented by the Welfare of the Church Committee, and a suitable discussion conducted.

OBITUARIES.

1. That a Special Committee be set up to revise all the Obituary and Supernumerary Records prior to the reading of them in the Conference.
2. That a solemn morning service of one hour's duration be conducted by the President, who shall select suitable hymns and Scripture, and appoint a person to deliver an appropriate address.
3. That the Obituary Records in each case be read early in the service by the Chairman of the District, or by some person whom he may appoint.

SUPERNUMERARIES.

1. That at the appointed time in Conference proceedings the Chairman of the District present the record in relation to Ministers about to become Supernumeraries, and that he nominate some person to second this, and no other speeches shall be required.
2. That a Special Committee be set up to revise all the Obituary and Supernumerary Records prior to the reading of them in the Conference.

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

(See Book of Laws, p. 78).

1. The President, Vice-President and Secretary of the 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 the Conference.

2. The above-named Ministers and Laymen of the Wellington, Hutt and Petone Circuits are a Committee of Exigency, the Superintendents of the Kilbirnie 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 LII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on other Questions?**Loyal Address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.**

That a loyal address be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales by the President and Vice-President of the Conference.

Thanks to the Ex-President.

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Retiring President, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, for his able and efficient service during the year.

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the ex-President, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, 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."

Thanks to the Retiring Vice-President.

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. J. H. Blackwell, for his able and efficient services during the year.

Thanks to the Retiring Secretary.

That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Retiring Secretary, Rev. E. Drake, for his able and efficient services during the year.

Ordination Charge.

That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse (ex-President) for the inspiring ordination charge, and that he be requested to publish it in the "Methodist Times."

President's Advisory Committee.

That the following be appointed the President's Advisory Committee for 1920:—Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, J. Dawson, F. T. Read, C. C. Harrison, W. Rowe, Messrs. W. E. Redstone, S. T. Martin, B. J. Lynneberg, C. M. Luke, T. Fathers, H. P. Mourant, with Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., W. A. Sinclair, S. Lawry and Mr. J. A. Flesher.

Legal Adviser.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be given to Mr. J. A. Flesher for his services as Legal Adviser to the President, and that he be reappointed.

The Rev. S. F. Collier.

The Conference expressed its pleasure at the prospect of this distinguished visitor coming to New Zealand, and appointed the President, the ex-President and Rev. W. A. Sinclair as a Committee to set up an itinerary.

Improved Social Questions.

That in order to demonstrate its practical sympathy with the efforts which are being made for improved social and industrial conditions, Conference directs that one Sunday be set aside throughout the whole Connexion as a day on which special references shall be made by the various preachers to the urgent necessity of the application of Christian principles in industrial affairs.

League of Nations.

That this Conference expresses its appreciation of the principles contained in the proposed League of Nations, and is hopeful that it will soon be in operation, so that the spirit of Christianity may more fully prevail among the nations of the earth.

Church Union.

1. That in receiving the communication from the Convener of the Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church conveying the Assembly's finding on the question of union between the Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodist Churches, the Conference expresses its regret that, owing to the unsatisfactory character of the vote in the local courts of the Presbyterian Church, the Assembly is unable at present to proceed further with the proposal for a union of these Churches.
2. That Conference reaffirms its conviction that such a union would add greatly to the effectiveness of the Evangelical Church in this Dominion, and trusts that at some future time it may be possible to renew, with better hope of success, the effort to achieve it.
3. That, meanwhile, a Committee be set up—
 - (1) To study and report upon all movements for union within the Christian Church of to-day.
 - (2) To receive and report to Conference upon any proposals for co-operation in education and social service which may be forwarded from other Churches.
 - (3) Generally to promote that spirit of mutual understanding and brotherhood in which alone the difficulties which now stand in the way of union can be made to disappear.

The Committee to be as follows:—The President (Rev. E. Drake), ex-President (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse), and Secretary (Rev. A. Ashcroft), Revs. G. Bond, T. G. Brooke, C. H. Laws, B.A., P. N. Knight, B.A., W. A. Sinclair, W. J. Elliott, J. A. Lochore, H. Ranston, M.A., E. T. Cox, M.A., Messrs. J. Veale,

L. Stanton, LL..B., A. Peak, J. W. Court, A. A. Winslow, J. Buttle, W. J. Holdsworth, T. B. Arthur, J. W. Shackelford, H. Field, with the Revs. S. Lawry, T. A. Joughin, J. Dawson, E. P. Blamires, Col. G. J. Smith, C. M. Luke, E. Rosevear, as Corresponding Members. Convener, Rev. J. H. Haslam.

4. That Conference receives the communication from the Convener of the Theological Committee of the Presbyterian Church regarding co-operation in theological training, and in doing so expresses its appreciation of the fraternal spirit in which the proposal is made. The Conference is, however, of opinion that the time is not yet ripe for the joint training of students for the Ministry, and is therefore for the present unable to enter into the proposed Conference.

Conference of Faith and Order

That the Rev. E. O. Blamires, Messrs. J. H. Oldham and C. E. Bellringer be the Conference Representatives to the Conference on "Faith and Order."

Agenda Committee for 1921.

The Secretary of the Conference; Rev G. S. Cook and Mr. T. R. Hodder.

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

On Thursday, February 24th, 1921, in the Taranaki Street Church, Wellington.

N.B. 1—Owing to the problems in relation to housing and domestic help, as many as possible of the representatives to Conference are requested to make their own arrangements.

2.—That the Conference Arrangements Committee be asked to supply, through the "Methodist Times," information of public places of accommodation.

EDWARD DRAKE, President.

ARTHUR ASHCROFT, 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.

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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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	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft

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

- 1897—Cossum, Percy J
 ,, Greenwood, Fred
 ,, Hay, W. Arthur
 ,, Pybus, T. 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
 ,, Stockwell, George F.
- 1905—Copeland, Fred.
 ,, Harris, John
 ,, Metson, Basil
 ,, Richards, Raymond
- 1906—Avery, William W.
 ,, Clark, James R.
 ,, Daniel, Herbert
 ,, 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
 ,, Ryan, Henry
- 1908—Speer, William H.
 ,, Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cotton, 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—Battey, Percy
 ,, Bensley, Arthur A.
 ,, Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Burnet, Oswald
 ,, Foston, Charles A.
 ,, Harris, Francis T.
 ,, Sullivan, Joseph R.
 ,, Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 ,, 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.
 ,, Dennis, John
 ,, Dent, Tom
 ,, Nelson, John R.
 ,, Parker, Fredk. J.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued)

1918—Neal, Wallace S.	|	1919—Gatman, William
„ Parker, James W.	|	„ Jefferson, Alfred E.
„ Skuse, Thomas	|	1920—Leadley, Frank E.
1918 Chambers, Ernest B.	|	„ Mercer, Victor S.
1919 Cuming, William B.	|	„ Pickering, William B.
„ Ford, Herbert	|	

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
1904—Papakakura, Neho Hemi	|	1915—Paikea, K. Paraire
	|	1920—Matarae Tauroa



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 (Durham St.)	1919	363 Cambridge Ter. (Christchurch)
1907	Abbey, William H. E.	Gisborne	3	351 Palmerston Rd., Gisborne
1895	Ashcroft, Arthur	Palmerston North (Cuba St.)	3	23 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North
1906	Avery, William W.	Kaponga	1	Kaponga, Taranaki
1901	Bailey, Samuel	Willowby	3	Parsonage, Willowby
1913	Batthey, Percy	Rotorua	1	Rotorua
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)	4	4 Harper St., Sydenham, Christchurch
1894	Bellhouse, Harold E.	Wellington (Taranaki St.)	1	38 McFarlane St., Wellington.
1913	Bensley, Arthur A.	Inglewood	2	Parsonage, Inglewood
1907	Blair, Charles	Petone	2	37 Nelson St., Petone
1900	Blamires, E. Percy	Christchurch East	4	173 Fitzgerald Av., Christchurch
1904	Blamires, Ernest O.	Hamilton	3	London St., Hamilton
1896	Blamires, Henry L.	Wanganui	7	Wicksteed St., Wanganui
1887	Blight, Joseph (Supy.)	Thames	1910	Thames
1917	Blight, William T.	Auckland (Avondale)	1	Avondale, Auckland
1871	Bond, George (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	Banff Av., Epsom, Auckland
1891	Boys, Frederick W. (Supy.)	Palmerston North (Broad St.)	1919	Napier Road, Palmerston North
1880	Brooke, Thomas G.	H.M. General Secretary	12	Penryn Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1916	Brown, George E.	Reefton	2	Reefton
1910	Burley, William A., M.A.	Auckland (Avondale)	3	Parsonage, Mt. Albert, Auckland
1914	Burnet, Oswald	Waikouaiti	1	Waikouaiti
1861	Cannell, William (Supy.)	New Plymouth	1900	112 Young St., New Plymouth

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1871	Carr, Thomas G. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	33 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1918	Chambers, Ernest B.	Opotiki	2	Opotiki
1889	Chapman, James G. (Supy.)	Wellington (Taranaki St.)	1920	Wellington
1896	Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Without Pastoral Charge		Registrar, University, Auckland
1906	Clark, James R.	Whangarei	4	Bank St., Whangarei
1887	Clement, George	Port Chalmers	1	Scotia St., Port Chalmers
1902	Coatsworth, Thomas	Otautau	3	Parsonage, Otautau
1890	Cocker, James	Masterton	2	46 Worksop Rd., Masterton
1901	Cook, George S.	Palmerston North (Broad St.)	2	126 Church St., Palmerston North
1915	Cooke, Percy I.	Auckland (Birkenhead)	2	Birkenhead, Auckland
1905	Copeland, Fred.	Christchurch (Woolston)	4	46 Radley Rd., Woolston, Christchurch
1897	Cossum, Percy J.	Invercargill (St. Peter's)	1	Elles Rd, Invercargill
1909	Cottom, Harry	Morrinsville	2	Morrinsville
1908	Cox, Edwin T., M.A.	Auckland Methodist Mission	6	East St. Hall, Newton, Auckland
1919	Cuming, Wm. B.	Edendale	2	Edendale
1906	Daniel, Herbert	Milton	1	Milton, Otago
1888	Dawson, John	Sec. N.Z. Alliance		136 Coromandel St., Wellington
1917	Dennis, John	St. Albans (Edgeware Rd.)	2	9 Pitt St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1917	Dent, Tom	Timaru (Bank Street)	2	Timaru
1871	Dewsbury, Henry R. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1911	"Mai-Ora," Epsom, Auckland
1893	Drake, Edward	Wellington South	5	24 Colombo St., Newtown, Wellington
1898	Dudley, Ben. F.R.A.S.	Wanganui North	2	Aramoho, Wanganui
1852	Dumbell, John (Supy.)	Wellington (Thorndon)	1885	Sydney St., Wellington
1901	Eaton, Clarence	Dunedin Central Mission	6	56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin
1893	Elliott, William J.	Auckland (Devonport)	5	17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland
1911	Enticott, Walter J.	Paeroa	2	Paeroa
1901	Featherston, Jacob	Geraldine	1	Geraldine
1877	Fee, Thomas (Supy.)	Christchurch (Woolston)	1913	Aynesley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch
1919	Ford, Herbert	Hamilton	1	Hamilton
1916	Fordyce, Robert E.	Dunedin (Trinity)	1	N.E. Valley, Dunedin
1914	Foston, Charles A.	Waipawa	4	Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1911	Fowles, Albert H.	Christchurch (Riccarton)	1	Riccarton, Christchurch
1912	Frost, Fred L.	Lyttelton	2	19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton
1893	Frost, George	Levin	1	Queen St., East Levin
1919	Gatman, Wm.	Palmerston North (Broad St.)	2	Ashhurst
1912	Gosnell, Robert B.	South Wairarapa	2	Main Street, Greytown
1900	Greenslade, William	Blenheim	2	Blenheim
1897	Greenwood, Fred	Waihi	1	Waihi
1876	Griffin, Cornelius (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1914	7 Eglinton Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1895	Griffin, John W.	Waiuku	2	Waiuku, Auckland
1880	Griffin, Thomas N. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Durham St.)	1918	James Avenue, Papanui
1882	Griffith, Samuel (Supy.)	Auckland East	1920	Auckland
1888	Grigg, William	Christchurch (Cambridge Tr.)	2	227 Cambridge Tr., Christchurch
1875	Guy, James	Rangiora	5	142 King Street, Rangiora
1874	Hammond, Thomas G. (Supy.)	Matamata	1920	Leitchfield
1890	Harding, Arthur	Foxton	4	Foxton, Manawatu
1910	Harris, Archer O.	Timaru	2	111 Arthur St., Timaru
1914	Harris, Francis T.	Temuka	2	Birkett St., Temuka
1905	Harris, John	Springston	3	Parsonage, Springston, Canterbury
1893	Harrison, Colin C.	Thorndon	1	17 Goring St., Thorndon, Wellington
1900	Haslam, Jonathan H.	Auckland West	1	32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland
1897	Hay, W. Arthur	Timaru	2	Butler St., Timaru
1894	Henderson, Samuel	Te Awamutu	4	Te Awamutu
1912	Hinton, George B.	Papakura	1	Papakura
1916	Hocking, William H.	Roxburgh	1	Roxburgh
1911	Hopper, Arthur	Te Aroha	1	Te Aroha
1900	Hosking, James A.	Eltham	2	Conway Rd., Eltham
1879	Hudson, Lewis (Supy.)	Avondale	1918	Mt. Albert, Auckland
1900	Hunt, George P.	Caversham	1	66 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin
1903	James, Benjamin J.	Sanson-Rongotea	3	Sanson, Manawatu
1919	Jefferson, Alfred E.	Matamata	2	Matamata
1876	Jones, Peter W. (Supy.)	Feilding	1901	Kimbolton Rd., Feilding

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT	NAME	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1882	Jones, T. Francis (Supy.)	Auckland East	1919	Gardner Rd., Epsom, Auckland
1908	Jordan, Charles B., B.A.	Rangiora	3	Woodend, Canterbury
1874	Jory, John D. (Supy.)	Auckland (Birkenhead)	1912	"Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland
1887	Joughin, Thomas A.	Christchurch (Papanui)	2	Matson's Rd., Papanui
1899	Keall, R. Purcell	Woodville	3	Woodville
1916	Kendon, Charles H.	Paparoa	1	Paparoa, North Auckland
1889	Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Auckland Central	1	10 Hopetoun St., Auckland
1912	Lawrence, Frederick B.	Waitara	2	Parsonage, Waitara
1885	Lawry, Albert C.	Christchurch (St. Albans)	5	Rugby St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1877	Lawry, Samuel	Connexional Secretary	10	P.O. Box 931, Christchurch
1887	Laws, Charles H., B.A.	Theological College	1	70 Remuera Rd. Auckland
1884	Laycock, William	Leeston	4	Parsonage, Leeston
1911	Lea, William	Taihape	1	Taihape
1920	Leadley, Frank E.	Greendale-Malvern	1	Greendale
1864	Lee, William (Supy.)	Auckland East	1907	Henley Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1870	Lewis, John J. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1919	"Abergavenny," Balmoral Rd, Auckland
1903	Liddell, Ralph J.	Gore	2	Irk St., Gore
1900	Liversedge, Arthur	Hawera	3	South Rd., Hawera
1895	Lochore, John A.	Auckland East	1	Selwyn Rd., Epsom, Auckland
1876	Luxford, John A., C.M.G. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1916	Burwood Ter., Lr. Remuera, Auckland
1909	McArthur, John D.	Cambridge	2	Queen St., Cambridge
1904	McBean, Angus	Hastings	2	Queen St. East, Hastings
1868	McNicoll, David (Supy.)	Auckland (Auckland East)	1909	13 Disraeli St., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1883	Marshall, George T. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1920	27 Kenneth Av., Morningside, Auckland
1908	Martin, J. Frederick	New Plymouth	1	Fitzroy, New Plymouth
1883	Mather, Joseph J. (Supy.)	Auckland East	1915	Henley Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1920	Mercer, Victor S.	Tauranga	1	Tauranga
1905	Metson, Basil	Tai Tapu	5	Tai Tapu, Canterbury
1902	Milne, J. Napier	New Plymouth	2	Liardet St., New Plymouth
1915	Minifie, A. J. Lester	Pahiatua	2	Pahiatua
1890	Mitchell, Arthur	Thames	2	Queen St., Thames

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1875	Murray, Daniel J. (Supy.)	Hutt	1920	"Boscobel," Normandale, Lower Hutt
1918	Neal, Wallace S.	Waimarino	2	Raetihi
1911	Neale, Leslie B.	Stratford	1	East Rd., Stratford
1917	Nelson, John R.	Wanganui	1	Gonville, Wanganui
1890	Newbold, Thomas W. (Supy.)	Dunedin (Trinity)	1912	516 Cumberland St., Dunedin
1875	Nixon, John (Supy.)	New Plymouth		New Plymouth
1915	Odell, Henry J.	Manaia	2	Manaia
1910	Olds, Charles H., B.A.	S.S. and Y.P. Secretary	2	553 Barbadoes St., St. Albans, Ch.Ch.
1915	Olds, E. Thomas	Hamilton	2	Hamilton East, Waikato
1867	Oliver, William C. (Supy.)	Christchurch (St. Albans)	1909	8 Dudley Tr., Shirley, Christchurch
1888	Olphert, John	Pukekohe	1	Pukekohe
1902	Oxbrow, Walter J.	Dunedin (Dundas St.)	3	52 Dundas St., Dunedin
1906	Paris, Percy R.	Auckland Central	5	11 Sherwood St., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1917	Parker, Fredk. J.	Dunedin, Roslyn (Supply)	2	36 Brighton Rd., Roslyn, Dunedin
1918	Parker, James W.	Eketahuna	2	Eketahuna
1912	Parsons, John E.	Auckland East	2	12 East Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1902	Patchett, Ernest D.	Nelson	3	Hardy St., Nelson
1913	Peat, Harold T.	Rangitikei	1	Wellington Rd., Marton
1892	Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Carterton	1	High St., Carterton
1877	Peters, Alfred (Supy.)	Papanui	1920	Papanui, Christchurch
1920	Pickering, William B.	Reefton	1	Reefton
1881	Pinfold, James T., D.D.	Wellington South	3	Mercy St., Island Bay, Wellington
1876	Potter, William S. (Supy.)	Auckland West	1919	155 Crummer Rd., Grey Lynn, Auckland
1902	Pratt, M. A. Rugby	Dunedin (Trinity)	2	149 Tennyson St., Dunedin
1897	Pybus, T. Arthur	Dunedin (Roslyn)	5	36 Brighton Rd., Roslyn, Dunedin
1892	Raine, Robert	Dunedin (Cargill Road)	5	94 Macandrew Rd., South Dunedin
1901	Ranston, Harry, M.A.	Auckland Central	5	8 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland
1889	Read, Frederick T.	Wellington (Kilbirnie)	3	58 Wellington Rd., Hataitai, Wellington
1901	Reader, Amos	Oamaru	1	Eden St., Oamaru
1885	Ready, William	Christchurch (Durham St.)	1	Parsonage, 54 Chester St., Christchurch
1911	Richards, Horace L.	Otahuhu	1	Otahuhu

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.—Continued.

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1910	Richards, James	Dannevirke	3	High St., Dannevirke
1905	Richards, Raymond	Feilding	2	Halcombe
1895	Richards, Thomas R.	Napier	7	Madeira Steps, Napier
1906	Roberts, Charles	Ohoka	1	Ohoka, N. Canterbury
1885	Rothwell, Benjamin F.	Dunedin (Mornington)	2	56 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin
1911	Rowe, William	Hutt	1	Parsonage, Lower Hutt, Wellington
1908	Ryan, Henry	Blenheim	3	Tua Marina, Marlborough
1916	Sage, Ernest E.	Dunedin (St. Kilda)	1	Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin
1907	Scott, W. Bramwell	Kaiapoi	1	Parsonage, Kaiapoi
1900	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Waimate	4	Coronation St., Waimate
1903	Seamer, Arthur J.	Superintendent Maori Missions	1	41 St. John's Av., Epsom, Auckland
1910	Sharp, Harold A.	Invercargill (Central)	1	198 Dee St., Invercargill
1869	Simmonds, Joseph H.	Wesley Training College	26	Three Kings, Mt. Eden, Auckland
1891	Sinclair, William A.	Conference F.M. Secretary	2	509 N.Z. Insurance Bldgs., Queen St., A.
1918	Skuse, Thomas	Bluff	3	14 Elizabeth St., Bluff
1915	Slade, William G., M.A.	Otaki	2	Otaki
1868	Smalley, Joseph S. (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1903	91 St. Paul's Rd, Canonbury, London N.
1892	Smith, G. Knowles	Wellington Central Mission	8	Adelaide Rd., Wellington
1862	Smith, John (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1891	35 Fairview Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland
1916	Smith, William S.	Without Pastoral Charge		
1899	Southern, John	Northern Wairoa	3	Dargaville
1908	Speer, William H.	Auckland West	3	52 Collingwood St., Auckland
1875	Standage, Charles H. (Supy.)	Timaru	1915	Timaru
1904	Stockwell, George F.	Feilding	4	West St., Feilding
1914	Sullivan, Joseph R.	Without Pastoral Charge		Residing in England
1871	Thomas, James (Supy.)	Auckland Central	1907	103 White Horse Rd., Box Hill, Melbrne.
1908	Tinsley, R. Borrows	Addington	1	Harman St., Christchurch
1909	Turner, Nicholas	Johnsonville	1	Johnsonville
1894	Vealie, Thomas W.	Ashburton	2	Havelock St., Ashburton
1912	Walker, William	Christchurch East	3	16 Union St., New Brighton, Ch.Ch.
1885	Wallis, T. Jackson	Greymouth	3	138 Tainui St., Greymouth

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS.--Continued

ENT.	NAME.	CIRCUIT.	Ann. Appt.	POSTAL ADDRESS.
1916	Warburton, Egbert R.	Without Pastoral Charge	1	"Dunholme," Remuera, Auckland
1876	Ward, Charles E. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Cambridge Tr.)	1910	Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch
1872	Ward, Josiah (Supy.)	Wellington (Taranaki St.)	1920	Brooklyn, Wellington
1912	Watson, William A.	Westport	2	Derby St., Westport
1914	Werren, Samuel J.	Balclutha	2	Balclutha
1906	White, Hedley	King Country Rural Mission	2	Taumarunui
1870	Williams, William J. (Supy.)	Christchurch (Woolston)	1914	Sumner, Christchurch
1899	Wills, William	Richmond	3	Parsonage, Richmond, Nelson
1901	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Auckland (Takapuna)	2	Takapuna
1887	Wrigley, James	Onehunga	1	Grey St., Onehunga
NATIVE MINISTERS.				
1900	Haddon, Robert Tahu Potiki	West Coast Maori Mission	20	Normanby, Taranaki
1896	Heretini, Te Tuhi	Northern Maori Mission	12	Whirinaki, Hokianga
1911	Kakuere, Hori	Northern Maori Mission	5	Raglan
1904	Papakakura, Neho 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, Hapeta	Northern Maori Mission	18	Kaeo, Whangaroa
1911	Te Tuhi, Eruera	Northern Maori Mission	7	Reweti, Auckland
1920	Tauroa, Matarae	Northern Maori Mission	1	Raetihi
1911	Wilcox, Davis	Northern Maori Mission	8	Opuia, 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 addresses indicate the years of the present appointment.

- 1896—J. H. White, Mapua, Nelson (retired).
 1904—C. Aker, Okato, Taranaki, 1.
 1904—W. T. Hooper, ~~Porirua~~, Wellington, 1. *Bombay, Auckland*
 1905—P. J. Ma~~ys~~, Coromandel, Auckland, 1.
 1907—S. Keen, Lawrence, Otago, 6.
 1908—G. H. Bridgeman, Hokitika, Westland, 3.
 1908—C. W. Brown, Motueka, Nelson, 2.
 1908—W. E. Sleep, Nightcaps, Southland, 2.
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Riverton, Southland, 1.
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Mayfield, Canterbury, 3.
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki, 5.
 1910—C. Duncan, Oxford, Canterbury, 1.
 1911—C. Strand, Opunake, Taranaki, 3.
 1911—A. E. Haynes, Ohura, King Country, 2.
 1913—H. C. Orchard, Port Albert, Auckland, 1.
 1913—J. Tyson, Wakefield, Nelson, 1.
 1914—F. E. Foot, Mosgiel, Otago, 1.
 1915—H. S. Kings, Waddington, Canterbury, 1.
 1915—H. Spencer, Linwood, Christchurch, 2.
 1916—J. Richards, Warkworth, Auckland, 1.
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Douglas, Taranaki, 1.
 1917—N. Challenger, Rawene, Hokianga, 2.
 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Cromwell, Otago, 1.
 1919—J. Belshaw, Hawarden, N. Canterbury, 1.
 1919—W. A. Porter, Te Kowhai, Waikato, 2.
 1919—L. Green, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

- 1915—O. S. Pearn, Wanganui East, 1.
 1917—J. H. Allen, Kawa Kawa, Bay of Islands, 2.
 1917—G. H. Cule, Arapohue, N. Wairoa, 2.
 1917—F. C. Pace, Kaukapakapa, Auckland, 2.
 1917—R. T. H. Wearne, Gisborne, 1.
 1918—E. Ranson, Kaeo, Whangaroa, 2.
 1919—P. Bridge, Helensville, Auckland, 2.
 1919—J. F. Jack, Havelock, Marlborough, 2.
 1920—E. H. Brooker, Hikurangi, Auckland, 1.
 1920—C. G. H. Bycroft, Te Kuiti, King Country, 1.
 1920—F. J. Handy, Tahuna, Morrinsville, Waikato, 1.
 1920—W. Parker, Putaruru, Waikato, 1.

• *Henry Payne, Mangonui*

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.

- 1918—T. Roseveare, St. Kilda, Dunedin, 3.
1918—C. H. Earwaker, Paraparaumu, Wellington, 1.
1919—J. Boothroyd, Murchison, Nelson, 2.

NATIVE HOME MISSIONARIES.

- Wi Kaitara, Rahotu, Taranaki.
H. Tamati, Oparure, King Country.
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APPENDIX.

RETURNS OF MEMBERSHIP.

For Year ending September 30, 1919

1.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
Auckland Central	779	—	279
„ West	400	—	128
„ East	491	—	149
„ Avondale	340	—	72
„ Methodist Mission	184	10	50
„ North Shore	210	—	80
„ Birkenhead	196	—	113
Onehunga	178	—	139
Otahuhu	153	2	63
Papakura	124	—	47
Pukekohe	168	1	49
Waiuku	81	—	11
Mahurangi	74	—	26
Paparoa	94	—	40
Northern Wairoa	105	—	32
Whangarei	110	—	23
Port Albert	68	—	12
Coromandel	34	—	15
Helensville	77	—	43
Bay of Islands	28	—	15
Hokianga	60	2	27
Whangaroa	26	2	12
Mangonui	—	—	—
Hikurangi	34	—	12
Rehia	51	—	—
	<hr/> 4110	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 1415

2.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	120	—	64
Te Aroha	106	—	21
Morrinsville	150	5	20
Waihi	102	—	28
Paeroa	34	—	12
Cambridge	117	—	24
Hamilton	351	—	128
Huntly	70	—	2
Rotorua	76	—	30
Tauranga	88	—	12
Opotiki	34	—	5
King Country Rural Mission	181	—	16
Te Awamutu	113	—	18
Whakatane	47	2	2
Matamata	98	—	46
Te Puke	35	—	10
Ngaruawahia	66	—	4
Marakopa	—	—	—
Waimiha	23	—	2
Hauraki Plains	—	—	—
	<hr/> 1811	<hr/> 7	<hr/> 444

3.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

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	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
New Plymouth	502	—	102
Waitara	92	—	30
Inglewood	81	—	53
Stratford	191	—	20
Eltham	109	—	31
Hawera	307	10	138
Manaia	51	—	14
Cape Egmont	116	—	10
Kaponga	57	—	20
Wanganui	363	—	96
Wanganui North	172	—	118
Rangitikei	84	—	18
Taihape	89	—	8
Waimarino	45	—	8
East Egmont	33	—	13
Mokau	—	—	—
Patea	41	—	4
	2333	10	638

4.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	355	10	193
Hastings	303	—	91
Gisborne	154	—	20
Waipawa	50	—	40
Dannevirke	105	—	36
Woodville	96	—	24
Pahiatua	64	2	—
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	287	24	68
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	235	—	63
Feilding	304	—	65
Sanson and Rongotea	141	—	40
Foxton	55	6	6
Apiti	45	—	—
Norsewood	60	—	—
	2254	42	606

5.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Taranaki Street	607	—	167
Central Mission	240	—	50
Thorndon	227	—	76
Wellington South	336	12	109
Kilbirnie	143	—	59
Johnsonville	112	3	22
Hutt	156	—	45
Petone	190	—	18
South Wairarapa	48	—	5
Carterton	122	9	20
Masterton	230	—	75
Eketahuna	74	—	21
Levin	100	—	27
Otaki	105	—	47
	2690	24	741

6.—NELSON DISTRICT.

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	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
Nelson	215	19	40
Richmond	261	—	25
Blenheim	372	—	76
Hokitika	58	2	9
Greymouth	149	—	20
Motueka	154	—	1
Reefton	85	—	29
Westport	100	10	40
Havelock	45	—	44
Murchison	27	—	1
Runanga	40	—	—
Denniston-Granity	70	—	30
Tapawera	28	—	5
Dovedale	—	—	—
	<hr/> 1604	<hr/> 31	<hr/> 320

7.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch, Durham Street	272	1	22
„ East	657	—	217
„ Cambridge Terrace	202	—	24
„ Woolston	197	—	58
„ Sydenham	261	—	109
„ Addington	336	17	166
„ St. Albans	334	—	80
„ Papanui	134	—	50
Lyttelton	113	—	25
Springston	140	—	40
Tai Tapu	128	—	33
Leeston	176	3	13
Kaiapoi	227	—	16
Ohoka	90	—	15
Rangiora	268	2	24
Greendale and Malvern	165	2	83
Hawarden	36	—	—
Oxford	39	—	10
	<hr/> 3775	<hr/> 25	<hr/> 985

8.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru	458	3	184
Waimate	209	4	64
Temuka	108	—	9
Geraldine	118	—	25
Ashburton	280	—	—
Willowby	133	—	30
Oamaru	174	5	59
Methven	18	—	—
Mayfield	55	—	—
	<hr/> 1555	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 371

9.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

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	Senior Members.	On Probation	Junior Members.
Dunedin, Trinity	325	—	32
„ Central Mission	200	2	30
„ Dundas Street	118	9	160
„ Cargill Road	186	—	80
„ St. Kilda	167	—	60
„ Caversham	174	—	66
„ Mornington	148	—	52
„ Roslyn	143	—	185
Mosgiel	40	—	—
Port Chalmers	83	—	—
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	75	—	20
Balclutha	55	—	35
Milton	62	1	3
Roxburgh	71	—	24
Kaitangata	42	—	4
Lawrence	38	—	15
Cromwell	47	—	3
Queenstown (vacant)			
	1974	12	769

10.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Invercargill, Leet Street	248	—	61
„ Don Street	150	—	73
„ Elles Road	145	—	12
Bluff	80	—	55
Gore	115	—	25
Otautau	65	—	30
Edendale	36	—	4
Riverton	33	—	—
Winton	8	—	—
Tuatapere	28	—	—
Nightcaps	32	—	25
	940	—	285

11.—MAORI MISSION.

	Senior Members.	Junior Members.
Northern Maori Mission	2303	1600
West Coast Maori Mission	120	—
South Island Maori Mission	100	33
	2523	1633

SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1919.

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 ...	79	652	555	556	6576	4567	365	1124	176	894	378	230	489	302	655	42	427	712	488	1558	262	13	16	..	..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
South Auckland ...	43	240	208	174	2479	1811	85	444	55	456	71	47	150	102	246	24	183	291	223	326	132	8	..	..	..	..	22 8 1	28 18 8
Taranaki-Wanganui	49	256	222	235	2753	2050	171	664	113	489	95	78	207	159	292	86	164	439	389	156	207	11	..	..	..	..	64 19 11	20 11 10
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	44	245	211	219	2469	1857	194	601	95	275	112	64	175	105	196	53	162	334	192	4	123	7	2	..	..	53 9 4	32 7 3	
Wellington ...	45	416	334	376	3825	2648	267	683	78	1659	219	160	217	156	378	277	290	520	366	920	317	17	21	..	..	125 7 8	85 18 5	
Nelson ...	29	187	155	171	1853	1325	95	164	16	181	54	36	83	65	218	8	167	121	84	..	97	4	..	..	..	..	18 0 8	30 6 5
North Canterbury ...	64	473	404	421	4552	3093	327	897	61	716	243	174	338	238	735	485	786	932	754	679	377	6	1	..	..	264 5 7	127 12 8	
South Canterbury ...	25	189	155	163	1707	1257	58	371	24	332	92	64	189	130	168	33	142	222	173	5	125	2	..	..	12	..	79 13 5	14 9 10
Otago ...	28	274	239	249	2268	1801	240	689	32	321	112	86	186	140	297	78	274	489	402	178	142	13	..	..	30	..	57 10 9	47 7 4
Southland ...	18	113	96	93	1100	814	36	261	13	147	37	22	73	45	242	22	167	262	200	3	59	4	..	..	..	..	80 16 9	3 6 3
Totals	424	3045	2579	2657	29582	21223	1838	5898	663	5470	1413	961	2107	1442	3427	1108	2762	4322	3271	3829	1841	85	40	42	..	..	915 18 8	536 18 11
Increases	129	176	177	105	91	132	606	94	627	..	3768	107 0 2	42 6 11
Decreases ...	2	95	93	100	189	..	..	353	91	..	..	..	..	59	..	..	..	..	130	..	381	20	73	40	..	..	..	..

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1919.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries.	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Young People's Societies.							Connexional Bands of Hope		Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars		
										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	Members	Societies	Members				
Auckland ...	81	112	29	27	42	9	2	119	13	4110	17	1415	88	2502	1	14	12	192	14	485	29	587	20	1628	16033	
South Auckland ...	40	87	10	16	15	6	..	86	9	1811	7	444	16	1241	3	92	5	92	3	116	16	454	3	326	7222	
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	55	48	17	18	17	4	2	88	..	2333	10	638	..	1572	3	68	3	48	7	206	10	280	1	150	7443	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ...	43	29	16	17	15	2	..	78	6	2254	42	606	..	1407	..	..	3	53	4	69	16	428	4	140	6130
Wellington ...	43	14	19	13	18	2	2	81	12	2690	24	741	..	1984	1	10	6	129	14	392	14	534	9	920	8770	
Nelson ...	37	27	12	10	7	6	..	57	..	1604	31	320	..	1020	..	..	5	104	4	100	10	256	..	..	4455
North Canterbury ...	69	42	25	25	29	6	6	119	11	3775	25	985	281	2702	10	443	14	325	13	407	20	641	13	905	11291	
South Canterbury ...	29	27	9	10	11	2	..	73	..	1555	12	371	..	1085	2	30	3	32	3	78	7	149	3	208	4901	
Otago ...	33	16	12	16	15	6	1	63	4	1974	12	769	..	1317	3	85	2	29	8	261	13	246	3	178	6620	
Southland ...	19	19	5	9	7	2	..	36	7	940	..	285	..	430	..	..	5	53	4	189	7	280	3	230	3736
Northern Maori Mission	13	84	..	1	8	1	..	79	6	2303	..	1600	7351
W. Coast Maori Msn.	2	80	..	1	1	1	..	5	..	120	1200
S. Island Maori Msn.	3	22	..	1	100	..	33	1	20	450
General Totals	467	607	154	164	185	47	13	884	68	25569	180	8207	385	15260	23	742	59	1077	74	2303	142	3855	59	4685	76601	

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—CONNEXIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, April 1st, 1919, to January 31st, 1920.

Hon Treasurer—MR. M. KERSHAW.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
To Balance from Dunedin ...	...	1 16 2	By Literature, stationery, printing, postages, etc. ...	...	39 0 1
„ Loan from H.M. Fund ...	...	50 0 0	„ Rev. C. H. Olds—	...	75 0 0
„ Circuit Contributions ...	...	404 11 6	Stipend (4 months) ...	...	83 6 8
„ P.O. Bank Interest ...	...	0 14 1	House allowance (10 months) ...	...	42 1 11
			Removal Expenses ...	...	11 4 5
			Connexional Charges ...	...	30 0 0
			Travelling Expenses ...	...	50 0 0
			„ Repayment H.M. Loan ...	...
					330 13 1
			„ Balance in Bank N.Z. ...	...	126 8 8
		<u>£457 1 9</u>			<u>£457 1 9</u>

31/1/1920

Audited and found correct,

C. H. VIRTUE } Auditors.
E. H. SMITH }

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—General Fund.

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Cash Account for the year ending January 10th, 1920.

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

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balances forward—				By Debit Balance at Bank N.Z.			
Investment on Mortgage ...	600	0	0	Loans Advanced ...			134 6 5
Cash on Deposit P.O. Savings				Grant to Connexional Secretary's Office ...	133	17	9
Bank ...	77	13	7	Printing and Stationery ...		2	8 9
Cash on Deposit Building Society ...	600	0	0	Stamps and Exchanges ...		5	6 7
				Bank Charges ...		0	10 0
Loan Instalments Repaid ...			1277 13 7	Advanced to Special Branch			142 3 1
Working Expenses Fees ...	69	17	1	Loan on Mortgage ...	600	0	0
Trust Contributions ...	54	15	0	Deposits:—			155 9 0
Interest on Overdue Instalments ...	103	15	5	P.O. Savings Bank ...	611	8	8
Interest on Mortgage ...	33	0	0	Building Society ...	100	0	0
Interest on Deposits ...	21	16	6	Cash at Bank N.Z. ...	413	6	3
Interest at P.O. Savings Bank ...	10	16	8				1724 14 11
Commission on Hymn Book Sales ...	14	16	7				
	308	17	3				
Less Interest on O/D at Bank	0	6	0				
			308 11 3				
			£4231 13 5				£4231 13 5

February 6th, 1920.

Audited and found correct,

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

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—General Fund.

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Balance-sheet at 10th January, 1920.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Capital, 10/1 19 ...			10,041	14	11	Outstanding Balances of Loans		8541 5 8
Working Expenses Fund, 1918	229	10 6				Mortgage ...		600 0 0
Less Int. Remitted put to Instalments, 1919 ...	16	4 0				P.O. Savings Bank Deposits ...	611 8 8	
	213	6 6				Building Society Deposits ...	100 0 0	
Add Balance from Cash A/c ...	166	8 2				Cash at Bank N.Z. ...	413 6 3	
			379	14	8	Advanced to Special Branch ...		1124 14 11
								155 9 0
			£10,421	9	7			£10,421 9 7

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Special Branch.

Balance-sheet at 10th January, 1920.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Capital, 10/1/19 ...			3937	1	1	Outstanding Balance of Loans		4165 12 1
Sale of Little River Property ...			323	2	0	Deposit at Building Society ...	250 0 0	
						Less Amt. Advanced by General Fund ...	155 9 0	
			£4260	3	1			94 11 0
								£4260 3 1

February 6th, 1920.

Audited and found correct,

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

BALANCE SHEET OF THE GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

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For the year ending September 30th, 1919.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance in Bank	107 12 7	General Secretary Home Missions	90 0 0
Rents ...	...	...	703 7 11	General Secretary Home Missions ...	...	...	250 0 0
Interest ...	...	...	33 0 0	General Secretary Home Missions ...	...	...	225 0 0
Consents to Transfers ...	...	...	10 10 0	General Secretary Home Missions ...	...	...	75 0 0
Royalty on Oil ...	...	...	7 11 0	Land Tax ...	...	...	50 9 4
Refund of Rates ...	...	...	7 10 0	Secretary's Commission ...	...	...	38 2 0
Refund of Insurance, St. Aubyn Trust ...	...	...	0 17 4	Law Costs, Govett and Quilliam ...	...	...	7 17 6
Overcredit by Bank ...	...	...	0 0 8	Law Costs, Govett and Quilliam ...	...	...	5 5 6
				"Herald," Printing Receipt Books and Notices ...	...	...	2 2 6
				Insurance (3 houses), Whitley ...	...	...	2 1 2
				Rates ...	...	...	1 15 11
				Petty Cash Account ...	...	...	1 12 6
				Matipou, Share of Fence ...	...	...	1 9 0
				Law Costs, A. H. Johnston ...	...	...	1 3 0
				Bank Charges ...	...	...	0 10 0
							£752 8 5
				Balance in Bank ...	...	...	118 1 1
							£870 9 6
			<u>£870 9 6</u>				<u>£870 9 6</u>

I hereby certify that I have audited the above statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1919. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly paid into Bank, and Vouchers have been produced for all payments. The Secretary's Commission is duly certified by the Chairman.

23rd October, 1919.

VAL. DUFF, A.I.A.N.Z., Auditor.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 31st December, 1919.

Treasurers—Rev. S. LAWRY and COL. G. J. SMITH.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Insurance Levies on Church Properties	1050	2	2				346	6	4
Less Refund Excess Levies	5	5	6						
	1044	16	8				66	4	7
Premiums on Personal Properties	81	0	10						412 10 11
				1125	17	6			0 0 0
Interest on:—									
Mortgages	422	16	2						
Church Loans	59	14	0				190	0	0
Deposits	11	12	9				9	13	3
Debentures	73	2	6				14	8	1
							1	10	0
				567	5	5			215 11 4
Mortgage Indemnity Premiums				2	15	6			
Valuation Fee				1	1	0			1068 17 2
	£1696	19	5						£1696 19 5

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

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Balance-sheet.

Treasurers—Rev. SAMUEL LAWRY and Col. G. J. SMITH.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Accumulated Funds as at 1st						
January, 1918	9625	2 3			5680	0 0
Add Surplus Receipts for 1918	1062	13 8			982	10 0
			10,687	15 11	2000	0 0
Deduct amounts disposed of					2700	0 0
by direction of Conference—					Cash in hand	0 10 0
Grant to Supernumerary					Cash at Bank	3 13 1
Fund	250	0 0				
Anderson's Bay written off	140	0 0				
			390	0 0		
			10,297	15 11		
Add Balance of Receipts for 1919			1068	12 2		
			£11,366	13 1		
					£11,366	13 1

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 and the Balance-sheet are correct.

WM. L. THOMAS
C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

General Account for year ended 31st December, 1919.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
December 31, 1919—				December 31, 1919—			
To Salary Secretary	100	0	0	By Balance to Income and Expenditure A/c	1111	5	9
„ Wages spent in maintaining properties	284	1	4				
„ Repairs and Maintenance	326	17	0				
„ Rates and Taxes	216	6	4				
„ Insurances	15	18	5				
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	13	5	3				
„ Legal Expenses	41	0	0				
„ Audit Fee	7	7	0				
„ Valuation Fees	7	7	0				
„ Survey Fees	35	0	0				
„ Proportion of Board Rent and Telephone	12	10	0				
„ Expenses per Rev. C. H. Laws, Orphanage Matters	8	0	0				
„ Expenses per Rev. J. H. Simmonds, Orphanage Matters and Conference	22	9	6				
„ Stamps and Petties	21	3	11				
	<u>£1111</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£1111</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

Interest Account for year ended 31st December, 1919.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
December 31, 1919—							December 31, 1919—			
To Interest on Overdraft ...	153	19	6				By De Luen and Hardley ...	480	0	0
„ Home Mission and Church Extension Fund ...	17	10	0				„ S. J. Ambury ...	125	0	0
„ Smith and Caughey, Ltd. ...	218	18	1				„ Geo. Winstone, Senr. ...	125	0	0
„ A Casey's Estate ...	538	0	4				„ A. C. Caughey ...	125	0	0
„ Sundries ...	1	14	8				„ Mt. Eden Land Co., Ltd. ...	132	11	8
				930	2	7	„ H. Schmidt ...	24	13	6
„ Balance to Income A/c ...				97	8	7	„ E. W. Buckeridge ...	15	6	0
				£1027	11	2		£1027	11	2

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December, 1919.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
December 31, 1919—							December 31, 1919—			
To General Account ...	1029	18	8				By Rents Receivable ...	1989	9	0
„ College Account ...	1111	5	9				„ Interest ...	97	8	7
				2141	4	5	„ Sale of House (Miss Derbyshire) ...	30	0	0
„ Balance to Capital A/c ..				424	10	3	„ Farm Account ...	448	17	1
				£2565	14	8		£2565	14	8

Farm Working Account for year ended 31st December, 1919.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock in hand, 31/12/18 ...	1434	0	0									
December 31, 1919—												
To Purchases of Stock ...	894	17	1									
„ Gross Profit ...				2328	17	1						
				1462	7	4						
				3791	4	5						
„ Salaries and Wages ...	342	13	2									
„ Repairs and Maintenance ...	57	15	2									
„ Seeds and Manures ...	491	3	7									
„ Rates ...	58	9	0									
„ Insurance ...	10	0	11									
„ Freights and Commission ...	88	6	7									
„ Legal Expenses ...	6	10	0									
„ Petty Expenses ...	24	7	10									
„ Depreciation of Plant and Horses, 10 per cent. ...	34	4	0									
				1113	10	3						
„ Balance to Income and Expenditure A/c ...				448	17	1						
				£1562	7	4						
December 31, 1919—												
By Sales of Stock, Wool, etc. ...	2128	14	5									
„ Stock in hand, 31/12/19 ...	1662	10	0									
				3791	4	5						
„ Gross Profit ...				1462	7	4						
„ Amount transferred to Improvements ...				100	0	0						
				1562	7	4						
				£1562	7	4						

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Balance-sheet, 31st December, 1919.

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Loan on Mortgage: Public				City and Suburban Properties	46,024	11	4
Trustee	9782	3	9	Kawhia Property	338	0	0
Interest accrued	134	10	1	Dalkeith Estate	15,832	12	0
			9916 13 10	Improvements on Farm			62,195 3 4
Loan on Mortgage—				Dalkeith Farm Stock			672 14 3
Smith and Caughey, Ltd.	1400	0	0	Dalkeith Farm Plant and Horses	342	0	0
Interest accrued	14	0	8	Less Depreciation	34	4	0
			1414 0 8				307 16 0
Loan—				Loans on Mortgage—			
Smith and Caughey, Ltd. ...	2400	0	0	DeLuen and Hardley	9,600	0	0
Interest accrued	22	1	2	Interest accrued	120	0	0
			2422 1 2				9720 0 0
Loan—				Mt. Eden Land Co., Ltd. ...	2,651	11	0
Home Mission and Church				Interest accrued	18	10	5
Extension Fund	350	0	0				2,670 1 5
Interest accrued	4	7	6	H. Schmidt	500	0	0
			354 7 6	Interest accrued	3	9	10
Loans Free of Interest—							503 9 10
S. J. Ambury	200	0	0	E. W. Buckeridge	306	0	0
A. C. Caughey	200	0	0	Interest accrued	9	13	3
Geo. Winstone, Senr.	200	0	0				315 13 3
Wm. Thorne	250	0	0	Building Fund—			
			850 0 0	Loan on Mortgage, Mrs Har-			
Sundry Creditors			483 6 11	butt	2,100	0	0
Rents received from Tenants in				Interest accrued	25	18	11
Advance			152 5 2				2,125 18 11
Bank of New Zealand	2825	11	5	Loan on Call	250	0	0
Interest accrued	42	9	6	Interest accrued	10	8	4
			2868 0 11				260 8 4
Carried forward			£18,460 16 2	Carried forward			£80,433 15 4

SUPERNUMERARY FUND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Revenue Account for year ending 31st December, 1919.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities	4424	19	0			
Less amount from England ...	42	15	5			
				4382	3	7
Furniture Grants				385	0	0
Subscriptions Refunded				17	14	0
Expenses of Management—						
Share Cost Connexional						
Secretary's Office	170	0	0			
General Expenses	11	19	4			
Actuarial and Audit Fees	37	12	0			
Stamps and Telegrams	8	14	7			
Printing and Advertising	2	18	9			
Exchanges	11	2	4			
Bank Charges	1	10	0			
				243	17	0
Amount to Melbourne				55	1	6
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund				250	0	0
Balance to Accumulated Funds				3010	6	2
				£8344	2	3
By Ministers' Subscriptions					1351	16
Circuit Levies					1658	12
Interest on Ministers' Arrears	31	5	4			
Interest charged to Special Fund	21	11	9			
Interest on Investments	5070	19	4			
Interest on purchase of Benefits	10	18	2			
Interest on Deposits	142	2	6			
					5276	17
Less Interest paid Loan Fund				0	15	6
					5276	1
Accident Indemnity and Fire Insurance Premiums				42	4	9
Less Premiums Paid				39	5	6
						2
Amounts received on a/c Melbourne					55	1
					£8344	2
						3

SAMUEL LAWRY }
J. C. PRUDHOE } Treasurers.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

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Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1919.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
					£	s.	d.		
Accumulated Funds as at 31st December, 1918	£	s. d.	£	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds as at 31st December, 1918	...	...	96,175	7 2				77,325	0 0
Add Revenue Account transferred	...	...	3,010	6 2				12,455	10 0
					99,185	13	4	89,780	10 0
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund	...	...	500	0 0				1,196	10 10
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund	...	...	250	0 0				253	0 6
					750	0	0	1,449	11 4
Sundry Creditors	...	...			11	4	10		
								1,994	6 4
								544	5 6
								46	13 7
								590	19 1
								538	8 0
								57	12 11
								213	12 0
								33	3 10
								842	16 9
Carried forward	99,946	18 2				94,658	3 6

NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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WORKING CAPITAL FUND. December 2nd, 1919.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Capital at end of 1918	4073	8 10	By Mount Eden 5 per cent. Debentures	200	0 0
„ Legacies	150	0 0	„ Dunedin Water Board, 4½ per cent. Debentures	100	0 0
„ Donations	55	0 0	„ £100 War Bonds due in 2 years	93	10 0
„ Transfer from Head Office, Trust Funds	410	0 0	„ £600 War Bonds due in 3 years	534	0 0
„ Allotment from General Fund, 1919	539	19 0	„ 4 £10 War Bonds due Aug., 1921	36	0 0
„ Appreciation War Bonds	33	10 0	„ Mortgages	3010	0 0
			„ J. Court, Ltd. (at call)	700	0 0
			„ Auckland Savings Bank	48	8 10
			„ Bank of New Zealand	539	19 0
	£5261	17 10		£5261	17 10

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Dunedin Water Board	4	10 0	By Transfer to General Fund	263	1 4
„ Borough of Mt. Eden	10	0 0			
„ Mr. F. C. Hamilton	55	7 0			
„ Mr. Upton	117	0 0			
„ Auckland Savings Bank	1	14 0			
„ John Court, Ltd.	74	10 4			
	£263	1 4		£263	1 4

9/12/1919

Examined and found correct as per Treasurer's Books.

J. BURT VEALE } Auditors.
ALDRED E. LAWRY }

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA,
NEW ZEALAND AUXILIARY.

Circuit Contributions, 1919.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	...	...	...	...	...	436	16	11
Auckland West	...	...	...	...	...	171	14	1
Auckland East	...	...	...	...	...	334	6	8
Auckland East	...	...	...	From 1918	...	55	10	2
Auckland (Avondale)	...	...	...	...	...	209	9	3
Auckland (Avondale)	...	...	...	From 1918	...	3	0	11
Auckland Methodist Mission	...	...	...	...	...	63	1	1
Auckland (North Shore)	...	...	...	...	...	111	15	0
Auckland (Birkenhead)	...	...	...	...	...	218	5	4
Onehunga	...	...	...	...	...	34	2	11
Onehunga	...	...	...	From 1918	...	19	8	7
Otahuhu	...	...	...	...	...	42	10	11
Otahuhu	...	...	...	From 1918	...	1	12	9
Papakura	...	...	...	...	...	42	9	8
Pukekohe	...	...	...	...	...	110	6	10
Pukekohe	...	...	...	From 1918	...	4	12	5
Waiuku	...	...	...	...	...	81	15	6
Mahurangi	...	...	...	...	...	20	10	0
Paparoa	...	...	...	...	...	62	1	1
Northern Wairoa	...	...	...	...	...	160	7	7
Whangarei	...	...	...	...	...	91	4	4
Port Albert	...	...	...	...	...	81	14	6
Coromandel	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	3
Helensville	...	...	...	...	...	0	18	0
Helensville	...	...	...	From 1918	...	10	7	0
Bay of Islands	...	...	...	...	...	12	13	6
Hokianga (Rawene)	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
Whangaroa	...	...	...	...	...	3	12	7
Rehia	...	...	...	...	...	49	18	11
Hikurangi	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	9
Direct to Head Office	...	...	...	...	...	191	0	0
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	...	31	19	7
						£2670	15	1

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Thames	...	...	...	...	...	110	19	0
Te Aroha	...	...	...	...	...	203	6	2
Waihi	...	...	...	...	...	62	11	0
Paeroa	...	...	...	...	...	6	18	3
Morrinsville	...	...	...	...	...	57	4	6
Cambridge	...	...	...	...	...	90	0	9
Hamilton	...	...	...	...	...	383	11	3
Hamilton	...	...	...	From 1918	...	3	7	11
Huntly	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Rotorua	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	6
Tauranga	...	...	...	...	...	40	3	6
Opotiki	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	3
Te Kuiti	...	...	...	...	...	41	0	0
Taumarunui	...	...	...	...	...	33	0	0
Te Awamutu	...	...	...	...	...	38	6	8

Whakatane	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matamata	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	0 0
Ohura	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	17 0
Ngaruawahia	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	9 1
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	18 0
							£1231	3 1

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	...	216	9	11
Waitara	...	...	...	...	From 1918	33	13	1
Inglewood	...	...	...	...	...	37	2	0
Stratford	...	...	...	...	...	86	15	0
Eltham	...	...	...	...	...	47	11	9
Hawera	...	...	...	...	...	250	0	0
Hawera	...	...	...	...	From 1918	2	9	5
Manaia	...	...	...	...	...	32	1	3
Cape Egmont	...	...	...	...	...	65	0	0
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	...	24	9	6
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	...	144	0	0
Wanganui North	...	...	...	...	...	40	2	0
Rangitikei	...	...	...	...	...	22	8	6
Rangitikei	...	...	...	...	From 1918	17	0	6
Taihape	...	...	...	...	...	33	2	0
Waimarino	...	...	...	...	...	17	7	9
East Egmont	...	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
Patea	...	...	...	...	...	15	7	1
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	...	14	3	0
							£1101	1 9

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Napier	...	...	...	...	...	101	6	7
Hastings	...	...	...	...	...	149	8	10
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	...	38	0	0
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	From 1918	12	3	8
Waipawa	...	...	...	...	...	19	7	7
Dannevirke	...	...	...	...	...	32	0	0
Woodville	...	...	...	...	...	75	11	4
Woodville	...	...	...	...	From 1918	9	10	0
Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	...	42	8	3
Palmerston North (Broad St.)	...	...	...	...	...	60	2	7
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	...	...	...	...	...	40	19	0
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	...	...	...	...	From 1918	3	9	7
Feilding	...	...	...	...	...	218	12	0
Feilding	...	...	...	...	From 1918	13	17	6
Sanson and Rongotea	...	...	...	...	...	41	0	0
Foxton	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
Apiti	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Norsewood	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Norsewood	...	...	...	...	From 1918	7	0	2
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	...	15	16	6
							£892	13 7

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	279	13	9
Wellington Central Mission	-	-	-
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	40	14	4
Wellington (Thorndon)	53	16	5
Wellington (Thorndon) From 1918	47	0	0
Wellington South	64	17	3
Johnsonville	65	0	0
Hutt	34	19	7
Petone	26	5	10
South Wairarapa	7	6	5
Carterton	41	16	5
Otaki	29	1	3
Masterton	85	11	4
Eketahuna	24	5	2
Eketahuna From 1918	34	12	11
Levin	107	10	10
Direct to Head Office	5	0	0
Missionary Reviews	16	11	9
	£964	3	3

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	107	13	6
Richmond	34	10	6
Blenheim	186	9	0
Hokitika	27	17	7
Greymouth	25	0	0
Motueka	32	5	5
Reefton	10	13	4
Reefton From 1918	16	9	4
Westport	25	11	5
Havelock	2	10	0
Murchison	0	11	6
Denniston (Granity)	2	6	0
Missionary Reviews	7	14	6
	£479	12	1

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	137	8	3
Christchurch (Durham Street) From 1918	3	3	0
Christchurch East	255	0	5
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	14	13	11
Christchurch (Woolston)	78	12	3
Christchurch (Sydenham)	82	0	2
Christchurch (St. Albans)	104	2	0
Christchurch (Addington)	118	14	0
Christchurch (Papanui)	79	14	9
Christchurch (Papanui) From 1918	7	16	0
Lyttelton	19	15	6
Springston	34	11	8
Tai Tapu	56	18	10
Leeston	72	0	0
Kaiapoi	66	13	6
Ohoka	67	10	0
Rangiora	80	0	0

					£	s.	d.
Greendale-Malvern	...	...	...	...	87	14	4
Hawarden	...	...	...	...	15	14	1
Hawarden	...	...	...	From 1918	10	0	0
Oxford	...	...	...	...	9	0	0
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	17	7	9
					<hr/>		
					£1418	10	5

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Timaru (Bank Street)	...	...	...	...	127	3	2
Timaru (Bank Street)	...	...	...	From 1918	5	0	0
Timaru (Woodlands Street)	...	...	...	From 1918	10	18	6
Waimate	...	...	...	...	90	2	11
Temuka	...	...	...	...	54	5	3
Geraldine	...	...	...	...	21	9	4
Ashburton	...	...	...	...	116	5	7
Willowby	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Oamaru	...	...	...	...	59	7	1
Methven	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Mayfield	...	...	...	...	6	10	10
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	9	0	6
					<hr/>		
					£550	3	2

IX.—OTAGO DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	...	...	...	...	111	12	5
Dunedin Central Mission	...	...	...	...	61	17	6
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	...	...	...	...	30	5	0
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	...	...	...	From 1918	33	6	3
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	...	...	...	...	7	4	7
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	...	...	...	...	35	12	8
Dunedin (Caversham)	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
Dunedin (Mornington)	...	...	...	...	55	17	3
Dunedin (Roslyn)	...	...	...	...	24	0	9
Mosgiel	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
Port Chalmers	...	...	...	...	15	12	0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	...	...	...	...	24	0	0
Balclutha	...	...	...	...	22	15	1
Milton	...	...	...	...	23	0	8
Roxburgh	...	...	...	...	11	6	6
Kaitangata	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Lawrence	...	...	...	...	13	9	0
Lawrence	...	...	...	From 1918	12	0	0
Cromwell	...	...	...	...	13	11	9
Cromwell	...	...	...	From 1918	9	10	4
Missionary Reviews	...	...	...	...	10	1	6
					<hr/>		
					£551	3	3

X.—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Invercargill (Leet Street)	95	0	0
Invercargill (Don Street)	50	0	0
Invercargill (Elles Road)	4	0	0
Bluff	16	10	0
Gore	-	-	-
Otautau	27	0	0
Edendale	6	14	4
Riverton	6	15	10
Winton	19	18	8
Nightcaps	2	1	0
Missionary Reviews	7	4	0
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	£235	3	10

SUMMARY:

Received for 1918	378	0	0
Received for 1919	9716	10	6
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Total	£10,094	10	6

N.Z. METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward			1,815	10	6
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.					
New Plymouth	85	10	3		
Waitara	*18	18	6		
Inglewood	24	8	6		
Stratford	55	9	11		
Eltham	*12	0	7		
Hawera	*69	3	4		
Manaia					
Cape Egmont	27	2	8		
Kaponga					
Wanganui	71	1	6		
Wanganui Women's Missionary Auxil.	10	0	0		
Wanganui North	25	0	0		
Rangitikei	*14	5	2		
Taihape	*9	0	0		
Waimarino	6	9	5		
West Coast Maori Mission (Opunake)	15	0	0		
Home Mission Stations.					
East Egmont	3	0	0		
Patea	5	3	7		
			427	13	5
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.					
Napier	46	2	0		
Hastings	75	6	0		
Gisborne	24	10	0		
Waipawa	11	10	6		
Dannevirke	17	5	1		
Woodville	50	0	0		
Pahiatua	0	10	0		
Palmerston North—					
Broad Street	58	2	3		
Cuba Street	*33	11	11		
Cuba St. Y.W.B.C.	2	2	0		
Feilding	*88	10	8		
Sanson-Rongotea	56	16	0		
Foxton	10	0	0		
Home Mission Stations.					
Apiti	12	7	7		
Norsewood	3	0	9		
			447	14	9
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.					
Wellington (Taranaki Street)	92	9	9		
Wellington (Taranaki St.), Special donation, capitalised	£100				
Wellington (Central Mission)					
Wellington (Thornodon)	*59	12	7		
Wellington (South)	51	0	10		
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	26	10	2		
Johnsonville	35	19	4		
Hutt	28	6	1		
Petone	24	9	9		
South Wairarapa	13	9	0		
Carterton	31	15	0		
Masterton	*78	4	5		
Eketahuna	20	7	0		
Levin	28	9	9		
Otaki	26	13	2		
			515	6	10
Carried forward	3,206	5	6		
Waimarino.					
Native Home Missionary	87	10	0		
Travelling	15	0	0		
Compassionate Allowance	5	0	0		
Southern District.					
Native Minister	107	10	0		
Travelling	22	10	0		
			591	5	0
Total for Maori work,	£2,319	5	2.		
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					
Port Albert (1 qr.)	5	2	6		
Helensville	23	3	6		
Kaukapakapa	17	10	0		
Bay of Islands	67	10	0		
Hokianga	60	0	0		
Whangaroa	55	0	0		
Mangonui	6	10	0		
Hikurangi	7	10	0		
Rehia	46	10	0		
Aided Circuits.					
Methodist Mission (one quarter)	10	0	0		
Auckland West	22	10	0		
North Shore	56	5	0		
Papakura (1 qr.)	5	0	0		
Waiuku (1 qr.)	3	15	0		
Mahurangi	18	15	0		
Paparoa	2	10	0		
			405	10	0
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					
Home Mission Stations.					
Te Puke	40	0	0		
Ohura	55	0	0		
Ngaruawahia (1 qr.)	5	2	6		
Aided Circuits.					
Morrinsville	31	5	0		
Waihi	26	17	6		
Paeroa	27	10	0		
Huntly	38	2	6		
Rotorua	37	10	0		
Tauranga (1 qr.)	1	10	0		
Opotiki	52	10	0		
Te Kuiti	54	0	0		
Taumarunui	171	5	0		
Taumarunui, Special	50	0	0		
Te Awamutu	32	10	0		
Whakatane	105	0	0		
Whakatane, Special	50	0	0		
Matamata	22	10	0		
			798	12	6
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.					
Home Mission Stations.					
East Egmont	70	12	6		
Patea	61	17	6		
Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
Cape Egmont	6	0	0		
Aided Circuits.					
Waitara	12	10	0		
Inglewood	51	17	6		
Manaia	37	10	0		
Kaponga	21	5	0		
Waimarino	58	15	0		
			320	7	6
Carried forward	3,843	15	2		

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Brought forward		3,206	5 6	Brought forward		3,845	15 2
NELSON DISTRICT.				HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.				Home Mission Stations.			
Nelson	71	14	3	Apiti	15	5	0
Richmond	*36	12	8	Norsewood	16	10	0
Blenheim	138	4	4	Aided Circuits.			
Hokitika	24	5	1	Waipawa	47	10	0
Greymouth	21	5	0	Dannevirke	22	10	0
Motueka	25	6	1	Pahiatua	41	0	0
Reefton	8	0	9	Foxton	48	15	0
Westport	22	17	9	191 10 0			
Home Mission Stations.				WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Havelock	5	17	7	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Murchison	2	0	0	Johnsonville	26	5	0
Denniston-Granity ..	2	16	0	Otaki	61	16	8
356 19 6				Aided Circuits.			
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Central Mission	82	10	0
Ch.Ch. (Durham St.)	161	12	8	Wellington South	72	10	0
Ch.Ch. (East)	169	2	7	Wellington (Kilbirnie)	58	15	0
Ch.Ch. (Cambridge Terrace)	19	2	0	South Wairarapa	54	7	6
Ch.Ch. (Woolston) ..	*77	0	5	Eketahuna	46	0	0
Ch.Ch. (Sydenham) ..	45	8	7	402 4 2			
Ch.Ch. (Addington) ..	77	15	5	NELSON DISTRICT.			
Ch.Ch. (St. Albans) ..	50	0	0	Havelock	52	10	0
Ch.Ch. (Papanui) ..	36	9	1	Murchison	25	0	0
Lyttelton	25	1	7	Denniston-Granity ..	37	12	6
Springston	32	7	3	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Tai Tapu	34	1	1	Richmond	15	0	0
Leeston	66	15	0	Aided Circuits.			
Kaipoi	39	13	9	Hokitika (1 quarter)	5	0	0
Ohoka	*39	10	0	Motueka	17	15	0
Rangiora	45	1	2	Westport	40	0	0
Greendale-Malvern ..	*4	9	7	192 17 6			
Home Mission Stations.				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Hawarden	13	10	10	Hawarden	66	17	6
Oxford	*20	0	0	Oxford	25	5	0
Southern Maori Mission	10	0	0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
965 1 0				Addington (1 qr.) ..	6	5	0
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.				Addington (Rev. A. J. Seamer's assistant)	37	10	0
Timaru	*148	0	9	Papanui	31	5	0
Waimate	55	3	1	Lyttelton	15	0	0
Temuka	*20	17	2	Ohoka	12	10	0
Geraldine	16	0	10	Rangiora (Woodend)	9	0	0
Ashburton	*80	17	11	Greendale and Malvern	30	0	0
Willowby	37	3	5	235 12 6			
Oamaru	43	16	9	Home Mission Stations.			
Home Mission Stations.				Methven	4	0	0
Methven	4	0	0	Mayfield	4	0	0
385 19 11				Home Mission Stations.			
Carried forward	4,912	5	11	Home Mission Stations.			
Carried forward				Carried forward			
4,912 5 11				4,863 19 4			

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Brought forward	4,912	5 11			Brought forward
OTAGO DISTRICT.			SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		
Dunedin (Trinity) ..	82	0 0	Home Mission Stations.		
Dunedin (Central Mission) ..	47	3 6	Mayfield	40	0 0
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ..	28	3 4	Aided Circuits.		
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ..	20	2 11	Temuka	20	0 0
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ..	25	15 11	Geraldine	10	12 6
Dunedin (Caversham) ..	21	15 3	Ashburton (Wills St. 1 qr.)	1	10 0
Dunedin (Morningside) ..	26	14 9			72 2 6
Dunedin (Roslyn) ..	15	1 6	OTAGO DISTRICT.		
Mosgiel	4	16 7	Kaitangata	57	10 0
Port Chalmers ..	15	0 0	Lawrence	20	12 6
Waikouaiti and Palmerston ..	14	0 0	Cromwell	52	10 0
Balclutha	9	10 0	Circuits with Home Missionaries.		
Milton	13	0 0	Waikouaiti and Palmerston	40	0 0
Roxburgh	9	5 9	Aided Circuits.		
Home Mission Stations.			St. Kilda	30	0 0
Kaitangata	5	16 7	Mosgiel	47	10 0
Lawrence	6	5 0	Port Chalmers ..	40	12 6
Cromwell	*14	17 6	Milton	34	7 6
		555 4 7	Roxburgh	16	5 0
SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.					359 7 6
Invercargill (Leet St.) ..	70	0 0	SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.		
Invercargill (Teviot Street) ..	44	14 3	Home Mission Stations.		
Invercargill (Don St.) ..	19	19 3	Riverton-Tuatapere ..	25	0 0
Invercargill (Elles Road) ..	10	0 0	Winton, Supplies ..	20	0 0
Bluff	22	0 0	Nightcaps	25	12 6
Gore	15	0 0	Aided Circuits.		
Otautau	5	10 0	Bluff	20	0 0
Edendale	4	5 11	Otautau	26	5 0
Home Mission Stations.			Edendale	32	5 0
Riverton	4	5 11			149 2 6
Winton	6	10 0	Total for Native and European work, £5,424 11s 10d.		
Tuatapere	197	19 5	Departmental.		
Nightcaps	6	10 0	H.M. Gen. Secretary ..	275	0 0
Total from Circuits, £5,465 9s 11d.			House Allowance ..	100	0 0
Connexional Properties.			Travelling, Postage, etc.	90	10 10
Auckland	700	0 0	Connexional Charges ..	55	12 8
Grey Institute	625	0 0	Christchurch Conference Expenses ..	12	11 5
Kai Iwi	125	0 0	Gen. Treasurer's Honorarium	60	0 0
		1,450 0 0	Incidental Expenses ..	15	0 0
Interest on Investments.			Christchurch Conference Expenses ..	11	2 0
Auckland	227	0 0	Office Rent, Rates, etc.	85	17 2
Canterbury	50	1 2	Telephones (2)	12	16 8
Meredith	16	5 0	Postage, Telegrams, Parcels, Etc. ..	9	15 0
Legacy, Ashburton ..	4	10 0	Bank Charges, Commission, Cheque Books, and Exchange	10	2 6
Dunedin Debenture ..	17	10 0			756 8 3
On advance to Te Kopua Native Parsonage ..	50	0 0	Carried forward		
On Money Awaiting Investment ..	35	0 0			6,161 0 1
On After-War Reserve	98	14 7			
Estate of late Geo. P. Wake	499	0 9			
		7,414 10 8			
Carried forward					

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward		7,414	10 8	Brought forward		6,161	0 1
Memorial.				Printing.			
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim	£	0	0	Balance Sheets and Estimates	16	3	0
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	9	0	0	Reports, including Postage	95	11	3
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	6	0	0	Circulars, Cards, Etc.	56	2	5
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	0	0	Typing	1	9	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	0	0			149	5 8
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Botham, Tuarua Marina	6	0	0	Miscellaneous.			
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	3	0	0	Rents—Ohura Parsonage	35	10	6
		42	0 0	C.B. and Loan Fund Instalments:			
Rents.				Taneatua Church	50	2	0
Okaiawa House	37	14	6	Coromandel and Kuaotunu Churches	25	0	6
Spring Creek, Blenheim	..	..	..			90	13 0
Little River	8	16	6	Kates and Insurance	3	15	5
		46	11 0	Interest	79	17	9
Sundry Donations.				Annuity	4	10	0
C.W.O.	60	0	0	Advertising in N.Z. Methodist Times	2	0	0
J. M. Foster, Kaitiaki	5	0	0			90	3 2
Other amounts	6	3	6	Special.			
		71	3 6	Removal Expenses	172	7	4
Methodist Women's Missionary Auxiliary.				Val. Trigg Mission	12	10	0
Auckland	30	0	0	Writing Office Signs	3	5	0
Wanganui (£10 included in Circuit Returns)	..	..	..	S.S. and V.P. Movement	50	0	0
Palmerston North	4	0	0	Repairs to Wade Cottage	25	0	0
Wellington	20	0	0	Native Student Supply Expenses	10	1	6
Canterbury	50	0	0	Horse and Saddle (for M. Tamoia)	11	0	0
Otago	20	0	0	Legal Expenses	1	2	9
Southland	10	0	0	Compassionate Allowances	40	0	0
		114	0 0	Ministerial Supplies	145	15	5
Miscellaneous.						469	2 0
Birthday League	29	7	8	General.			
Sale of Maori Hymn Books	6	15	0	H.M. Retiring Allowances	150	0	0
Ch.Ch. Conference Collection	17	0	3	H.M. Retiring Fund	110	5	0
Refunds, H.M. Retiring Fund	65	15	0	H.M. Deputation Expenses	45	9	0
Refund, S.S. and Y.P. Department	50	0	0	Theological Institution	50	0	0
Proportion of Board-room, Rent, and Telephone	52	10	0	Deaconess Institution	50	0	0
Discount	0	1	6			385	14 0
		219	9 5	General.			
Carried forward	7,907	14	7	H.M. Retiring Allowances	150	0	0
				H.M. Retiring Fund	110	5	0
				H.M. Deputation Expenses	45	9	0
				Theological Institution	50	0	0
				Deaconess Institution	50	0	0
						7,545	17 11
				Carried forward			

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Statement of Income and Expenditure for 1919.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
Brought forward			7,907	14	7	Brought forward	7,545	17	11
1918—Credit Balance						Credit Balance,			
brought forward			583	1	11	January 31st, 1920	1,144	18	7
			<hr/>				<hr/>		
			£8,490	16	6		£8,490	16	6
Post-War Reserve						On Fixed Deposit,			
Fund	1,000	0	0			Bank of New Zealand, Auckland..	1,000	0	0

N.B.—The entries marked with an asterisk (*) include the following late payments from 1918:—Auckland West, £2 2s 3d; Auckland East, £17 12s 2d; Avondale, £5 18s 1d; North Shore, £5 15s; Mangonui, 4s; Waihi, £2; Waitara, £1 6s 3d; Inglewood, £7 0s 6d; Eltham, £2; Hawera, £2 5s 4d; Rangitikei, £10; Feilding, £4; Taihape, £9; P.N., Broad Street, £1; Thorndon, £20; Masterton, £16 9s 9d; Richmond, £9 7s; Woolston, £12 0s 3d; Ohoka, £2; Greendale, £4 9s 7d; Oxford, £1; Timaru, £31 10s 9d; Temuka, £4 12s 6d; Ashburton, £14 17s 11d; Cromwell, £6 10s.

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Fund. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Cash and Bank Books with all Vouchers, and in our opinion the true position as on 31st January, 1920, is shown in these accounts.

Auckland,
February 4, 1920.

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

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1920.

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

INCOME.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Auckland, Central ...	250	0	0
Auckland West ...	90	0	0
Auckland East ...	200	0	0
Auckland, Avondale ...	100	0	0
Auckland Meth. Msn. ...	40	0	0
Auckland, North Shore ...	55	0	0
Auckland, Takapuna ...	33	0	0
Auckland, Birkenhead ...	75	0	0
Onehunga ...	40	0	0
Otahuhu ...	30	0	0
Papakura ...	30	0	0
Pukekohe ...	75	0	0
Waiuku ...	35	0	0
Mahurangi ...	25	0	0
Paparoa ...	45	0	0
Northern Wairoa ...	35	0	0
Whangarei ...	30	0	0
Maori Mission.			
Whangaroa ...	30	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	30	0	0
Hokianga ...	60	0	0
Kaipara ...	50	0	0
Waikato ...	70	0	0
Home Mission Stations.			
Port Albert ...	50	0	0
Coromandel ...	10	0	0
Helensville ...	10	0	0
Kaukapakapa ...	12	0	0
Bay of Islands ...	12	0	0
Hokianga ...	12	0	0
Whangaroa ...	12	0	0
Mangonui ...	10	0	0
Hikurangi ...	12	0	0
Rehia ...	20	0	0

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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Thames ...	70	0	0
Te Aroha ...	90	0	0
Morrinsville ...	30	0	0
Waihi ...	20	0	0
Paeroa ...	15	0	0
Cambridge ...	50	0	0
Hamilton ...	100	0	0
Huntly ...	10	0	0
Rotorua ...	15	0	0
Tauranga ...	15	0	0
Opotiki ...	15	0	0
Te Awamutu ...	40	0	0
Whakatane ...	10	0	0
Matamata ...	25	0	0
King Country Rural Missions.			
Taumarunui ...	20	0	0
Te Kuiti ...	12	0	0
Ohura ...	25	0	0
Home Mission Stations.			
Te Puke ...	10	0	0
Ngaruawahia ...	25	0	0

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EXPENDITURE.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Maori Mission.			
	£	s.	d.
Gnrl. Superintendent ...	275	0	0
Travelling ...	50	0	0
Rent ...	100	0	0
Connexional Charges ...	45	0	0
Whangaroa—			
Native Minister ...	160	0	0
Travelling ...	20	0	0
Bay of Islands—			
Native Minister ...	130	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Hokianga—			
Native Minister, No. 1 ...	150	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Native Minister, No. 2 ...	110	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Deaconess—Waima ...	100	0	0
Kaipara—			
Native Minister ...	130	0	0
Travelling ...	20	0	0
Waikato—			
Native Minister, No. 1 ...	160	0	0
Travelling ...	20	0	0
Rent ...	17	10	0
Native Minister, No. 2 ...	130	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Native Minister, No. 3 ...	130	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Rent ...	30	0	0
Native H. Mssny. ...	100	0	0
Travelling ...	15	0	0
Rent ...	39	0	0

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Home Mission Stations			
	£	s.	d.
Coromandel (if married H.M.) ...	70	0	0
Helensville (if married H.M.) ...	70	0	0
Kaukapakapa (if married H.M.) ...	30	0	0
Bay of Islands (if married H.M.) ...	70	0	0
Hokianga (if married H.M.) ...	60	0	0
Whangaroa (if married H.M.) ...	55	0	0
Mangonui (if single H.M.) ...	25	0	0
Hikurangi (if single H.M.) ...	25	0	0
Rehia ...	50	0	0
Kalkohe (if Agent appointed) ...	50	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Auckland West (Richmond) ...	30	0	0
Takapuna ...	75	0	0
Papakura ...	20	0	0
Waiuku ...	15	0	0
Mahurangi ...	25	0	0

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Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1920.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.					
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.				SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.					
Circuits.				Home Mission Stations.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	100			Te Puke (if married H.M.)	80				
Waitara	30			King Country Rural Mission.					
Inglewood	30			Taumarunui	200				
Stratford	50			Te Kuiti (if single Probationer)	60				
Eltham	35			Ohura (if married H.M.)	65				
Hawera	90								
Manaia	30			Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
Cape Egmont	40			Matamata (if H.M. at Putaruru)	70				
Kaponga	15			(If no Second Agent no grant).					
Wanganui	100								
Wanganui North	30			Aided Circuits.					
Rangitikei	25			Waihi	25				
Taihape	25			Paeroa	60				
Waimarino	20			Morrinsville (Tahuna)	50				
				Huntly	50				
Maori Mission.				Rotorua	50				
West Coast	40			Tauranga (if Circuit fulfils obligation)	50				
				Opotiki	50				
Home Mission Stations.				Te Awamutu	20				
East Egmont	10			Whakatane	100				
Patea	10								
Mokau	10								
			680						
									930
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT				TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.					
Circuits.				Maori Missions.					
Napier	65			Normanby—					
Hastings	85			Native Minister	200				
Gisborne	40			Travelling	25				
Waipawa	20			Rent	40				
Dannevirke	25			Opunake—					
Woodville	35			Native Minister	160				
Pahiatua	30			Travelling	25				
Palmerston North—				Rent	40				
Broad Street	80			Patea—					
Cuba Street	50			Native H. Msny.	100				
Feilding	85			Travelling	10				
Sanson-Rongotea	40			Waimarino—					
Foxton	15			Native H. Msny.	100				
				Travelling	15				
Home Mission Stations.									
Apiti	15			Home Mission Stations.					
Norsewood	15			East Egmont	72				
			600	Patea	60				
				Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.				Wanganui (if H.M. at Wanganui East)					
Circuits.				Aided Circuits.					
Wellington—				Waitara	12				
Taranaki St.	195			Inglewood	50				
Central Mission	20			Kaponga (if stipend £236)	50				
Thorndon	45			Manaia	40				
South	50			Waimarino (if married Probationer)	75				
Kilbirnie	30			(If Single Probationer, £25).					
Johnsonville	35			Special—					
Hutt	40			Compassionate Allowance to Native H.M.	19				
Petone	35								
South Wairarapa	20								
Carterton	32								
Masterton	80								
Eketahuna	22								
Levin	35								
Otaki	35								
			674						1145

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1920.—Continued.

INCOME.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	80		0			
Richmond	30		0			
Blenheim	145		0			
Hokitika	20		0			
Greyouth	30		0			
Motueka	20		0			
Reefton	15		0			
Westport	30		0			

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock	7	10	0			
Murchison	7	10	0			
Denniston-Granity	7	10	0			
				392	10	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Christchurch—						
Durham Street	200		0			
East	170		0			
Cambridge Ter.	45		0			
Woolston	70		0			
Sydenham	55		0			
Addington	85		0			
St. Albans	80		0			
Papanui	40		0			
Lyttelton	30		0			
Springston	50		0			
Tai Tapu	50		0			
Leeston	65		0			
Kaiapoi	65		0			
Ohoka	40		0			
Rangiora	60		0			
Greendale-Malvern	50		0			

Maori Missions.

South Island	15		0			
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Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden	15		0			
Oxford	15		0			
				1200	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Circuits.

Timaru, Bank St.	125		0			
Waimate	65		0			
Temuka	40		0			
Geraldine	25		0			
Ashburton	85		0			
Willowby	55		0			
Oamaru	50		0			

Home Mission Stations.

Methven	5		0			
Mayfield	15		0			
				465	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Apiti	15		0			
Norsewood	15		0			
Aided Circuits.						
Waipawa	47		10			
Pahiatua	40		0			
Foxton	50		0			
Dannevirke	20		0			
Woodville (if stipend £225)	20		0			
Gisborne (if married H.M.)	40		0			
(if S.H.M. £25).						
					247	10 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Otaki	75		0			
Aided Circuits.						
Central Mission	120		0			
South Wellington	100		0			
Kirbirnie	45		0			
South Wairarapa	60		0			
Eketahuna	45		0			
Johnsonville (if Probationer appointed) (if H.M., £25).	50		0			
					495	0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock	60		0			
Murchison (if stipend for married H.M., £160)	60		0			
Denniston-Granity	35		0			
Dovedale (if H.M. appointed)	40		0			

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Richmond (if H.M. Stipend £120)	25		0			
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Aided Circuits.

Hokitika (if H.M. appointed)	10		0			
Motueka (if H.M. appointed and H.M. at Dovedale)	30		0			
Westport (if Stipend £225)	40		0			
Reefton	30		0			
					330	0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Maori Missions.

Southern Mission—						
Native Minister	130		0			
Travelling	30		0			

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1920.—Continued.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				Home Mission Stations.			
Circuits.				Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin -				Greendale-Malvern ...		40 0 0	
Trinity ...	...	100 0 0		Ditto, Special ...		10 0 0	
Central Mission ...	...	40 0 0		Aided Circuits.			
Dundas Street ...	...	40 0 0		Christchurch—			
Cargill Road ...	...	40 0 0		Riccarton Circuit			
St. Kilda ...	...	35 0 0		(if stipend £225)		60 0 0	
Caversham ...	...	25 0 0		Papanui (if stipend			
Mornington ...	...	40 0 0		£230) ...		30 0 0	
Roslyn ...	...	30 0 0		Ohoka ...		121 10 0	
Mosgiel ...	...	15 0 0		Lyttelton ...		15 0 0	
Port Chalmers ...	...	20 0 0		Special.			
Waikouaiti and Palm-				Deaconess Institute		50 0 0	
erston ...	...	20 0 0		Ditto, additional if			
Balclutha ...	...	25 0 0		Students in Home,			
Milton ...	...	20 0 0		£25 ...		25 0 0	
Roxburgh ...	...	20 0 0				497 10 0	
Home Mission Stations.				SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
				Home Mission Stations.			
Kaitangata ...	...	15 0 0		Methven (if married			
Lawrence ...	...	10 0 0		H.M. and stipend			
Cromwell ...	...	10 0 0		£150) ...		50 0 0	
Invercargill Central	...	100 0 0		Mayfield (if stipend			
Invercargill (S. Peter's)	...	75 0 0		£160) ...		45 0 0	
Bluff ...	...	15 0 0		Aided Circuits.			
Gore ...	...	40 0 0		Temuka (including			
Otautau ...	...	30 0 0		Proportional Grant			
Edendale ...	...	10 0 0		to make Stipend			
Home Mission Stations.						20 0 0	
				Geraldine, ditto ...		10 0 0	
Riverton - cum - Tua-						125 0 0	
tapere ...	...	10 0 0		OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.			
Nightcaps ...	...	12 0 0	797 0 0	Home Mission Stations.			
GENERAL.				Kaitangata (if mar-			
				ried H.M.) ...		60 0 0	
Connexional Properties.				If Single H.M., £15.			
Auckland ...	...	700 0 0		Lawrence ...		25 0 0	
Grey Institute, New	...			Cromwell ...		50 0 0	
Plymouth ...	...	500 0 0		Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Kai Iwi, Wanganui	...	125 0 0	1325 0 0	Waikouaiti)... ..		30 0 0	
Interest on Investments.				Palmerston (if Agent)		35 0 0	
Auckland ...	...	300 0 0		Roxburgh (if mar-			
Canterbury ...	...	60 0 0		ried Minister) ...		40 0 0	
Dunedin ...	...	4 10 0		Aided Circuits.			
Meredith Wilson Be-				Roslyn ...		30 0 0	
quest, Ashburton ...	...	16 5 0	380 15 0	St. Kilda)		30 0 0	
Special.				Mosgiel (if married			
				Minister) ...		60 0 0	
				Port Chalmers ...		45 0 0	
				Milton ...		30 0 0	
				Maori Hill (if			
				appointed) ...		60 0 0	

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1920.—Continued.

INCOME.	EXPENDITURE.
<p style="text-align: center;">Memorial.</p> <p>Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim ... 6 0 0</p> <p>Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim ... 6 10 0</p> <p>Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim ... 6 0 0</p> <p>Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim ... 6 0 0</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson ... 6 0 0</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ... 6 0 0</p> <p>Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim ... 6 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">42 10 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rents.</p> <p>Okaiawa Property, Taranaki ... 26 0 0</p> <p>Spring Creek, Blenheim ... 3 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">29 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miscellaneous.</p> <p>Birthday League ... 25 0 0</p> <p>Sale of Maori Books ... 10 0 0</p> <p>N.Z. Young Women's Bible Class Union ... 100 0 0</p> <p>Other Boards, on a/c Office Rent, etc. ... 50 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">185 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£8957 15 0</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Additional 10 per cent. upon District Assessments towards increase of H.M.'s salaries. These amounts to be allocated by the Advisory Boards—</p> <p>Auckland District ... 160 0 0</p> <p>S. Auckland Dist. ... 60 0 0</p> <p>Taranaki-Wanganui District ... 68 0 0</p> <p>Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ... 60 0 0</p> <p>Wellington Dist. ... 67 0 0</p> <p>Nelson District ... 39 0 0</p> <p>North Canterbury District ... 120 0 0</p> <p>South Canterbury District ... 47 0 0</p> <p>Otago-Southland District ... 79 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">700 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>Cr. Balance, 1919 ... 1144 18 7</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£10,802 13 7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home Mission Stations.</p> <p>Riverton - cum - Tuatapere ... £ s. d. £ s. d.</p> <p>Nightcaps ... 25 0 0</p> <p>... 20 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aided Circuits.</p> <p>Bluff (if Probationer and stipend £180) ... 30 0 0</p> <p>Otautau ... 25 0 0</p> <p>Edendale ... 40 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">635 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Departmental.</p> <p>H.M. General Secretary's Stipend ... 325 0 0</p> <p>H.M. House Allowance ... 100 0 0</p> <p>H.M. Travelling ... 90 0 0</p> <p>H.M. Connexional Charges ... 55 0 0</p> <p>H.M. General Treasurer's Honorarium ... 85 0 0</p> <p>H.M. Incidental Expenses ... 15 0 0</p> <p>Office Rent, etc. ... 90 0 0</p> <p>Telephones (2) ... 12 16 8</p> <p>Postage, Telegrams, etc ... 10 0 0</p> <p>Bank Charges, Cheque Book, Exchange, etc ... 10 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">792 16 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Printing.</p> <p>Reports, Balance-sheets, Estimates, Circulars, etc. ... 150 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miscellaneous.</p> <p>Rents—Ohura Parsonage ... 35 0 0</p> <p>C.B. and L. Fund Installments—Coromandel and Kuaotuna ... 25 0 0</p> <p>Taneatau ... 30 0 0</p> <p>Rates and Insurance ... 7 0 0</p> <p>Interest ... 75 0 0</p> <p>Annuity ... 4 10 0</p> <p>Advertising, "N.Z. Methodist Times" ... 2 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">328 10 0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">General.</p> <p>H.M. Retiring Allowance ... 175 0 0</p> <p>H.M. Retiring Fund ... 150 0 0</p> <p>H.M. Deputation Expenses ... 50 0 0</p> <p>Theological Institution ... 150 0 0</p> <p>Ministerial Supplies ... 150 0 0</p> <p>Contingencies ... 150 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">825 0 0</p>

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1920.—Continued.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Dr. Balance	£ s. d. 655 3 1	Special.	
		£ s. d. £ s. d.	
		Val. Trigge Mission	10 0 0
		Contingent Fund for	
		1919	70 0 0
		Removal Expenses	100 0 0
			180 0 0
		Proposed Progressive Policy.	
		(1) An extra Native	
		H. Missionary	115 0 0
		(2) Pound for pound	
		grants to 44 Cir-	
		cuits to enable them	
		increase their Sti-	
		pends from £200 to	
		£250	1100 0 0
		Pound for pound	
		grants to assist 14	
		Circuits increase	
		stipends from £225	
		to £250	75 0 0
		(3) Extra grants of	
		£70 each to enable	
		6 H.M. Stations to	
		be supplied with	
		married instead of	
		single men	420 0 0
		(4) Special towards	
		increase of H.M.	
		stipend	440 0 0
			2250 0 0
	<u>£11,457 16 8</u>		<u>£11,457 16 8</u>

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME—Continued. *

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	3843 10 7	Brought forward	...	...	1134 8 4
					Travelling Expenses and Com- mission	...	...	10 13 6
					Technical School Charges	...	...	2 17 6
					Purchase of three Cows	...	...	47 0 0
					Furnishings	...	...	113 10 6
					Sundries	...	...	28 16 2
					Deposits	...	...	300 0 0
								1637 6 0
					Balance—			
					Deposits	...	...	2000 0 0
					Deposits	...	...	109 0 0
					Bank Balance	...	...	64 0 7
					Cash in hand	...	...	30 16 2
					P.O. Savings Bank	...	...	2 7 10
								2206 4 7
				£3843 10 7				£3843 10 7

Balance-sheet as at December 31st, 1919.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Endowment Account	2660	0 0			Freehold Property		5002	8 7
Maintenance Reserve Account	150	0 0			Furnishings	393	0 0	
			2810	0 0	Furnishings purchased during			
Balance, being excess of Assets					year	113	10 6	
over Liabilities			4878	13 2				
						506	10 6	
					Less Depreciation, say ...	56	10 6	
								450 0 0
					Two Cows			30 0 0
					Deposits	2109	0 0	
					Bank Balance	64	0 7	
					Cash in hand	30	16 2	
					P.O. Savings Bank	2	7 10	
								2206 4 7
			£7688	13 2				£7688 13 2

We hereby certify that we have examined the Books, Bank Books and Vouchers of the South Island Methodist Orphanage, and that the foregoing Statements and Balance-sheet correctly set forth the position as at December 31st, 1919. We again note, however, that nothing has yet been written off the Property Account for Depreciation of buildings, and in this connection wish to draw attention to the recommendation embodied in our certificate to accounts for year ended December 31st, 1918.

For NEWBURGH, BEST and CO.,

W. S. NEWBURGH (Hon. Auditors).

MILITARY CAMPS COMMITTEE.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1919.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Cr. 1/1/1919 ...			536 13 5	Maintenance of Institute—			
Contributions (received too late for 1918 statement)—				Envelopes ...	38	17	6
Districts—				Orderly ...	5	0	0
Auckland ...	114	18	2	Insurance ...	2	8	3
South Auckland ...	8	2	9	Sundries ...	8	10	9
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	16	13	8				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	2	0	0	Share of Chaplain's Salary,			
Wellington ...	13	1	6	Featherston ...			54 16 6
Nelson-Marlborough ...	1	0	0	Ministers on Active Service,			
North Canterbury ...	160	15	8	Superannuation Contributions			13 0 0
Otago ...	33	19	5	Remittances to Chaplains Overseas ...			141 12 0
			350 11 2	Expenses of Committee—			125 0 0
Mangaweka Red Cross Society			8 0 4	Cables ...	2	7	8
Sales—				Postage and Telegrams ...	1	7	3
Trentham Institute Building	200	0	0	Travelling Expenses ...	1	17	6
Trentham Institute Furniture	80	16	0	Bank Fee and Cheque Book ...	0	10	0
			280 16 0				6 2 5
Refunds by Chaplains ...			21 10 4	Balance 31/12/1919—			
Balance due to Treasurer ...			0 8 8	Bank of Australasia ...	332	9	0
				P.O. Savings Bank ...	525	0	0
							857 9 0
			<u>£1197 19 11</u>				<u>£1197 19 11</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.

Note.—The Committee has paid the sum of £219 19s. 3d. since the 31st December, 1919, to the Supernumerary Fund on account of men on active service approved by the War Funds' Department,

DANIEL J. MURRAY }
ERNEST DAWSON } Auditors.

Wellington, 6th February, 1920.

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

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RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.														
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.								
Brought forward	2676	5	3		Brought forward	881	19	11				
„ Collection Synod Functions—								Otago District	...	...	...	12	8	9	
Auckland District	11	6	0		Southland District	...	...	...	11	7	9			
								„ District Synod Expenses (Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries Travelling to Synod, Telegrams, Stationery, etc.)—										
								Auckland	...	...	...	72	11	7	
								South Auckland	...	...	...	27	12	11	
								Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	...	22	18	11	
								Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	...	...	15	12	3	
								Wellington	...	...	...	7	16	1	
								Nelson	...	...	...	37	11	0	
								North Canterbury	...	...	...	6	12	4	
								South Canterbury	...	...	...	6	14	6	
								Otago	...	...	...	6	3	10	
								Southland	...	...	...	3	17	8	
														207	11	1		
								„ Ministerial Supply (half cost)—										
								South Auckland District	...	...	...	44	1	9	
								Taranaki-Wanganui District	...	...	...	10	17	0	
								Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Dist.	...	...	...	21	8	6	
								North Canterbury District	...	...	...	63	13	3	
								Otago District	...	...	...	4	0	0	
								Southland District	...	...	...	9	15	0	
																153	15	6
Carried forward	£2687	11	3		Carried forward	£1243	6	6				

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

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RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Brought forward	...	2687	11 3	Brought forward	...	1243	6 6
				„ Military Affairs—			
				Supernumerary Fund Payments		127	17 0
				„ Grant Theological Institution ...		150	0 0
				„ Compassionate Allowances—			
				Widow Rev. J. B. Suckling	20	0	0
				Rev. W. H. E. Abbey	50	0	0
				Rev. C. C. Harrison	50	0	0
				Rev. W. J. Elliott	20	0	0
				Rev. N. Turner	50	0	0
				Rev. John Dukes	30	0	0
						220	0 0
				„ “Methodist Times”—			
				Editor	25	0	0
				Associate Editor	15	0	0
				Cost Exchanges, etc.	10	10	0
						50	10 0
				„ Removal Expenses—			
				Auckland District	17	10	0
				South Auckland District	49	11	8
				Nelson District	3	5	0
				North Canterbury District	25	4	5
				Southland District	14	7	9
						109	18 10
				„ Examination Committee—			
				Printing, etc.	11	4	6
				Medical Fees	2	2	0
						13	6 6
				„ President's Office—			
				Cost of Portfolio	2	2	0
				Half Cost of Supply	30	0	0
				Travelling Expenses, etc.	14	11	4
				Postage Allowance	10	0	0
						56	13 4
Carried forward	...	£2687	11 3	Carried forward	...	£1971	12 2

CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.—Continued.

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RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.			
Brought forward	2687	11	3			
						By Brought forward		1971 12 2
						Secretary's Office—		
						Postage Allowance ...	...	10 0 0
						Grant Deaconess Institute ...	...	37 10 0
						Rev. Val. Trigge's Mission Committee ...	...	12 10 0
						Grant Connexional Secretary's Office ...	...	165 0 0
						District S.S. Committee, Wellington ...	...	0 17 6
						Printing Senior, Junior Member Tickets, etc. ...	...	65 1 10
						Bank Exchange ...	...	1 19 9
						Bank Charges ...	...	0 15 0
						Stationery, Stamps, Telegrams, per Hon. Treasurer ...	...	4 4 9
						Interest Bank Overdraft ...	...	6 19 6
						Balance—		1 16 9
						Bank of New Zealand ...	247 3 10	
						Due by Chairmen of District—		
						Auckland ...	...	70 19 9
						South Auckland ...	...	10 0 0
						Taranaki-Wanganui ...	...	25 15 3
						Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ...	...	15 0 0
						Wellington ...	...	34 5 0
						Nelson ...	...	- - -
						North Canterbury ...	...	- - -
						South Canterbury ...	...	12 19 8
						Otago ...	...	- - -
						Southland ...	...	- - -
								416 3 6
								£2687 11 3

Dunedin.
21st February, 1920.

Audited and found correct,

H. CHAPMAN }
L. H. OSBORN } Auditors

"METHODIST TIMES."

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Balance-sheet as at 31st January, 1920.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Unexpired Value Subscriptions ...	171	18	7	Unpaid Subscriptions ...			208 6 0
Unexpired Value Subs. unpaid ...	33	8	6	Sundry Advertisements unpaid ...			92 2 1
Unexpired Value Advertisements	23	14	1	Sundry Dr. ...			4 16 6
Printing and Publishing A/c for				Savings Bank ...	263	14	4
January, 1920 ...	63	16	2	Bank N.Z. ...	7	19	9
Management Expenses, Jan., 1920	5	8	4				271 14 1
			298 5 8				
Balance Accumulated Profits ...			278 13 0				
			<u>£576 18 8</u>				<u>£576 18 8</u>

13th February, 1920.

Audited and found correct,

W. L. THOMAS }
F. COPELAND } Auditors

Cash Statement for year ending 31st January, 1920.

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		EXPENDITURE.						
Balances forward, 1/2/19—												
Cash at P.O. Savings Bank ...	107	4	1			Printing and Publishing ...			899	15	7	
Cash at Bank N.Z. ...	20	2	6			Office Management—						
Cash in Hand ...	0	2	0			Connexional Office ...	40	0	0			
				127	8	7	Stamps ...	7	8	5		
Subscriptions paid ...	850	5	0			Exchanges ...	1	2	9			
Cash and Depot Sales ...	97	14	1			Bank Charges and Cheque Book	1	0	0			
Advertisements ...	116	18	1						49	11	2	
Births, Marriages, Deaths	17	12	6			Balance at P.O. Savings Bank ...	263	14	4			
Sundries ...	4	12	4			Balance at Bank N.Z. ...	7	19	9			
				1087	2	0			271	14	1	
P.O. Savings Bank Interest ...				6	10	3						
				£1221	0	10			£1221	0	10	

13th February, 1920.

Audited and found correct,

W. L. THOMAS }
F. COPELAND. } Auditors

METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Balance-sheet for year ending March 31st, 1919.

General Treasurer—Mr. J. VOSS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1918	50	16	1	By Secretary's Honorarium	5	0	0
„ Contributions from Circuits: Christchurch				„ Secretary's Expenses	1	18	3
East, £2 18s. 3d.; Auckland Central,				„ Travelling Expenses of Delegates to			
£6 12s. 7d.; Feilding, £1 6s.; Ad-				Special Executive Meeting at Christ-			
dington, £4 3s. 8d.; St. Albans,				church, June 14th, 1918	4	15	6
£1 10s. 10d.; Durham St., £2 2s.; St.				„ Advertisements and Printing	0	16	11
John's, Nelson, £2 3s. 6d.; Ohura, £1;				„ Treasurer's Stationery and Postage	0	1	0
Wellington South, £2 4s. 3d.; Waiuku,				„ Poundage and Exchange on Postal Notes			
10/6; Paparoa, 7/6	25	8	8	and Cheques	0	3	6
„ Students' Fees: Correspondence Classes ...	2	14	0	„ Tutor, Correspondence Classes	25	0	0
„ Interest	3	16	9	„ Tutor's Expenses	1	6	0
				„ Balance	43	14	4
	£82	15	6		£82	15	6

The sum of £75 is in hands of Trustees (H. Patten, E. W. Hall and G. H. Andrew) for investment.

Examined and found correct,

J. H. WILSON
W. CHAS. FRANCIS

18/4/19

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1920.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	850	0	0	63	15	0	550	0	0	68	15	0
Conf. F.M. Secy. ...	312	0	0	23	8	0	212	0	0	26	10	0
Auckland West ...	450	0	0	33	15	0	250	0	0	31	5	0
Auckland East ...	595	0	0	44	12	8	335	0	0	41	17	8
Auckland (Wesley Col.) ...	240	0	0	18	0	0	140	0	0	17	10	0
Auckland (H.M. Sec.) ...	275	0	0	20	12	8	175	0	0	21	17	8
Auckland (Theo. Col.) ...	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Auckland (Avondale) ...	380	0	0	28	10	0	220	0	0	27	10	0
Auckland Meth Mssn. ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Auckland (North Shore) ...	425	0	0	31	17	8	225	0	0	28	2	8
Auckland (Birkenhead) ...	206	0	0	15	9	0	106	0	0	13	5	0
Onehunga ...	220	0	0	16	10	0	120	0	0	15	0	0
Otahuhu ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Papakura ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Pukekohe ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Waiuku ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Mahurangi ...	178	15	0	13	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Northern Wairoa ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Whangarei ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Northern Maori Mission	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Pt. Albert ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coromandel (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bay of Islands ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rehia, Arapohue ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oparure ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6281	15	0	515	3	8	3483	0	0	435	8	8

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames	260	0	0	19	10	0	160	0	0	20	0	0
Te Aroha	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Morrinsville	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Waihi	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Paeroa	182	0	0	13	13	0	82	0	0	10	5	0
Cambridge	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Hamilton	450	0	0	33	15	0	250	0	0	31	5	0
Huntly ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rotorua	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Tauranga	160	0	0	12	0	0	80	0	0	10	0	0
Opotiki	160	0	0	12	0	0	80	0	0	10	0	0
Te Kuiti	160	0	0	12	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taumarunui	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Te Awamutu	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Matamata	170	0	0	12	15	0	90	0	0	11	5	0
Whakatane (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ngaruawahia ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimiha ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3017	0	0	276	6	0	1517	0	0	189	13	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	475	0	0	35	12	8	275	0	0	34	7	8
Waitara	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Inglewood	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Stratford	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Eltham	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Hawera	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Manaia	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Cape Egmont	180	0	0	13	10	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Wanganui	415	0	0	31	2	8	255	0	0	31	17	8
Wanganui North	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Rangitikei	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Taihape	180	0	0	13	10	0	80	0	0	10	0	0
Waimarino	150	0	0	11	5	0	90	0	0	11	5	0
East Egmont (H.M. St)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea (H.M. Station)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokau ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3275	0	0	257	13	0	1675	0	0	209	8	0

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier	240	0	0	18	0	0	140	0	0	17	10	0
Hastings	240	0	0	18	0	0	140	0	0	17	10	0
Gisborne	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Waipawa	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Dannevirke	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Woodville	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Pahiatua	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Palmerston N (Broad St)	425	0	0	31	17	8	265	0	0	33	2	8
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Feilding	435	0	0	32	12	8	235	0	0	29	7	8
Sanson and Rongotea	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Foxton	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Kimbolton (H.M. Stn.)	...			4	0	0	...			...
Norsewood	...			4	0	0	...			...
	3040	0	0	236	0	8	1680	0	0	210	0	8

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	390	0	0	29	5	0	290	0	0	36	5	0
„ Central Msn.	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
„ (Thorndon)	365	9	4	27	7	8	205	0	0	25	12	8
„ South	440	0	0	33	0	0	240	0	0	30	0	0
„ Kilbirnie	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Johnsonville	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Hutt	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Petone	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
South Wairarapa	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Carterton	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Masterton	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Eketahuna	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Levin	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Otaki	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
	3570	0	0	267	16	0	2010	0	0	251	6	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	275	0	0	20	12	8	175	0	0	21	17	8
Richmond	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Blenheim	450	0	0	33	15	0	250	0	0	31	5	0
Hokitika ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Greymouth	212	10	0	15	19	0	112	10	0	14	1	4
Motueka	150	0	0	11	5	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reefton	140	0	0	10	10	0	80	0	0	10	0	0
Westport	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Denniston (H.M. Station)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Havelock (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murchison	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Runanga	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Granity	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dovedale	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1627	10	0	150	1	8	817	10	0	102	4	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—												
Durham Street ...	350	0	0	26	5	0	250	0	0	31	5	0
Connexional Secret'y.	300	0	0	22	10	0	200	0	0	25	0	0
S.S. and Y.P. Dept.	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
East	450	0	0	33	15	0	250	0	0	31	5	0
Cambridge Terrace	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Woolston	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Sydenham	250	0	0	18	15	0	150	0	0	18	15	0
Addington	212	10	0	15	19	0	112	10	0	14	1	4
St. Albans	380	0	0	28	10	0	220	0	0	27	10	0
Papanui	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Lytelton	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Springston	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Tai Tapu	205	0	0	15	7	8	105	0	0	13	2	8
Leeston	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Kaipoi	245	0	0	18	7	8	145	0	0	18	2	8
Ohoka	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Rangiora	425	0	0	31	17	8	225	0	0	28	2	8
Greendale and Malvern	195	0	0	14	12	8	95	0	0	11	17	8
Amberley (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oxford (H.M. Stn.) ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4712	10	0	361	10	4	2652	10	0	331	12	8

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru (Bank Street)	650	0	0	48	15	0	390	0	0	48	15	0
Waimate ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Temuka (King Street)	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Geraldine ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Ashburton ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Willowby ...	215	0	0	16	2	8	115	0	0	14	7	8
Oamaru ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Methven (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayfield ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1940	0	0	145	10	8	1080	0	0	135	0	8

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 7½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 12½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—												
Trinity ...	415	0	0	31	2	8	255	0	0	31	17	8
Central Mission ...	260	0	0	19	10	0	160	0	0	20	0	0
Dundas Street ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Cargill Road ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Caversham ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
St. Kilda ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Mornington ...	212	10	0	15	19	0	112	10	0	14	1	4
Roslyn ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Mosgiel ...	160	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Port Chalmers ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Waikouaiti and Palmerston	160	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Balclutha ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Milton ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Roxburgh ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Invercargill Central ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Invercargill (Elles Rd.)	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Bluff ...	170	0	0	12	15	0	110	0	0	13	15	0
Gore ...	225	0	0	16	17	8	125	0	0	15	12	8
Otautau ...	200	0	0	15	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Edendale ...	160	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	12	10	0
Lawrence (H.M. Stn.)	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cromwell ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaitangata ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riverton-Tuatapere (H. M. Station)	4	0	0
Nightcaps	4	0	0
	4262	10	0	339	15	0	2362	10	8	295	7	4

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