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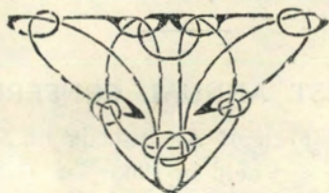
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of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in  
1874.

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

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

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**THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

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

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (United) was held  
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Union between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the  
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The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in Pitt Street Church, Auckland, on Thursday, 3rd March, 1927, and concluded on 11th March, 1927.

The Session was opened by the Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., President, after which the President-Elect, the Rev. H. Hanston, M.A., Litt.D., was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary-Elect, the Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., was introduced, and took up his duties.

**QUESTION I.—Who are the Members of this Conference?**

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	Rakena P. Rakena

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Whakatane	...	...	...	...	H. Thornley
Matamata	...	...	...	...	J. F. Vosper

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	...	...	...	...	J. T. Griffin
Waitara	...	...	...	...	
Inglewood	...	...	...	...	
Stratford	...	...	...	...	J. W. Boon
Eltham	...	...	...	...	J. Cocker
Hawera	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. Mills
Manaia	...	...	...	...	S. J. Bennett
Opunake	...	...	...	...	T. P. Hughson
Kaponga	...	...	...	...	N. C. Davies
Wanganui	...	...	...	...	Mrs. N. W. Gilling
"	...	...	...	...	F. Webb-Jones

Wanganui North	...	...	...	...	P. R. Spicer
Marton	...	...	...	...	
Taihape	...	...	...	...	L. H. Haydon
Waimarino	...	...	...	...	

#### Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	...	...	...	...	Thomas Rowe
"	...	...	...	...	G. S. Gapper
Hastings	...	...	...	...	C. T. Russell
Gisborne	...	...	...	...	Mrs. Frost
Wairoa	...	...	...	...	J. F. M. Haughton
Waipawa	...	...	...	...	W. S. Thackeray
Dannevirke	...	...	...	...	Allen Anderson
Woodville	...	...	...	...	E. T. Rendle
Pahiatua	...	...	...	...	Miss Worboys
Palmerston North, Broad Street	...	...	...	...	H. E. Pacey
"	...	...	...	...	Mrs. H. E. Pacey
Palmerston North, Cuba Street	...	...	...	...	W. Eggleton
Feilding	...	...	...	...	W. G. Pearce
Sanson-Rongotea	...	...	...	...	E. C. Print
Foxton	...	...	...	...	

#### Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	...	...	...	...	R. B. T. Richardson
Wellington <sup>22</sup> (Thorndon <sup>22</sup> )	...	...	...	...	R. S. Maunder
Wellington <sup>22</sup> South <sup>22</sup>	...	...	...	...	A. E. Swift
Wellington (Kilbirnie)	...	...	...	...	Mrs. A. E. Swift
Johnsonville	...	...	...	...	H. Goodhall
Hutt	...	...	...	...	C. R. Edmond
Petone	...	...	...	...	J. R. Roxburgh
Greytown	...	...	...	...	R. Withington
Carterton	...	...	...	...	J. Jacobson
Masterton	...	...	...	...	J. A. T. Stevens
Eketahuna	...	...	...	...	C. E. Daniell
Levin	...	...	...	...	J. F. Baillie
Otaki	...	...	...	...	T. F. Gibson
					W. F. Armitage

#### Nelson District.

Nelson	...	...	...	...	S. Gorman
Richmond	...	...	...	...	
Blenheim	...	...	...	...	H. Oldham
"	...	...	...	...	W. D. Pike
Hokitika	...	...	...	...	
Greymouth	...	...	...	...	W. G. F. Pullin
Motueka	...	...	...	...	N. H. Cozens
Reefton	...	...	...	...	C. Robinson
Westport	...	...	...	...	W. J. Wilson

## North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street) ... ..	Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C.
Christchurch (East) ... ..	P. W. Sharpe
" " ... ..	S. Harrington
" " ... ..	A. E. Lawry
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace) ... ..	E. W. Hall
Christchurch (Woolston) ... ..	W. McDowell
Christchurch (Sydenham) ... ..	
Christchurch (Addington) ... ..	J. H. Jones
Christchurch (Riccarton) ... ..	P. G. Clements
Christchurch (St. Albans) ... ..	A. Williams
" " ... ..	C. Ford
Christchurch (Papanui) ... ..	F. J. Carr
Lyttelton ... ..	
Springston ... ..	D. H. Butcher
Tai Tapu ... ..	J. Gilmour
Leeston ... ..	R. G. Bishop
Kaiapoi ... ..	
Ohoka ... ..	F. Sheat
Rangiora ... ..	W. Rowse
Woodend-Sefton ... ..	S. H. Griffith
Greendale ... ..	

## South Canterbury District.

Timaru ... ..	L. Shortus
" " ... ..	Mrs. B. H. Low, M.A.
Waimate ... ..	A. W. Barnett
Temuka ... ..	R. Maxwell
Geraldine ... ..	B. Logan
Ashburton ... ..	F. Frampton
Willowby ... ..	A. McKenzie
Oamaru ... ..	

## Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity) ... ..	T. Smith
Dunedin Central Mission ... ..	Mrs. Cameron
Dunedin (Dundas Street) ... ..	G. Crosby
Dunedin (Cargill Road) ... ..	W. H. Johnson
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ... ..	
Dunedin (Caversham) ... ..	T. McAhan
Dunedin (Morningson) ... ..	J. G. Moody
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill) ... ..	L. Wraight
Mosgiel ... ..	
Port Chalmers ... ..	
Balclutha ... ..	
Milton ... ..	Mrs. W. Reay
Roxburgh ... ..	
Invercargill (Central) ... ..	D. J. Wesley
Invercargill (St. Peter's) ... ..	G. Brown
Bluff ... ..	
Gore ... ..	R. W. McCreath
Otautau ... ..	

## Solomon Islands District.

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

Eric W. Hames, M.A.

Who has travelled four years.

**QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?**

Albert Blakemore.

Who has travelled four years.

Moses Ayrton  
John Bailey  
Frank Bateup  
Hubert G. Brown  
Herbert L. Fiebig  
Harry S. Kings  
Robert McGregor  
Oliver S. Pearn  
Herbert Spencer  
Cecil R. Taylor

Who have travelled three years.

E. Hugh Brooker  
F. Gardner Brown  
Gordon R. H. Peterson  
John Reid

Who have travelled two years.

James H. Hall  
G. Raymond Harris  
Arthur H. Voyce

Who have travelled one year.

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

Bernard R. Hames  
Norman P. Larsen  
Athol R. Penn  
Ivo M. Raynor  
A. Wharton E. Silvester  
Harry V. Utting

Who have completed three years at the Theological College.

G. Cyril Burton  
Who shall enter College in 1928, being a candidate for Religious Educational work.

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

John D. Grocott  
Charlie O. Hailwood  
Francis J. Handy  
Frank H. Hayman  
Howard H. Jeffreys

Who have completed two years at the Theological College



Charles E. Dickens  
 Harold Fallows  
 Norman R. Gutry  
 Herbert W. Hitchcock  
 Leonard C. Horwood  
 Arthur T. Kent  
 George I. Laurenson  
 Who has travelled one year.

Harry Noble  
 Walter Parker  
 Ronald H. Miles

Who have completed one year at the Theological College

N.B.—Ronald H. Miles shall be continued as a student, who has completed one year of training, and on grounds of health is permitted to rest for a second year.

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

J. Montgomery Blight  
 W. John Court  
 Joseph C. Draper  
 E. Clarence Leadley  
 Matthew A. McDowell  
 J. Wesley Parker  
 W. Gordon Parker

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

None.

**QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Preachers on Probation?**

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

- R. T. Alexander, J. W. Grindley, Green Hall, H. S. Ratcliffe, C. G. Scrimgeour, who have completed three years.
- E. R. Alexander, E. Hall, F. G. Hoten, B. H. N. Teague, W. H. Wilson, who have completed two years.
- W. J. Henderson and C. C. Hockin, who have completed one year.
- N.B.—Green Hall and W. H. Wilson have passed with Honours, Green Hall with special excellence.

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

John Smith  
 Henry R. Dewsbury  
 James Thomas  
 Josiah Ward  
 Thomas G. Hammond  
 Amos Reader

**John Smith**, to whom belonged the distinction of being the oldest minister in our ranks, was born in Prince Edward Island in May, 1835. Coming to New Zealand in 1859, he entered the ministry the following year. He spent some years in work amongst the Maoris during the turbulent years of the early sixties, being associated with Revs. John Whiteley, our martyr missionary, and William Gittos, of blessed memory. He soon acquired facility in the Maori tongue and a good knowledge of native customs. By zealous, self-sacrificing service and by patient tactfulness, he did much to relax the strained relations of Maori and Pakeha. Transferred to the European work, he served on the mining fields of the West Coast and Otago, and fearlessly denounced the evils there prevalent. In various rural Circuits, he did faithful work. He became a Supernumerary in the year 1891, and, until the passing years impaired his powers, he took the keenest interest in all our church activities.

**Henry R. Dewsbury** was born in Sterling, Scotland, in the year 1849, and his family came to New Zealand in 1863. He entered the ministry in 1871, after spending some years as a student under the tuition of the Revs. Alexander Reid and A. R. Fitchett. The Circuits in which he laboured with such conspicuous ability and devotion bear eloquent testimony to his "gifts, graces and fruits." In all his Circuits he gave full proof of his ministry. He was a prince of preachers, a gifted lecturer, a sympathetic pastor, a wise administrator, and a helper and encourager of the young. An outstanding feature of his ministry was a combination of breadth of view and catholicity of spirit with loyalty to the standards, tradition and polity of the Methodist Church. Notwithstanding his wide reading and brilliant gifts he never lost the evangelical note and the Cross held the central place in his ministry to the end. Many honours, unsought, came his way; but the chief distinction was that of the President of the Conference in 1891, which position he filled with credit to himself and lustre to the office. He was, indeed, a "vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good

work." The laity of the Church esteemed and trusted him, the ministers loved him; all were proud of him. On the ground of failing health he became a Supernumerary at the Christchurch Conference of 1915, and never occupied the pulpit again, but by the eloquence of a holy life he preached to those among whom he lived the lessons of gentleness, meekness, humility, resignation and brotherly kindness. On the evening of the 18th of June last, he finished his ministry on earth, and in the quiet hush of that last eventide he passed through the portals of death to the fuller life and richer service of Heaven.

**James Thomas** was born at Hobart, Tasmania, on July 12th, 1846, and entered the ministry in the year 1871. After a period of training at Horton College, he spent seven years of his ministry in Mission work in Fiji, and subsequently served for a similar period in Tasmania. He was transferred to New Zealand in 1885, and laboured in a succession of rural Circuits. Through failing health he became a Supernumerary in the year 1907, and received permission to reside in Australia, and with the exception of a short residence in Devonport, he spent his eventide in the Commonwealth. Mr. Thomas was a man of choice gifts, refined nature, and consecrated powers. A diligent pastor and a successful soul-winner he is remembered with gratitude and affection in the Circuits in which he laboured. His earthly career closed in Malvern, Victoria, on May 14, 1926.

**Josiah Ward.** On September 19th, 1926, Rev. Josiah Ward, in his 75th year, passed to his eternal reward. For 54 years he had been a Methodist minister, and as the son of the pioneer minister for Primitive Methodism in New Zealand, he showed throughout his long ministry, characteristic powers for evangelism and church extension. In the Primitive Methodist Church his outstanding service was given at Dunedin, where he gathered congregations and built three churches, and at Christchurch where he carried on open-air preaching most effectively. Joining the Wesleyan Church in 1885, he received his first appointment in the Wellington District at the Greytown Circuit. His last appointment by our Conference was to the same District, while on two occasions he was stationed at Wellington South, where his memory is still fragrant. In many parts of the Dominion he served the Church with great success, while he ever placed above all temporal prosperity the spiritual well-being of his congregations. Several of our ministers were led to find their work for God in the ministry through the example, the encouragement, and the prayers of our departed brother. He was always a fervent believer in Methodist Union, and advocated its claims most assiduously while he was Connexional Editor. Our whole Church has been enriched by the sterling Christ-like character and the unselfish, energetic service of Mr. Ward. To his widow and family we tender our sincere sympathy, and pray that the Comfort of the Redeemer may sustain them in this dark hour..

**Thomas Godfrey Hammond** was born at Richmond, Nelson, in 1846. He was educated in the district, and on leaving school, entered into business for fourteen years before taking up his life work in the ministry of the Methodist Church. He was accepted as a candidate at the Conference of 1874, and the early years of his

ministry were spent in Rangitikei, New Plymouth, and Manawatu Districts. In 1878 he succeeded the Rev. Wm. Rowse as missionary among the Hokianga Maoris. In 1887 he was appointed to Patea, and three years later became the Superintendent of the West Coast Mission, and continued in that office until in 1917 he became the first General Superintendent of our Maori Mission work. By means of his tactful and gracious methods, by his knowledge of, and respect for, Maori lore and etiquette and by the keen interest he displayed in their legends and songs he became a general favourite with the Maori race, and he broke down manifold barriers in the way of missionary progress. He commanded the esteem of all the older Natives of rank, and was a special friend of Te Whiti and Tohu, the last of the prophets. The ample and accurate knowledge he had of Maori history and customs is evidenced by his many contributions to the *Polynesian Journal*, and by his book on "The Story of Aotea." Throughout his career he manifested a steady devotion to high ideals, a patient, self-sacrificing industry, a gentlemanly bearing, and a heroic zeal in the interests of the Maori race.

**Amos Reader** was born at Irchester, England, on July 5th, 1875. At the age of nine years he emigrated with his parents to Tasmania, and became associated with the Church in Hobart. He was converted at the age of seventeen. Removing to Launceston, he became a fully accredited local preacher at the age of nineteen. His outstanding pulpit gifts and fervent evangelism gave early indication of his fitness for the work of the Christian ministry. He served several years as a Home Missionary in Tasmania and Victoria. Coming to New Zealand he underwent a short period of training, and was received on probation in the year 1901. He ministered with ability and acceptance for 25 years, and by his pulpit and platform utterances made a fine contribution to the causes of religion, and of social reform. He won a place of esteem and affection throughout the whole Church, and his early death is deeply regretted.

**The Rev. William Morley, D.D.** The Conference learns with deep regret of the death during the year of the Rev. William Morley, D.D., at his residence in Melbourne, and now places on record its high appreciation of the services rendered by him to New Zealand and Australian Methodism. Dr. Morley entered the ministry of our New Zealand Church in 1863, and for thirty-nine years served our Methodism in many capacities. During this time he was elected President of the General Conference of Australasia and was twice President of the New Zealand Conference. He laboured in our chief Circuits for twenty-nine years, was Principal of the Theological College in 1892, and on the establishment of the office in 1893 was appointed as the first Connexional Secretary, holding that onerous position until his removal to Australia. He was a statesman in the Kingdom of God, a strong and able preacher, a conspicuously able man of affairs, and a spiritual force in all the work of the Church. In 1902 he was appointed by the General Conference of Australasia as Managing Treasurer of the Australasian Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, a responsible position in which his abilities as an administrator, financier, and adviser found ample scope during the last years of his ministry. He retired from the position in 1923, and resided in Melbourne as a Supernumerary

till his death. After his removal to Australia, he continued to take the deepest interest in our New Zealand work, and visited the Dominion several times, being a Representative from the General Conference on the occasion of the consummation of complete Union at the first Independent New Zealand Conference in 1913. In entering this brief record of a devoted life in its Minutes the Conference directs that an expression of its deep sympathy with the members of the family, together with a copy of this entry, be sent to Mrs. Morley and to Mr. William Morley.

**QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?**

Joseph H. Simmonds  
 John J. Lewis  
 Charles E. Ward  
 William J. Williams  
 George Bond  
 Thomas G. Carr  
 John D. Jory  
 James Guy  
 Daniel J. Murray  
 John Nixon  
 Charles H. Standage  
 William Baumber  
 Cornelius Griffen  
 Peter W. Jones  
 William S. Potter  
 Thomas Fee  
 Alfred Peters  
 Christopher Abernethy  
 Thomas G. Brooke  
 James T. Pinfold, D.D.  
 Samuel Griffith  
 T. Francis Jones  
 George T. Marshall  
 William Laycock  
 William Ready  
 Joseph Blight  
 George Clement  
 Thomas A. Joughin  
 James Wrigley  
 James Cocker  
 Arthur Harding  
 Thomas W. Newbold  
 John W. Griffin  
 Semese Nau (with permission to reside in Tonga)  
 James R. Clark

**QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?**

Samuel Lawry.  
 Frederick T. Read.

**Samuel Lawry.**—In acceding to the request of the Rev. S. Lawry to become a Supernumerary, this Conference places on record its grateful sense of the faithful and efficient services rendered to the Church during an active ministry of fifty years. As Circuit

minister for thirty-four years in by no means the easiest Circuits in the Connexion, he showed himself to be in all respects a workman who had no need to be ashamed. As Connexional Secretary for sixteen years, he has discharged the manifold duties of the office with conspicuous ability, and unflinching courtesy. His elevation on three occasions as President of the Conference was a fit recognition of the leading part he has taken in the developments that have marked the second half century of New Zealand Methodism. His intimate knowledge of Methodist laws and procedure has given him a place of inestimable value in our Church Courts. But all his devotion in recent years to the business affairs of the Connexion has left unquenchable his supreme love for his work as a preacher of the gospel. In that respect his latest years have been his brightest and best. A stalwart in the cause of righteousness, a faithful friend, a wise counsellor, a generous host, a welcome guest, a keen debater, a sympathetic comforter, revered abroad, loved in his own home. Mr. Lawry retires to the Supernumerary rank with the esteem and affection of all who knew him. He carries with him the wish and prayer of all his brethren—ministerial and lay—that he may have health given to enjoy the retrospect of a well spent life, and the anticipation of the life that knows no ending.

**Frederick Thomas Read** entered the Bible Christian ministry in 1889, and two years later came to New Zealand to assist the Rev. J. Orchard. After Union in 1896, he spent some years in extensive country Circuits. On the establishment of the Territorial system he was nominated as Chaplain, and on the outbreak of war he immediately offered for active service. Appointed to the number 2 Hospital Ship, he ministered to many thousands of wounded men. On returning to New Zealand he established the Kilbirnie Circuit in Wellington. Since then he has laboured with much acceptance at New Brighton, in the Christchurch East Circuit, and at Papakura, where unfortunately his health failed. He has been a most faithful minister of the Gospel, and he retires with the good wishes and regrets of his brethren.

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

None.

**QUESTION XVI.—What Ministers or Probationers have Permission to rest during the year?**

Ernest O. Blamires  
William Lea  
E. Hugh Brooker.

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

Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S.

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

None.

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

None.

**QUESTION XX.**—Are there any objections to any Minister, Probationer or Home Missionary?

None.

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

None.

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

### I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Secretary and Convener	Rev. J. H. Haslam
Principal, Theological College	... .. Rev. C. H. Eaws, B.A., D.D.
Honorary Members	... .. Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, G. T. Marshall, T. G. Brooke, W. A. Sinclair, H. E. Bellhouse, A. C. Lawry, W. Laycock, C. C. Harrison, J. Cocker, P. N. Knight, B.A., J. Wrigley, A. N. Scotter, B.A., G. Frost, C. Roberts, L. B. Neale and W. T. Blight, B.A.

#### (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., Litt.D.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	... .. Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	... .. Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., F.R.E.S.
Elementary Greek	... .. Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
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. W. Grigg.
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	... .. Rev. A. Ashcroft
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. G. F. Stockwell
Church History (1st and 2nd years)	... .. Rev. J. A. Lochore
Church History (3rd and 4th years)	... .. Rev. F. T. Read
The Person of Christ (Mackintosh)	... .. Rev. E. Drake

Psychology (Mellone and Drummond)	...	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Psychology of Industry (Drever)	...	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
An Outline of Theology (Clarke)	...	Rev. E. P. Blamires
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)	...	Rev. E. D. Patchett
Christianity and Ethics (Alexander)	...	Rev. J. H. Haslam
The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett)	... ..	Rev. W. J. Elliott
Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Pea- body)	... ..	Rev. T. R. Richards
Religions of the World (Barton)	...	Rev. W. Wills
The Christian Preacher (Garvie)	...	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
The Methodist Law Book	...	Rev. T. W. Vealie

#### (B) Examiners for Candidates.

Section A	... ..	Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt
Section B	... ..	Revs. H. L. Richards and R. B. Tinsley
Section C	... ..	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

#### (C) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	... ..	Rev. F. Copeland
Theology	... ..	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	... ..	Rev. A. McBean
Church History	... ..	Rev. W. Beckett
Homiletics	... ..	Rev. W. Greenslade

#### (D) Examiners for Maoris.

Rev. T. A. Joughin  
Rev. A. J. Seamer

### II.—EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

1. The Examination Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, 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 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. 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 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, Students, Candidates and Home Missionary Probationers 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; (b) To act as Convener of the Examination Committee, keep a record of its proceedings, and present its findings to the Conference; (c) To act generally as executive officer of the Board of Examiners during the year, in consultation with the President of the Conference.
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.

### III.—EXAMINATIONS.

1. The time allowed for each examination paper shall be three hours in all cases, except that in the Examination of Candidates for the Ministry, the time for papers in Geography, History and Science shall be two hours each.
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 type-written.
4. The Examination of Probationers shall be taken in two sections, the first section in the last week in July, and the second section in the first week in December (see Regulation 3, Course of Study, as to order of subjects).
5. Probationers must themselves communicate with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners not later than April 30th, for the first section, and September 30th for the second section, stating the subjects allocated to each section 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 31st, so far as the first section examination is concerned.

6. 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.
7. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall be held in the third week in September, and the results, together with the report of the Medical Examination, reported to the Synods concerned. The Examination of Students on the President's List of Reserve and of Home Missionaries shall be held in the first week in December. In the case of candidates recommended by the Synods, the reports of the Medical Examination are to be sent by Chairmen of Districts to the Connexional Secretary.
8. The subjects for examination in the case of Probationers shall be taken in the order of each section as prescribed by the regulations, and in all other cases 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.
9. Examiners shall send to the Secretary of the Board, in closed envelopes, copies of all Examination Papers, except those set for Students on the President's List of Reserve, which shall be sent to the Principal of the College.
10. 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 Chairman, to Supervisors for their guidance.
11. Each Examiner shall, without delay, after receipt of the papers to be examined by him, notify the Secretary of the Board the marks awarded for such papers, and shall, not later than October 21st, in the case of the Probationers' first section examination cases, send to the Secretary of the Board a written report on such and the Candidates' examination, and January 10th in all other papers; such written report, in the case of Candidates only, to be sent to the Conference for reference.
12. The Chairman of the Foreign Mission District shall report to the Examination Committee, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, on the progress made in the acquisition of the native language, and on their general studies, by the Probationers who are in their first year on the Mission Field.
13. The first two years of probation in the case of men designated for Foreign Mission work, except in special cases, shall be spent in the Home work.
14. The Secretary shall communicate to the Synods concerned the result of the Candidates' Examination, and shall 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.

15. 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.

N.B.—The first section of the Probationers' Examination shall, this year, commence on Tuesday, July 26th, and the second section on Tuesday, December 6th. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 13th, and of Home Missionary Probationers on December 6th.

#### IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS

##### FIRST YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Genesis, Chapters i.-iv.
2. New Testament (Greek): St. John, Chapters i.-v, 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, with Century Bible (Box).
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 1-228.
6. Wesley's Sermons. Nos. 1-20, 40, 43-44. (Fifty-three Sermons).
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 1-143.
8. Methodist Law Book, Parts I. and IV., and VIII, section I.

##### SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Psalms xl.-xlix.
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): John, with Clark's Handbooks for Bible Classes (2 vols.)
5. Beet's Manual, pp. 231-437.
6. Lidgett's "The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement."
7. Fisher's Church History, pp. 144-286.
8. Mellone and Drummond's Elements of Psychology (for non-collegiates). or Drever's Psychology of Industry (for collegiates).
9. Garvie's "The Christian Preacher."

##### THIRD YEAR

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Nahum and Habakkuk.
2. New Testament (Greek): I. and II. Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.
3. Old Testament (English): Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible (Skinner).
4. New Testament (English): Romans, with Century Bible.
5. Clarke's Outline of Theology.
6. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," 1st half.
7. Fisher's "Church History," pp. 287-483.
8. G. A. Barton's Religions of the World, (First Half).
9. Alexander's Christianity and Ethics.

## FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Song of Songs.
  2. New Testament (Greek): Romans vii.-xi., with Sanday and Headlam's Commentary.
  3. Old Testament (English): Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.
  4. New Testament (English): Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
  5. Peabody's "Jesus Christ and the Social Question."
  6. Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," 2nd half.
  7. Fisher's "Church History," pp. 484 to 664.
  8. Lindsay's "The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries."
  9. Menzies' "History of Religions," page 213 to end.
- N.B. (1)—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 shall be examined in at least six subjects, and pass in not less than five. Probationers who sit for English subjects only must take 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and one other, for the first year, and 3, 4, 5, 6, and two others, for each subsequent year. 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.  
In the case of Probationers who have been designated for Missions the Board of Examiners may substitute two specific Missionary subjects for two non-compulsory subjects in each year of probation, provided that the substituted subjects shall be mutually agreed upon by the Mission Board and the Board of Examiners.
4. Probationers accepted for Foreign Mission work shall not marry without the permission of the Board of Missions.
5. The subjects for the July examination shall be Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6, and for the December examination Nos. 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9. Of these subjects three only shall be taken in the July examination, and the remainder required to comply with regulation 3 in the December examination; providing that a Probationer failing in one subject, in the July examination, may present, in the December examination, that subject in which he has failed.
6. 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.

7. 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 50; Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks 50). Those who have not passed through the College shall take, in their first year 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 1927 are as follows:—

First year: Caesar, De Bello Gallico, Book V.

Second year: Virgil, Æneid, Book II.

Third year: Cicero, De Amicitia.

Fourth year: Horace, Odes, Book I.

#### V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR MAORI PROBATIONERS.

##### FIRST YEAR.

1. Bible—St. Mark (Guild T. Books).
2. Hunter's "Notes on the Catechism."
3. McLeod's "Church, Ministry, and Sacrament" (first half).
4. Outlines of Early Church History (B.C. Primers).

## SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible—St. Luke (Guild T. Books).
2. McLeod's "Church, Ministry, and Sacrament" (second half).
3. Telford's "Short History of Methodism."
4. Protestant Missions (Bible Class Primers).

## THIRD YEAR.

1. Bible—Acts of the Apostles (Guild Text Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 1 to 20 (inclusive).
3. McClymont's "New Testament and Its Writers."
4. Lilly's "The Principles of Protestantism."
5. Trumbull's "Individual Work for Individuals."

## FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible—St. Paul's Teaching (Guild Text Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 21 to 52 (inclusive).
3. Healing's "Old Testament and Its Writers."
4. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
5. Stalker's "Life of Christ."

## VI. COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

## 1. CURRICULUM.

Subjects.	Hours per Week
1. Theology (Systematic) ... ..	... 2 hours
(Biblical) ... ..	... 1½ "
2. Bible Introduction and Exegesis—	
(a) Old Testament ... ..	... 2 "
(b) New Testament ... ..	... 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 ... ..	... 1 "
(Including Child Psychology and Principles of Pedagogy).	
10. Comparative Religion (third year) ... ..	... 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 shall go out of residence at the College during the vacations.

2.. 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.

3. 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, without the recommendation of the Principal of the College. 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.

4. There shall be an examination in each subject at the end of the first and second terms, and in addition an examination at the end of the College year on the whole year's work, conducted by the staff of the College. The marks from all examinations shall be reported to the Council and to Conference, and shall count for all prizes, etc.

5. There shall be a Board of Studies, consisting of eight members appointed annually by the Council at its first meeting after Conference, of which Board the Ministerial staff shall be ex-officio members.. The Principal of the College shall be Chairman of this Board, which shall decide all adjustments in the Course of Study in accordance with the regulations of Conference.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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. Economics and Mental and Moral Philosophy are compulsory subjects for Students taking a University course, unless for special reasons the Board of Studies permit otherwise.

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

10. 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.

11. 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 arrange for suitable examination papers and report thereupon to Conference. They shall also be subject to the regulations governing the preaching of Trial Sermons, and the presenting of Book Lists in the cases of Probationers and Candidates.

12. 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.

13. 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 CANDIDATES.

### SECTION A.

#### BIBLE KNOWLEDGE, THEOLOGY, AND CHURCH HISTORY.

1. General Bible Knowledge and Church History—Old and New Testaments. Text books, Healing's the Old Testament, its writers and their messages; Hunter's the New Testament, its writers and their messages, 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 Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why?"

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to read carefully Wesley's Forty-four 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—Walters and Conway's Limen, Part I., Sections 1-138.
3. Greek—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 and Current Events.
5. History and Current Events.—History of England from 1714 to 1921 (Warner and Martin, part iii.); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
6. Science—Any one of the following subjects:—(a) Geology; (b) Zoology; (c) Botany (Neve); (d) Human Physiology (Fur-neaux); (e) Inorganic Chemistry; (f) Heat, Sound, and Light.

### SECTION C.

#### MATHEMATICS.

- 1 Arithmetic—Simple and Compound Rules, Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Practice, Ratio and Proportion, Unitary Method, Measurement of Surfaces, Interest and Discount, Square Root (J. B. Lock, C. Pendlebury, or Workman).



2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilineal Figures and Area of Rectilineal Figures. (Geometry, Parts I. and II. Baker and Bourne.)
- 8 Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems, to Simple Equations. (Hall and Knight, chapters i. to xxii.)

## REGULATIONS.

1. There shall be four Examiners, one for each section of the subjects of A, C, and two for B.
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) (1) Geography, (2) History, and (3) Science.
  - (h) Arithmetic.
  - (i) Geometry.
  - (j) Algebra.

Examiners are directed to confer each year, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, on the examination papers to be set, with a view to maintaining a suitable and uniform standard.

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, except Senior Home Missionaries, 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, except in the subjects of Section A.
6. The Hebrew text-book shall be Sibag's Hebrew Primer and Reading Book, pp. 1-42.

7. Each Superintendent Minister is required to notify the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, not later than June 1st, of any Candidate he intends to nominate for the ministry at the June Quarterly Meeting, and in the event of the Candidate being recommended such Superintendent shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the scholastic status of the Candidate, in order that arrangements may be made for the written examination of such Candidate.

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. Copies of previous years' papers for Candidates may be had on application to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

8. The Syllabus and Regulations for Candidates, as above, shall be printed from year to year in the Minutes of Conference.

#### Senior Home Missionaries and Their Reception as Candidates for the Ministry.

1. That save in exceptional circumstances the age limit for Home Missionaries who desire to present themselves as candidates for the Ministry shall be forty years.
2. That no Home Missionary shall be received into the Ministry of the Church on the ground of seniority only.
3. That sympathetic consideration be given to the application of a Senior Home Missionary to enter the Ministry, but satisfactory proof shall be required of—
  - (a) Educational fitness and capacity to study;
  - (b) Ability to preach;
  - (c) Aptitude in the conduct of Church affairs.
4. That the present examinations for candidates for the Ministry provide such an educational test, but in the case of a Home Missionary who has completed 12 years of service as a Home Missionary of our Church, or whose case on other grounds is considered worthy of exceptional treatment, the following subjects now compulsory for non-matriculated candidates, be made optional:—Geography, history, science, and arithmetic. This leaves Bible knowledge, Theology, Church history, and English as compulsory subjects. In all other respects such a Home Missionary coming forward as a candidate must comply with the present regulations.
5. That Senior Home Missionaries thus accepted on probation for the Ministry shall be required to pass the usual probationary tests of the Church, except that for the first year of probation they take in the annual examination only Old Testament (English), New Testament (English), Theology, and the set portions of the Methodist Law Book; and for the three following years these three first mentioned subjects, together with one other to be chosen by them from the Course of Study; and also that Greek be made an optional subject throughout the four years.
 

(N.B.—The Conference has power in exceptional cases to grant exemption, in whole or in part, from these examinations.)

## VIII.—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—Warner and Martin's "Groundwork of English History," part iii.
4. Arithmetic—"New Southern Cross," for Standard V.

## IX.—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 (pp. 81 to end).  
 Church History—Cowan's Landmarks of Church History.  
 Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." First half.  
 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—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." Second half.  
 Homiletics—Clapperton's Manual for Local Preachers.  
 Bible Knowledge—Robertson's Our Lord's Teaching, (Guild Text Book).

## 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 either the examination prescribed by the Conference, or the Correspondence Course for intending Candidates for the ministry, instituted under the direction of the Principal of the Theological College, for which papers shall be set and taken under examination conditions. 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, except by a special vote of the Home Mission Board, only those Home Missionary Probationers who have satisfactorily passed the required tests for the three years shall be received into full status, and they 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 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.

#### X.—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. 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.
4. The District Ministerial Committees shall appoint sub-Committees to report on written Sermons, but the Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall assess all such written Sermons, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 to represent the maximum.
5. 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.

### XI.—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 a general oral examination thereon in the District Ministerial Committee, together with an oral examination in Theology.
2. The following text books when not taken for examination are required to be read by Probationers in their respective years:—Mellone and Drummond's "Elements of Psychology," Alexander's "Christian Ethics," Garvie's "The Christian Preacher," and "Barton's Religions of the World." Probationers are also required to read during their probation Macdougall's "Social Psychology," Garvie's "Apologetics" (Duckworth), Peake's "Critical Introduction to the New Testament."
3. 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."
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Home Missionary Probationers are required to present Book Lists to their District Ministerial Committee, and to be examined thereon.
7. The Chairman of the District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners all Book Lists submitted to the District Ministerial Committee.
8. 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.
9. The District Ministerial Committee shall appoint a sub-committee to report on all Book Lists.
10. The Secretary to the Board of Examiners shall, at the beginning of the year confer with each Probationer as to the course of reading he proposes to pursue during the year, and shall tender him suitable counsel concerning the same.

### XII.—CURRICULUM OF STUDIES—DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

#### ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Theology—The Second Catechism.

Church History—History of Methodism. Telford's Annotated Edition.

Old Testament—Maclear's Primer.

New Testament—Maclear's Primer.

English—Standard VI, Essay on Selected Subject.

## STUDENTS.

## FIRST YEAR.

Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." Lectures.  
 Church History—"What Methodism Stands For" (Fitchett). Lectures.  
 Old Testament—"Genesis" (Dod's B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.  
 New Testament—"St. Paul" (Stalker; B.C. Handbooks). Lectures.  
 English—"Manual of English Grammar" (Nesfield). Lectures.  
 Elocution—Lectures.

## SECOND YEAR.

Theology—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why." Lectures.  
 Church History—"Landmarks of Church History." Lectures.  
 Old Testament—"Job." Century Bible. Lectures.  
 New Testament—"The Teaching of Jesus." B.C. Handbooks. Lectures.  
 English Literature—  
 "Simple History of English Literature" (A. L. Stronach). Lectures.  
 "Readings in Literature" (R. F. Savage).  
 Elocution—Lectures.

## 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.
- Charles's Between the Testaments.
- Davidson's Old Testament Prophecy.
- \*Davidson's Old Testament Theology.
- Davison's Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
- Deissmann's Light from the Ancient East (revised).
- Deissmann's St. Paul.
- Dod's The Bible: Its Origin and Nature.
- Findlay's Books of the Prophets.
- Glover's Jesus of History.
- Glover's Jesus in the Experience of Men.
- G. B. Gray's Critical Introduction to the Old Testament.
- Hogg's Christ's Message of the Kingdom.
- Moulton's History of the English Bible.
- \*Moulton's Literary Study of the Bible.
- \*Paterson's Rule of Faith.
- Peake's Critical Introduction to the New Testament.
- Peake's The Bible: Its Origin, Nature, and Significance.
- Pinfold's St. Luke.
- Ramsay's Church in the Roman Empire.
- Ramsay's St. Paul, Traveller and Citizen.
- \*Ramsay's Teaching of St. 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.
- Souter's Text and Canon of the New Testament.
- Smith's Isaiah.
- Smith's Book of the Twelve Prophets.
- Smith's Historical Geography of the Holy Land.
- Wade's Old Testament History.
- Westcott's Bible in the Church.

## (b) Philosophical and Apologetic—

- Angus's *The Mystery Religions and Christianity*.  
 Ballard's *Haeckel's Monism False*.  
 \*Ballard's *Miracles of Unbelief*.  
 Ballard's *The True God*.  
 Bennett's *The Realm of God*.  
 Bowne's *Studies in Theism*.  
 Bowne's *The Immanence of God*.  
 \*Brown's *The Christian Hope*  
 \*Caird's *Fundamental Ideas of Christianity*.  
 Chapman and Weatherhead's *The O.T. and To-day*.  
 Clifford's *Ultimate Problems of Christianity*  
 Concerning Prayer (Symposium by Anglican writers).  
 Davison's *The Indwelling Spirit*.  
 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*.  
 \*Grubb's *Christ in Christian Thought*.  
 \*Griffith-Jones' *The Ascent Through Christ*.  
 Griffith Jones' *Faith and Immortality*.  
 Hugel's *Eternal Life*.  
 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*.  
 A. G. James' *Personal Immortality*.  
 \*Kidd's *Science of Power*.  
 Leckie's *The World to Come and Final Destiny*.  
 Lidgett's *Fatherhood of God*.  
 Lofthouse's *Altar, Cross and Community*.  
 Mackintosh's *The Originality of the Christian Message*  
 Mosley's *The Doctrine of the Atonement*.  
 Orr's *Christian View of God and the World*.  
 Peabody's *Jesus Christ and the Christian Character*.  
 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*.  
 Walker's *Christian Theism*.  
 Waterhouse's *The Philosophy of Christian Experience*.

## (c) Pastoral—

- Arthur's *Tongue of Fire*.  
 Ballard's *Does Faith Need Reasons?*  
 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*.  
 Garvie's *Guide to Preachers*.

- Gladden's Christian Pastor.  
 Haslett's Pedagogical Bible School.  
 Jackson's The Fact of Conversion.  
 Jackson's The Preacher and the Modern Mind.  
 \*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.  
 Wesley's Address to the Clergy.

## II. CHURCH HISTORY AND POLITY :

- 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.  
 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.  
 Walker's History of the Christian Church.

## III. SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY :

- Bergson's Creative Evolution.  
 Baudoin's Studies in Psychoanalysis.  
 Caird's Hegel.  
 Drever's Psychology of Everyday Life.  
 Drummond's Ascent of Man.  
 Eaton's The Fight Against Drink.  
 \*Eucken's Truth of Religion.  
 \*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.  
 Lay's The Child's Unconscious Mind.  
 Mackenzie's Outline of Metaphysics.  
 Maeterlinck's Life of the Bee.  
 Marshall's Principles of Economics.  
 Martineau's Types of Ethical Theory.  
 \*McDougall's Social Psychology  
 \*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:

- Bonar'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.  
 \*Green's Short History of the English People.  
 Harrison's William the Silent.  
 Herbert Spencer's Autobiography.  
 Villari'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.  
 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  
 Alex. Whyte, by G. F. Barbour.

## V. MISSIONARY—

- Findlay's Century of Methodist Missions.  
 Dennis's Social Progress and Christian Missions.  
 Report of Edinburgh Missionary Conference.  
 Basil Matthews' The Clash of Colour.  
 Lothrop Stodard's The Rising Tide of Colour.  
 Oldham's Christianity and the Race Problem.

## VI. POETRY—

- Sir Edwin Arnold's Light of the World  
 Bridges.  
 Browning.  
 Byron.  
 Clough.  
 Emerson.  
 Francis Thompson  
 Keats.  
 Longfellow.  
 Matthew Arnold.  
 Milton.  
 F. W. H. Myers' St. Paul.  
 Russell Lowell.

Shakespeare  
 Shelley.  
 Tennyson.  
 Watson.  
 Whittier.  
 Wordsworth.  
 Yeats

#### VII. 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.  
 Welsh's Classics of the Soul's Quest.  
 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.  
 Fosdick's The Manhood of the Master.  
 „ The Meaning of Prayer.  
 „ The Meaning of Faith.  
 „ The Meaning of Service.  
 Bosworth's Christ in Everyday Life.  
 Davis's Meeting the Master.  
 McAfee's Psalms in Social Life.  
 Fleming's Marks of a World Christian.

##### Fiction—

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

#### VIII. 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, 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 and Hastings' Dictionary of the Apostolic Church. Those who read Hebrew and Greek should use the volumes of the International Critical Commentary and of the Expositor's Greek Testament.

**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.)  
 Fosdick's Manhood of the Master.  
 " The Meaning of Prayer.

**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.)  
 Fosdick's The Manhood of the Master, The Meaning of Prayer, The  
 Meaning of Faith, the Meaning of Service.

**UNIVERSITY DEGREES.**

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 the 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 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, and that the expenses of such examiner in travelling to Conference be a charge upon the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Examiner for 1928 be the Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
4. That Conference learns with pleasure that Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A. F.R.E.S has secured the degree of B.D. in the Melbourne College of Divinity, and gives its sanction to this honour being printed in Minutes of the Conference.

5. That the Board of Studies, with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners as a corresponding member, be directed to review during the year the Probationers' Curriculum, (including the List of Books for Reading), more particularly in relation to men of exceptional attainments, with a view to meeting better the altered conditions of to-day. The Board is directed also to consider the Course for Home Missionaries, and other relevant matters, and to report its recommendations to the District Ministerial Committees.
6. That the Annual Conference Examination of Students be discontinued, and that the third term examination cover as far as is practicable the work of the whole College year.

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

**SOUTH AUCKLAND.**

Waihi.—That Waihi be made a Home Mission Station, and that a married Home Missionary be appointed.

Whakatane.—That, unless an unmarried Probationer be appointed, the Circuit be reduced to a Home Mission Station.

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.**

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—That effect be given to the Resolution of Conference, 1926, constituting this new Circuit.

Palmerston North (Broad St.)—That the name be changed to Palmerston North (St. Paul's), and that it be staffed with a married Minister in Full Connexion.

**NELSON.**

Reefton.—That Reefton be made a Home Mission Station.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.**

Mosgiel.—That Mosgiel be made a Home Mission Station.

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

**AUCKLAND.**

Auckland West.—That an unmarried Home Missionary be appointed.

North Auckland reorganisation.—(a) That a married Probationer be appointed to Whangaroa.

(b) That, following on the financial separation of the two parts of the Hokianga H.M. Station, Taheke and Otatau be transferred from Ohaeawai to Rawene.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND.**

Ngaruawahia.—That a married Probationer be appointed, with a suitable grant.

Matamata.—That a married Probationer be appointed for one year.

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Wanganui.—That a married Probationer be appointed to Gonville.

Raetihi-Ohakune.—That an unmarried Probationer be appointed.

Inglewood.—That the Circuit be reduced to a H.M. Station.

Waipawa.—That a married Probationer be appointed.

Douglas.—That Douglas be worked by Eltham Circuit, as at present, and assistance be given by Superintendents of neighbouring Circuits.

That the Superintendents of the Hawera, Stratford, Manaia and Kaponga Circuits give a Sunday morning and afternoon each to the Eltham Circuit during the year in order to free the Eltham Superintendent for service at Douglas and Huiroa.

## NELSON.

Nelson.—That the proposal for a Probationer be withdrawn.

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill).—That, in place of "one wanted," the appointment at Maori Hill shall read "A Home Missionary."

## QUESTION XXV.—What new stations are now constituted?

## AUCKLAND.

Auckland Methodist Mission.—See under Question XLIII.

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—See Question XXIII.

## WELLINGTON.

Hutt Valley.—1. That a new Home Mission Station be constituted, to consist of Upper Hutt, Wallaceville, Trentham, Heretaunga, Silverstream, Haywards, and Stokes Valley; an agent to be appointed immediately, with a suitable grant from the Home Mission Fund. That it be placed under the supervision of the Hutt Superintendent, and that Conference strongly recommends the Hutt Quarterly Meeting to incorporate the new station with the Hutt Circuit.

2. That a site be acquired at Upper Hutt, and that the special branch of the Loan Fund Committee and the Wellington District Executive Committee be asked to assist this progressive enterprise.

3. That Conference requests the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to grant from its Church Sites Fund an immediate deposit on the site pencilled in at Lower Hutt; and that this project be recommended to the Wellington District Executive Committee as a worthy form of church extension, which it might well consider.

**QUESTION XXVI.**—What Circuits are due to provide for married instead of Single Ministers?

**AUCKLAND.**

Paparoa.—That Paparoa be relieved for one year.

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI.**

Faihape.—That Faihape be relieved for another year.

Raetihi-Ohakune.—That Raetihi-Ohakune be relieved for another year.

New Plymouth.—That the Circuit be staffed for 1927 as at present.

**WELLINGTON.**

Eketahuna.—That Eketahuna be relieved for another year.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.**

Dunedin (Trinity).—That Dunedin (Trinity) be relieved for another 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. HARRY RANSTON, M.A., Litt.D.

**Vice-President:** MR. JAMES A. FLESHER, O.B.E.

**Secretary:** REV. ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.

### STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1927.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 121, and (1) to (6) for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits, 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.

- Auckland Central**—Leonard B. Dalby, Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Rowe; John J. Lewis, Daniel J. Murray, George T. Marshall, William Ready, Thomas A. Joughin (Supernumeraries).

THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—William A. Sinclair, General Secretary.

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.

2. **Auckland West**.—Thomas W. Vealie, John Olphert; a Home Missionary; William S. Potter (Supernumerary).
3. **Auckland East**.—Edward Drake, H. Ryan (Remuera), William T. Blight, B.A.; Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; George Bond, Thomas G. Carr, Cornelius Griffin, Thomas G. Brooke, Samuel Griffith, T. Francis Jones, Joseph Blight (Supernumeraries).

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Principal; Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Classical Languages.

4. **Auckland (Avondale)**.—Arthur Ashcroft, John R. Nelson; A Home Missionary; James Wrigley (Supernumerary).
5. **Auckland (Devonport)**.—J. Frederick Martin.
6. **Auckland (Takapuna)**.—George B. Hinton.
7. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**.—J. Henry Allen; John D. Jory (Supernumerary).
8. **Onehunga**.—Frank E. Leadley.
9. **Otahuhu**.—Fred Greenwood.
10. **Papakura**.—William J. Elliott; Joseph H. Simmonds, J. Wesley Griffin (Supernumeraries).
11. **Pukekohe**.—Francis T. Harris; a Home Missionary (Bombay); a Home Missionary (Tuakau).

WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—PAERATA.  
Francis T. Harris, Chaplain.

12. **Waiuku**.—Charles H. Kendon.
13. **Mahurangi**.—One wanted (Warkworth).
14. **Paparoa**.—One wanted.
15. **Northern Wairoa**.—E. W. Hames, M.A.; a Home Missionary (Ruawai), a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
16. **Whangarei**.—Ernest B. Chambers.
17. **Whangaroa**.—Harry S. Kings.
18. **Maori Missions**—

- (1) **AUCKLAND**—  
Eruera Te Tuhi. (Rewiti)  
Davis Wilcox. (Rawene)  
Piripi Rakena. (Mangamuka)  
Te Tuhi (Whirinaki)  
E. Oliver Haddon. (Kawa Kawa)  
A Home Missionary (Taumarere)  
A Home Missionary. (Punakitiri)

**AUCKLAND METHODIST MISSION**.—A Home Missionary.

**PORT ALBERT**.—A Home Missionary.

**COROMANDEL**.—A Home Missionary.

**KAUKAPAKAPA-HELENSVILLE**.—Two Home Missionaries.

**BAY OF ISLANDS**.—A Home Missionary (Russell)

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene)

A Home Missionary (Broadwood).

MANGONUI.—A Home Missionary

HIKURANGI.—A Home Missionary.

OHAEAWAI.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—Two Home Missionaries.

HARRY RANSTON, M.A., Litt. D., Chairman of the District.

EDWARD DRAKE, Deputy-Chairman & Financial Secretary.

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## II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

19. Thames.—William A. Burley, M.A.

20. Te Aroha.—Samuel Henderson.

21. Morrinsville.—Ernest E. Sage.

22. Paeroa and Hauraki Plains.—William B. Pickering; James H. Hall  
(Ngatea., E. Hugh Brooker (resting)).

23. Cambridge.—James W. Parker.

24. Hamilton.—Percy R. Paris, Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.

25. Hamilton.—Archer O. Harris.

26. Ngaruawahia.—One wanted.

27. Rotorua.—Colin C. Harrison.

28. Tauranga.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.

29. Opotiki.—Thomas Skuse.

30. Taumarunui.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.

31. Te Awamutu.—Charles M. Roberts.

32. Matamata.—F. Gardner Brown.

(2) WAIKATO-KING COUNTRY—Hori Kakuere (Ngaruawahia).

Matarae Tauroa (Kawhia).

A Home Missionary (Marokopa).

A Home Missionary (Raglan).

A Home Missionary (Te Kuiti).

A Home Missionary (Aotearoa).

WAIHI.—A Home Missionary.

WHAKATANE.—A Home Missionary.

TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.

HUNTLY.—A Home Missionary.

TE KUITI.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

PUTARURU.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A., Chairman of the District.



## III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

33. **New Plymouth.**—Thomas R. Richards, Percy J. Cossum, one wanted; a Home Missionary; John Nixon (Supernumerary).  
 34. **Waitara.**—Robert B. Gosnell; a Home Missionary.  
 35. **Stratford.**—George S. Cook; a Home Missionary.  
 36. **Eltham.**—William W. Avery.  
 37. **Hawera.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.  
 38. **Manaia.**—Hector C. Orchard.  
 39. **Opunake.**—Thomas Coatsworth; a Home Missionary.  
 40. **Kaponga.**—Albert Blakemore.  
 41. **Wanganui.**—Edwin T. Cox, M.A., John Reid.  
 42. **Wanganui North.**—William H. E. Abbey; one wanted; William Lea (resting).  
 43. **Marton.**—Alfred E. Jefferson.  
 44. **Taihape.**—A Wharton E. Silvester.  
 45. **Raetihi-Ohakune.**—Ivo M. Raynor.

## (3) TARANAKI-WAIMARINO—

Robert T. Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent (Normanby).

Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).

One wanted (Rahotu).

A Home Missionary (Rangitikei).

A Home Missionary (Pipiriki).

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

MOKAU.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

Robert T. Haddon has permission to work in connection with the New Zealand Alliance.

WALTER J. OXBROW, Chairman of the District.

## IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

46. **Napier.**—Basil Metson.  
 47. **Hastings.**—Fred Copeland.  
 48. **Gisborne.**—George Frost; a Home Missionary.  
 49. **Wairoa.**—Norman P. Larsen.  
 50. **Waipawa.**—One wanted.  
 51. **Dannevirke.**—Herbert Daniel.  
 52. **Woodville.**—John Southern.  
 53. **Pahiatua.**—Charles A. Foston.  
 54. **Palmerston North (St. Paul's).**—J. Ernest Parsons.  
 55. **Palmerston North (Cuba Street).**—Harold T. Peat.  
 56. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.**—Frederick J. Parker.

57. **Feilding**.—Arthur Mitchell; one wanted; Peter W. Jones (Supernumerary).  
 58. **Sanson-Rongotea**.—Wallace S. Neal.  
 59. **Foxton**.—Samuel H. D. Peryman.  
 APTI.—A Home Missionary.  
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

60. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Clarence Eaton, John Bailey.  
 THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—E. Thomas Olds, Assistant Superintendent.  
 61. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Ernest D. Patchett, Frederick B. Lawrence; James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).  
 62. **Wellington South**.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., Bernard R Hames  
 63. **Wellington** (Kilbirnie).—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C., G. Raymond Harris.  
 64. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—John Dennis; one wanted.  
 65. **Hutt**.—Charles H. Olds, B.A.; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).  
 66. **Petone**.—John A. Lochore.  
 67. **Greytown-Featherston**.—Cecil R. Taylor.  
 68. **Carterton**.—R. Purcell Keall.  
 69. **Masterton**.—William Beckett; a Home Missionary; James Cocker (Supernumerary).  
 70. **Eketahuna**.—Herbert Spencer.  
 71. **Levin**.—John D. McArthur.  
 72. **Otaki**.—Ralph J. Liddell.  
 PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.  
 UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

73. **Nelson**.—Percy N. Knight, B.A.  
 74. **Richmond**.—H. Leslie Richards; a Home Missionary.  
 75. **Blenheim**.—William Grigg, Robert E. Fordyce, Frank Bateup.  
 76. **Hokitika**.—G. Knowles-Smith.  
 77. **Greymouth**.—George E. Brown.  
 78. **Motueka**.—Henry Benny.  
 79. **Westport**.—Oswald Burnet.  
 REEFTON.—A Home Missionary.  
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.  
 MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.  
 DENNISTON.—A Home Missionary.  
 GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

PERCY N. KNIGHT, Chairman of the District.

## VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

80. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—W. Arthur Hay, Oliver S. Pearn; William J. Williams, William Baumber, Samuel Lawry, Christopher Abernethy, William Laycock (Supernumeraries).  
**CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.**—M. A. Rugby Pratt.  
**YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.**—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary, and G. Cyril Burton, Travelling Organiser .Y.M.B.C.U.
81. **Christchurch** (East).—William Greenslade, Robert Raine, Harold A. Sharp; James Guy, Frederick T. Read and James R. Clark (Supernumeraries).
82. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—John Harris; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
83. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—William H. Speer, Athol R. Penn; Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
84. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Henry J. Odell.
85. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Arthur Liversedge.
86. **Christchurch** (Riccanton).—Benjamin J. James.
87. **Christchurch** (St Albans).—Leslie B. Neale, Samuel J. Werren; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
88. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Henry L. Blamires.
89. **Lyttelton.**—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
90. **Springston.**—Albert H. Fowles.
91. **Tai Tapu.**—T. Jackson Wallis.
92. **Leeston.**—George P. Hunt.
93. **Kaiapoi.**—William G. Slade, M.A.
94. **Ohoka.**—Harry Cottom.
95. **Rangiora.**—Charles Blair.
96. **Woodend-Sefton.**—William B. Cuming.
97. **Greendale.**—John F. Jack.
- HAWARDEN.**—A Home Missionary.  
**OXFORD.**—A Home Missionary.  
**WADDINGTON.**—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM GREENSLADE, Chairman of the District.

## VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

98. **Timaru.**—Albert C. Lawry, Percy I. Cooke; a Home Missionary; Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).
99. **Waimate.**—Jonathan H. Haslam.
100. **Temuka.**—Raymond Richards.
101. **Geraldine.**—Herbert Ford.
102. **Ashburton.**—Robert B. Tinsley.
103. **Willowby.**—Walter J. Enticott.
104. **Oamaru.**—George F. Stockwell.
- METHVEN.**—A Home Missionary.  
**MAYFIELD.**—A Home Missionary.

ALBERT C. LAWRY, Chairman of the District.

## IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

105. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Harold E. Bellhouse, Harry V. Utting; George Clement, Thomas W. Newbold (Supernumeraries).
106. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—William Walker.
107. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—William H. Hocking.
108. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—W. Bramwell Scott, Gordon R. H. Peterson (St. Clair).
109. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Edwin S. Harkness, Ernest O. Blamires (resting).
110. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—William Wills.
111. **Dunedin** (Mornington).—James Richards.
112. **Dunedin** (Roslyn-Maori Hill).—Arthur Hopper; a Home Missionary.
113. **Port Chalmers**.—T. Arthur Pybus.
114. **Balclutha**.—Hedley White.
115. **Milton**.—William Gatman.
116. **Roxburgh**.—Alfred M. Costain.
117. **Invercargill** (Central).—Angus McBean.
118. **Invercargill** (St. Peters).—Samuel Bailey.
119. **Bluff**.—Robert McGregor.
120. **Gore**.—Jacob Featherston.
121. **Otautau**.—Moses Ayrton.
- WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.
- BROAD BAY.—A Home Missionary.
- MOSGIEL.—A Home Missionary.
- EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.
- KAITANGATA.—Under Balclutha Minister.
- LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
- CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
- RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.
- NIGHTCAPS-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman of the District.

## X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (4) **Roviana**.—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo) Allan H. Cropp, Hubert G. Brown, A. Harry Voyce, (Bougainville) one to be sent (Luaniua); a Catechist wanted (Pelau); Joeli Soakai; Semesi Nau (Supernumerary), with permission to reside in Tonga. Two lay Missionaries.
- Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters; one Nursing Sister.
- District Training Institution.—John F. Goldie, Principal; Headmaster.
- Roviana Day School.—John F. Goldie.
- Kokeqolo.—A Catechist.

K1a.—Joeli Soakai.  
 Saikili.—A Catechist.  
 Wana Wana.—A Catechist.  
 Kepi.—A Catechist.  
 Marovo.—Tom Dent (Patutiva); a Catechist.  
 Vanuna.—A Catechist.  
 Mono (Treasury Island).—A Catechist.  
 Fauro.—A Catechist.  
 Luaniu.—A Lay Missionary.  
 Pelau.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Kela.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Tasman Group.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Ramada.—A Catechist.  
 Ugeli.—A Catechist.  
 Sibö.—A Catechist.  
 Bougainville.—Allan H. Cropp, Hubert G. Brown; A. Harry Voyce  
 Naravo.—A Catechist.  
 Suvai.—A Catechist.  
 Tiop.—A Catechist.  
 Buka.—A Catechist.

- (5) **Vella Lavella.**—Arthur A. Bensley. (Bilua)  
 Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister.  
 Circuit Training Institution.—Arthur A. Bensley.  
 Bilua Day School.—Arthur A. Bensley.  
 Elioteve.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Naravai.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Sirubai.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Java.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Dovele.—A Catechist wanted  
 Mudi Mudi.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Jurio.—A Catechist.  
 Sirulado.—A Catechist wanted  
 Ranonga.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Luqa.—A Catechist.  
 Kudu.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Sabala.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Kubokota.—A Catechist wanted.

- (6) **Choiseul.**—Vincent Le C. Binet (Seqa); John R. Metcalfe (Bambatana).  
 Sister's Home.—Two Missionary Sisters.  
 Circuit Training Institution.—Vincent le C. Binet.  
 Bambatana Day School.—John R. Metcalfe.  
 Lologai.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Malanana.—A Catechist wanted.

Tepazaka.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Bira Bira.—A Catechist wanted  
 Sepa.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Seqa Day School.—Vincent le C. Binet; a Catechist.  
 Taoro.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Varese.—A Catechist Wanted.  
 Taba Taba.—A Catechist.  
 Ririo.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Kamuqa.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Sui.—A Catechist wanted.  
 Nabusasa.—A Catechist.

JOHN FRANCIS GOLDIE, Chairman of the District.

#### NOTES.

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

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

The following, once members of the Conference, are attached to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission work:—Arthur H. Scrivin, G. H. Findlay, M.A.

William Lea has permission to rest for another year.

James T. Pinfold, D.D., has permission to visit England.

Ernest O. Blamires has permission to rest for one year.

E. Hugh Brooker has permission to rest for another year.

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

#### HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1927.

##### Auckland District—

Auckland Methodist Central Mission.—C. G. Scrimgeour.

Avondale (Henderson).—Supply.

Auckland West.—H. S. Ratcliffe.

Pukekohe (Bombay).—J. Common.

(Tuakau).—W. M. Jones.

Mahurangi (Warkworth).—T. W. Parsons.

Paparoa.—J. L. Mitchell.

Port Albert.—J. G. W. Grindlay.

Coromandel.—F. T. Hoten.

Kaukapakapa-Helensville.—E. Hill, J. B. Churchward.

Bay of Islands (Kawa Kawa).—R. T. H. Wearne.

Hokianga (Rawene).—J. H. Edmondson.

(Broadwood).—W. McDonald.

Mangonui.—R. Grice.  
 Hikurangi.—S. Hindmarsh.  
 Northern Wairoa (Ruawai).—C. Reay (Supply).  
 (Kaihu).—P. B. Birkett.  
 Ohaeawai.—R. T. Alexander.  
 Portland.—One Wanted.  
 Colporteur Work.—H. Thornley; One wanted.

#### Maori Missions—

Runakitere.—Te Hira Ratete; (Taumarere).—Hone Tamati;  
 (Whangaroa).—One wanted.

#### South Auckland District—

Waihi.—T. W. Featherstone.  
 Huntly.—T. H. Carr.  
 Te Kuiti.—G. Hall.  
 Whakatane.—W. H. Wilson.  
 Putaruru.—H. Ashworth.  
 Te Puke.—C. Aker.  
 Ngaruawahia.—J. Belshaw.  
 Mokauiti.—One wanted.  
 Ohura.—R. Day.

#### Maori Missions—

Waikato-Maniapoto.  
 (Aotearoa).—Hauotu Hapimana.  
 (Te Kuiti).—McD. Wharehuia.  
 (Whatawhata).—Te Aho Pihama.  
 (Marokopa).—A. Huirama.

#### Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns).—H. W. Payne.  
 (Westown).—J. Nixon (Supply).  
 Waitara (Uriti-Mokau).—B. H. N. Teague.  
 Opunake (Okato).—R. Tapp.  
 Wanganui North (Dublin Street).—D. Hickman.  
 Patea.—J. F. Tulloch.  
 Inglewood.—J. W. Bayliss.

#### Maori Missions—

Taranaki-Waimarino.  
 (Pipiriki).—Hone Taotahi.  
 (Wanganui).—One wanted.  
 (Rahotu).—Matene Keepa.

#### Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Gisborne (Te Hapara).—One wanted.  
 Feilding (Halcombe).—T. Flower.  
 Apiti.—W. Wilson.  
 Norsewood.—W. E. Sleep.

#### Wellington District—

Johnsonville (Porirua).—W. Sussex.  
 Upper Hutt.—E. R. Alexander.  
 Masterton (Kuripuni).—S. Keen.  
 Paraparaumu.—C. Strand.

**Nelson District—**

Reefton.—C. Robinson.  
 Havelock.—D. J. Stallard.  
 Murchison.—W. C. Jenkin.  
 Granity.—G. H. Marr.  
 Richmond (Wakefield-Dovedale).—A. R. Thomas.

**North Canterbury District—**

Waddington.—A. L. Witheford.  
 Hawarden.—J. Thomas.  
 Oxford.—C. W. Brown.

**South Canterbury—**

Timaru.—C. C. Hoskin.  
 Methven (Rakaia).—J. Boothroyd (Supply).  
 Mayfield.—R. Jamieson.

**Otago-Southland—**

Roslyn (Maori Hill).—F. E. Foot.  
 Mosgiel.—C. Duncan.  
 Edendale.—H. J. Malcolm.  
 Kaitangata.—Vacant.  
 Lawrence.—P. Bridge.  
 Cromwell.—W. J. Henderson.  
 Riverton.—F. C. Prosser.  
 Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—H. Dyson.  
 Broad Bay.—W. E. Moore.  
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—G. F. O. Whittlestone.

HARRY RANSTON, M.A., LittD.,  
 President of the Conference.

JAMES A. FLESHER, O.B.E.,  
 Vice-President of the Conference.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A.,  
 Secretary of the Conference.

**QUESTION XXIX.—Who are Elected as Chairmen and Secretaries of Districts and Statistical Secretaries for the Ensuing Year?**

**CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.**

Auckland—Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (President of Conference)  
 South Auckland—William A. Burley, M.A.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Walter J. Oxbrow.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Fred Copeland.  
 Wellington—Ernest D. Patchett.  
 Nelson—Percy N. Knight, B.A.  
 North Canterbury—William Greenslade.  
 South Canterbury—Albert C. Lawry.  
 Otago-Southland—Harold E. Bellhouse.  
 Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.



## STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Wm. T. Blight, B.A.  
 South Auckland—Ernest E. Sage.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—William W. Avery.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Samuel H. D. Peryman.  
 Wellington—John D. McArthur.  
 Nelson—George E. Brown  
 North Canterbury—William H. Speer.  
 South Canterbury—George F. Stockwell.  
 Otago-Southland—William H. Hocking.  
 Solomon Islands—Vincent le C. Binet.  
 General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion—William A. Burley,  
 M.A.

## DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Auckland—William T. Blight, B.A.  
 South Auckland—Ernest E. Sage.  
 Taranaki-Wanagnui—William W. Avery.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Samuel H. D. Peryman.  
 Wellington—John D. McArthur.  
 Nelson—George E. Brown.  
 North Canterbury—John Harris.  
 South Canterbury—George F. Stockwell.  
 Otago-Southland—William H. Hocking.  
 Solomon Islands—Vincent le C. Binet.

**QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the Year 1928?**

President—William J. Elliott.  
 Secretary—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

**QUESTION XXXa.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Centenary of New Zealand Methodism?**

The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, also the Schedule of Distribution was received and adopted.

The Treasurers presented to Conference the Commemorative Roll of Subscribers to the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Treasurers be thanked for their services, and discharged at the end of the Connexional year. Subscribers who have not completed payments are requested to remit same to the Rev. S. Griffith (ex-Treasurer) for distribution among the funds entitled thereto.
2. The Conference being satisfied that the beneficiaries which from a Memorandum of Allocation, signed by the mortgagees named in Memorandum of Mortgage No. 100976 of the Land Transfer Office at Auckland, under which there is owing a sum of £1200, might appear to be entitled to portions of the moneys secured by the said mortgage, have received payments of the respective

amounts mentioned in such Memorandum of Allocation out of other moneys under the control of the Treasurers of the Centenary Fund, authorises and requests the mortgagees to transfer the said mortgage to the Methodist Theological College Council, such moneys so secured being Centenary Fund appropriations to which the Theological College is entitled.

**QUESTION XXXI.—What is the Report of the General Statistical Secretary?**

**REPORT FOR 1926.**

The General Returns for this year are by no means inspiring; indeed, one might call them depressing. There is a reported decrease of 13 preaching places—against this we have six more churches. The church possesses one schoolroom less than last year, but has four more parsonages.

The working staff of the church is less, as these decreases show: 3 ministers, 4 home missionaries, 4 deaconesses, 14 local preachers, and 1 class leader. But church members have increased by 224, and there are 183 more members on probation—junior membership shows a decrease of 159, but there are 350 more communicants. The most serious reported decrease is that in attendants in public worship, of over 1000 during the year. This last return can scarcely be regarded as an indication of our true position, as some superintendents are either careless in compiling this return or give it little thought as being of slight importance. Opinions as to its value may vary, but as long as the Connexion requires it, it is surely the duty of all to return it as accurately as possible. In one Circuit there is a difference of 300 in this return alone. District statistical secretaries should consult superintendents where such disparities in the returns occur, and adjustments should be made, and any such glaring case should be brought to the notice of the District Synod.

In this connection it is noteworthy that only one district secretary (South Auckland) reports reasons for the closing of any preaching place. It is to be hoped the requirements of our law in this matter are met in all the Synods.

It is the condemnation of our Church that, in a young and growing country such as this, we have to report a decrease of thirteen preaching places in one year. During the last ten years we have had a decrease of seventeen preaching places. But in this period a great deal of new settlement has taken place, and we actually minister in fewer places than we did a decade ago!

Running parallel with this, either as cause or effect, is a diminishing voluntary staff of local preachers. In 1916 we had 843, and now we have only 753, a loss of 90 in ten years. During the same period we have improved our position in regard to Church membership by 678, but we report the enormous loss of 6564 in those who attend in public worship. This is approximately 8 per cent. The brightest spot is in our junior membership, which has improved by 1535, or 26 per cent. in the same period.

We seem to be doing intensive cultivation, but the manifest corollary of this should be extensive or missionary work. We minister to less people, but have more members. The duty of the Church should

be to make every member a worker, and soon we should have the increases we so greatly desire. The ideal of the Church is to reach and influence the people—to do this we must be an army of workers, not merely a society of friends.

Next year the results of the 1926 census will be available, and, if the Conference desires, I shall be able to present a report giving comparisons as to our progress, as my predecessor did four years ago.

It would be desirable that, to give complete statistics of our work, a return of Maori members and adherents, and of those in the Solomon Islands District, should be included in the minutes of Conference.

Sunday School Returns.—These disclose the fact that we have practically remained stationary in scholars and teachers during the past year. The number of Bible Class members is about the same as last year, but we have lost 678 children between the ages of thirteen and fifteen. Much thought and attention is being given to the problem suggested by this increase of 204 over 1925, and while there must always be a leakage, it must be the endeavour of all concerned to reduce it to the smallest dimensions possible.

W. A. BURLEY,  
General Statistical Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference draws the attention of the District Statistical Secretaries and Synods to the necessity of observing our regulations in regard to the closing of preaching places.
2. That Conference directs that the statistics of our Maori work be published in the Minutes of Conference, as soon as possible.
3. That reference to Sunday School returns be eliminated from the form of General Returns.
4. That the General Statistical Secretary prepare a special report when the 1926 census returns are published, making a comparison between census returns and Church returns.
5. That Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be heartily thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary, and that he be reappointed.

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

#### WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

The Committee has duly met and considered matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the Church. The remit from last Conference regarding the pastoral letter to be sent to our members was duly discussed, and the following letter was submitted by the convener and unanimously recommended by the Committee to be issued by the next Conference:—

**Dear Fellow Member,—**

The Conference sends you greetings. During its sessions many important questions concerning the life of our Church have been dis-

cussed. We all earnestly desire spiritual and moral progress. We wish to do our part effectively towards establishing the kingdom of God in our fair Dominion. In our endeavours to this end we realise

"The world is too much with us; late and soon,  
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."

Worldliness is, as ever, a mighty power and antagonistic to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Its spirit manifests itself in various ways and under various forms. It is ever giving evidence of its attractive power over young and old. It has invaded many of our social customs and is in this our age a peculiar danger to the spiritual life of ourselves and our young people.

It behoves us, therefore, to take due heed lest we be drawn away from the faith and fellowship of our Methodist Church and from the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We affectionately draw your attention to the dangers of the modern cabaret and similar institutions, which in many instances provide facilities for both dancing and the partaking of strong drink, and which are, without doubt, proving a serious danger to the moral and spiritual life of those who patronise them.

We deeply regret to report that wine-drinking at wedding festivals and parties is increasingly in evidence, and urge you to consider seriously the moral danger of such practices. We are greatly concerned at the mania for gambling that is increasingly manifesting itself in connection with the people's recreations. We look upon the various art unions that are so frequently organised and widely catered for, as a menace to the moral and religious character of the community, and earnestly urge the members and adherents of our Church to absolutely refuse to participate in them. And further, to disapprove of all appearance of gambling in connection with the Church's social functions. We affectionately beseech you to make your amusements the subject of careful thought and earnest prayer and to avoid whatever is calculated to lower the tone of Christian character and weaken the influence of Christian example, and we urge you to refrain from such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

We remind you of the Divine plan and beneficial purpose of the Lord's Day and urge you to cultivate the religious atmosphere and to preserve the quiet of the day for the sake of those religious interests which are fundamental to the highest type of human character.

Bear with us, when we entreat you to be constant in your attendance at the Lord's House and at the communion of the Lord's Table and to remember the scriptural injunction not to forsake "the assembling of yourselves together as the custom of some is."

Finally, Fellow Member, let us in all things walk worthily of God who calleth us into his own kingdom and glory, ever looking for that glorious consummation when "according to His promise we look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Grace be with you and with the whole household of God.

Yours affectionately in Christ's service,

PRESIDENT.

The advisability of adding to the dignity and impressiveness of the Conference by providing a suitable presidential robe was also discussed and the following resolution was recommended to the Conference:—

"That in the interests of the dignity of Conference and the fit and

proper discharge of Conference functions, the Church provide a presidential robe, so that the President shall appear at future Conferences suitably and fitly gowned."

H. E. BELLHOUSE, Chairman.  
W. WILLS, Convener.

The Report was received.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Welfare of the Church Committee and the Home Mission Board confer during the year as to the respective functions of the two Committees.
2. That the District Statistical Secretaries forward the Statistical Returns for their respective Synods to the Convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee in order that the Committee may prepare suitable recommendations suggested by the returns in consultation with the General Statistical Secretary, for report to Conference.
3. That the General Statistical Secretary be a corresponding member of the Welfare of the Church Committee.
4. That the Conference requests the Welfare of the Church Committee to look into the matter of the class of books offered on the Railway and other bookstalls, and report to Synods and Conference.
5. That a Pastoral Letter be drawn up by a Special Committee, and that it be issued to our churches by the Home Mission Board.
6. That the following be the Committee for 1927: The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with the following laymen: Dr. Lyth, Messrs. R. N. Vanes, S. G. McFarlane, M.A., W. H. Johnston, J. M. Benton, E. Aslin, A. H. Reed, L. Mercier, J. Davidson, W. O. Brown, H. N. Johnson, G. A. Skene, R. Bruce, A. Thomas and Rev. W. Wills, Convener, with the General Statistical Secretary as corresponding member.

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

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT—REPORT, 1926.

#### Dr Mott

The visit of Dr Mott to New Zealand has been a powerful inspiration to all our leaders of youth work. He represented to us a situation of extraordinary challenge, with a multitude of baffling problems, but such a sufficiency in Christ as to send us forward with a great hope in our hearts. He has given us his wise counsel on certain large aspects of our work.

#### Review.

If our review takes a wider sweep than usual and looks back over five or six years we can see more clearly certain features of progress. The steady decrease in the number of teachers and scholars which marked the decade 1911-20 has been stemmed. The problem of understaffed schools, though still with us, is not so acute; and, despite modern

Sunday distractions, the average attendance of scholars has improved. The grading principle is more truly recognised in our schools, better buildings are being erected, and teachers are in many places appreciating the opportunities afforded for teacher-training. Nearly a thousand have been reached in classes held in twenty-five centres under the direct auspices of the Young People's Department. We estimate the net increase of scholars from the Children's Year Recruiting Campaign at 1000. Other churches could add their quota, and other States are following. New South Wales celebrated Children's Year in 1925, and all the churches of Victoria are busy in a co-operative effort during this year, 1926.

### **Curriculum.**

We in our turn owe something to Australia. It was in Victoria that the graded lessons of Australia and New Zealand were initiated, which have provided our Sunday Schools with the best lesson system that has been made available to suit our own conditions. The most successful committee meetings yet held were those in Melbourne last June, when our General Secretary met with twenty-five representatives of Youth Work and some important progressive steps were taken in preparing the scheme of lessons for three years commencing 1927.

### **Y. P. Manual.**

The publication of the Y. P. Manual during the year has made available in clear and concise form much valuable information, which is being appreciated by all types of workers for young life who wish to carry on their work in harmony with the Rules and Regulations of the Church.

### **Nomination of General Secretary.**

The present General Secretary is nominated by the Board with unanimity, to continue in the office for the period 1928-33.

In recommending his re-appointment, the Y.P. Board desires to express its complete confidence in the Rev E. P. Blamires, and its growing sense of the essential character of his work. He is so fully informed, splendidly equipped for the special work that he is doing on behalf of the Sunday Schools and youth of the church, that we regard him as invaluable to the whole church for carrying on the activities of the department.

### **Developments Pending.**

The Executive during the coming months is to consider several large and related questions, such as

- (1) The equipment of an office.
- (2) The staffing of the same.
- (3) The financial position involved.
- (4) The permanent location of the Board.
- (5) The residence of the General Secretary.

The question of finance is perennial in connection with progressive stages. It is believed that this can be arranged without increasing the present allocation to circuits. Our Literature Department has extended well under the honorary management of Mr Francis, who is rendering this conspicuous service for a limited term. The general progress of the work means the constant unfolding of a developmental policy, which has four main features, viz., (a) Administration, (b) Editorial, (c) Tutorial and (d) Research.

### **National.**

This Department is giving much thought to the place which Religious Education should occupy in the national life. We have moved in the National Council of Religious Education for a National Conference to be held in 1929, with two years interim preparation on scientific lines. We would like this action endorsed by the Methodist Church. The Conference would bring together church representatives who believe in the educational process, and educationists who recognise that religion is vital to education. Its object would be to clarify the principles of national religious education, and prepare a comprehensive policy for application to the needs of our land. Instead of church and State and home pulling against each other, we should have their co-operation in a unified education with religious education by persons religiously and educationally qualified.

### **Candidates for Religious Educational Work.**

The conviction grows upon us that the church must readjust her forces to meet present needs, and give educational processes, which are essentially spiritual, a much larger place in religious training and evangelism. This would mean a stronger force in the field trained in the principles of Religious Education. Hence our recommendations, sub-joined, to synods and conference, in the direction of special college training with these needs in full view. The recommendations are the unanimous finding of the representative committee set up by last Conference, and passed on by our Board with unanimous endorsement. Further questions of detail are receiving consideration.

### **Finance.**

The Treasurer, Mr Kershaw, reports that circuits are forwarding their allocations more promptly than previously, but there are many circuits which delay until the reminder at Synod.

### **Maori Sunday Schools.**

These are multiplying through the combined agency of H.M. Deaconesses and B.C. members.

### **Correspondence Sunday School.**

We continue to receive letters from parents which show that the Christian light burns more brightly in many a remote home because of this agency.

### **Bible Class Movements.**

The Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. movements have furnished us with excellent Annual Reports. The Executives and the Travelling Secretaries are doing a great work for the church. There is a close co-ordination of their organisation with the Y.P. Department. The reports herewith are brief extracts from their fuller records of their manifold activities.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Secretary.

## **BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENTS.**

### **Introduction.**

This paragraph will serve for reference to certain subjects common to both reports—the Y.M. and the Y.W. respectively. The annual conferences at New Year were in each case very representative and successful. The Dominion Executives have met fortnightly and District

Executives have many officers applying themselves to responsible tasks. Each movement declares its loyalty to the church, acknowledges the help and counsel of the Y.P. Board and General Secretary. The Y.P. Manual is being widely circulated and valued. Three thousand copies of the Standard Syllabus were printed and sold out. Three hundred and fifty copies of the Text-book on "The Bible, Its Nature and Inspiration," were sold. The junior and intermediate classes are well served by their text-book from the Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand. In September the Church membership campaign again brought gratifying results, and Public Recognition Services are increasingly observed. The Young Men's Movement has been stimulated by its majority year celebrations, and the young women are making effective preparation for their majority year programme in 1927. Probably twenty-one district camps for young women will be held. At New Year a combined convention was held.

### **YOUNG MEN'S MOVEMENT.**

#### **(Extracts from Report.)**

A Dominion Camp was held at Easter at Ashburton, and eight other District Camps. In addition a new feature this year was the holding of winter camps in Taranaki and Manawatu for the benefit of young men on farms who cannot attend camps at Easter. They were organised by Mr Cyril Burton, and were a success from every standpoint. Total attendance at camps for the year: 928.

The Travelling Organiser is rendering yeoman service, and this year his itinerary has been aided by the use of a motor-cycle. It is good to see in town and country the increasing number of B.C. badges worn. The total distribution to date is 2759.

We are looking forward to the itinerary of our missionary doctor, Dr Ted Sayers, early in the New Year. Support for the medical mission is a feature of our financial budget.

The history of our movement is being compiled by Mr S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., Dip. Educ.

N. R. SEDDON, Hon. Secretary.

### **YOUNG WOMEN'S MOVEMENT.**

#### **(Extracts from Report.)**

Headquarters now in Christchurch. Two hundred and eleven classes affiliated, a net increase of 27. The net increase of members is 244. Fifty-one classes are known to be unaffiliated as yet, and efforts to attach them are being made. A new District Union has been formed at Hawke's Bay. Eighty-five per cent of the young women in senior classes are now in Church membership. Barely one-third of the junior class members have been enrolled by the Church. Church membership will be emphasised in the Majority Year programme.

For the first time we can report:—

Leadership Training Classes are now established. Fifty members have been studying the course, and 15 took the first examination in August.

The classes furnished 172 new Sunday School teachers to the schools during the year.

The £500 for next year's budget has already been raised, and our classes have in addition contributed £638 to missionary and other Church objects.

The Bible Class badge is in demand, 979 having been disposed of this year.



A Dominion camp was held in January and seven district camps at Easter. More than half the classes in our movement were represented, and who can estimate the quiet and permeating influence of these lives stimulated and inspired during camp days?

From all unions come gratifying accounts of the work accomplished by our Travelling Secretary, Miss Lorna Hodder. Sister Nicholls continues to do splendid work as our Deaconess among the Maoris.

D. FAIRWEATHER, Hon. Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted, with the omission of the paragraph headed "National."

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Leaders of Senior Bible Classes, providing that they are otherwise eligible, shall be given a seat on the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings.
2. That, being convinced that the call to join the Church of Jesus Christ is one of the most effective forms of religious appeal, we urge that all our Circuits Preparation Classes and Public Recognition Services be held at least annually. We also urge that there be close co-operation of Ministers and B.C. Leaders in this matter.
3. That the following be added to the Synod question on Young People's work: "And have preparation classes for church membership, and public recognition services been held in each Circuit?"
4. That Conference calls upon all our Circuits to give the fullest attention to our rules regarding Infant and Junior Membership, as the necessary basis of a satisfactory system of church membership.
5. That Conference recommends that in places where an initial church building scheme is contemplated, consideration be given to the erection of a Sunday School hall prior to that of a church.
6. That Conference appreciates the inauguration by the Board of a Dominion-wide Sunday School examination, and commend this year's examination to the schools.
7. That Conference regrets the signs of declining interest in the Cradle Roll in many Sunday Schools, and recommends that persons be sought for the office of Cradle Roll Superintendent who will value this unique opportunity of service, and work it with systematic and sustained interest. Ministers are also urged to pass on the names of baptised children to the Cradle Roll Superintendent.
8. That Conference greetings be sent to the N.Z. Student Christian Movement, with appreciation of the strong and helpful influence of the Movement within the Christian Church, and extending through our community and national life.
9. Believing that the greatest opportunity with childhood is through a wise and understanding training in the home, this Conference welcomes the new organisation known as the "League of Mothers," and commends it to the women of our Church throughout the Dominion.
10. That Conference welcomes the publication of the Y.P. Manual, as a handbook of reference on matters pertaining to young life in relation to the Church and recommends its general use.

11. That Conference approves the proposal that the Y.P. Department should organise a Missionary Gift Collection of one penny per scholar in all our schools in aid of a surf boat for service on the coast of Bougainville.
12. That in view of the value of the Correspondence Sunday School to children in remote settlements, Home Missionaries are urged to be watchful in bringing more children into touch with the advantages of this school.
13. That Conference rejoices that, through the agency of Deaconesses and Bible Class members, Sunday School work is extending among the Maoris, and trusts that more workers will volunteer assistance for the children of the Native race.
14. That Conference reminds Circuits that increasing loyalty and promptitude in contributing their allocation has the effect of releasing the hands of those engaged in the work for fuller service to the Church.

#### **General Secretary.**

That the Rev. E. P. Blamires be reappointed to the General Secretaryship for the period 1928-33.

#### **Bible Class Movements.**

1. That Conference appreciates the zeal and purposefulness with which the Y.M. and Y.W. Bible Class Movements are consolidating their work within the Church. It recognises the great value of the District Camps, and notes with interest that 35 camps are anticipated this year. It further regards with deep satisfaction the inauguration of a leadership training scheme.
2. That Conference heartily congratulates the Y.W. Movement upon the 21st birthday of their organisation, and commends their majority year programme to the interest and prayers of the whole Church.
3. That Conference urges all unaffiliated Bible Classes to link up with the B.C. Union.
4. That Conference strongly recommends all Sunday School officers to observe, in grading the school, that the age of 14, or the attainment of proficiency in the public school marks the time for promotion to B.C. status, and to encourage the introduction of B.C. methods.
5. That Conference appreciates the concern of the Y.W.B.C. leaders re film censorship, and requests them to act in concert with the Conference Committee on Temperance and Public Morals.

#### **Candidates for Religious Education Work.**

1. That Conference recognises that in order more fully to conserve and more adequately to train the young life of to-day, amid new and complex conditions, a much stronger emphasis must be placed upon the teaching ministry, and specially-trained leadership must be provided in the field of Religious Education.
2. That Conference shall henceforth welcome as Candidates for the Ministry those whose special call is to Religious Education work.

3. These Candidates shall be designated by attaching the words "who offers specially for Religious Educational work." The designation itself shall be subject to probation throughout the usual probationary period, and shall be open to review at any subsequent time.
4. That for such Candidates and for any Students who reveal a special aptitude for Religious Educational work, the College course of training be modified, as may be found practicable, so as to afford special preparation for such work. Such portion of the special training as may be possible shall be taken at the university or other similar institution.
5. Candidates offering for this special work must have passed the matriculation examination.
6. On completion of college training, they shall be eligible for appointment as Circuit Ministers, or as directors of youth work in Church, Circuit, District or Connexion, as opportunities offer.
7. That the question of receiving and training lay agents (men and women) for Religious Educational work, be referred to the Y.P. Board for further consideration.

#### BOARD FOR 1927.

The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Hay, A. Liversedge, B. J. James, L. B. Neale, S. J. Werren, H. J. Odell, and O. S. Pearn, Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, J. H. Jones, A. Williams, W. A. Bascand, A. E. Lawry, P. W. Sharpe, G. Hughson, G. C. Burton, C. Colechin, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Sister Mabel Morley, Miss Hodder. Convener, Rev. E. P. Blamires.

N.B.—In addition, the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Class Movement shall each elect two representatives to act on the Board.

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

Auckland.—The President, Revs. E. Drake, T. W. Vealie, T. R. B. Woolloxall, J. F. Martin, F. Greenwood, G. B. Hinton, J. R. Nelson and J. H. Allen, Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, P. Dellow, W. D. Goddard, C. H. Virtue, J. Greenall, —. Joiner, L. R. Spencer, A. Gunn, T. Moor, G. Riddell, R. Walker and Frank Myers. Convener,

South Auckland.—The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge and Morrinsville Circuits, together with the Superintendents of the main Sunday Schools in those Circuits. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers of Hawera, Kaponga, Stratford and Eltham Circuits, Messrs. R. Lewis, H. J. Hopkins, E. Dixon, E. G. Foster and Mrs. Williams. Convener, Rev. G. S. Cook.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Superintendent Ministers of Palmerston North (St. Paul's), Cuba Street, Feilding and Ashhurst Circuits, the S.S. Superintendents of St. Paul's, Cuba Street, Feilding, Sister May Ralph, Misses Hetherington and Burnley, Messrs. Ian Rickard, T. Pacey, A. H. Fisher, E. Lock, and G. Darragh. Convener, Mr. G. H. Stiles.

Wellington.—The Ministers of the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. H. P. Mourant, J. Cable, E. C. Gamble, J. R. Burley, A. E. Parker, J. W. Buchanan and R. Hampton. Convener, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.

Nelson.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents of Nelson and Richmond Circuits. Convener, Mr. S. S. Collier.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. R. Raine, H. L. Blamires, and H. A. Sharp, with the Executive of the Sunday School Union. Convener, Mr. W. A. Bascand.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers and S.S. Superintendents of Timaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, and Mr. E. A. G. Holdgate. Convener, Mr. C. G. Vogeler.

Otago-Southland.—The District Executive. Convener, Mr. W. O. Brown.

#### **Nota Bene.—**

1. In each case the Chairman of the District shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
2. The Young Men's and Young Women's B.C. Unions in each District have power each to elect two representatives to act on the District Committee.
3. The Young People's District representative to Synod is ex officio a member of the District Committee.

That the following be appointed Y.P. representatives to Synods as per Section VI. of S.S. Organisation:—Auckland, C. H. Virtue; South Auckland, J. Treloar; Taranaki-Wanganui, E. Dixon; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, G. H. Stiles; Wellington, R. S. Maunder; Nelson, S. Collier; North Canterbury, W. A. Bascand; South Canterbury, C. G. Vogeler; Otago-Southland, W. O. Brown.

That in the event of the Synod Representative for Young People approved 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.

#### **Developments Pending.**

The Conference having received the recommendations of the Conference Committee on Y.P. work, re the proposal to equip and staff an office for the Department, remits the whole question to a Special Committee to consider and report to Synods and Conference.

The following to be the Committee:—The Executive of the Y.P. Board, with Miss Fairweather, Messrs. A. E. Lawry, W. L. Thomas, and W. A. Brown. Convener, the Secretary of the Board.

Sub-Committees, for consultation, also appointed:—(a) Wellington—The Secretary of Conference, Revs. E. D. Patchett, E. S. Emmitt, M.C., Messrs. C. R. Edmond, R. S. Maunder, N. R. Seddon (Convener), Mrs. Steptoe and Miss Firth. (b) Auckland—The President, Revs. W. A. Sinclair and A. J. Seamer, Messrs. W. Ambury and F. Myers (Convener)

The General Secretary and the B.C. Travelling Secretaries to be members attending when possible in each centre.

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

#### **TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

##### **N.Z. Alliance.**

The Annual Alliance Conference was held in May, and our Church was well represented. A movement is on foot to secure direct representation on the Alliance executive of those Churches that accord the Alliance sympathetic support, morally and materially. If this is car-

ried, the Conference should appoint a member of this Committee as its representative; by this means the Church would be kept in closer touch with the policy of the Alliance, which sometimes calls forth a deal of criticism.

#### **Alliance Deputation to the Government.**

The deputation which waited on the Prime Minister was worthy in every respect, but it would be hard to find a member of it who would express the smallest satisfaction with the speech of the Premier in reply. Nothing but the greatest disappointment was felt. The unhappiness of the Minister was apparent to everybody.

#### **Licensing Bill.**

The long-promised Licensing Amendment Bill which the Prime Minister introduced to the House caused many of his most ardent supporters to gasp. From every side, save that of the Trade, it was received with condemnation. In the end it became clear that the Prime Minister did not want to own the Bill which he had fathered, and it received the fate which it richly merited. Our efforts as a Committee hastened its death. Perilous times lie ahead, and we must be alert and carefully watch every movement.

#### **Wine Drinking.**

There is no abatement of the wine-drinking evil. It rather grows, and is increasingly in evidence at weddings, and we must as a Church condemn this dangerous practice.

#### **Art Unions.**

We organised a strong and thoroughly representative Deputation of all the Evangelical Churches and the Anglican Church to wait on the Prime Minister and the Minister of Internal Affairs on the Art Union evil. The speakers were Messrs. G. Shirtcliffe and G. A. Troup, and Dr. Sprott, Bishop of Wellington, who also represented the Archbishop. Our case was ably put, and the Deputation was well and sympathetically received. We were promised all we asked for, but unfortunately the Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon. R. F. Bollard) had committed his Department to the granting of so many permits that in order to keep faith the head of the Government stated that they could not be worked off till March, 1927. He gave his word that not a single permit, except for a genuine work of art, would be granted hereafter. He expressed full sympathy with the views of the Deputation.

#### **Picture Films and Posters.**

The same Deputation dealt with the Picture and Poster Censorship, and satisfactory assurances were given by the Premier. There is evidently a determination that there shall be an improvement. The pro-American cast of the pictures is doing something to wake the Government up.

#### **Bible in Schools.**

But for the shortness of the Session, and the consequent necessity of introducing the "Religious Exercises in Schools Bill" into the Upper House, instead of into the Lower, the Bill would undoubtedly have become law. We have the majority in both Houses, and it was through unworthy tactics, and the necessity created by the time limit, that its success was prevented in the Upper House. The Bible in Schools League is now being reorganised, and District Executives are being formed and arrangements are being pressed forward for some vigorous

work during the next nine months. Demonstrations will be held in the cities and larger centres just before the next Session of Parliament. With better organisation the House will be impressed, and we fully anticipate that the Bill will get through next Session. The thanks of all are due to Mr. Isitt for his valuable services.

#### **Drugged Chocolates.**

We have looked into this matter, as requested by Conference, and have closely followed public agitation as appearing in the Press. Samples were submitted to the Government Analyst, but proved to be quite harmless, only containing fruit juice to warrant the label "liqueur chocolates." One of the many dangers associated with modern dancing is the hip-pocket flask, and parents require to safeguard their young people.

#### **Racing and Racecourse Gambling.**

The Government has manifested every sympathy with the demands of the Racing Commission in its desire to extend facilities for racing and racecourse gambling. Indeed, it is at one with the Racing Commission in resisting any increase in gambling that is not sanctioned by it, but it is most anxious to help the Racing Clubs in securing greater wealth and power. In all matters affecting racing and racecourse gambling, the Government seems to be dominated by the Racing Commission and by the newspaper press, which is almost unanimously supporting the demands of the Commission.

#### **"Roll Downs."**

The "Roll Downs" which had a great vogue in the Dunedin Exhibition tried to find a place in all the cities and larger towns of the Dominion. Vigorous action on the part of the Churches and of this Committee played a prominent part in arousing the authorities to take action. Ultimately, the Magistrates gave case after case against this form of gambling, and its promoters had to close down. Equally vigorous action in other directions might bring similar results.

#### **League of Nations.**

Each meeting of the League Council seems to provide a new crisis, but the League emerges stronger from each and better fitted to deal with the great work entrusted to it. Britain and her representatives have played a most useful and worthy part in the League's work during the year. We commend the branch Unions in this country to the support of our people.

(Signed) W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.  
J. A. LOCHORE, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

### **RESOLUTIONS.**

#### **Lord's Day Observance.**

Recognising that the Sabbath rest is based on a principle of human need, and that its purposes are pre-eminently spiritual, this Conference affirms:

- (1) That on Sunday the worship of God, preferably in the fellowship of the Church, should take precedence over all else, and that it should be supplemented by the cultivation of home fellowship, and by the service of our fellow-men in deeds of mercy and love.

- (2) That for the re-creation of the whole man, in spirit, mind and body, all unnecessary Sunday work and commercial enterprise should be avoided, and that the determining principle of conduct on that day should be the upbuilding of the Christian character alike of the individual and of society.
- (3) That, the Sunday should be observed by Christian people in harmony with the teachings of Christ and with due regard to the spiritual and social welfare of the whole community.

### **Bible in Schools.**

That Conference endorses the new scheme of organisation of the League into District Executives and sub-districts, and believes that it is in the best interests of the movement, and urges our people to give the League hearty support in all parts of the Dominion, and particularly to support the taking of the plebiscite of parents which is to be made during this year. That we express our appreciation of the efforts of the Hon. L. M. Isitt in promoting the interests of the Bible In Schools League.

### **Temperance.**

That we place on record our appreciation of the way in which the forces of righteousness in the Dominion made their protest against the iniquitous and unjust Licensing Amendment Bill introduced by the Prime Minister in the last session of the House, and rejoice that the Bill aroused such strong opposition that no attempt was made to proceed with it. We continue to demand a fair and equitable two-issue ballot paper, or that the issues be computed separately, so that the definitely expressed will of the majority of the electors may prevail. That we again call attention to the evils arising from the association of drinking and dancing, and that we call upon our people to regard the fight for Prohibition as part of the work of the Church.

### **Gambling.**

That Conference deplors the prevalence of the gambling spirit evidenced among all sections of the community, and regrets to note that the Government has fostered it by granting additional racing permits and sanctioning numerous art unions. That Conference is gratified to learn that the Prime Minister definitely promised the deputation that waited upon him in July last that no further art union permits would be granted (after the permits already promised were worked off in March, 1927), unless it be for a genuine work of art, and then that the permit will cover no more than £500 in value. That we again call upon our people to abstain from gambling in every form.

That Conference regards with the strongest hostility the proposal to establish the "double tote," to legalise the publication of totalisator dividends, and betting by wire.

That Conference has no faith in the plea that this legislation will eliminate the bookmaker.

That the adoption of the totalisator was urged on the ground that it would confine betting to the racecourse, and now, men, women and minors are to be able to bet by wire on any race in any part of the Dominion. It is hard to imagine a more vicious principle.

### Picture Films and Posters.

That Conference is glad to learn that the Prime Minister gave a definite promise to the large and important deputation that waited on him in July last, that there would be a definite tightening of the censorship both of films and posters, and that legislation would be brought in to deal with the latter. We affirm our sense of the need for this in the interests of the well-being of the people.

That a letter be sent to the Hon. the Prime Minister, signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, thanking him for his promises made, and expressing the hope that the matter be expedited as much as possible.

### Dancing.

That this Conference calls the attention of our people to the regulation of the Church warning them against the "great moral and spiritual peril" attaching to dancing. It recognises further the wide implications of Christian ideals and principles, and is of the opinion that the Church can fulfil its complete mission, and carry on its work without the introduction of dancing in any shape or form.

### League of Nations.

That Conference declares its entire confidence in the principles for which the League of Nations stands, and satisfaction that the League has emerged successfully from crises that threatened its harmony, and its existence. We trust that in the Providence of God its effectiveness will be further realised in the solution of international problems. That we welcome the entrance of Germany into the membership of the League, and commend the branch unions in the Dominion to the active support and sympathy of our people.

That this Conference declares itself in deepest sympathy with all movements having as their object the abolition of war, and the establishment of international peace. It believes that a paramount duty of the Church is to assume the leadership of the people in the crusade against war. With this object in view, Conference would respectfully remind the Government that it is a signatory to the covenant of the League of Nations, and in view of the forthcoming conference on disarmament, urges it to explore every avenue leading to the fulfilment of the covenant's object of a disarmed world.

That the Committee for 1926 be heartily thanked for its splendid work during the year.

That the Wellington District Executive be the Temperance and Public Morals Committeee for 1927. Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., Convener.

### District Secretaries.

That the office of District Secretary for "Temperance and Public Morals" be created, and that the following be appointed for 1927:—

North Auckland.—Rev. E. B. Chambers.

Auckland.—Rev. H. Ryan.

South Auckland.—Rev. A. O. Harris.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Rev. H. T. Peat.

Wellington.—Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

Nelson.—Rev. H. L. Richards

North Canterbury.—Rev. W. H. Speer.

South Canterbury.—Rev. G. F. Stockwell.

Otago.—Rev. James Richards.

Southland.—Rev. S. Bailey.



## REPORT ON IMMIGRATION, 1926.

There has been increased activity in this department throughout the year, owing to a substantial increase in the number of immigrants arriving in the Dominion. It must be borne in mind that the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches being numerically stronger than our own, receive the largest additions by immigration. But Methodist immigrants arrive by every boat, and painstaking effort is made to meet them on arrival, and shepherd them into the Methodist Church in the district where they are to settle.

A large number of letters and post cards have been written notifying our ministers of the whereabouts of new arrivals. In meeting the boats, we have found it necessary to attend personally to the duty of getting into touch with the immigrants, but gratefully acknowledge the effective service rendered by Sister Bessie who has gone on board each boat and made herself known to the women immigrants there.

It must be remembered that the work presents many difficulties. Only a percentage of the new arrivals will consent to wear the distinguishing ribbon supplied, so that always a number come ashore without a badge, and thus escape observation. Under the present conditions, we are glad to say the work could not be better done, and no church is doing more to look after its immigrants than is our own.

We gratefully acknowledge our continued indebtedness to the Methodist Brotherhood office in London, whose notifications, though not numerous, are of great service, in introducing us to officers and members of the Church coming to New Zealand.

Referring to matters of policy, it is interesting to note the efforts being made by the Australasian General Conference to deal with the Immigration Problem. As in our own Dominion, there is little enthusiasm for immigration in Australia on the part of the general community. But our church there, is grappling with immigration in a business-like way. The Home Mission Departments of the various States, are asked to assist in the work of nomination, but like ourselves find many difficulties.

During the year New South Wales has sent forward on open nomination for 60 families, guaranteeing to make arrangements for housing and employment on arrival. To enable this to be done, no more than ten are to be despatched in every two months.

Victoria has nominated 60 families, but the Conference stipulates this is not to be operative until the requisite number of circuits has guaranteed employment. Victoria has appointed its own Immigration Commissioner, whose duty it is to tour the State to find openings for the Methodist immigrants on arrival. In South Australia this work is being done by a Y.M.C.A. representative, who has been placed at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee. The Queensland Government has not yet given sanction to the nomination scheme, but has arranged for 100 boys per month to be sent out to Queensland, our Church there making itself responsible for 25 per cent. of these on arrival.

A vital point in the whole scheme is the careful selection of suitable immigrants in the Old Land. South Australia stipulates that all nominees shall be members or regular attendants of the Methodist Churches. New South Wales entrusts the selection of the immigrant to the Y.M.C.A. Immigration Dept. in association with our own Church authorities. The General Conference has set aside the sum of £250 (a sum declared to be quite inadequate by the Methodist Brotherhood in London), to defray the expenses of selection. An office has been rented in the Central Building Westminster, and a lady secretary appointed, solely to promote this work. The General Conference has decided also to appoint a minister its official representative in Great

Britain, to personally superintend the work of selection. As far as our experience goes, no fault can be found with the type of immigrant arriving in New Zealand. Our difficulty seems to be the regular and systematic nomination of Methodist immigrants by our Church, and this is the difficulty with which our sister denominations are beset. The only body that seems at present capable of handling the work of nomination is the Home Mission Committee in Auckland.

With the Home Mission Superintendent and his assistant constantly touring the Dominion, something might be done in the way of securing data as to openings and vacancies, and generally facilitating the work of nomination. Until some effective way of securing regular nomination is evolved we must continue to concentrate upon the duty of welcoming, assisting, and shepherding the Methodists who continue to trickle into the country, and to use every endeavour to firmly attach them to the church of their choice.

CLARENCE EATON,

Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Rev. C. Eaton be heartily thanked for his work, and be re-appointed Chief Immigration Officer.
2. That the Wellington District Executive be the Immigration Committee, Rev. C. Eaton, being empowered to co-opt suitable persons to assist.
3. That while recognising the fact that the Government is slowing down its immigration activities in consequence of the unemployment in the Dominion, we are of opinion that so long as immigration continues, we may greatly strengthen our Church by securing the nomination of suitable Methodist immigrants. In order to encourage this, we urge our Quarterly Meetings to appoint a representative to canvass the possibilities of employment among our business men, and other employers, with the view to the nomination of Methodists from the Old Land to fill the vacancies.

QUESTION XXXV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other properties?

#### A—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTIES FOR 1926.

##### 1. Properties Acquired.

**Avondale**—Land for Sunday School at Waterview.

**Onehunga**—Section of land at Favona in Mangere district. Cost £250; debt £240.

**Northern Wairoa**—One rood ten perches at Dargaville. Cost £800; debt £650; house insured for £500.

**Te Puke**—38 perches for parsonage. Cost £130; no particulars of finance.

**Putaruru**— $\frac{1}{4}$  acre site for parsonage. Value £100. Gift of Mrs. C. Alcorn.

**Wairoa**— $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of church site. Cost £300; no debt.

**Masterton**— $\frac{3}{8}$  acre for new parsonage. Cost £350; no debt.

**Woolston**— $\frac{1}{4}$  acre church at Redcliffs. Cost £210; no debt.

The above is a much smaller list than usual. Three districts do not report the acquisition of any new property. The cost or value reported is £2140; the reported debt is £890. Each of these items is very much less than reported a year ago.

## 2. Erections and Additions.

**Auckland Central**—1. Additions and improvements to shops and church at Pitt Street. Cost £5506; debt £4355. 2. New brick school-room at Dominion Road. Cost £2860; debt £1897 10s.

**Auckland West**—Enlargement of Sunday School at Richmond Avenue. Cost £540 7s 1d; no debt.

**Auckland East**—Infant class room and school enlargement at Epsom. Cost £2166; debt £1400.

**Avondale**—New schoolroom at Waterview. Cost with land £480 10s; debt £400.

**Takapuna**—Addition to parsonage. Cost £29 10s; no debt.

**Mahurangi**—New church at Pakiri. Cost £288 10s; debt £116.

**Hamilton**—1. Erection of Wesley Chambers. Cost £35,767; debt (including amount previously owing) £38,500. This has been reduced by payment of £341 13s 9d, sinking fund. 2. Addition to vestry at Maeroa. Cost £61; no debt.

**Putaruru**—Erection of parsonage. Cost £773, in addition to gift of land; debt £450 to loan fund.

**Te Aroha**—Renovation of church. Cost £309; no debt.

**Morrinsville**—Addition to school hall. Cost £47; no debt.

**Waitara**—Additions to Sunday School. Cost £37; no debt.

**Wanganui North**—Erection of Bible Class rooms at Dublin Street. Cost £199; no debt.

**Hutt**—Four shops erected. Cost £2500; debt £2500.

**Johnsonville**—Church erected at Plimmerton. Cost £456 16s; debt £150.

**Masterton**—Three acres and seven perches of land with old parsonage, for £1475; proceeds to discharge mortgage of £140, and the balance to new parsonage.

**Masterton**—Parsonage erected. Cost £2746; debt £66. 2. New vestry at Solway. Cost of material £36. Labour given free.

**Paraparaumu**—Sunday School and vestry at Paekakariki. Cost £47 13s 9d; debt £24 18s 3d.

**Woolston**—Church at Redcliffs. Cost £441, plus free labour; debt £300.

**Rangiora**—New parsonage. Cost £1610; debt £560.

**Timaru**—Erection of school hall at Waimataitai. Cost £519; debt £300.

**Ashburton**—Erection of brick church at Baring Square. Cost £8900; debt £1500.

**Balclutha**—Addition to parsonage. Cost £40 8s 6d; no debt.

**Roxburgh**—Erection of new church; £566 16s 9d; no debt.

**Invercargill Central**—Erection of new schoolroom. Cost £4650; will be no debt.

**Cromwell**—Addition to parsonage. Cost £34 5s 6d; no debt.

## 3. Sales and Extended Leases Reported.

**Paparoa**—One acre of land for £100 held for new church.

**Gisborne**—Sale of balance of land at Kaiti for £650; proceeds for reduction of debt.

**Levin**—Parsonage property—5 acres and house—for £1750; proceeds for new parsonage and church.

**Hutt**—Cottage and land sold for £900; proceeds to new church fund.

**Caversham**—Land and cottage at rear of church sold for £300; proceeds towards reduction of debt.

#### 4. Current Accounts.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balances from last year .. .. .	8,595	9	7
„ Balances held for special purposes .. .. .	24,090	5	8
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund .. .. .	4,569	6	4
„ Loans from other sources .. .. .	56,645	11	6
„ All other receipts .. .. .	69,976	11	6
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Total receipts .. .. .	163,877	4	7
Debit balances .. .. .	11,972	4	1
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	£175,849	8	8
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	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balances from last year .. .. .	12,872	10	9
„ Loan Fund Instalments repaid .. .. .	3,032	13	3
„ Other Loans repaid .. .. .	13,926	17	10
„ Interest on Loans and Overdrafts .. .. .	8,535	1	6
„ Purchases, Erections and Additions .. .. .	77,246	7	5
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Repairs, etc. .. .. .	32,209	3	7
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Total expenditure .. .. .	147,822	14	4
Credit balances .. .. .	6,505	3	1
Balances held for special purposes .. .. .	21,521	11	3
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	£175,849	8	8

#### 5. Statement of Debts and Insurances.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debts reported 30-9-25 .. .. .	118,552	4	0
Add new Loans received during year .. .. .	58,567	13	7
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Deduct Loans repaid .. .. .	177,119	17	7
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Mortgage Debts reported 30-9-26 .. .. .	160,306	19	4
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Total of Fire Insurances reported .. .. .	£585,694	10	0

I regret to have to report that in spite of instruction and exhortation, district secretaries still complain of incorrect schedules and very faulty auditing. Balances still disappear or appear in quite a different form from that reported the previous year. In some cases the treasurer signs also as circuit steward, thus auditing his own accounts. In other cases the superintendent minister was the only auditor. This applies, not only to small accounts, but also to some very large ones. Nor are these faults confined to junior ministers of very limited experience. Ex-presidents and chairmen of districts are among the delinquents.

The North Canterbury Synod suggests that the auditing should be done by the minister and one circuit steward, or their deputies. In cases where large sums of money are handled it seems desirable to adhere to the present rule; but when the trust accounts are small, probably the above suggestion would meet all requirements. But the principal thing to be observed is that the auditors see that the accounts, whether large or small, be correct.

It is interesting to know that, notwithstanding large amounts having been borrowed in connection with the erection of business premises, the total mortgage debt reported is less than the year's total receipts by about £3500. This shows a very healthy state of finance.

The thanks of the Conference are due to the district secretaries for their valuable services during the year. The following are recommended by the Synods as district secretaries for 1927:—

Auckland—Mr J. W. Shackelford.  
 South Auckland—Mr F. C. Daniell.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr E. J. Judd.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr T. R. Hodder.  
 Wellington—Mr S. T. Martin.  
 Nelson—Mr W. D. Pike.  
 North Canterbury—Mr F. Thompson.  
 South Canterbury—Mr John Watson.  
 Otago-Southland—Mr A. S. Froggatt.

(Signed.) SAMUEL LAWRY,  
 General Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the District Secretaries for their valuable services, and those named in the Report be the District Secretaries for 1927.
3. That the Circuit Property Schedules, with the audited balance-sheets, be sent 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 10th December.
4. That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than 31st October, and after due scrutiny, sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
5. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretaries, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each schedule.
6. That the attention of Auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balance given in the preceding year's accounts.
7. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes.
8. That all moneys held in trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trust Act, 1908," or its amendments.

**B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.**  
Report for 1926.

The Cash Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th September, 1926, are presented herewith.

The total receipts were £5804 8s. 5d.; the working expenses for the year were £212 16s. 7d.; and the receipts for this purpose were £319 6s. 8d., showing a surplus of £96 10s. 1d. The Assets of the Fund are now £21,890 13s. 6d.

New Loans have been advanced during the year as follows:—Roxburgh. £100; Caversham, £225; Opotiki. £90; Whakatane. £84; Wanganui East, £537 10s.; Brightwater, £100; Dominion Road, Auckland, £500 (2nd); Plimmerton, £150; Te Puke, £250; Ashburton, £1000; Sumner, £250; Rangiora, £400; Putaruru, £450; Otahuhu, £100. Total, £4236 10s.

Rates have also been paid on land held by the Committee amounting to £2 10s.

**Sales Sanctioned.**

The following sales of property have been sanctioned by the Committee, and the Conference is requested to confirm the same by Resolution:—

- Auckland East.**—Sale of Theological College residence in Moehan St., No longer required; estimated value £1750.
- Avondale.**—Strip of land at Waterview, another piece of land to be purchased for School purposes.
- Paparoa.**—About an acre of land for £100, proceeds to be reserved for new Church Scheme.
- Northern Wairoa.**—Sale of Mount Wesley Parsonage property for £2000, proceeds towards new Church and Parsonage at Dargaville.
- Pukekohe.**—Dedication of land to Borough Council for streets through parsonage property
- Whakatane.**—Sale with  $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre at Waimana, with building thereon for £200, to undenominational committee, reserving to Methodist Church use of building for service in connection with other Churches.
- Opunake.**—Sale of old Parsonage property, proceeds to release mortgage on new Parsonage.
- Wanganui North.**—Sale of two sections in London Street, for £100 each, proceeds to improvements in Church and Sunday School.
- Gisborne.**—Sale of balance of land at Kaiti, proceeds towards payment of liabilities.
- Wellington (Taranaki Street).**—Sale of section at Vogelstown, proceeds to be used towards securing a Parsonage for the Brooklyn Minister.
- Wellington (Thorndon).**—Sale of section at Wadestown, proceeds to be used for purchase of more suitable site.
- Woodend-Sefton.**—Sale of vacant section at Leithfield; proceeds toward new brick Church at Sefton.
- Geraldine.**—Sale of Parsonage property for not less than £500; proceeds to be invested as nucleus of new Parsonage Fund.
- Roxburgh.**—Sale of Sunday School property to Otago Education Board for £800, proceeds towards erection of Vestry and Sunday School attached to the Church.

### Committees for 1927.

The North Canterbury District Synod has nominated the following as the General Committee for 1927:—

The Chairman of the District (ex officio), the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington, St. Albans, and Woolston Circuits, Rev. S. Lawry, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), T. T. Robson, H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, J. H. Jones, H. J. T. Harrington, C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson and T. W. West.

Advisory Committees have been nominated by the District Synods, in addition to the Chairman and District Secretary of Church Property, who are in each case ex officio members:—

Auckland.—Rev. S. Griffith and E. Drake, with Messrs. S. E. Chappell and J. Tyler.

Auckland South.—To be appointed by the District Executive.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Revs. T. R. Richards, P. Cossum, R. B. Gosnell, W. W. Avery, and the Superintendent of the Stratford Circuit, with Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor, J. Gibson, J. T. Griffin, F. W. Okey, E. Dixon and T. P. Hughson.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers of the St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits, with Messrs. F. S. Guy and G. H. Stiles.

Wellington.—To be arranged by District Executive.

Nelson.—The Ministers of the Nelson, Richmond and Blenheim Circuits, with Messrs. C. W. Parker and A. A. Lucas.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers of the Timaru and Temuka Circuits, Messrs. W. G. Irwin and J. W. Holdgate, with the Minister of the Ashburton Circuit as corresponding member.

Otago-Southland.—The Superintendent of Dunedin (Trinity), Central Mission and Dundas Street Circuits, Messrs. J. B. Shacklock and D. C. Cameron. Sub-Committee for Southland—Superintendent of Invercargill Central Circuit and Mr. C. F. Roberts.

(Signed),

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman.  
SAMUEL LAWRY, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported, be confirmed and ratified by the Conference.  
(N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted on by 31st March, 1928.)
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the following be the Committee for 1927: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Woolston, Addington, and St. Albans Circuits, Rev. S. Lawry, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E. (Treasurer), T. T. Robson, H. Harrison, S. H. Maddren, J. H. Jones, H. J. S. Harrington, C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson and T. W. West.
4. That the District Advisory Committees be appointed as named in the Report.
5. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Treasurers be authorised to pay out £150 to the Ohai New Church Building Fund.

### C.—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, 1926.

As usual, the details of work done were reported to the District Synods, showing the Deeds received during the year, and the number of Trustees registered or removed. All changes in the personnel of the Trusts have been duly certified to the Superintendents.

The number of registrations during the year was exceptionally small, and the fees handed to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund were only £22 4s. 0d., as against £35 6s. 0d. for 1925. This is partly accounted for by the fact that in many cases the prescribed fee is not sent with the documents requiring attention, and through ill-health the Connexional Secretary has been unable to collect outstanding fees.

In some cases an unreasonable length of time is allowed to elapse between the election of Trustees and the sending of their names for registration. It should not be overlooked that Trustees are not entitled to act until notice of their registration has been sent to the Superintendent of the Circuit.

The exchange of Conveyances for Certificates of Title proceeds slowly. In some Districts no application has yet been made for the surrender of Conveyances. The largest number of applications has come from the Christchurch Registration Office.

(Signed) SAMUEL LAWRY,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1884," the Reverend Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year beginning 11th April, 1927.
3. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.

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

#### AUCKLAND.

1. General Connexional Property Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
2. Wesley Training College, Three Kings.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
3. Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
4. Probert Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
5. Prince Albert College Property.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
6. Theological Students' Library Fund.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)



## TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

7. Grey Institute.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)
8. Kai Iwi Mission Estate.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

## WELLINGTON.

9. Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.  
(For Balance-sheet, see Appendix.)

**PROBERT TRUST BOARD REPORT, 1926.**

We have to report that rapid progress is being made in the erection of the new block of shops on the Great North Road, plans for which were submitted to and approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and it is anticipated that they will be ready for occupation early in the new year.

The cottages in Chapman Street will be completed this year. The erection of these buildings completes the Board's building programme for some years to come, as the whole of the vacant land available is now built upon and become revenue-producing, and the leases of the rest of the property do not fall in until 1947.

The revenue for the year shows a steady increase, despite the fact that it was found necessary to make a large expenditure during the year for repairs and maintenance.

The prospects for the coming year are bright, and the Board hopes, in addition to providing the usual amount for maintenance of students at the Theological College, to set aside a sum not exceeding £500 towards paying the interest on the new college site.

The vacancy on the Board caused by the death of George Alfred Buttle has been filled by the appointment, subject to approval of Conference, of Mr Walter Ambury.

The full Board will then consist of:

Mr S. J. Ambury, Chairman.

Revs. C. H. Laws, D.D., and George Bond.

Messrs W. Ambury, A. J. Buttle, T. W. Jones, W. E. Lewisham, Albert Parker, Frank M. Winstone and J. Veale.

(Signed.) S. J. AMBURY,

Chairman.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

**WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS—REPORT 1926.**

In presenting our report for the past year, we are thankful to be able to record another period of useful work at the Children's Home in Masterton. The number of children dealt with is at about the same figure.

After five years of untiring service to the children and the work, Sister May submitted her resignation, to take effect from the end of the year, largely owing to family calls in Australia. Sister Annie has also resigned. These resignations have been accepted with extreme regret.

A large number of applications were received for the positions, which were advertised in the four centres and in our Church paper. The members of the Board, with the committee at Masterton, spent much time in making a selection, which was finally dealt with at Masterton by a combined meeting of the Board and the Committee, at which the two ladies chosen attended.

In Miss Allan as matron, and Miss Webb as first assistant, we feel we have secured worthy successors in the work.

We would record our very high appreciation of the splendid service rendered by the two Sisters who have retired—suitable recognition was made both by the Board and the Masterton committee.

The local committee has done splendid work during the year, aided by outside help both in money and goods. We desire their re-appointment as now constituted, and nominate Rev. Clarence Eaton as chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Further improvements have been made to the Home, enhancing the comfort of the staff and children. Gas heaters have been installed, and wooden flooring is now being laid in the main rooms. Visits of inspection by various members of the Board during the year revealed a "happy family."

Financial operations of the Board for the year are attached—those for the Home Committee, with their report, are submitted by Rev J. Cocker.

On behalf of the Board.

W. C. HEMERY,  
Honorary Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

- That the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Hemery, be heartily thanked for his services.
- That in view of the fact that the T. G. McCarthy Trust derives much of its revenue from interests allied to the Liquor Traffic, the Conference strongly protests against the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Education Endowment Trust applying for money from that source for the Masterton Orphanage.
- That this Conference strongly protests against the use which has been made of the name and standing of the Public Trustee of the Dominion, in advertising and promoting a brewery business which, in the conviction of a large section of the community, is highly injurious to the public welfare.

#### GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

#### PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE PROPERTY TRUST.

The Balance-sheet and Capital Account were received and adopted.

#### NEW COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

The Account was adopted to be entered in the Journal.

#### METHODIST OFFICES TRUST BOARD.

The Balance-sheet was received to lie on the table.

**EMSLY THEOLOGICAL ENDOWMENT TRUST.**

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

**THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.**

The Balance-sheet presented by the Committee was adopted.

**KAI IWI ESTATE.**

The Cash Statement was received and adopted.

**QUESTION XXXVII.—What is the Report on Connexional Fire Insurance?****REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND, 1926.**

The Connexional Fire Insurance has the privilege of once again reporting a year's successful business. During the year ending 31st October, 1926, new risks have been accepted amounting to £48,573. A large number of trusts have increased the amount of their insurances, and almost all new buildings are now being insured in the Connexional Office. For various reasons a small number of risks have lapsed. The net loss by fire has been only £12.

The last Conference authorised the payment of £500 to six different institutions and funds. These have all been paid.

After providing for all working expenses, re-insurances and fire losses, there is a surplus on the year's working of £2271 1s 8d. This is considerably the largest surplus obtained in any year of the history of the fund. As will be seen on reference to the balance-sheet, the assets of the fund are now just over £20,000.

The Board recommends the Conference to make the following grants to other funds:—

	£
Deaconess House .. .. .	100
Foreign Mission Fund .. .. .	100
Home Mission Fund .. .. .	100
Supernumerary Fund (Benevolent Branch) .. .. .	75
Church Sites Fund .. .. .	75
New Theological College .. .. .	250

£700

This will leave £1571 1s 8d to be added permanently to the accumulated funds.

The following have been nominated by the North Canterbury District Synod as the Board of Management for 1927: The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Revs T. Fee, W. Laycock, S. Lawry, Hon G. J. Smith (treasurer), Messrs T. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford, W. J. Spratt, H. Chaplin.

The Board desires to express its appreciation of the very efficient services rendered by the General Secretary, Rev. S. Lawry, during the year just closed, and trust he may be spared to enjoy many years of retirement.

S. R. WEBB,  
Chairman.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That from the year's surplus £1571 1s. 8d. be added permanently to the Accumulated Funds, and that the balance be granted to other Funds as follows:—Deaconess House Fund, £100; Foreign Missions, £100; Home Missions, £100; Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, £75; Church Sites Fund, £75; Theological College, £250. Total, £700.
3. That in all cases except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Committee in charge of Trust or Circuit Funds be urged to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Office.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Board for their services during the past year, and that the following be the members for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. T. Fee, W. Laycock, S. Lawry, Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Treasurer), Messrs. S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, A. A. Sandford, W. J. Spratt, and H. C. Chaplin.

**QUESTION XXXVIII.—What are the Resolution of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?**

**REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE,  
1926.**

The work done in the office is described in the Reports of the several departments. The following comparative figures show both the total Funds dealt with during the past year and the increase of the work during the 16 years in which the present Secretary has been in charge of the office.

Receipts of all Funds reported in 1911 were £4080. For the past year they have been £25,390, an increase of 520 per cent.

Funds administered in the office have grown during the same period from £15,055 to £177,016, an increase of 1075 per cent.

The working expenses of the office have increased from £516 to £987, an increase of 91 per cent, which is very small in comparison with the increase of business represented by the foregoing figures.

The Balance-sheet for 1926 will be presented to Conference, through the Committee dealing with balance-sheet. The receipts were less than estimated on account of receipts from the Authorised Representative being less than usual. The expenditure was larger than was estimated, mainly in the item of clerks' salaries. The year began with a credit balance of £19 11s. 8d., and ended with a debit balance of 17s. 6d.

To meet the requirements of 1927 the Conference is requested to authorise the following appropriations:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £200; Fire Insurance Fund, £280; Supernumerary Fund, £230; Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, £15; "Methodist Times", £75; Contingent Fund, £175; Authorised Representative (est.), £30; Total, £1005.

The Committee also recommends that in view of the small House Allowance which has been paid to the retiring Secretary, a special grant be made to him of £50. To meet this the Conference is requested to authorise additional appropriations from the Fire Insurance Fund, £35; Supernumerary Fund, £15.

The Committee desires to place on record its sense of profound admiration for the distinguished services which the Rev. S. Lawry has rendered to the whole Church during his term of office as Connexional Secretary.

For the past 16 years Mr. Lawry has fulfilled the responsible duties of the office with unflinching fidelity and courtesy. His counsel and advice have been, at all times, freely at the command of both ministers and laymen.

His wide and accurate knowledge, his sound judgment, and his big heart have made him an ideal adviser and friend. The Committee sees in Mr. Lawry one of God's choicest gifts to the Church during the last half century, and expresses its deepest regret that the growing burden of years has led to his retirement from the office that he has so long graced.

In accordance with remit from last Conference, consideration has been given to the question of the number of members to act on the Committee. It was decided to recommend that the Committee consist of six Ministers, the Treasurers of the Contributing Funds, and three other laymen; and that for 1927 the members of the Committee be the Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace and Riccarton Circuits, with Mr. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, and "Methodist Times," and Messrs. M. Kershaw, H. Chaplin and J. Lomas. These were appointed by the North Canterbury Synod.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman of Committee.

The Report was received. The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Connexional Secretary for a term of six years, as from April, 1927.
2. That appropriations as recommended in the Report were approved.
3. That a special grant of £50, as additional house allowance, be made to the retiring Secretary, and this be provided for by payments of £35 from the Fire Insurance Fund, and £15 from the Supernumerary Fund.
4. That for 1927 the members of the Committee be the Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington and St. Albans Circuits, with Mr. A. F. Drayton (Treasurer), the Treasurers of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, and "Methodist Times," and Messrs. M. Kershaw, H. Chaplin and J. Lomas.

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

### METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

#### A—REPORT RESIDENTIAL PROFESSOR, 1926.

1. When the College opened on the third Monday in March, twenty men came into residence. Students Paulger and Miles were absent, having been permitted by Conference to rest for a year on grounds of ill-health. Three men of the Congregational Church have been admitted to the lectures as extra-mural students, and have been treated as if they were our own.

2. The course of study for the year has been as follows:—

- (a) Systematic Theology.—Two lectures per week by the Rev E. Drake. The Person and Work of Christ. Clarke's "Outlines of Theology" have been read and his contentions viewed in the light of modern research. Lectures on the Christology of the Gospels and Epistles. Lectures on the Trinity, the Manhood of Christ, Jesus as Son of God, the Christ of Primitive Christianity, and four lectures on "Reconciliation" in the Teaching of Jesus, the Epistles of Paul, in the Early Church, and in Experience.
- (b) Old Testament. (1) Introduction.—Weekly lectures by Professor Ranston on the authorship, dates, composition, contents, literary style, and interpretation of the Wisdom Books; the Old Testament, Canon, etc. (2) Biblical Theology.—The general characteristics of the Wisdom teaching. Its inspiration and place in Divine Revelation. The teaching of the various books and its applications to modern problems. Weekly lectures by the Professor.
- (c) New Testament.—(1) Introduction. Weekly lectures by Dr Ranston on the authorship, dates, contents, composition, and destination of the First Three Gospels. Text-book: Peake's Introduction. Also lectures on the style and characteristics of the Gospels; the general characteristics, methods of interpretation, and the originality of the Teaching of Jesus. (2) Exegesis. Weekly lectures by the Professor on the principles of exegesis and a detailed study of St Mark's Gospel. Text-book: Plummer's Mark. (3) Biblical Theology. The Teaching of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels. Weekly lectures by the Professor. Text-book: Stevens' The Theology of the New Testament.
- (d) Homiletics.—(1) Fortnightly lectures by the Rev C. H. Olds, B.A., on Sermon Preparation and Delivery, the Conduct of Public Worship, and Pastoral Work, with Phillips Brooks' "Lectures on Preaching" as text-book. (2) Weekly Criticism Sermons have been preached, followed by class discussion under the lecturer.
- (e) Greek.—Two classes per week for both Senior and Junior men have been conducted by the Professor. (a) Senior: Lectures in Syntax, Reading of Luke 4, John 14, Romans 12, Acts 20, Philippians 1, James 1, I. Corinthians 13, Matthew 5, etc. (b) Junior: Accidence, Easy New Testament passages. Text-books: Moulton's Introduction and Robertson's Short Grammar.
- (f) Hebrew.—Dr Ranston has conducted a weekly elementary class.
- (g) Latin.—Two classes per week have been held by the Professor in preparation for the Matriculation Examination.

- (h) Mental and Moral Philosophy.—Professor Ranston has held a weekly class dealing with the elements of Ethics. Lectures have also been given on the Principles of Pedagogy and Child Study, with special reference to Sunday School work.
- (i) Comparative Religion.—Fortnightly lectures to the Senior men by the Professor. Methods, Origins of Religions, Magic, Sacrifice, The Future Life, Ancestor-worship, The Mystery Religions, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, the superiority of Christianity, Modern Pseudo-religions. Text-book: Jevons' Comparative Religion.
- (j) English.—Weekly classes conducted by Mr C. R. Laws, M.Sc. In Grammar, Composition, etc., Nesfield's "Manual" and Rowe and Webb's "Guide to the Study of English" have been used, and exercises set and corrected. In English literature there has been a careful study of the Prose Extracts compiled by H. A. Treble, and also lectures on the History of Mediaeval Literature.
- (k) Mathematics.—Two classes per week have been conducted by Mr C. R. Laws, M.Sc. The standard aimed at is that of Matriculation.
- (l) Elocution and Voice Production.—A course of instruction has been given by Mr Thos. Harris, professional elocutionist.

We are greatly indebted to the Revs E. Drake and C. H. Olds, B.A., for taking over, in the absence of Principal Laws, the Systematic Theology and Homiletics Classes. Excellent work has been done by them. The same can be said of the work of Mr C. R. Laws, M.Sc., in English and Mathematics.

3. University Work.—Mr B. R. Hames, who had already passed two sections of the B.A. degree, has attended lectures and passed the required examinations in Greek and Advanced Philosophy, thus enabling him to sit for the final section of B.A. Students Kent, Gutry and Hitchcock will sit for the Matriculation Examination in December.

4. Mr Utting has attended classes in First Aid associated with the St John Ambulance Society.

5. During the year the Rev E. P. Blamires has delivered a course of lectures on Young People's work and Sunday School organisation, and the Senior students have visited certain graded schools in Auckland and handed in reports to the Professor on their observations.

6. Work has been undertaken in various circuits during vacations, and while the College has been in session a full share of preaching has been done by the men. An evangelistic Mission was held in the Devonport Circuit. Open-air meetings have been held on several occasions, in which all the students have taken part.

7. The work of the Collegiate Church has been maintained. Students have assisted in pastoral visitation, preaching, Sunday School work, etc.

8. During the year the following have visited the College and addressed the men: Revs D. C. Herron, M.A., J. E. Parsons, W. T. Blight, B.A., W. Ready, H. Ryan, A. Ashcroft, and Mr Donald Grant, M.A. A very informative and helpful lecture was given by Dr Neil M'Dougall on "The Minister in the Sick-room."

9. Some nineteen students were enrolled in the Correspondence Classes for candidates for the ministry and others. The tutors were the Revs W. G. Slade, M.A., W. T. Blight, B.A., Dr Ranston, A. Reader, A. Ashcroft, J. Richards, W. A. Burley, M.A., G. E. Brown and Mr C. R. Laws, M.Sc.

10. There has been in the College good discipline. The men have, on the whole, worked hard. They are mentally alert as well as

spiritually in earnest. During the middle term a number suffered from influenza, but apart from this the health of the students has been good.

11. The Elocution Prizes for 1926 were won by Students Hailwood (Senior) and Laurenson (Junior). Mr Hames was ineligible owing to his having gained the prize the previous year.

12. Owing to the absence of the Principal from Auckland on the new College business, Mrs Ranston and I have taken charge of Dunholme. Mrs Ranston has given the most careful attention to the supervision of household affairs, and the students have been well provided for.

HARRY RANSTON, M.A., Litt.D.,

Residential Professor.

Auckland, October 16, 1926.

#### B.—REPORT OF BOARD.

The Board has met frequently during the year, and has transacted much important business. Committees, appointed by the Board, have attended to the great amount of detail occasioned by the New College scheme.

##### **Personal.**

The year has seen the long illness, and then the passing, of one of its esteemed members—Mr A. A. White. A suitable letter, acknowledging Mr White's services to the College, and expressing sympathy, was sent to Mrs White.

Mr J. Stanton was given leave of absence during his visit to the Old Country; and Mr H. P. Caughey was given leave of absence owing to the pressure of other duties.

Mr H. Radcliffe (building contractor) and Mr J. Tyler (Assistant City Engineer) were associated by the Board with its Plans Committee, and have both placed the Board in their debt.

##### **Tutor's House.**

Early in the year this was leased for six months, but in August the house was sold and the money lent by the New College Fund when the house was purchased will be duly repaid to that Fund.

##### **College Library.**

During the year valuable additions have been made by Mr W. T. Burley (Christchurch); Mr A. H. Reed, of Dunedin, who gave a relief map of Palestine; and by the executors of the will of the late Rev Dr. Morley, of Melbourne.

Bishop Cleary presented the Board with two "John Wesley" letters, to be preserved in the College Library; the gift to mark the Bishop's personal esteem for the Principal.

##### **Treasurer of New College Fund.**

During the year, Mr A. Peak, the Treasurer of the New College Fund, found it necessary, through pressure of business and indifferent health, to resign his position. This the Board had to accept—with sincere regret.

Rev D. J. Murray was appointed to be Co-Treasurer with Rev Professor Ranston, and Mr A. C. Caughey kindly agreed to act as Lay Treasurer until Conference.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

WM. T. BLIGHT, Convener.



## RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Reports of the Residential Professor, of the Board, and the Estimates of Income and Expenditure be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the College Council for 1927 be: Revs. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (President of Conference), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., E. Drake, G. Bond, J. H. Simmonds, G. T. Marshall, D. J. Murray, W. A. Sinclair, T. A. Joughin, L. B. Dalby, T. W. Vealie, A. Ashcroft, A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip. Journ., F.R.E.S., W. T. Blight, B.A. Messrs A. C. Caughey, G. Winstone, sen., A. Peak, F. M. Winstone, J. W. Shackelford, S. J. Ambury, J. Stanton, LL.B., J. Veale, W. H. Worsley, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. J. Buttle, A. Messer, J. Tyler, H. Radcliffe, H. P. Burton and M. R. Souster.
- 3.—That the Tutor's house having been disposed of, Professor Ranston continue to reside at the College, and be responsible for the general oversight of the household arrangements, his emoluments to remain as at present.
- 4.—That the Principal continue to reside in his own house and that his stipend, from March 31, 1927, be equal in monetary value to that received by him when in residence at the College; a sum to be paid him for house allowance equal to the total amount formerly paid on account of the Tutor's house.
- 5.—That in view of the fact that the Principal will, during the year, give much time to the supervision of the New College Scheme, the New College Building and Equipment Fund contribute the sum of £125, if needed, towards the cost of carrying out the above arrangements.
- 6.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to Dr. Ranston for the work accomplished during the year as Resident Professor, and that Mrs Ranston be thanked for her services in connection with the work of the College.
- 7.—That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., be thanked for his services as Secretary to the Board, and Mr F. M. Winstone for his services as Treasurer.
- 8.—That Mr. A. Peak be cordially thanked for his valuable services in connection with preparing the Deed of Trust, and other matters.
- 9.—That the Conference tenders its sincere thanks to the members of the tutorial staff for efficient services rendered during the year.

## C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Report and Statement of Accounts as presented by the Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone, were received and adopted, and also the following Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing April 1st, 1927.

## Expenditure—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
House and Service .. ..	900	0	0			
Stipends .. ..	750	0	0			
Tutors' Fees .. ..	40	0	0			
Rents .. ..	218	0	0			
Connexional Charges .. ..	120	0	0			
Quarterage, 20 Men at £8 ..	160	0	0			
Rates .. ..	60	0	0			
University Fees .. ..	50	0	0			
Telephones .. ..	25	0	0			
Garden .. ..	66	0	0			
Elocution .. ..	7	0	0			
Insurance .. ..	14	0	0			
Recreation .. ..	10	0	0			
Furnishings .. ..	30	0	0			
Principal's Residence Allowance	150	0	0			
Bank Interest .. ..	20	0	0			
Repairs .. ..	25	0	0			
Sundries .. ..	50	0	0			
Ordinary Expenditure				£2695	0	0

## Income—

Probert Trust .. ..	1200	0	0			
Contingent Fund .. ..	740	0	0			
Emsly Trust .. ..	110	0	0			
Home Mission Fund .. ..	135	0	0			
Auckland East Circuit .. ..	100	0	0			
Foreign Mission Fund .. ..	50	0	0			
Prince Albert College .. ..	50	0	0			
Contributions from Students ..	20	0	0			
Students' Services .. ..	15	0	0			
Congregational Church Fees for 3 Students at £50 .. ..	150	0	0			
New College Fund (if re- quired) .. ..	125	0	0			
				£2695	0	0

## D.—NEW COLLEGE AND HOSTEL SCHEME IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW COLLEGE.

1. During the past year the New College Scheme has steadily progressed towards a successful completion. The Principal has visited most of the circuits in the Dominion, conducting services on Sundays, meeting officials and Bible Class members, and addressing public gatherings on "The Training of the Ministry" and the proposals for the New College and Hostel. He has everywhere met with a most generous response, as the Treasurers' statement will show. The Board desires to express its appreciation of the hearty co-operation of both ministers and officials who have assisted in the College Appeal.

2. During the year careful attention has been given to the preparation of the final plans and specifications of the College. The architects have been in personal consultation with the Board, and various modifications and extensions in the original design have been approved. The plans have also received the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

3. In view of the satisfactory financial position, tenders will be advertised for early in the new year, and the ceremony of laying the foundation stone will take place probably in the month of March.

4. Plans for the removal and reconstruction of the present church and schoolroom are now under consideration, and the work will be proceeded with at an early date.

5. The acquisition of the site of the College has been given careful attention during the year. Under the legislation which permits the Board of Wesley Training College to dispose of the property to the Theological College Board, a lease, with right of purchase after the erection of the College, must first be taken by the latter Board. The Board of Wesley Training College has confirmed its resolution to grant such a lease when the present lease to the Grafton Road Church Trustees expires on June 30 next. A preliminary valuation of the site is now being made.

6. The Board will nominate to Conference a Board of Trustees, as required by the legislation mentioned above, who shall act as legal representatives of the Connexion in the acquisition of the property and in other related matters.

7. The Board recommends that the name of the New College shall be Trinity Methodist Theological College, and that its motto be "Spiritus ubi est ardet." Consideration is being given to the designing of a suitable coat-of-arms for the College.

8. The Board will report to Conference upon a Constitution for the College, defining, inter alia, its powers of self-government, the functions of the Trustees in relation to the College Board, and the relation of the College to any particular circuit.

9. The Board recommends that the following be the officers of the New College Movement for the next year:—

General Secretary: Rev Dr Laws.

Assistant Secretary: Rev T. A. Joughin.

Treasurers: Rev D. J. Murray and Mr A. C. Caughey.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Report of the Board relating to the new College Scheme, and the Treasurers' Cash Account and Balance-sheet be received and adopted.
- 2.—That the Conference expresses its profound thankfulness to God for the success which, by His blessing, has attended the new College appeal, and rejoices that it has now become possible to provide for the large number of Candidates who are offering both for our Home work and for service in the Foreign Field, a thoroughly efficient training under the best modern conditions.
- 3.—That the Conference places on record its appreciation of the liberality of our people, and of the hearty co-operation of ministers and officers throughout the Connexion, and requests the circuits, by careful organisation, to ensure that the whole amount promised may be gathered in, and the fund thus brought to a completely successful conclusion.
- 4.—That the Conference thanks those Trusts which have responded to its appeal, and especially records its appreciation of the following generous gifts:—

Auckland—		£
Pitt Street Trust .....	2000	
Prince Albert College Trust .....	300	
Hamilton Trust .....	500	
Wellington—		
Taranaki Street Trust .....	1500	
Wellington South Trust .....	150	
Cowie Trust (Christchurch) .....	500	

The Conference also notes with pleasure that the Connexional Fire Insurance Board recommends for this year a donation of £250.

- 5.—That the Conference commends the Appeal to those circuits where the effort has not yet been made, and requests the College Council to arrange for the completion of the Appeal in these cases.
- 6.—That, while regretting that, notwithstanding the efforts of the College Board, it has been found impossible to arrange for the Foundation Stone of the new College to be laid during this Conference, the Conference learns with pleasure that tenders are shortly to be called for, and expresses its satisfaction at the proposal to hold the opening of the College during an Auckland Conference in 1929, and trusts that this may be given effect to.
- 7.—The Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the services of Rev. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D., in his campaign for funds towards the new Theological College. By his kindly, courteous, and forceful appeals to the Methodist people of the Dominion he has succeeded in enlisting their practical sympathy with the scheme, so that substantial success is guaranteed. For the splendid devotion and self-sacrifice the Principal has shown, the Conference tenders him its hearty thanks.

#### **CONTROL OF COLLEGIATE CHURCH AND RELATION TO AUCKLAND EAST CIRCUIT.**

The Auckland East Circuit Quarterly Meeting having passed Resolutions (1) agreeing to the Theological College Council assuming control of the Grafton Road property, Collegiate Church, and Sunday School as from March 31, 1927, and (2) expressing its conviction that if possible the Collegiate Church should continue to be attached to the Auckland East Circuit, it is recommended that to give effect to these Resolutions the Conference ratify an arrangement whereby the Collegiate Church shall be attached to the Auckland East Circuit under the following conditions:—

1.—That, as from the 31st day of March, 1927, the work of the Collegiate Church and Sunday School shall be under the sole control of the Theological College Council, which Council in respect of such Church shall have all the powers of a circuit quarterly meeting in respect of matters provided in Sections (to be specified as per resolution 3 below) of the Book of Laws.

2.—That the Collegiate Church shall continue to appear on the Auckland East Circuit plan, and its membership and Sunday School returns shall be included in those of the Circuit.

3.—That the Ministerial staff appointed to the Theological College by the Conference and such Members of the Collegiate Church as would be entitled to a seat in the Auckland East quarterly meeting were the Collegiate Church an ordinary Church within the Circuit shall be entitled to a seat therein with a vote on all matters under the jurisdiction of the

quarterly meeting, excepting questions of Ministerial invitations and staffing of the Circuit, and matters of finance under the jurisdiction of the Auckland East quarterly meeting relating solely to the Circuit.

4.—That the Collegiate Church shall have its own Leaders' Meeting and other official meetings under the superintendence of the Principal of the College or his nominee, in whom (or his nominee) shall be vested all the powers which would otherwise be exercisable by the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit in which such Church is situated in respect of matters provided in sections (to be specified as per resolution 3 below) of the Book of Laws.

5.—That the Leaders' Meeting of the Collegiate Church shall be deemed a Board of Management for the carrying-on and administration of the work in the Church on behalf of the Theological College Council.

6.—That the Leaders' Meeting shall be entitled to make recommendations to the Theological College Council as to services and finance in connection with the Collegiate Church.

7.—That the powers of the Sunday School Teachers' Meeting and of the Bible Classes shall be those existing under the constitution of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. It shall be competent for either of these bodies to make recommendations regarding their work to the College Council, through the Leaders' Meeting, the recommendations of the Bible Class to be sent forward through the Young People's Committee of the Collegiate Church.

8.—That all collections made at the Collegiate Church for any purpose whatsoever, and any revenue from the buildings, shall be paid over by the Stewards to the Treasurer of the Theological College Council, who shall, in the case of special collections, forward the amounts to the persons due to receive them.

9.—That a statement of all moneys raised by the Church, and the disposal thereof shall be presented by the Stewards to the Leaders' Meeting at least once a quarter.

10.—That the Collegiate Church shall be represented on the Circuit Home and Foreign Mission Committees, and shall make its effort for these Funds in connection with the Circuit Appeal. The amounts raised for these Funds, and for any special object directed by the Conference, shall be paid by the College Treasurer to the Circuit Treasurer, and credited to the Circuit in the General Fund.

11.—That the Theological College Trust property be administered under a special trust, under the superintendence and control of the Conference through the Theological College Council.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Scheme for the government of the Collegiate Church and its institutions, and for its attachment to the Auckland East Circuit, be approved and printed in the Minutes, and the same submitted to the annual District Synods in accordance with the provisions of Section 246 (par. 10) of the Book of Laws.
- 2.—That the necessary alterations in the Book of Laws be made to bring the regulation therein into accord with these regulations.
- 3.—That the Vice-president (Mr J. A. Flesher) and Mr A. Peak be a committee to settle and determine the sections of the Book of Laws affected by the provisions of Clauses 1 and 4.

**THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY HOSTEL.**  
**Constitution and General Regulations.**

1.—The name of the College shall be Trinity Methodist Theological College, and its motto "Spiritus ubi est ardet."

2.—The objects of the College shall be, the training of students for the Christian Ministry, whether in the Home Work or in the Foreign Field; the provision of facilities, by correspondence or otherwise, to assist in the preparation of candidates for the ministry and other Christian workers; the accommodation of University and other students attending classes in the City of Auckland; and such other objects as may be approved from time to time by the Conference.

3.—The College shall be under the general control and superintendence of the Conference.

4.—The affairs of the College shall be managed by a Council to be called The Methodist Theological College Council, consisting of not more than thirty members, appointed annually by the Conference. No person shall be appointed a member of the Council unless he shall have previously consented in writing. The Council shall meet at least once a quarter. Such Meeting shall be called the Quarterly Meeting. Other Meetings of the Council may be convened as required.

5.—All meetings of the Council shall be convened by notice in writing, addressed to each member at his last known place of abode or business. Not less than seven clear days' notice shall be given of any Meeting called for the purpose of considering any proposal to sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any land vested in the Council or to acquire by lease or purchase any land for the benefit of the College.

6.—Each member of the Council shall, by virtue of his appointment, become a Trustee of the Theological College site and any other lands or property whatsoever held for the purpose of or for the benefit of the Theological College, subject to the provisions of the Deed of Trust in relation thereto submitted to and approved by the Conference. Any person so appointed who subsequently ceases to be a member of the Council shall cease to be a Trustee. The production of the Minutes of the Conference setting forth the names of the Members of the Council shall be conclusive evidence of the appointment or of the retirement of any member of the Council.

7.—The Officers of the Council shall include a Chairman, a Vice-chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be appointed annually by the Conference, and they shall hold office until their successors are appointed. The Council shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring during the year of office of these officers.

8.—The Council shall forward a Report annually to the Synods of the Church and to the Conference, and shall nominate for the consideration of the Conference the members and officers of the Council for the ensuing year.

9.—The work in connection with the Collegiate Church and its various organisations shall be under the direction of the Council, and the relation of the Church and the College staff to any Circuit shall be that from time to time approved by the Conference.

10.—The Principal and the College Staff shall be appointed by the Conference unless the power to make any appointment shall be specially remitted to the Council, and they shall carry out the duties assigned to them by the Conference under the general direction of the Council.

The Principal shall be responsible for the general supervision of the work of the College, and he shall present an annual report to the Synods and the Conference through the Council. In the event of any vacancy in the College Staff arising during the year the Council shall, after consulting the President, arrange for the carrying-on of the work till the following Conference.

11.—The Council shall, at its first meeting after the Conference each year set up, and appoint Chairmen for, the following:—

A College and House Committee.

A Property Committee.

A Finance Committee

and shall determine their several functions. The Council may set up any other Committee which it may deem necessary.

12.—There shall be a Board of Studies, consisting of eight members appointed annually by the Council at its first meeting after the Conference, of which Board the Ministerial staff shall be ex-officio members. The Principal of the College shall be Chairman of this Board, which shall decide all adjustments in the Course of Study in accordance with the regulations of Conference.

13.—The residential accommodation in the College not required for students for the ministry shall be available as a Hostel for other approved students. Applications for such accommodation shall be made to the Principal, and dealt with by the College and House Committee.

14.—The contributions from students for the ministry towards the cost of their training shall be those determined upon by the Conference from time to time. Students for the Ministry shall, on entering the College, sign a bond to refund, in the event of their retiring from the ministry, the cost of their training or any portion of the same as may be required by the Conference. The fees for Hostel accommodation shall be fixed by the Council.

15.—There shall be a Committee of Discipline, consisting of the ministerial members of the Council, which shall meet at least once during each College term. During each term the following questions shall be asked concerning each student:—

Is there any objection to his character?

Does he observe the discipline of the College as set forth in its rules and regulations?

Is he diligent and efficient in his studies?

Is his progress in preaching satisfactory?

What is his health record?

Any serious case of discipline involving suspension or expulsion shall be referred to the Council, and reported by the Council to the President of the Conference and to the Ministerial Committee of the Auckland Synod. The Committee of Discipline shall, however, have power to suspend a student pending the consideration of the Council. The Committee of Discipline shall also make general enquiry as to the conduct of students residing in the Hostel.

16.—Each student shall, on completing his course of study in the College, receive a Leaving Certificate, signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Principal, setting forth the term of his residence, his general scholastic record, and the prizes gained by him.

17.—A Book containing the rules and regulations of the College applying to students in residence shall be kept by the Principal, and shall be signed by each student on his entering the College.

18.—In addition to the above, such other rules and regulations as may be from time to time adopted by the Conference and printed in the Minutes shall form part of the rules and regulations of the College.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Constitution and General Regulations of the College as submitted by the Board be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
- 2.—That Clause I and such part of the regulations as relate to the proposed Hostel come into operation at the opening of the new College, and that the appointment of a Vice-chairman be deferred until that time.
- 3.—That the following be appointed members of the Council for the ensuing year (See resolution 2, following Report of Board.)
- 4.—That the following be the officers of the Council for the ensuing year:—  
 Chairman: Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (President of the Conference).  
 Secretary: Rev W. T. Blight, B.A.  
 Treasurer: Mr F. M. Winstone.

### THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE. Deed of Trust.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

(hereinafter termed "the Trustees") SEND GREETING WHEREAS by a Resolution of the Conference of the Methodist Church of N.Z. held in the City of Auckland in the month of March, 1927, the Methodist Theological College Council was constituted for the purpose of administering the affairs of the Methodist Theological College at Auckland under the general superintendence and control of the said Conference and the Trustees were appointed members of the said Council AND WHEREAS all that piece of land being Lots 13 14 15 16 and 17 on a plan deposited in the L.T.O. at Auckland under Number 15537 of the subdivision of part of Allotment 20 of Section 3 of the Suburbs of Auckland and being part of the land comprised in C-Title Volume 317 Folio 145 of the Register Book of the Land Transfer Office at Auckland is being acquired by and on behalf of the said Conference for the purpose of a site for the Methodist Theological College AND WHEREAS by a further resolution of the said Conference it was resolved that the members of the Methodist Theological College Council by virtue of their appointment as members of the said Council should be and they were appointed Trustees for the said site and the Estate or interest to be acquired therein and of any other land or interest in land or personal property whatsoever which may be acquired for the use and benefit of the said Methodist Theological College AND WHEREAS the said Council was further empowered by such Resolutions to become incorporated under the provisions of "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1908" AND WHEREAS the trusts upon which such site as aforesaid and the interest to be acquired therein and any other land or other property as aforesaid are to be held are hereinafter set forth and by a further resolution of the said Conference have been approved AND WHEREAS the Trustees are desirous of giving effect to the aforesaid resolutions of the said Conference and of evidencing by this Deed the said trusts NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that the Trustees hereby declare:—

1.—That such site as aforesaid and the interest to be acquired therein and any other lands and property whatsoever to be hereafter



vested in the Trustees shall be held by the Trustees on behalf of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (hereinafter termed "the Conference") UPON TRUST for the use and benefit of The Methodist Theological College carried on conducted and administered under the general control and superintendence of the Conference.

2.—The Trustees shall have power to expend any moneys available therefor in the erection of a Theological College Building and such other buildings in connection therewith as the Conference shall have approved or may from time to time hereafter approve and in the maintenance upkeep repair development and extension of the same.

3.—The Trustees shall have power with the consent of the Conference to acquire by purchase gift or otherwise howsoever or to hold under Lease any area of land for the benefit of or in conjunction with the said Theological College and with such prior consent to sell lease exchange or otherwise dispose of any land now or hereafter vested in them as aforesaid or any part thereof by public auction or private contract with power to buy in and resell.

4.—The Trustees with the consent of the said Conference shall have power to raise any sums by way of Mortgage or charge of any lands vested in them or any part thereof or to let or demise any of the said lands for such period or term and at such rent and upon such conditions with or without a purchasing Clause either optional or compulsory as they shall think fit and also to dedicate roads or create easements in respect of any such land.

5.—That when and so often as any Trustee shall die or be incapacitated from acting refuse to act or desire to retire from the trust or withdraw from or cease to be an adherent of the Methodist Church of New Zealand or shall remove to such a distance from the City of Auckland as shall in the opinion of the Methodist Theological College Council expressed by resolution of a majority of the Members of the Council and entered in its Minute Book render it inexpedient for him to continue as a Trustee such Trustee shall cease to be and act as Trustee. The Methodist Theological College Council may nominate for appointment by the Conference any new or additional Trustee but the Conference shall not be bound to accept such nomination PROVIDED FURTHER and it is hereby agreed that the Conference shall have the power of appointment of any new or additional Trustee or Trustees notwithstanding the Methodist College Council may not have nominated such new or additional Trustee or Trustees.

6.—The Trustees shall at any time when required or directed by the Conference transfer or assign the whole or any portion of any lands or other property vested in them under the Trusts hereof to Trustees to be nominated by the Conference to hold the same upon the trusts of "The Methodist Model Deed of N.Z. 1887" and the said land shall upon such Transfer be thereafter held upon the trusts of "The Methodist Model Deed of N.Z. 1887" within the meaning of "The Methodist Union Act 1913" anything herein contained or implied to the contrary notwithstanding.

7.—A certificate under the hand of the President of the said Conference or the Minutes of the Conference containing an entry of any resolution of the Conference requiring such Transfer or assignment shall be conclusive evidence of such requirement or direction.

8.—The Trustees shall have power with the consent of the Conference to apply for incorporation as a Board under "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1908."

9.—Any sanction approval consent or direction or appointment of and by the Conference required in terms of this Declaration of Trust shall be sufficient if given or made by or on behalf of the Conference by the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund or other Committee exercising the functions of the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund appointed by the Conference. A Certificate under the hand of the President of the Conference for the time being that such sanction approval consent direction or appointment as the case may be has been given or made shall be conclusive evidence of the giving of such sanction approval consent or direction or of any such appointment by the Conference.

10.—The resolutions of the Conference from time to time affecting the constitution of the Methodist Theological College Council or any regulation regarding the administration by the Council of the said Theological College shall be binding on the Trustees.

11.—The terms "Trustees" where used herein shall mean and include the successors of the Trustees or the Methodist Theological College Council to be incorporated as herein provided.

### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—That the Conference approves of the provisions of the draft Deed of Trust submitted to the Conference as the Deed of Trust for the site for the Theological College in Auckland and for any other lands or property or interest therein acquired or to be held for the use and benefit of the Theological College and directs that a copy of such draft Deed be entered in the Minutes of Conference.
- 2.—That the Conference authorises the Methodist Theological College Council to be incorporated under the provisions of "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1908."
- 3.—That in accordance with Section 67 of The Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1922 the Conference hereby nominates and appoints the members of the Methodist Theological College Council Trustees for the purpose of holding in trust for the Conference in accordance with the provisions of the said Deed of Trust the estate or interest in the said site and also in other lands and property to be acquired and held for the use and benefit of the Theological College.
- 4.—That the Conference nominates and appoints the said members of the Methodist Theological College when incorporated under The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1908 in their corporate capacity Trustees for the purposes referred to in Resolution 3 hereof and requests the Board of the Wesley Training College to execute the leases authorised to be granted by Section 67 of The Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act 1922 in favour of the said Incorporated Board.

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

### BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE. REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

With thankfulness to God the Board reports another year of good work and progress.

After a successful term of office, Mr. J. Veale tendered his resignation as Chairman, as from the 12th May, 1926. Mr. Veale's resignation was accepted with regret, and the following resolution appears in the Minutes of the Board, dated 12th May, 1926:—

“That the Board of the Wesley Training College Trust desires to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. J. Veale as Chairman of the Board of the Wesley Training College Trust for the past two years. During his term of office, Mr. Veale has given a large proportion of his time to the affairs of the College and the Board, and this meeting desires to emphasise that he has been directly associated with, and largely responsible for, the marked progress made during the last two years, particularly in the enlargement of the College, the improvements on the farm, and the development of the Board's city and suburban properties.”

On the 13th May, 1926, Mr. Hugh P. Caughey was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board, and on the 26th May the following Chairmen of Committees were elected:—Finance, Geo. Winstone, Junr.; Property, J. W. Shackelford; College, Rev. E. Drake.

In place of the Farm Committee, Mr. S. I. Ambury, an ex-Chairman of the Board, was appointed Honorary Adviser to the Board in all matters pertaining to the administration of the College Farm. The Board requested Mr. Ambury to attend its meetings pending the confirmation by Conference of his re-appointment as a member of the Board.

The Chairman of the Board is a member of all Committees, and associates himself with Mr. Ambury and the Principal in the administration of the College Farm.

During the year, Mr. T. H. Chapman resigned from the Board. The Board recorded its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Chapman to the Trust for a period of two years, particularly as a member of the Farm Committee.

#### **Wesley College, Paerata.**

Wesley College is now recognised as one of the leading schools in the Dominion. It stands for a sound system of general education up to Matriculation standard, combined with instruction in practical and scientific farming, in accordance with most approved methods. Above all it aims at producing men of character, imbued with Christian ideals.

The scheme was a big conception, advanced with wisdom and vigour, and the achievement stands as a monument to those directly associated with its inception, particularly to Rev. J. H. Simmonds, whose name will ever be associated with Three Kings and Paerata.

The College has reached an important stage in its development. If it is to maintain its prestige it is essential that a high standard of teaching and efficiency in every department be insisted upon. Inspectors from the Education Department visit the College periodically. The Government has recently granted twelve Annual Scholarships valued at £30 each for the education of native boys, which would indicate that the curriculum and the manner in which the school is conducted are approved by the Education authorities. The Maori Purposes Board has offered to provide these 12 scholarship boys with free tuition for three years in addition to making an adequate clothing allowance for each boy. The Board realises its responsibility to the Native people, and

desires the co-operation of the Methodist Home Mission Board, Native Ministers, Teachers and others interested in obtaining approved Native pupils for the College.

During the year, 105 boys, and 2 cadets were in residence, twenty-seven of these being Natives. The Principal reports an increasing interest in the College on the part of the Native people. The Board has been thorough in its endeavour to attract suitable Native pupils to the College. Religious services and Bible Classes have been conducted on Sundays by students from the Theological College. Services have also been conducted at the College by the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., and the Rev. E. P. Blamires. The Rev. T. Coatsworth has given religious instruction in the classroom one day a week.

The Board is co-operating with the Board of the Methodist Children's Homes and Orphanages, and is prepared to extend further help to orphan boys who have obtained their Proficiency. In considering these applications the Board would be influenced in its selection by the character and mental capacity of the boy.

The very loyal and efficient services of the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip. Ed., Mrs. Clark, and also the various members of his staff are gratefully appreciated.

#### **Properties.**

The Board's properties are in good condition and are inspected frequently. The main subdivision of the Waikowhai property is nearing completion. The new roads have improved the appearance of the property and enhanced the value of the land. The demand has already set in for sections, and a number of houses have been built.

#### **Mt. Albert Road Farm.**

The greater portion is leased to satisfactory tenants. The drainage of a larger area of swamp land has proved successful. The subdivision of this property has been commenced, and concrete roads are in course of construction.

#### **Three Kings Property.**

Two competitive plans were invited for the subdivision of the Three Kings Property. The one submitted by Mr. J. C. Simmonds has been accepted by the Board, subject to approval by the Surveyor-General.

While a vigorous policy is being adopted in the development and selling of the properties, the Board is exercising care that sales are not unduly forced. The policy of the Board is to keep development a little ahead of the demand.

#### **Grafton Road Property.**

Negotiations with the Theological College Board have resulted in Wesley Board agreeing to lease a portion of this property for the erection of the proposed Methodist Theological College. The lease is for a period of 60 years, with a purchasing clause as provided for by Act of Parliament.

#### **Finance.**

The Report and Balance-sheet for year ending 31st December, 1926, will be submitted to Conference.

#### **Memorial Hospital.**

One of the difficulties experienced at the College has been the isolation of infectious sickness. When informed of the serious position

and difficulties in this connection, Mrs. Marian Smith wrote offering to erect at her own expense a modern Isolation Hospital, provided same be regarded as a tribute to the memory of her nephew, William Henry Caughey, who gave his life in the Great War. The Board gratefully accepted this generous offer, and the building will be commenced at an early date. The Hospital will contain an isolation ward, sun verandah, dispensary, nurse's quarters and kitchen accommodation.

#### **The College Farm, Paerata.**

Total area approximately 680 acres. Six hundred acres are being used for grazing and cropping purposes. Approximately 80 is taken up by buildings, plantations, playing area, roads, gullies and waste land that cannot be cultivated.

#### **Stock.**

At present there are 780 sheep, besides lambs, 100 head of cattle, 6 farm horses, 25 grown pigs. The farm is now looking well, and has responded to regular treatment with suitable fertilisers. The Board proposes to treat a small area with modern methods of intensive cultivation. This should prove extremely valuable in the training of scholars.

The present economic conditions in England are such that one cannot confidently look for permanent improvement for some time to come in the prices of the primary products of the Dominion.

The Board extends a cordial invitation to representatives to visit Wesley College in order that they may become personally acquainted with the work which is being carried on at Paerata.

The Board's Secretary and Treasurer is Mr. Leonard Knight. The Solicitors are Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcombe; the Engineer is Mr. J. C. Simmonds; and the Agent and Valuer, Mr. Thos. B. Arthur.

On behalf of the Board,

H. P. R. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

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### **REPORT ON BALANCE-SHEET.**

#### **For the Year ending 31st December, 1926.**

In presenting the Annual Report and Balance-sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1926, it is regretted that there is a loss of £1482 7s. 3d., in the administration of the Trust.

The result is not unexpected. Members will recall the Statement of Affairs and policy I submitted to the Board in June, 1926, in which special reference was made to the economic conditions of the country and the unfavourable outlook for farmers.

The loss on the Farm Working Account is £1253 4s. 9d. Stock has been taken on a conservative basis, particularly so in the case of pedigree live-stock. The sum of approximately £300 has been spent in improvements to the large area across the railway line, and in accordance with the practice of former years, this amount has been charged to the running expenses of the Farm. This area is responding well to the treatment given, but up to the present it has been of no benefit to the Farm. This expenditure is of a Capital nature, and could quite legitimately have been so charged, in which case the loss on Farm Account would have been reduced by the sum mentioned.

The loss on the College Account is £1162 8s. 1d. Great difficulty

has been experienced in obtaining even nominal fees from parents of Native boys. Only £100 has been collected for 23 Native pupils, whereas had the total fees been collected, the loss on College Account would have been £187 10s. less.

**Liabilities.**—The overdraft at the Bank of New Zealand has been increased by £1170 3s. 3d., and now stands at £19,985 18s. 4d.

**Loans on Deposit.**—The amount under this heading is £14,090 17s. 9d., as compared with £7139 10s. on the 31st December, 1925. Large sums have been accepted on loan from the Theological College Board and other Connexional bodies for a fixed period. A new schedule of interest rates has recently been adopted. Practically all moneys held on deposit are now fixed for definite periods.

**Assets.**—Recent additions to the College Buildings amount to £6432 3s. 9d., and improvements to the Paerata property amount to £1707 2s. 1d. A considerable sum has also been expended on improvements to the Three Kings, Mt. Albert and Waikowhai properties.

**Interest Account.**—The increased expenditure of £783 11s. 11d., under this heading is mainly due to the development of the Board's suburban properties by roading, drainage and subdivision. A large number of sections have been leased or sold at satisfactory prices, thus the revenue is substantially increasing annually. The total sales of property for the year under review amount to £5091 17s. The interest receivable annually on unpaid balances of purchase money is £509 15s. The Board's total annual leasehold revenue from properties is £3979 17s. 6d.

The Auditors, Messrs. Hutchison, Elliffe and Cameron, have certified that they have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, a certificate that all title deeds and securities are in order.

The Auditors' report is comprehensive and highly satisfactory.

**The College.**—The most gratifying feature of the past year's operations has been the good work and progress at the College. The year has been a difficult one in many respects. The large increase in the school roll has necessitated various adjustments and has thrown an added responsibility on the Principal and Staff. Nevertheless a high standard of efficiency has been attained. The education received, particularly in agriculture, must prove of great benefit to the pupils and to the Dominion. There is a full roll for 1927, and many applications have had to be declined.

**Memorial Hospital.**—The Board has acknowledged its indebtedness to Mrs. Marian Smith for her generous and timely offer to erect a modern School Hospital at the College in memory of her late nephew, William Henry Caughey. The building is now in course of erection, and will be completed early in the year.

The loyal and efficient services of the Principal, the College Staff, and the Board's administrative officers are acknowledged, and also the honorary services of the Chairmen of Committees and the Adviser in the administration of the College Farm. It is a pleasure to be associated with these gentlemen who are giving so much of their valuable time in discharging the onerous and responsible duties they have undertaken.

H. P. CAUGHEY, Chairman,  
Wesley Training College Trust Board.

26th January, 1927.

The Report of the Principal, and of the Chairman of the Board, were received and adopted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference express its pleasure at the success of Wesley College during the year. It congratulates the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., and assures him of its continued appreciation of his work. The Conference also thanks Mrs. Clark for her able services in connection with the College.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. J. Veale for his services as Chairman of the Board during part of the year.
3. That the Conference heartily thanks Mr. H. P. Caughey for his valuable services as Chairman of the Board.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mrs. Marian Smith for her magnificent gift of an Isolation Hospital, in memory of her late nephew, Mr. W. H. Caughey.
5. That Mr. S. J. Ambury be appointed a member of the Board.
6. That a Committee be set up to consider the question of secondary education for Methodist young people, the Committee to consist of the President, Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., W. Ready, E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair, A. B. Chappell, M.A., T. A. Joughin, L. B. Dalby, A. Ashcroft, W. J. Elliott, W. T. Blight, B.A., Prof. Belshaw, Mesdames B. Buttle and J. Armitage, Misses Winstone and Rishworth, Messrs. A. C. Caughey, G. Winstone, Junr., A. Peak, J. Stanton, LL.B., H. P. Caughey, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., J. E. Astley, J. Trounson, S. J. Ambury, J. W. Court, J. W. Shackelford, R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed., A. J. Buttle, Allan White, R. O. Sinclair, LL.M., C. R. Laws, M.Sc., F. W. Walters (Te Aroha), E. Miller (Thames), T. L. Hames (Hamilton). C. H. Laws, Convener; A. Ashcroft, Secretary.

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

## 1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

**Report of Board of Management, 1926.**

The Board has pleasure in again submitting its Annual Report to the Conference. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, duly audited, are presented herewith. These show the Income and Expenditure for the year, and the amount and character of the investments. It will be seen that the total income for the year was £12,077 6s. 0d., and the expenditure £8,514 0s. 9d. The sum of £500 has been added to the Fluctuation Reserve Fund, leaving £3,563 5s. 3d. to be added to the Accumulated Funds. These now amount to £127,865 6s. 10d., which with the Reserve Fund of £1,765 2s. 9d. makes gross total of £129,630 9s. 7d.

Of the above £95,050 is invested on Mortgage, bearing interest at rates ranging from six to seven per cent. £37,360 15s. 0d. is invested in Government and Local Body Inscribed Stock and Debentures, at interest varying from five to six one-half per cent. The interest earned for one year amounted to £7,625 9s. 9d., being an average of £6 4s. 5d. on the mean Funds. The expenses of management were £284 4s. 8d.

For the first time in the history of the Fund it has been found necessary to write off an amount of overdue interest. The sum of

£534 17s. 3d. has been transferred from the Reserve Fund to meet this. One property over which the Board has a mortgage of £2400 has been surrendered by the Mortgagor, and arrangements have been made to sell the property forthwith. It is not anticipated that there will be any loss to the Fund in this case.

There are a few other cases which require, and are receiving, very close attention by the Board. The drop in the prices of farm produce, and the consequent reduction of land values, have considerably reduced the value of some of the securities held by the Board. But it is confidently expected that by careful and judicious handling the Fund will not sustain any serious loss. The existence of such cases shows the necessity for strengthening the Reserve Fund from time to time.

During the year £7,402 13s. 4d. has been paid as annuities, and £75 as Furniture Grant. The number of Supernumeraries now on the Fund is 33, and there are 41 widows in receipt of annuities from the Fund.

Five Supernumeraries have died during the year, each of whom, with one exception, has left a widow as an annuitant.

The arrears of personal subscriptions, and interest thereon, amount to £516 19s. 5d. This includes the amounts due in lieu of Circuit levies by Ministers who are resting. The following table shows how the arrears are distributed among the Districts:—

District	Arrears			Interest			Totals		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland .. .. .	27	0	0	2	19	1	29	19	1
South Auckland .. .. .	70	4	6	0	1	11	70	6	5
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	69	11	3	8	6	11	77	18	2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	68	7	11	8	1	8	76	9	7
Wellington .. .. .	47	4	0	5	7	3	52	11	3
Nelson .. .. .	53	15	0	8	10	2	62	5	2
North Canterbury .. .. .	66	7	9	17	6	3	83	14	6
South Canterbury .. .. .	5	0	0	0	3	10	5	3	10
Otago-Southland .. .. .	65	5	3	13	6	9	78	11	11
<b>Totals .. .. .</b>	<b>£472</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>£64</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>£536</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>

In addition to the foregoing, the sum of £401 9s. 6d. is owing for the purchase of benefits and interest thereon. The only Circuit Levies due and unpaid at the end of the year were those for the December quarter.

The time has not been opportune for the erection of offices on the property purchased some time ago by the Board. The buildings are let and bring in a rental of £130 a year.

### The Benevolent Fund.

During the year the Board has made Benevolent Grants amounting to £141 10s. to nine different persons, chiefly widows whose annuities are very small. The income for this branch of the Fund was £202 8s. 1d., made up of donations, interest on deposits and investments, and £50 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. The total assets of this branch of the Fund amount to £1195 9s. 11d.

### Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance-sheet show the position of this Fund. It will be seen that £162 13s. 10d. has been paid to Home Missionaries who have retired from the work. The assets have increased by £916 17s. 3d., and now stand at £4659 11s. 0d.



During 1927 a Statement is to be sent to each Home Missionary showing the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund. Probably during the year a bonus will be apportioned among those entitled to participate. If this is done the amount of the bonus can be added to the individual balances at the end of last December.

#### Deaconess Retiring Fund.

There have been no retirements from the Deaconess order during the past year. The Deaconesses on the Foreign Mission Field are now paying £20 a year each into this Fund, and the Mission Board is paying an equal amount on their behalf. This suggests that the present arrangements for Deaconesses in the Home work are quite inadequate. Something should be done to provide a more adequate retiring allowance for these workers in the Church. The assets of the Fund now amount to £1411 6s. 11d. Interest earned during the year was £64 5s. 2d.

#### Board for 1927.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1927:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, J. Guy, W. A. Hay, H. L. Blamires, S. Lawry, and Messrs. W. H. Seed (Treasurer), G. Bowron, A. F. Drayton, A. Borrows, P. W. Sharpe and H. W. Heslop.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WM. BAUMBER, Chairman.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
W. H. SEED } Treasurers

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Cash Statement and Balance-sheet of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, and the Cash Statement of the Deaconess Retiring Fund be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management for their services during the past year, and that the following be the members for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. Baumber, J. Guy, W. A. Hay, H. L. Blamires, S. Lawry, with Messrs. W. H. Seed (Treasurer), G. Bowron, A. F. Drayton, A. Borrows, P. W. Sharpe and H. W. Heslop.
4. That a Committee, consisting of four members of the Board with an equal number of members of the Deaconess Committee, consider during the year and report to next Conference as to the best means of making better provision for Deaconesses when they retire from their work.
5. That with a view to ascertaining whether it be possible to increase the annuities, the Board be requested to obtain a new valuation of the Fund, and to report thereon to the next Synods and to the Conference of 1928.

6. That the Conference express its regret at the amounts of Ministers' personal subscriptions in arrears, and requests the Secretary to write to each Minister concerned, urging that the arrears be substantially reduced during the year.
  7. That Conference requests the Supernumerary Fund Committee to consider sympathetically the matter of a grant to Mr. W. A. Watson.
  8. That Conference authorises the Supernumerary Fund Board to close the accounts on the 15th of December, in view of the earlier date of holding the Conference.
  9. That the Supernumerary Fund Board consider the recommendations of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod regarding a Fund to provide homes for Supernumeraries, and report to next Conference.
  10. That Conference desires to place on record its high appreciation of the invaluable services rendered to the Supernumerary Fund Board by the Rev. S. Lawry, Connexional Secretary. For fourteen years he has wisely and efficiently led the councils of the Board and manifested great business ability, so that the investments have brought in a good return to the Fund, which, under his management, has grown to its present healthy and satisfactory condition. He has faithfully and conscientiously discharged the manifold duties that pertain to the office, and at all times has retained the fullest confidence of the members of the Board and Conference.
- (N.B.—See also Question XLIX., Military and Naval Affairs, Resolutions 4 to 7.

## 2.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

### Report for Year ending 31st December, 1926.

The number of children on the Fund for the year just closed is 229, made up as follows:—

Auckland District .. .. .	40
South Auckland District .. .. .	23
Taranaki-Wanganui District .. .. .	30
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District .. .. .	17
Wellington District .. .. .	25
Nelson District .. .. .	8
North Canterbury District .. .. .	37
South Canterbury District .. .. .	12
Otago-Southland District .. .. .	37
	229

These figures show a decrease of nine on the previous year.

The number of children removed from the Fund during the year on account of reaching the age limit has been in excess of new children reported, and we estimate that at the time of writing there are 219 claimants, a decrease of ten.

Owing to the death of the Rev. Amos Reader, a very pressing appeal was made on behalf of his children by the Chairman of Auckland District.

From enquiries made, your Treasurers are of the opinion that the case is a very deserving one, and would therefore request the Conference to give the matter sympathetic consideration. It was to meet the needs of such cases that the Benevolent Branch of the Children's Fund

was created, and in view of the needs likely to arise from time to time, it is advisable to strengthen this branch of the Fund.

The Balance-sheet reveals a credit of £465 16s. 7d., General Account, and £130 Benevolent Reserve.

In conclusion, we are of opinion that after Conference decides upon what amount will be paid to the Rev. Reader Fund, it would be desirable to transfer an amount from General to Benevolent Reserve to let that Account remain in credit for say £200, in order that we may be in a position to meet special claims.

After going through the figures very closely, we are of opinion that a levy of 8½% will be sufficient to meet claims this year, but it must be clearly understood that this reduction is for one year only, it may be necessary to increase the levy next year.

E. W. A. KELLOW }  
WM. ROWE } Treasurers.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Rowe and Mr. E. Kellow, be thanked for their services.
2. That Mr. E. Kellow be re-elected as Lay Treasurer, with the Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., as Clerical Treasurer.
3. That the Levy for 1927 be 8½%.
4. That the following Committee be set up to consult with the Treasurers of the Fund:—The Chairman of the Wellington District, the Secretary of Conference, and Messrs. J. C. Riddell and W. C. Hemery.

### 3.—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Treasurers, the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, be thanked for their services, and re-appointed. The Conference extends its sympathy to Mr. J. H. Blackwell in his sore bereavement in the death of his wife.
2. That the following be substituted for Reg. 6 (a), in Minutes, 1922, page 21:—That Circuits from which a Minister or Probationer is temporarily withdrawn, and to which in his stead, a Home Missionary or Supply is appointed, shall pay the Contingent Fund levies on the basis of the current stipend paid to that Home Missionary or Supply.
3. That the following be a Consultative Committee in connection with the administration of the Fund:—The Contingent Fund Treasurers, the Chairman of North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, with Messrs. J. A. Flesher and A. F. Drayton.
4. That such members of the Consultative Committee as are present at the Conference, together with three who shall be nominated at the beginning of Conference, be a Committee to consider all matters affecting disbursements from this Fund.
5. That all proposals for grants from the Fund shall first be considered by this Committee before being ratified by Conference.

6. That the best thanks of Conference be presented to Mr. Isaac J. Wilson, A.P.A.N.Z., for his services as Auditor, and that he be re-appointed.
7. That the levy for 1927 be 8%.
8. That the Treasurers refund the full travelling expenses to Conference of Candidates for the Ministry, as detailed by the Rules of the Equalisation Fund.
9. That the Treasurers pay any balance of the similar travelling expenses of Deaconesses attending Conference for dedication, after deducting the amount received on their account from the collection at the dedication service.
10. That the Treasurers be authorised to refund the levies of £10 8s. paid last year by the Chairman of the Otago-Southland District on account of the Mosgiel Circuit.
11. That the sum of £50 (if needed) be paid to the Theological College Fund to meet the expenses of President's Supply during the year.
12. The following grants were authorised:—

Spiritual Advance Committee, up to ..	£50
Deaconess Fund .. .. .	75
Theological College (subject to pro rata rebate of any surplus) .. .. .	740
Connexional Secretary's Office .. .. .	175
World Conference on Faith and Order ..	10
Special Grant to Tai Tapu Circuit .. ..	25
Special Grant to Y.M.C.A. in Camps ..	50
(If a similar grant is made from the H.M. Fund.)	

#### 4.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

As was anticipated, this year has brought much heavier charges on the Removal Expenses Fund; but the provision made is equal to the demand.

The total cost of removals in 1926 was £1124 12s 5d. The credit balance is £1387 13s 9d, deposited as follows:—£750 with the Super-numery Fund Board; £231 1s 4d in P.O. Savings Bank; £8 3s 5d in Bank of New Zealand; £398 9s circuit levies outstanding to December, 31st, 1926.

The credit balance last year was £1771 2s 5d.

The Committee deems it wise to continue the levy at 2 per cent on stipends, and £4 per annum on Departments for each minister employed. The Fund has not yet outgrown the experimental stage.

The sum of £240 was advanced to ministers removing. This assistance was much appreciated by participants.

An addition is recommended to Regulation 5, after the word fare:—“And meals during the actual journey.”

The question of paying for the transit of ministers' motor-cars was considered and the following decision arrived at:—“The Removal Expenses Fund provides for ‘household removals,’ but makes no provision for the removal of motor-cars.”

It is recommended that a minister's wife and little children be granted the expense of a sleeper on the train when the removal necessitates the full journey being taken between Auckland and Wellington provinces.

Ministers and Circuit Stewards are reminded that the regulations forbid the Treasurers paying out expenses in the absence of vouchers (vide Reg. 10). Careful attention to this detail will not only expedite payments, but save the honorary staff much time and correspondence. The balance-sheet will be presented at Conference.

The following are recommended as the Committee for 1927:—Revs. W. A. Hay, East Belt Minister, B. J. James, H. L. Blamires, W. H. Speer, J. H. Odell.

Messrs W. H. Seed, A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. W. Heslop and C. A. Newman.

Treasurers:—Rev W. A. Hay and Mr A. A. Sandford.

Convener:—Rev B. J. James.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

B. J. JAMES, Convener.

The Report was received. The Balance-sheet was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Regulation 5 be altered to read: "Removals shall be effected by the shortest route, first class fare and meals during the actual journey."
2. That the removal expenses of motor cars be not paid, except in exceptional cases, to be determined by the Committee.
3. That the question of providing sleeping berths, as recommended in the Report, be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report to next Synods and Conference.
4. That the levy for 1927 be as recommended in the Report.
5. That the Committee as nominated in the Report be appointed.
6. Rev. B. J. James was thanked for his work as Convener, and re-appointed.

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

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1926.

The work of the Foreign Missionary Society has been carried on in the Solomon Islands during the year with vigour and success. A very severe influenza epidemic was experienced, but fortunately the loss of life was not great. The presence of trained nurses contributed largely to the saving of life. At the home base the campaign of education and the appeal for funds has been pressed with earnestness.

#### Missionary Staff.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce, on completing his training at the Theological College, was appointed to the Island of Bougainville, in the Roviana Circuit, where he will have one of the most isolated stations in the Pacific. The marriages have taken place during the year of the Revs. A. H. Cropp, H. G. Brown and A. H. Voyce, all of whom are pioneer workers in Bougainville.

The Church in New Zealand has assisted the Australasian Missionary Society by giving the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Findlay for work amongst the Indians in Suva, and Misses Blamires and Fabrin for teaching work in Tonga.

### Students in Training.

Miss McDonald and Miss Adkin, accepted candidates for the Mission Field, have been in training during the year in St. Helen's Hospital, Wellington. Miss Adkin will enter the Deaconess House next year for further training. Nurse Edna White, of Auckland, a certificated nurse, is completing her training in St. Helen's, Auckland. Several of the students in the Theological College are volunteers for the foreign field. The supply of future Missionary workers seems to be assured.

### Furlough.

Early in the year, Sisters Lilian Berry and Ethel McMillan and Mr. E. F. Chivers returned to the Solomons after furlough. During this year the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe and Sister Elizabeth Common are on furlough in New Zealand. Mr. Metcalfe is acting as Missionary Deputation in the South Island.

The Revs. J. F. Goldie, A. H. Cropp and H. G. Brown and Sister Lina Jones are due for furlough in 1926.

### Rev. J. F. Goldie.

The Board has consented to the Rev. J. F. Goldie taking early furlough in order that he may be in the Solomons when the Deputation from the Home Church visits the field next year. Mr. Goldie is being released from deputation work, and will spend his furlough with his family in Melbourne. He will also be engaged in writing the story of the Mission, which is to be published by the Epworth Press. Mr. Goldie will be present at the Conference next year.

### Lay Workers.

During the year the Board has approved of the appointment of Mr. Oldridge as carpenter, and Mr. Watkin as manager of the Banga Plantation.

### Printing Plant.

The Board has sanctioned the purchase of a printing plant, which will be forwarded to the Islands as soon as arrangements can be made for its reception and working. The entire cost is being met by the "Waikawau Trust."

### Motion Pictures.

The moving picture, "The Transformed Isle," has been in almost constant use throughout the year, and has attracted large attendances. The Board of Missions has arranged, in conjunction with the Australasian Board, for a moving picture of Tonga. It is expected that the picture will be completed in time to be exhibited at the forthcoming Conference. Moving pictures of Samoa and Fiji are also in course of preparation. The motion picture as a means of Missionary Education has come to stay, and the Board will have to consider the most effective means of making full use of this modern method of Missionary propaganda.

### Medical.

Dr. E. G. Sayers left early in the year to attend the School of Tropical Medicine in London, where he has succeeded in passing second, with distinction, in a class of seventy. Dr. Sayers will return early in the New Year, and after visiting the Bible Classes throughout the Dominion, will proceed to the Solomons.

The offer of Dr. Clifford James, of the Southland Public Hospital, for medical work in the Solomons has been accepted by the Board of Missions. Dr. James, during his medical training in Dunedin, was an active worker in the Cargill Road Church. He will, like Dr. Sayers, receive further special training in the London School of Tropical

Medicine. The Board believes that such training is essential for medical workers in a tropical and malarial country. Dr. James should be ready to commence work early in 1928.

#### **Helena Goldie Hospital.**

The sum of £526 has been received from the Women's Missionary Union towards the erection of the Helena Goldie Hospital. It is not proposed to take any definite steps towards the building of a permanent hospital until a full report has been presented by Dr. Sayers after a thorough survey of the needs of the field. Careful consideration must be given to the future medical policy before the locality of the Hospital is determined.

#### **Tonga Centenary.**

The Centenary of the establishment of Wesleyan Missions in Tonga in 1826 by the Revs. John Thomas and John Hutchinson was celebrated during the year. The Rev. W. A. Sinclair represented the New Zealand Church, conveying its greetings and good wishes, and also its thanks for valued assistance rendered by Tongan teachers in the Solomons. The Tonga Conference will give special attention to the selection of suitable workers for our Mission Field.

#### **Semi-Jubilee.**

It will be 25 years on May 2nd, 1927, since Dr. George Brown, the Revs. J. F. Goldie and R. Rooney and a party of Native teachers landed in the Roviana Lagoon. Arrangements are being made to commemorate this interesting anniversary in a suitable manner, both on the Mission Field and in New Zealand. A deputation is to visit the Solomons. For health reasons the General Secretary will be unable to be a member of the deputation. The Board, after careful consideration, nominates the Rev. A. N. Scotter, Secretary of the Conference, and Mr. J. W. Court, General Treasurer, for appointment by the Conference. Detailed arrangements for the semi-jubilee will be submitted to the next Conference.

#### **Dominion Missionary Conference.**

A Missionary Conference, representative of the Protestant Churches of New Zealand, was held in Dunedin in the early part of the year, to meet Dr. J. R. Mott. As an outcome of the Conference, a Missionary Council has been formed for the Dominion, from which good results may be anticipated.

#### **General Secretary.**

The present term of office of the General Secretary expires in 1928. In accordance with the law of the Church, nomination for appointment to this office must be made twelve months in advance. The Board unanimously nominates the present General Secretary, the Rev. W. A. Sinclair, for a second term.

#### **Special Gifts.**

The following special gifts have been received:—Five volumes of the History of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, from Mr. B. J. Lynneberg; typewriters for use at the head station, from Mrs. Wood, Manurewa, Auckland, and J. B. Tait, senior typewriter, Ballance, Hawke's Bay. The thanks of the Board have been tendered to the donors.

#### **Thanks.**

The thanks of the Board of Missions are tendered to all contributors to our Missionary Funds, and to all workers in the great cause of Foreign Missions. Special mention must be made of the Women's

Auxiliaries and the Women's Missionary Union for the splendid assistance rendered in so many ways.

The General Treasurers, the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court, have carried out their duties in a most efficient manner, and the thanks of the whole Church are due to them.

#### **Finance.**

The amount received by the General Treasurers up to October 20th is £7,123. This is £1,351 less than was received at the same date in 1925. It is to be hoped that the difference represents not so much less in the income for the year, but only a greater delay in remitting to the Treasurers. The following special amounts have been received:—Legacies of £50 from the late Mr. Charles Taylor, Riccarton; £25 from the late Mr. T. J. Smith, Feilding; and £10 from the late Miss Mary Edwards, Auckland. Also a further sum of £175 16s. 11d. from the Centenary Fund; and from the Women's Auxiliaries, through the M.W.M.U., £536 5s. 8d. for the "Helena Goldie" Hospital, and £50 for a house for the Sister at Senga.

Information has also been received of a bequest of £1000 in the estate of the late W. F. Cheverton, Waimate. The capital sum in this latter case will not be available for some time.

PERCY N. KNIGHT, President of the Conference.  
W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

The Report and Financial Statements were received and adopted.

### **CONGRATULATIONS.**

That the heartiest congratulations of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. J. F. Goldie on the occasion of his completion of twenty-five years missionary work in the Solomon Islands, this being co-incident with the celebration of the semi-jubilee of the Mission.

The Conference records its profound appreciation of the distinguished service rendered by Mr. Goldie as pioneer missionary and Chairman of the District during the whole period since the founding of the Mission in 1902. He has ever proved himself a faithful friend of the Natives, and a valiant defender of their rights. He has been privileged to witness a remarkable spiritual work among the Solomon Islanders and the establishment of a flourishing Native Church.

The Conference assures him of its determination to support him loyally in the great task of the evangelisation of the people of the Solomons.

It also acknowledges the unique and self-sacrificing work of Mrs. Goldie as missionary's wife, teacher, nurse, translator of hymns; and very particularly in the moral and spiritual uplift of the women and girls she has played an exceedingly important part, thus rendering most valuable service in the establishment and development of the Mission.

The Conference trusts that Mr. and Mrs. Goldie may long be spared to continue their work for the people of the Solomon Islands, and prays that the blessing of God in very abundant measure may rest upon them through all the days.

### **RESOLUTIONS.**

#### **Semi-Jubilee.**

1. That as the Mission was commenced on Sunday, May 23rd, 1902, Sunday, May 22nd, of this year be observed as a Special Missionary day; that sermons appropriate to the occasion be



preached, and that a Missionary Prayer Meeting be held at a convenient hour in every church; that Sunday School Superintendents be requested to arrange for a Missionary Address to the children, and that Bible Class Leaders be requested to make special reference to Missionary work on that day.

2. That all preachers on that day be requested to give as full information as possible about the work in the Solomons, calling special attention to the development of the Medical work by the appointment of doctors and the establishment of hospitals, and to stress the responsibility of the Church in the homeland for the adequate support of our own Mission Field.
3. That the week prior to the Sunday when the Annual Missionary Services are held be observed as a Week of Thanksgiving, Prayer and Sacrifice.
4. That a souvenir number of "The Open Door" be published, and the Editor of "The Methodist Times" be requested to publish a Missionary Number of that paper.
5. That the Rev. A. N. Scotter and Mr. J. W. Court be appointed a deputation to convey the greetings of the Conference to the Missionary workers and the Native Church in the Solomons.

#### Medical Work.

1. That the salaries of the Medical Missionaries be a charge on the General Fund.
2. That the provision of Hospitals and their equipment and residences for doctors be a charge on the Medical Fund.
3. That as during 1928 it will be necessary to provide for the building and equipment of the Helena Goldie Hospital and also a house for Dr. Clifford James, and a small hospital on Choiseul or other island as a base of operations for Dr. James, an effort be made to raise a Special Medical Fund, and that the Board be instructed to consider the whole question during the year.

N.B.—The following amounts are available for the Helena Goldie

Hospital:—

Emily Martin Legacy	..	..	£500
Women's Missionary Union	..	..	536
Donald McLean Street Trust	..	..	200

£1236

4. That the dedication of Dr. Sayers to his work as a Medical Missionary, take place in Christchurch, and that the arrangements for the dedication service be made by the Board of Missions and the Chairman of the North Canterbury District.

#### Regulations re Medical Missionaries.

##### (1) Salary and Allowance—

The Minimum Salary of a Medical Missionary, whether man or woman, shall be that of a Ministerial Missionary of the same years of service.

Allowances on the same scale as those prescribed by the Board for Ministerial Missionaries shall be paid to the Medical Missionaries.

In addition to the above a grant of £15 per annum shall be given to each Medical Missionary to cover subscriptions to Medical Journals, etc.

(2) Provision for Retirement—

(a) Each Medical Missionary shall contribute the sum of £20 annually to a Retirement Fund; to this the Board shall add £20 annually, and these amounts shall be paid to the Medical Missionary on retirement, plus all interest accrued.

(b) A Medical Repatriation Fund shall be established into which the Board shall pay £80 per annum for each year of service rendered by each Medical Missionary.

(c) A Repatriation Committee shall be appointed, composed of three members of the Board of Missions and Medical practitioners who are members of the Methodist Church, who shall be charged with the duty of helping to settle any returned Medical Missionary. This Committee shall recommend to the Board the amount of payment from the above Fund to be made, where necessary, to assist in connection with the settlement of such returned Medical Missionary.

(3) Responsibility of Medical Missionaries—

That each Hospital, or Medical Unit, shall be a District Institution, of which the Medical Missionary shall have charge, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

(4) Private Practice—

That no private practice be allowed to any Medical Missionary, but that all fees shall be the property of the Medical Unit.

(5) Relation of Medical Missionary to General Work—

The relation of the Medical Missionary to the Teaching and Evangelistic Work of the Mission Stations shall be one of closest co-operation, and the Medical Missionary shall assist so far as is consistent with efficient medical service, in the general work of the Mission.

(6) Dedicatory Service—

That prior to a Medical Missionary leaving New Zealand for his sphere of work there shall be a Dedication Service, at which he shall be specially set apart for his ministry of healing.

(7) Standing Committee of Advice—

A Standing Medical Committee shall be appointed to advise the Board on all technical medical matters and to assist in the purchase of instruments and equipment which may be needed, from time to time, by the Medical Units.

**Moving Pictures.**

1. That when the "Transformed Isle" is used the meeting may be regarded as the Annual Missionary Meeting.
2. That the exhibition of the film "Tonga To-day" shall not take the place of the Annual Missionary Meeting, but shall be regarded as an extra, and the net proceeds of the screening of this film shall be devoted to the General Fund.
3. That the District Missionary Committee shall be responsible for all arrangements for the exhibition of the "Tonga" film in its District.

4. That the Board communicate with the Australasian Missionary Society with regard to the Fiji film, and that the matter of securing a film of the Solomon Islands Mission during the visit of the deputation be referred to the Board with power to act.

#### General.

- That the President be requested to make arrangements for the ordination of the Rev. A. H. Cropp during his visit to New Zealand this year.
- That the Rev. E. P. Blamires be re-appointed Editor of "The Lotu," and that he be thanked for his services during the past year.
- That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be re-appointed Editor of "The Open Door," and that he be thanked for his services during the past year.
- That the Board of Missions be empowered to make all arrangements for the publication of the story of the Solomon Islands Mission which is being written by the Rev. J. F. Goldie.
- That the Board be requested to consider the possibility of holding its Annual Meeting immediately prior to the next Conference.
- That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the anonymous donor of £1000 to the Working Capital Fund.
- That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be appointed General Secretary for a further term dating from 1928.
- That the Conference place on record its thanks and appreciation of the work of Mr. E. F. Chivers, who is retiring from the Mission Field.
- That the name of the Insurance and Reserve Fund be altered to "Insurance and Replacement Fund."
- That the Conference conveys to all Missionary Workers and Supporters at home and abroad its sincere thanks for devoted service, prayerful interest, and financial help, and confidently commends the work of the Missionary Society to the sympathy of all our Church members and adherents.
- That a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Mission District by the Secretary of the Conference conveying the affectionate greetings of the Conference to all the members of the Mission staff (European and Native), and to all the members and adherents of the Native Church.
- That the Missionary Sisters be empowered to elect one of their number, who has been at least four years on the Mission Field, who shall be a member of the Representative Session of the Mission Synod. The election shall be conducted by the Chairman of the District.

#### Estimates of Income.

That the following be the Estimates of Income for 1927:

New Zealand .. .. .	£13,500
Solomon Islands .. .. .	4,000
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	£17,500

- That the expenditure in the Solomon Islands be limited to £14,500, exclusive of amounts voted from the Equipment Fund for buildings.
- That the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court be thanked for their services as General Treasurers and be re-appointed.

**That the Following be the Board of Missions for 1927:**

The President of the Conference (Rev. Dr. Ranston), the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair), the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court), the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (Rev. J. F. Goldie), Mesdames G. Bowron, T. R. Hodder, Misses Carr, Buttle and Rishworth, Revs. Dr. Laws, E. Drake, A. Ashcroft, T. W. Vealie, W. J. Elliott, T. R. B. Woolloxall, F. E. Leadley, A. B. Chappell, H. Ryan, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Beckett, W. W. Avery, A. N. Scotter, Messrs. G. Winstone, W. S. Mackay, F. W. Stone, A. Peak, J. P. Blair, J. E. Astley, A. J. Buttle, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, E. H. Burton, B. J. Lynneberg, T. R. Hodder, E. Dixon, D. C. Cameron.

**Retirement of Distant Members of the Board.**

That the following addition be made to Regulation 5 (d) Minutes of Conference, 1921, (p. 102):—

One minister and one layman shall retire annually, the order of retirement to be determined by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board of Missions.

**Additional Members of the Board.**

That the President of the Women's Missionary Union for the time being be appointed an ex officio member of the Board.

That the Young Men's and the Young Women's Bible Class Unions be each empowered to nominate a member of the Board to be resident in Auckland.

**National Missionary Council.**

That the Revs. W. A. Sinclair, J. A. Lochore and A. N. Scotter be appointed representatives on the National Missionary Council.

**Foreign Mission Investment Board.**

1. That Conference authorises the formation of a Trust Board to be incorporated under "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908" for the purpose of taking over from the present Trustees the invested funds of the Board of Foreign Missions the securities and investment now held by or on behalf of the said Board of Foreign Missions and for the purpose also of the investment of moneys belonging to and available from time to time from the Working Capital Fund and other Special Funds of the Board of Foreign Missions and also for the purpose of holding any real or personal property of any kind whatsoever which may hereafter be available for the benefit of the Working Capital Fund and other Special Funds or any or either of them of the Board of Foreign Missions.
2. That such Board shall consist of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Clerical and Lay Treasurers of the Foreign Mission Fund who by virtue of their office shall be members of the said Board and three other members.
3. That the name of the Board shall be The Methodist Foreign Missions Investment Board.
4. That the draft Trust Deed now submitted be approved by the Conference.

5. That the following persons be recommended to the Conference as members of the said Board in addition to the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Clerical and Lay Treasurers aforesaid, viz., William Scoullar Mackay, Walter Ambury, and Archibald Peak.
6. That the Treasurers of the Foreign Mission Fund, the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court, be requested to transfer to the incorporated Board all investments now held in their name.
7. That the Conference requests the Registrar of Inscribed Stock to transfer to The Methodist Foreign Missions Investment Board to be incorporated under "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908," the Inscribed Stock £600 maturing 15th January, 1933, held under Certificate of Title No. 2248 in the name of The Methodist Foreign Missionary Society (such Society being under the control and superintendence of the Conference of the Methodist Church) and that the Treasurers of the Foreign Mission Fund, Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. J. W. Court, be authorised to execute the transfer on behalf of the Foreign Missionary Society.

#### DECLARATION OF TRUST.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME (hereinafter termed "the Trustees") SEND GREETING WHEREAS the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is a Board appointed by the Conference of The Methodist Church of New Zealand and acting under the general control and superintendence of the Conference AND WHEREAS by a Resolution of the Methodist Conference held at Auckland in the month of March 1927 it was resolved: That the Conference authorises the formation of a Trust Board to be incorporated under "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trust Act, 1908," under the name of "The Methodist Foreign Mission Investment Board" for the purpose of taking over from the present Trustees of the invested funds of the Board of Foreign Missions the securities and investments now held by or on behalf of the said Board of Foreign Missions and for the purpose also of the investment of moneys belonging to and available from time to time from the Working Capital Fund and other Special Funds of the Board of Foreign Missions and also for the purpose of holding any real or personal property of any kind whatsoever which may hereafter be available for the benefit of the Working Capital Fund and other Special Funds of the Board of Foreign Missions or any or either of them, now existing or hereafter created by the said Board of Foreign Missions. AND WHEREAS it was resolved that the General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and the Clerical and Lay Treasurers of the Foreign Mission Fund for the time being and from time to time appointed by the said Conference should with three other members be appointed members of the said Methodist Foreign Mission Investment Board and Trustees for such purposes as aforesaid. AND WHEREAS the Trustees are the persons appointed by the Conference as members of the said Board authorised to be incorporated as aforesaid AND WHEREAS the investments and securities mentioned in the Schedule hereto are (inter alia) investments of funds belonging to the said Working Capital Fund and other Special Funds of the Board of Foreign Mission and George Thomas Marshall and John William Court as Treasurers of the Foreign Mission Fund are the persons who hold the same in trust for and subject to the direction of the Board of Foreign

Missions aforesaid as they hereby acknowledge AND WHEREAS the Trustees are desirous of evidencing the trusts upon which all the aforesaid investments and securities and all further moneys investments and securities for funds available from time to time hereafter as hereinbefore recited shall be held by the Trustees or the Board authorised to be incorporated under the name of The Methodist Foreign Mission Investment Board as aforesaid NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS that it is hereby declared:—

1. That the Trustees of the said Board to be incorporated as aforesaid shall hold the said investments and the securities therefor and all further moneys as aforesaid made available for investment and the investments therefor and any real or personal property whatsoever vested in the Board UPON TRUST for the use and benefit of the Board of Foreign Missions and subject to its direction.
2. That in case any Trustee as a member of such Board shall desire to retire from the Trust and Membership of the said Board or shall die or become incapacitated from acting as a member of the Board or cease to be an adherent of the Methodist Church of N.Z. or remove to such a distance from the City of Auckland or other the headquarters of the Board of the Foreign Missions as shall in the opinion of the Board of Foreign Missions expressed by resolution of the Board of Foreign Missions make it inexpedient that he should continue to act as a member of the Board then the Board of Foreign Missions by resolution may appoint a new Trustee in the place of such retiring deceased or incapacitated Trustee as the case may be and on confirmation in writing of such appointment by the President for the time being of the Conference such person shall become a Member of the said Board.
3. That the Board shall have power with the consent and approval of the Board of Foreign Missions and shall when directed by the Board (such consent approval or direction to be expressed by resolution entered in the Minute Book of the Board of Foreign Missions) to exchange sell or otherwise dispose of or lease either with or without a purchasing clause and on such terms and conditions as the Board shall think fit any real or personal property vested in the Board as aforesaid or exercise any power vested in it as Mortgagee or otherwise and with the like consent and approval may and with the Board's direction shall mortgage and charge by way of lien or otherwise such property as aforesaid vested in the Board or any part thereof.
4. That the Board shall at all times act under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions and shall report from time to time to the Board of Foreign Missions the investments and disposal by the Board of such moneys and property vested in the Board.
5. That meetings of the Board shall be held when required and convened by the General Secretary of Foreign Missions for the time being who shall act as Secretary to the Board and keep the Minutes of such Meetings.
6. The Chairman of the Board shall be the Chairman of the Auckland District and he shall have a vote at all Meetings of the Board. In his absence the Members may appoint one of their number to act as Chairman.
7. The Conference shall have power by resolution to increase the membership of the Board or to vary its constitution.
8. The production of the Minutes of the Conference shall be conclusive evidence of any resolution of the Conference.

9. A Certificate under the hand of the General Secretary of Foreign Missions that any resolution of the Board of Foreign Missions has been passed or approval consent or direction in relation to any matter herein contained or implied has been given shall be conclusive evidence of the passing of any such resolution and of the giving of such approval consent or direction.
10. No purchaser lessee or other person acquiring any property or interest therein from the Board shall be bound to see or enquire as to the regularity or otherwise of the exercise by the Board of its powers and authorities hereby conferred.
11. That the term "Trustees" when used herein shall be deemed to include the Methodist Foreign Mission Investment Board to be incorporated as aforesaid.

#### SCHEDULE.

1. Deed of Mortgage Number 333738 from C. A. Lee securing £2,000 on all that piece of land in the P.D.A. being Lot 1 of subdivision of part of Allotment 6 of Section 10 of the Suburbs of Auckland.
2. Memorandum of Mortgage Number 149110 from C. H. Abbott securing £2,500 on all that piece of land in the P.D.A. being parts of Lots 19 and 20 of part of Allotments 16 and 17 of Section 16 Suburbs of Auckland.
3. Memorandum of Mortgage Number 161449 from Alice C. Townend securing £1,000 on all that piece of land in the P.D.A. being Lot 29 of portion of Allotment 22 Section 12 Suburbs of Auckland.

#### METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

##### Auxiliaries.

There are now 38 Auxiliaries affiliated with the Union. During the year Wakefield has been obliged to withdraw, while Ashburton and Marton have linked up.

The membership stands at 2411, which appears as eight less than last year. This apparent falling off is explained by the fact that last year many Auxiliaries counted in their scattered members and this year have not done so. There are sixty scattered members.

##### Extension Work.

Many churches have been approached with a view to opening Auxiliaries, but, with the exception of the two mentioned above, there has been no success. However, Ashburton and Marton are particularly active and have achieved much during their first year's work.

##### Box and Card Circle.

This branch of the work might almost be considered under the heading "Extension Work." The idea is to place boxes or cards in the hands of women in places not attached to any Auxiliary, thus giving the interest in Missions a much wider scope.

Miss Emily Waddingham was put in charge of this department and has done all the inaugural work. Much enthusiasm has been shown in some districts, and already 133 boxes have been placed, and also the same number of cards.

##### Literature Department.

This is still a very important section of Union work. Since April, 1925, when the Sisters' letters were first sent out typed, the Secretary has despatched 1600 copies. To a very large extent the Auxiliaries depend on these letters for material for their meetings.

**Box Department.**

The result of the packing of the boxes by the Depots is very gratifying, and the contents of the boxes should prove most useful to the workers in the Solomons.

Parcels often go to Sister Eleanor Dobby at Taheke, and she makes splendid use of the goods. Gifts also go to Sisters Marion Fabrin and Alice Howell, while Mrs Wharehuia, at the Hospital at Te Kuiti, is not forgotten.

**Missionary Sisters.**

Two of the Sisters from the Solomons have been on furlough this year, and have again returned to their work. We refer to Sister May Barnett and Sister Lilian Berry. Sister Elizabeth Common is at present on furlough and will return to the Solomons in February, 1927.

Miss Adkin and Miss M'Donald are in the St Helen's Hospital, Wellington, and Nurse Edna White is taking her maternity training in the St Helen's Hospital, Auckland.

On the Home field, Sister Eleanor Dobby still does magnificent work among the Maoris at Hokianga. Sister Marion Fabrin has sent in her resignation as from the end of the year, when she expects to take up nursing.

The Home Mission Board has accepted Miss Netta Gittos, niece of the Rev William Gittos, as a worker among the Maoris, and she will commence her duties on November 1, 1926.

**Conference.**

From October 6 to October 9, 1926, the Conference will meet in Palmerston North, when important business will be discussed.

**Finance.**

The Treasurer shows the receipts for 1926 as £3430 12s 11d. There is an actual increase in income over last year of £195 6s 8d.

The Union has been able to meet the request of the Foreign Mission Board that the Auxiliaries should donate £500 towards the Women's Ward in the Helena Goldie Hospital. Indeed, so liberal was the response that the Treasurer has been able to forward the sum of £536 5s 8d.

The sum of £116 11s has also been forwarded to the Home Mission Board towards the Maori Girls' College.

**Union Executive.**

After Conference the seat of the Union Executive will be removed to Palmerston North, where Mrs H. E. Pacey will act as President and Mrs Hodder as Secretary.

A. S. STEVENS, President.  
M. S. CARR, }  
M. J. BUTTLE, } Co-Secretaries.

The Report was received and adopted.

**RESOLUTION.**

That Conference expresses hearty appreciation of the valuable work of the Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Auxiliaries. It urges all Circuits to establish branches of the Women's Auxiliary, and where this is not possible, to hold at least one meeting of women during the year in the interests of Missions, and requests the Executive of the Missionary Union to communicate with all Circuits where Auxiliaries are not in existence with a view to giving effect to this.



**DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.**

Auckland.—Superintendents of Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Revs. W. Rowe, T. R. B. Woolloxall, H. Ryan and W. T. Blight, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, S. E. Chappell, F. G. Steinert, Misses Rishworth and Mather. Convener, Rev. H. Ryan.

South Auckland.—Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Morrinsville Circuits, Messrs. R. J. Bell, T. L. Hames, W. Harris, J. T. Johnson and Mrs. J. M. Jones. Convener, Rev. C. M. Roberts.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Chairman of the District, Revs. E. T. Cox, M.A., W. H. E. Abbey, W. W. Avery, S. Keen, Messrs. W. G. Bassett, F. J. Denton, S. J. Goodey, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome, Mesdames Gilling, Goodey, E. R. Morgan, Andrew, Warwick, Misses Coleman and Hartnell. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Chairman of the District, Superintendents of Palmerston North, Feilding, Hastings, and Ashhurst-Bunynthorpe Circuits, Messrs. T. R. Hodder, R. H. Billens, C. E. Taylor, and Mrs. H. E. Pacey. Convener, Rev. F. Copeland.

Wellington.—Included in District Executive.

Nelson.—Superintendents of Nelson and Richmond Circuits, Mesdames Kemp and Scantlebury, Misses P. Smith and D. Nightingale, Messrs. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, M. Smith, R. Marshall and L. White. Convener, Rev. H. L. Richards.

North Canterbury.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

South Canterbury.—The Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, Waimate, Ashburton and Oamaru Circuits, with Messrs. T. E. Holdgate and L. Shortus, and Mrs. B. Low, M.A. Convener, Rev. R. B. Tinsley.

Otago-Southland.—Included in District Executive.

**DISTRICT FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARIES.**

Auckland.—Rev. H. Ryan.

South Auckland.—Rev. C. M. Roberts.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Rev. F. Copeland.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. W. W. Avery.

Wellington.—Rev. W. Beckett.

Nelson.—Rev. H. L. Richards.

North Canterbury.—Rev. S. J. Werren.

South Canterbury.—Rev. R. B. Tinsley.

Otago-Southland.—Rev. A. Hopper.

**QUESTION XLIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on the Home Mission and Church extension Fund?**

**HOME MISSION REPORT, 1926.**

The machinery of our Department has been running smoothly and, we trust, effectively during the year—driven undoubtedly by the dynamic of the Holy Spirit. For this we return humble thanks to Almighty God.

The Board has met quarterly.

The Executive, the Spiritual Advance and the Literature and Colporteur Committees have met as frequently as occasion demanded, and have given careful and prayerful attention to those phases of the work remitted to them.

### Spiritual Advance—

The Spiritual Advance Movement is steadily gaining momentum. More and more of our Circuits and Home and Maori Mission Stations are feeling its impetus. All those who are giving soul-stuff to it, are themselves receiving back fourfold in spiritual gifts. Much as we regret the comparative apathy concerning spiritual things that still exists amongst many of us, we cannot but recognise that an increasing majority of our thinkers and workers are giving themselves to constructive criticism and true spiritual service.

The request of Conference that a special series of Mission services should as far as possible be held in every preaching place was very cordially complied with in quite a number of circuits; and the results have abundantly justified these campaigns. In this, as in other matters, the Circuits have profited in proportion to the measure and quality of their faith and works.

Effective service has been rendered by the Assistant Superintendent, who has exceptional gifts for inspirational work, and by the H.M. Evangelist. The latter has been able to concentrate all his energies on evangelistic effort and many cheering reports have reached us concerning his work.

As we write the Gipsy Smith Mission is in fullswing, and we trust that the interest now being manifested in the Mission by the great crowds that throng the meetings will spread throughout the Dominion and be translated into terms of real spiritual life, true Christian fellowship, and genuine sacrificial service.

We are strongly of the opinion that further local inspirational missions and aggressive evangelistic campaigns should be carefully and prayerfully organised, and carried on *continuously* and *extensively*, with enthusiasm and circumspection. Also that the cities and towns should send out workers to the suburbs and backblocks. "Team work," so strongly recommended in an earlier report, has not yet been given the place it deserves in our district and inter-circuit campaigns. This is probably because of the weakness in our Fellowship. Therefore, while stressing the need for the fanning of the flame of evangelistic revival, and for the development and organised expression of evangelistic fervour, indeed, in order that we may be able to do all this the more effectively, we call attention to the urgent need that exists for the deepening of our spiritual life and the further development of our Christian fellowship. We urge that these matters be given the foremost place in our 1927 campaigns. We recommend:—

- (1) That special attention be given to the Fellowship of the Kingdom Movement and that its publications be studied systematically and prayerfully.
- (2) That ministers and officials carefully investigate the possibilities of further regular meetings for the study and development of Fellowship.
- (3) That throughout the whole Church special attention be given to, and special emphasis be laid upon, meetings for corporate thinking and prayer.

### Church Membership—

We are glad to be able to report that there is a growing recognition amongst our workers of the absolute necessity that exists, if Methodism in New Zealand is to be conserved and consolidated, for the definite attachment of our people as active Church Members. Much of our Church Extension and Home Mission work in the past has failed to

attain permanency because so many of our agents have never seriously attempted to draw their converts and catechumens into active membership with the Church. Had Old Country Methodists acted in the same way, Methodism would never have become the power it is to-day. We are not sectarian but we fail to see why, in some districts, where our Church has ministered to certain families for two or three generations, the children having been baptised and brought definitely to Christ by our Ministry, we should be told that they are now formally linking up with other churches "BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ASKED" to join the Methodist Church. We have lost hundreds of potential members and workers through our inefficiency in the direction indicated.

#### **Church Extension—**

While we have only established one new station this year, a considerable amount of extension work has been done by our Colporteurs. There have also been organised efforts in some districts by the Circuits themselves to do valuable Church Extension and Home Mission work. Unfortunately, however, while some Circuits are extending their work and influence by opening up new preaching places, by multiplying and training local preachers, and endeavouring to prepare the way for more pastors, others are following a policy of undue concentration on select "Bethels." Where these "Bethels" become hives of spiritual industry this policy may in some measure be justified—but such is seldom the case.

One of the most promising signs to-day in connection with the Church Extension is the increasing number of young men who are beginning to assist by taking services. Older preachers may well be at some pains to give encouragement to every young man who manifests any sign of preaching gifts. Indeed, if the number of services now established is to be efficiently maintained without undue financial strain, we must have thousands of well trained and enthusiastic volunteer preachers. In a young country like ours, with its comparatively small and scattered population, it is quite impossible, even if it were desirable, to always secure ministerial supply for our pulpits. Those congregations which insist that they must always have a minister in the pulpit are doing a grievous injury both to themselves and to more needy places. A better distribution of the services of our ministers and Home Missionaries by careful organisation, with the object of securing the utmost advantage from the services of godly and gifted lay preachers, would enable effective further extension work to be undertaken by quite a number of the Circuits and Home Mission Stations.

#### **Intensive Development—**

We are gratified to know that the Conference legislation requiring reasonable organisation within Aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations has had very satisfactory results in both spiritual and financial matters. The Assistant Superintendent, with his bright personality and unflinching optimism, has brought new hope to many of our struggling Causes. He has convinced many scores of hesitating officials that it is not really sinful to use commonsense and practical methods in organising the work and finance of the stations. In fact, he has even convinced some that it is really sinful to neglect to do so. In both spiritual and financial matters we have found that in many of our stations the burden is being carried by a select few, and the failure to distribute it evenly is injuring the few by over-strain, and still more lamentably injuring the many who are not being trained in service and sacrifice. The ideal "all at it" and "always at it" may be practically impossible of attainment in this unideal world, but when a

more reasonable percentage of our members and adherents learn to give the Church an adequate share of their time and money the solution of the most difficult and most urgent of our Home Mission problems will be in sight. We have been carrying far too much that "has a name to live and is dead" and that is why we are placing our chief emphasis to-day on vitalisation and intensive development.

#### **Maori Work—**

A special report is being prepared on the Maori work.

#### **Literature and Colporteur—**

Colporteur Edmondson and his van have already introduced themselves throughout a great part of the North Island, and have gone far to meet a real need. Mr Gill also did a little work in parts of the North Auckland District. Many adults and children, both brown and white, are to-day being greatly influenced in their thoughts and lives by books and pamphlets of which they knew nothing until our Society supplied them. We have thus met their urgent need, of, the existence of which they themselves, in some cases, had no conception.

There is every evidence that this new sub-department will, if given adequate financial support, prove to be one of the most useful branches of our work. It is, of course, as yet, only touching the edge of an almost unlimited field of opportunity. Now that the practicability of our plans and methods have been demonstrated, we expect to see the Literature and Colporteur Work rapidly develop through the support that doubtless will come from men and women of vision who desire to use their money to elevate the thought of young New Zealand.

#### **H.M. Staff—**

There have been several changes in the personnel of our H.M. Staff during the year. Three of our Home Missionaries who desired ordination and saw no probability of securing it in their own Church have transferred themselves to the Congregational Church. But we see no reason why we should lower our standards. We have received five spiritually minded and able men of strong personality into our H.M. ranks during the past five months, and our staff is much stronger and more effective than it was at this time last year. At the same time it should perhaps be stated that there is no position in the Conference which may not be attained by the Home Missionary of reasonable age who possesses the requisite grace and ability, whose ministry God has honoured, and who is not afraid of work in study, pulpit and pastorate. But it is the corporate thought of the Church as represented by the Conference that must of necessity be under the Holy Spirit's guidance, the judge of those energies, graces, gifts and fruits.

#### **Finance—**

The Conference, in its wisdom, made heavy commitments for the advance work which has been taken in hand. The estimates of income and expenditure show that we must expect to face a heavy deficit at the end of the financial year. But we are confidently counting on loyal support from every circuit in this year's Home Mission Appeal and trust that they will each endeavour to exceed the estimate.

#### **Centenary Celebration—**

Students of New Zealand history will remember that while our Church was first planted in New Zealand in 1822 the young plant was uprooted and later formally replanted in 1827, when the Mission was re-established at Hokianga. The Board is taking steps to commemorate

in a very worthy manner the centenary of that important event. A monument is to be erected at Mangungu, Hokianga, and, immediately after the 1927 Conference rises, a pilgrimage will probably be made by many of the members and friends to that sacred and historic spot for the unveiling ceremony and Maori Demonstration.

#### **Assistant Superintendent—**

The Board heartily and unanimously recommends that Rev E. T. Olds be designated by the Conference for re-appointment in 1928 for a further term of three years.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Balance-sheet was received and adopted, also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure and the Financial Statement of the Colporteur and Literature Fund.

The Home Mission Report was received and adopted.

## **RESOLUTIONS.**

### **SPIRITUAL ADVANCE CAMPAIGN**

#### **Plan of Organisation—**

1. That the Home Mission Board be the Central Executive for the campaign.
2. That the District H.M. Committees act as District Executives.
3. That the District Executives be recommended, where advisable, to divide their Districts into areas, with area Committees acting under the jurisdiction of the District Executive, and to make nominations at Synod of these areas and area Committees.

#### **Lines of Action—**

1. That special missions be organised in every church and preaching place after due preparation; the oversight of these to be in the hands of the District Executive or Area Committee.
2. That, in preparing for missions, the entire District be canvassed, that cards and handbills be left at shops and factories, that street meetings, processions of witness, and factory services be arranged.
3. That in each District, Bands of Crusaders be formed as active, voluntary workers in the campaign, under the direction of the District or Area Committees.
4. That, as far as possible, all the forces in an area be concentrated on each mission within the area.
5. That the District Committees arrange wherever possible for the claims of the Spiritual Advance Movement to be brought before each Circuit by means of visiting Ministers or Laymen; or preferably by both.
6. That more definite and frequent appeals for immediate decisions, and for reconsecrations be made in the ordinary services.
7. That greater emphasis be placed upon the spiritual value of the Communion and Covenant Services.
8. That Church Membership Preparatory Classes be given a prominent place in the yearly programme of each church, and that public reception services be held at least once a year.

9. That all ministers, officials, and other church workers be strongly urged to concentrate, with careful thought, prayer and enthusiasm, their best efforts upon the vital spiritual work of the Church.
10. That all ministers and workers in our churches be urged to give themselves to Personal Evangelism, as the most effective method of bringing home to the people the claims of Jesus Christ.
11. That we pledge ourselves to do something definite along lines of personal advocacy for the Saviour during the next twelve months.
12. That each year four Sundays be set aside and devoted to Spiritual Advance Campaign advocacy. That on each occasion appropriate sermons be preached, and suitable leaflets, previously supplied by the Department, be distributed.

The 1927 special dates shall be:—

May 15, July 17, September 18 and November 20.

N.B.—Local circumstances may prevent strict adherence to the dates specified. Where such is the case, the previous or the following Sunday should be submitted.

### GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

#### (a) **Spiritual Advance—**

1. That Conference expresses appreciation of the Spiritual Advance Campaign, and instructs the Board to continue its work.
2. That special attention be given to the Fellowship of the Kingdom Movement.
3. That ministers encourage more regular meetings for the study and development of Fellowship.
4. That the Contingent and Home Mission Funds each make a grant of £50 towards Spiritual Advance expenses.
5. That Circuit ministers and officials be requested to consider favourably the establishment, in every church, of a free literature table, on which Spiritual Advance and other suitable leaflets and pamphlets shall be displayed. It is further suggested that free-will offering box be also placed on the table in order that contributions might be received towards the upkeep of the table.
6. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to Home Missionary Evangelist, W. T. Hooper, for his devoted services during the past two years.
7. That the Conference expresses its profound gratitude for the success attending the Gipsy Smith campaign throughout the Dominion.

#### (b) **Home Mission Finance—**

1. That, after the present year, no grants be made to Circuits which, at their own request, are in charge of Home Missionaries, and are likely to remain so indefinitely; and yet are retaining official status as Circuits at the expense of the Home Mission Fund.
2. That the question in the Agenda for Quarterly Meetings relating to Home and Foreign Missions be redrafted, with a view to ensuring better organisation in the Circuits in the interests of both Funds.
3. That in the opinion of this Conference it is essential to future vital interests of the Church that the Home Mission annual income should be sufficiently increased to enable the Department to adequately carry out the important consolidation and development work that it has taken in hand, and also to suitably

finance an extension of the Literature and Colporteur work. As this means an expenditure of some £2000 per year more than the present income, the Conference appeals to the whole Church to bring the Home Mission Circuit contributions up to the necessary level.

4. That the Home Mission Board be authorised to make a grant to the Literature and Colporteur Department late in the year, if funds permit.
5. That the financial year close on December 31st, and the final date for receiving remittances be January 15th.
6. All money received by Circuit officials for the H.M. Department shall, as far as possible, be immediately remitted to the Conference Treasurers—H.M. Fund moneys to Rev. George Bond, and Literature and Colporteur moneys to Mr. G. O. Blakey.

**(c) Literature and Colporteur Society—**

1. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered Colporteur J. H. Edmondson, for his successful pioneer work during 1926.
2. That the thanks of Conference be presented to Mr. W. Ambury, Hon. H.M. Book Steward, and to Mr. G. O. Blakey, Hon. Treasurer of the Literature and Colporteur Fund, for their services.

**(d) Miscellaneous—**

1. That special H.M. Deputations visit every Circuit and Station during the year, and that ministers and officials give the utmost assistance to the deputations, (a) by preventing any clash with their local functions and appeals; (b) by preparatory local education on the vital character and the wide activities of the Department; and (c) by creating all possible interest in the visit of the deputations.
2. That every Circuit and H.M. Station appoint efficient Secretaries, Canvassers and Committees; and that the names of Circuit Secretaries be sent immediately to the General Superintendent.
3. That after the present calendar year, the order of F.M. and H.M. appeals in the district north of Auckland City and Suburbs be reversed, and that the H.M. appeal be made in the first half of the year, and the F.M. appeal in the second half.
4. That the question of the General Superintendent having a seat (ex officio) on the Stationing Committee be referred to the Synods for consideration.
5. That the Conference Committee dealing with the revision and publication of the Book of Offices be requested to revise and to abbreviate the form of the Covenant Service.
6. That each District and Sub-District H.M. Committee carefully investigate the whole question of the pastoral oversight of our members and adherents who are resident in areas not at present included in any Circuit or H.M. Station, and bring before the May Ministerial Committees and the District Synods comprehensive proposals, placing all unattached areas under the pastoral care of some adjacent Minister or Home Missionary.
7. That Conference record the appreciation expressed by the H.M. Board of the prominence given in the "Methodist Times" to the copy forwarded by its representatives; also of the effective services rendered by Revs. W. B. Scott and H. Ryan in the preparation of suitable copy.

8. That each District Chairman, in consultation with the District Executive or H.M. Committee, associate with himself (or his deputy) other suitable ministers and laymen when paying the annual visit of inspiration and advice to the Circuits.
9. That Conference request the Welfare of the Church Committee to investigate the matter of the broadcasting of Divine services and other church meetings and functions, and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the Methodist Church secures its fair proportion of broadcasting.
10. That the matter of the possibility of further developing social work in Wellington be referred back to the Wellington District Executive for further consideration and report.
11. That when the Superintendent of the H.M. Department, or the Assistant Superintendent pay a visit to a Circuit or Home Mission Station on deputation or other business, the Circuit Minister or Home Missionary call a special meeting of officers and others interested for the purpose of consultation, etc.

#### 12. Thanks—

That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. A. J. Seamer, General Superintendent of the H.M. Department, and we assure him of the continued confidence ministers and laymen have in his judgment in dealing with the many and varied problems of the work both in the Maori and European Departments.

That the Rev. E. T. Olds be heartily thanked, and that he be designated for re-appointment in 1928 for a further term of 3 years.

That the cordial thanks of Conference be presented to the General Treasurer for his invaluable services, and that he be re-appointed.

That Mr. J. Veale be heartily thanked for his services as Lay Treasurer, and that he be re-appointed, but be given leave of absence during 1927, and that Mr. W. Ambury be appointed Acting-Lay Treasurer for the year.

That the Chairman of the Board, Rev. E. Drake, be thanked for his valuable services during the year.

That the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., be thanked for his efficient services during the year, and that he be re-appointed.

#### HOME MISSION BOARD.

That the following be members of the Board for 1927: The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), Assistant Superintendent (Rev. E. T. Olds), the General Treasurer (Rev. G. Bond), Lay Treasurer (Mr. J. Veale), the Corresponding Secretary (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.), the Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. R. T. Haddon), the Life Members (Rev. T. G. Brooke, Messrs. J. Veale, and T. W. Jones), with the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi and Missioner Scrimgeour, and Messrs. A. Peak, W. S. Stone, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, C. Jansen, W. S. Mackay, J. Trounson, G. O. Blakey, F. G. Steinert, A. Trenwith, W. H. Worsley, H. S. Crowe, Howard Knight, C. Bycroft, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, J. Reed, J. Smith, T. Moor, W. Thompson, Mrs. Smethurst, Misses Mather and I. Jones. Convener, the General Superintendent.



**DISTRICT HOME MISSION SECRETARIES.**

Auckland—Rev. G. B. Hinton.  
 South Auckland—Rev. E. E. Sage.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. P. J. Cossum.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Rev. H. T. Peat.  
 Wellington—Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.  
 Nelson—Rev. R. E. Fordyce.  
 North Canterbury—Rev. L. B. Neale.  
 South Canterbury—Rev. P. I. Cooke.  
 Otago-Southland—Rev. E. S. Harkness.

**Sub-District Home Mission Secretaries**

Hawke's Bay—Rev. B. Metson.  
 Southland—Rev. S. Bailey.

**DISTRICT HOME MISSION COMMITTEES.**

Auckland—The Auckland Executive Committee. Convener, Rev. G. B. Hinton.

South Auckland—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. E. E. Sage.

Taranaki-Wanganui—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, M.P., R. Pepperell, P. J. White, C. Carter, A. G. Fischer, E. Taylor, J. Gibson, J. T. Griffin and P. Okey. Convener, Rev. P. J. Cossum.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea, Woodville, Pahiatua and Foxton Circuits, Messrs. G. H. Stiles, H. E. Pacey, E. G. Bennett, A. H. Fisher, W. Flatt, T. R. Hodder, F. S. Guy, R. Print and J. Harding. Convener, Rev. H. T. Peat.

Sub-Committee (Hawke's Bay)—Ministers of Napier, Hastings and Waipawa Circuits, Messrs. G. W. Venables, J. H. Oldham, L. A. Denton, H. R. French, and E. E. Bott; corresponding member, Rev. G. Frost. Convener, Rev. B. Metson.

Wellington—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. C. H. Olds.

Nelson—Ministers of Blenheim Circuits, Messrs. W. D. Pike, E. H. Penny, C. White and C. W. Parker. Convener, Rev. R. E. Fordyce.

North Canterbury—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. L. B. Neale.

South Canterbury—Ministers of Timaru Circuit, Messrs. A. Stead, H. H. Brown and W. G. Irwin, with the Ministers of Waimate, Temuka and Geraldine Circuits, and Mr. A. W. Barnett, corresponding members. Convener, Rev. P. I. Cooke.

Otago-Southland—In District Executive. H.M. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

Sub-Committee (Southland)—The Ministers of the Invercargill, Bluff and Gore Circuits, with Messrs. Pearce, F. W. Preddy, A. S. Froggatt, C. F. Roberts, W. Mitchell and W. Kellow. Convener, Rev. S. Bailey.

## REPORT OF H.M. BOARD ON SUBJECT REMITTED TO IT BY THE CONFERENCE.

### STATUS AND STAFFING OF CIRCUITS.

(Min. of Conference, page 113, par. 16).

Immediately any comparison is worked out between the status, staffing, etc., of the various Circuits and H.M. Stations and their relative strength and prospects the investigator is struck by the inequalities which exist and which undoubtedly should be modified at an early date.

The Board recognises that these inequalities have been considerably aggravated by the growing tendency to establish "one man circuits." On the other hand it appreciates the fact that great advantage can at times be gained by the emphasis thus placed on local responsibility and by the exploiting of the locality consciousness.

While the Board stands solidly for the observance of the same great Methodist Principles in every part of the Dominion, it stands just as definitely for flexibility of method in their application. It is obvious however, that if continuity of policy is to be observed in spite of the itinerary of our ministry, and if the present striking inequalities which press so heavily upon both ministers and office bearers, are to be modified, responsibility must be carried by groups of pastorates rather than by single pastorates. It is a small matter for a circuit with several ministers to open up new preaching places, and such a circuit can without much difficulty re-adjust itself and take an additional minister when the work requires it. But it is a serious matter for a "one man circuit" to extend its boundaries, and the taking of a second minister is usually unavoidably postponed to the detriment of the work unless the H.M. Fund carries the financial burden involved.

Methodist Church principles and policy require a truly connexional, rather than a congregational, spirit, and demand a concerted aggressive policy throughout the whole country.

The Board is, however, unanimously of the opinion that only by a process of education in our Church principles and policy, and by developing a local sense of responsibility for Church extension in each District and Sub-District can the position be satisfactorily and permanently improved.

It would seem, however, that these principles might be better served and the practical difficulties overcome by following either or all of the following methods:—

(1) Return to the large circuit system in a modified form (separate pastorates, etc., within the circuit).

(2) Establish a system of "Circuit Groups" in organised and official co-operation.

(3) Develop the advisory abilities and powers of Sub-District Committees or Councils.

(a) The Board recommends that these suggested methods be discussed and referred back to the Board, with comments and further suggestions, for consideration during 1927.

(b) A special report is being sent to certain of the Synods through their respective District H.M. Committees calling attention to individual cases.

(c) Further, the Board recommends that when considering the status of a circuit that has had the service of a married Home Missionary

for a term of years, those services be recognised as equivalent to the services of a Probationer, and that, except in special cases, the next step in status be the appointment of a Married Minister, not a Probationer.

**Note.**—A Married Probationer has less financial claim on the Conference than the full status Married Home Missionary. He has no legal claim to a parsonage, and it is highly desirable that this fact should be recognised or many Probationers may be seeking to marry during probation. This would make the task of stationing most difficult if not impossible. A unique system such as ours that ensures an appointment for every Minister must of necessity demand safeguards.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

The Report was received.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the suggested methods relating to the status and staffing of Circuits, be referred back to the H.M. Board, with the comments and suggestions of the Synods for further consideration during 1927 (as per recommendation (a) in the Report).

### REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM HOME MISSION BOARD.

**City Mission, Auckland.** The Report of the Commission appointed by the Synod was received and endorsed by the Board, and, at the urgent request of the Commission, a Home Missionary was appointed by the Board to take charge at Alexandra Street.

The Conference is recommended to—

- (1) Reconstitute the Auckland Methodist Mission, but with the status of a Home Mission Station under the supervision of the Pitt Street Circuit Superintendent.
- (2) Appoint a Committee of Management.
- (3) Make a suitable grant to the new station.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Auckland Methodist Mission be reconstituted as in 1923, but with the status of a Home Mission Station, under the supervision of the Auckland Central Circuit Superintendent.
2. That the Committee of Management consist of the Mission officials and the members of the Commission appointed by the Auckland Synod, together with the Ministers of East Street, France Street, and Airedale (formerly Alexandra) Street properties.
3. That a suitable grant be made from the Home Mission Fund.

### GEORGE H. BRIDGMAN.

It was resolved to place the name of George H. Bridgman on the retired list of Home Missionaries.

It is now 39 years since he responded to the call of the backblocks of New Zealand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Entering the work as a Home Missionary in 1888, he laboured with great acceptance in Coromandel, Bay of Islands, Wade, and Whangaroa, retiring in 1901 on

account of eye trouble. In 1907 he re-entered the work, and was appointed to Morrinsville. Since then, he has been stationed at Norsewood, Patea, Midhurst, Hokitika, Edendale, and Lawrence. Mr. Bridgman has ever been a loyal servant of Jesus Christ, and of the Methodist Church. His ministry has been blessed to the salvation of many souls. Wherever he has laboured, he has been held in the highest esteem, and among his brethren he has been greatly beloved. Mrs. Bridgman has been a worthy helpmeet, and as a local preacher, and in many other ways helped to contribute to her husband's success in the Master's vineyard.

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

#### **THE REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD CONCERNING THE MAORI WORK.**

The Mercies of God have crowded the year, and His Blessing has crowned the labours of our Agents. All our Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries report improvement in the religious and social life of the people. There is an active optimism amongst our people that augurs well for the future.

At the same time our Circuit organisation has been seriously affected by the changing condition amongst the people and by the ebb and flow of Maori movements. The marvellous re-awakening of racial consciousness and the desire of the people to organise and control their own religious activities is, rightly understood, and guided, a real asset to our work. But its undue assertion at times creates delicate problems that can only be handled by the exercise of great tact and patience.

The Board is still emphatically in favour of our Maori people having the fullest possible freedom of action in their Church organisation, but the people themselves are only now beginning to realise that if they are to exercise authority they must also shoulder corresponding responsibilities. The various attempts made to organise independent Maori Churches all have a real educative value. The Board years ago unanimously and very emphatically decided that the interests of the Kingdom of God and the development of the Maori race must ever be put before purely denominational considerations. Probably 300 to 500 of our members consider themselves also for the time being members of the independent Church. About 400 have formally transferred to that Church. What the permanent church attachment of these ex-members and of many thousands of others associated with them, will be, will depend upon the charity, or lack of charity, shown in these extraordinary times by the representatives of the various Mission Churches. We are glad to be able to report that the charitable and helpful attitude is being more and more generally adopted. In spite of our seeming loss, technically and on paper, our Church was never so influential amongst the people generally as at present.

The appointment of the Rev. R. Tahupotiki Haddon as Senior Maori Superintendent ("Chief Pastor" as it has been interpreted) has met with general approval.

The H.M. Fund income from most of the Maori Circuits will be considerably less this year than before the independent Maori Church Movement was so active. On the other hand that Movement is saving us from the greatly increased expenditure that we had anticipated.

and yet every branch of our work is moving forward. The developments so far are such that from the financial, as from almost every other standpoint, all those who take the "long view" recognise that we have cause to be thankful.

#### **Deaconess Work.**

The work of the Mission Sisters is rapidly extending and is recognised both by the Board and by the Maoris themselves to be of the utmost value. The addition of two more workers, Miss Iris Foster and Miss Netta Gittos (niece of the late Rev. Wm. Gittos), has very considerably strengthened our staff. The Women's Missionary Union is now supporting three Sisters, the Women's B.C. Movement one, and the General Fund two. All the Sisters are busy doing effective organising work that will mean much to the future of the Race.

#### **Evangelistic Work.**

The evangelistic Missions have been very fruitful, but we confidently anticipate greater results next year, when we hope to be able to organise a still more comprehensive evangelistic campaign.

#### **The King Country Hospital.**

The Mission Hospital at Te Kuiti still continues to do useful work. The Hospital, situated at such a fine strategical centre, is not only a most practical institution, but it stands as a monument to the great Christian principles of social service. We work on fixed principles so as to avoid the great mistake that has been made by some Societies in pauperising the people. Of course our methods are not perfect, but we are learning by experience. The Matron would welcome further supplies of Hospital requisites.

#### **Y.P. Work.**

We are still very far from reaching our objectives in Sunday School and general work amongst the young people. In some localities we have not yet been able, through dearth of workers, to establish any systematic work. But we are steadily making progress and the current year has seen marked advance in the Waikato and Auckland Districts.

#### **Lay Preachers.**

The self-sacrificing and zealous activity of our Lay Preachers is, in all of our Districts, one of the greatest factors making for progress. We rejoice to observe that by such activities these loyal workers are not only serving those to whom they minister but are also developing their own spiritual and intellectual powers.

#### **Literature.**

There is no greater need amongst our tribes to-day than that of suitable literature, both in simple English and in Maori. The Literature and Colporteur Society has in some measure met this need. Leaflets in both languages have been circulated. The Maori Prayer and Hymn Book has been revised. Many suitable English books and booklets have been made available. We recognise that here we have a great and promising field of opportunity into which we have just commenced to introduce practical methods.

#### **Co-operation.**

Interesting experiments in methods of mutual co-operation between the local Maori and Pakeha Circuits are being carried out in the Bay of Islands, and to a lesser degree in Hokianga. In these matters which are so vital to the future consolidation of the work we are moving very slowly. We are feeling our way step by step. We believe in our policy of co-operation as the only final solution of our organisation

problems, but to force that policy unduly upon people not yet ready for it, would be but to court disaster.

The general development work of our Mission becomes more interesting year by year to our workers, to some of them indeed, it has become almost all-absorbing.

Signed on behalf of the H.M. Board,

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

R. TAHUPOTIKI HADDON, Senior Maori Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

### RESOLUTION.

1. That the Conference expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for the excellent work that is being carried on amongst the Maori people, and tenders its best thanks to those who have the oversight of this important branch of our Church.
2. The Conference expresses its high appreciation of the work of the Senior Superintendent of the Maori work (Rev. R. T. Haddon), and also of his work in the interests of Prohibition.
3. That the Sunday Schools throughout the Dominion be requested to support, as from January 1928, at least one Deaconess as their representative in the Maori work. That the special amounts raised for this purpose be definitely earmarked, but be paid through the ordinary Circuit channels.

**QUESTION XLV.—**What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

### REPORT OF DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

It is with profound gratitude to God for His unfailing goodness that we forward this report of the main features of our work during the past year.

All the activities of the Mission have been fully maintained and in several departments there has been considerable advance. Especially has this been the case in Social Service. The privilege granted by the Mayor of the City of participating in public charities, has considerably augmented the income of our Benevolent Fund and enabled us to launch out on a bigger scale of social work. In this department the sum of £130 has been expended, though this but dimly indicates the real effective service rendered. The Mission Deaconess and Superintendent have been brought into contact with much sorrow and distress, and it has been a joy to be in a position to minister unto the needs of sufferers.

#### Deaconess Work.

It is impossible to speak too highly of the good work of Sister Hazel. A great deal of her work has been among the women and girls of the Mission. Throughout the year she has maintained a Bible Class of 40 and a Girls' Club of 30. Miss Boot has kindly defrayed the cost of an advertisement in the daily papers inviting "Lonely Girls" or girls in need of a friend to call upon Sister Hazel at stated times.

By this means a considerable number have been helped to renewed courage and a better life.

The Girls' Luncheon Club and Rest Room have continued to meet a felt need among the business girls of the city. The Public Hospital has been systematically visited, and the aged, the sick, and the poor, have been ministered unto.

#### People's Popular Service.

This Sunday evening continues to be the chief justification of the existence of the Mission. Large numbers—especially of young men and women, who are not attracted by the more ornate services of the Church, are drawn by the hearty singing of Chorus Hymns and the atmosphere of the Mission service. We are deeply conscious of the great opportunity and responsibility which the service presents.

#### Finance.

It was with exceeding regret that the Mission bade farewell to Miss Boot in December, when she left to take up her permanent residence in England. For 10 years she had rendered devoted service as Honorary Deaconess, Mission Official and organiser for debt reduction. The 1d. per day scheme which she inaugurated in 1918, raised the sum of £1000. Soon after her arrival in England, she sent a cable repeating her offer of last year to donate £250, providing the Mission raised £750. Very loyally did the members and adherents of the Mission respond to the challenge. Appeals were made and special efforts were organised, with the result that Miss Boot fulfilled her promise, and the Trustees have been enabled to pay £1200 off all debts. Of this amount the sum of £41 11s. was received from people outside the Mission, for which we are grateful.

We have thus been able during the past three years to pay the sum of £3,000 off the mortgage. This will save £180 in interest. The thanks of the whole Church as well as of the Mission are due to Miss Boot for her marked generosity. The Trust liabilities are now £8,000. We eagerly anticipate the day when this huge hindrance will be removed out of the way of aggressive Mission work in the city.

The Circuit Income of £863 has been more than sufficient to meet all expenses, and has enabled the Circuit to assist in the reduction of Trust debt.

Perfect harmony and willing co-operation have existed between Superintendent, officials and members during the year. We face the coming year with the utmost confidence.

W. WALKER,  
Superintendent.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. W. Walker be congratulated for the work he has done, especial reference being made to the reduction of the Trust debt.
2. That Miss Boot be thanked, by letter, for her generous gifts to the Mission.

**QUESTION XLVI.—**What are the resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

#### ANNUAL REPORT, 1926.

In presenting the report of the Deaconess Institution we wish to express our thanks to the Superintendent, Mrs W. J. Williams, the Hon Chaplain, Rev W. J. Williams; the ladies of the House Committee, and the lecturers for the efficient manner in which they have carried out

the duties. The work of the institution has been carried on successfully during the year, the happiest conditions being maintained.

Miss Macdonald, who completed her Deaconess House training last year and has since served a year in St Helen's Hospital, should be ready for service in the Solomon Islands next year.

Miss Norah Mills, who finished her course at Deaconess House last year has served a year as Deaconess in Wellington South. Both these Sisters are now due for ordination at next Conference and arrangements will be made accordingly.

Miss Jeffries completes her course at Deaconess House at the close of this year and is available for appointment. Miss Hayman and Miss Barnett continue for another year.

It is expected that five new students will enter for training at the beginning of the new year, 1927.

There have been four hostel boarders in residence throughout the year, two will be returning, and two others have arranged for accommodation. Other applications may be received later. An outhouse built in brick has been provided for the storage of boxes, portmanteau, etc. Part being let to the Women's M. Auxiliary for storage of clothing, goods, etc, waiting shipment to Solomon Islands.

During the year the final payment was made in respect to the purchase of Deaconess House property.

The committee has now under consideration the extension of Deaconess House premises by providing eight additional bedrooms, extra bathroom facilities, and an enlarged dining-room. The estimated cost of which, with necessary furnishings, is given as about £1800.

It is hoped by bringing under the notice of our people, through our ministers, the facilities offered Methodist girls attending educational classes in Christchurch, to attract a larger number and so bring them under the good influences of Deaconess House.

Application is herein made for the usual Conference grants for maintenance purposes, viz., Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £75, Contingent Fund £75, the Connexional Fire Insurance Board £100.

Thanks are due to the lady associate members, the W.M. Auxiliaries, and other friends for their continued interest and financial support. We are further much indebted to Mr D. T. Lucas, architect, for professional services in connection with Deaconess House property, additions and contemplated extensions. Mr Lucas's services are greatly appreciated.

The following are nominated for the committee for 1927:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits, together with the ministers appointed to New Brighton, Linwood, and Edgeware Road, and Rev S. Lawry, Messrs L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., J. E. Purchase, A. Borrows, G. Bowron, V. A. Sharpe, W. H. Seed, H. W. Heslop, C. A. Newman and the five ladies of the House Committee.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary.

## OFFICIAL LIST OF DEACONESSSES AND PROBATIONERS.

### Home Work—

#### Deaconesses—

\*1914 Sister "Annie" Tocker, 36 Macfarlane Street. (With Government Department).

1918 Sister "Hazel" Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.



- 1920 Sister "Mildred" West, Ashburton.  
 1920 Sister "Bessie" Macfarlane, Aro Street Mission, Wellington.  
 \*1926 Sister "Norah" Mills, Wellington South.

Probationer—

- 1927 Sister "Margaret" Jeffries, Pitt St., Auckland.

**Maori Work—**

Deaconesses—

- \*1921 Sister "Eleanor" Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.  
 1921 Sister Nicholls, London Street, Hamilton.  
 \*1923 Sister "Marion" Fabrin, Maori Mission, Te Kuiti.  
 Sister "Alice" Howell, Hawera.

**Foreign Work—**

Deaconesses—

- \*1913 Sister "May" Barnett, Solomon Islands.  
 \*1914 Sister "Lilian" Berry, Solomon Islands.  
 \*1914 Sister "Lily" White, Solomon Islands.  
 \*1922 Sister "Elizabeth" Common, Solomon Islands.  
 \*1922 Sister "Jean" Dalziel, Solomon Islands.  
 \*1926 Sister "Grace" McDonald, Solomon Islands.

Deaconesses Resting—

- 1907 Sister "Mabel" Morley.  
 \*1908 Sister "Ruth" Fawcett.  
 \*1918 Sister "Winifred" Beaumont.  
 1921 Sister "May" Ralph.  
 \*Trained in Deaconess House.

**QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference regarding Connexional Orphanages?**

**A.—AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE,  
 MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM.  
 RESOLUTIONS OF SYNODS.**

AUCKLAND.

With gratitude to God the Board of Management reports that the work has been vigorously sustained throughout the year.

Our three Homes are all full, with a total of 110 children. Many applications have been declined for lack of room, and if we had double our present accommodation it would soon be in demand. The Homes assist in meeting an urgent social need.

While some of our children have lost both parents, the majority are children with one parent, either deceased, disabled by chronic sickness, or a deserter, the remaining parent being unable to look after the children while earning their living. The number of applications arising from

the breaking up of a home through the default of a father or mother is sad in the extreme, and the utmost caution is exercised by the Selection Committee lest default should be made easy.

The gracious result of our work is seen in the case of early entrants who have now left us, and in various spheres are making good. Their success, and the love and gratitude they show to the "Home" and "Mother" provided for them by the Church, is a rich reward.

Matrons Armitage and Everiss, supported by a loyal staff, continue to render devoted service. With slight exceptions good health and good conduct have prevailed, and satisfactory reports have been received from the Day Schools.

The "Black Baby" Sale, at Mount Albert, again established a record, the result being £60—£50 for the Solomons, £5 for the new College, £2 for the local Sunday School, and the balance carried forward.

Epsom Home raised over £10 by an effective Entertainment—£5 for the Solomons, £2 10s for the College, and the balance for the Piano Fund.

The Ladies' Committee has maintained with unabated enthusiasm their invaluable work in the Clothing and Christmas Cheer Departments.

The ordinary income from General Donations, Circuits, and Sunday Schools shows an increase, and the Board cordially acknowledge the good work of the official collectors, the Misses Ethel Mason and E. M. Stables, and the liberality of contributors.

We have had, however, to encroach somewhat on capital, and in view of the heavy cost of maintaining three Homes and 110 children we especially ask for an increase in the number of annual subscribers, in accordance with the resolution of last Conference.

Much can be done in this direction by an enthusiastic local collector. A notable example is found in the Te Aroha Circuit, where over £44 was collected by Mr Wagstaff over and above Christmas offerings.

The year has been remarkable for legacies. During the year the residue of the estate of the late William Winstone has been taken over, including about £1500 in cash, and it is estimated that the balance, when fully realisable, will be at least £20,000, which will free us of debt and provide the nucleus of an Endowment Fund.

In addition, the Board has been notified of the following bequests, viz. :—

Estate of W. Kirby, Wellington, £500.

Estate of J. Whitford, Mangere, £100 and the residue of the estate (approx. £250).

(Both of these are subject to the widows' life interest.)

Estate of Mrs Ann King, Pukekohe, £100 (paid).

Estate of Mrs Anderson, Auckland, £100.

Estate of Mr J. H. Townsend, Tauranga, £100.

Estate of Mrs N. J. Serre, Newmarket, £2500 (approx.).

For these and many other tokens of confidence and goodwill the Board is very grateful, not forgetting the services of Drs. Harold Pettit and Howard Thomas (honorary medical advisers), and of Messrs Peak, Kirker and Newcombe (honorary solicitors).

It is recommended that the Board of Management be as last year, with the addition of Rev J. H. Allen, and the omission of Mr T. W. Jones.

(Signed) E. DRAKE, Chairman.  
S. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference congratulates the Board of Management and Matrons Armitage and Everiss on the successful work of the year, and expresses its appreciation of the large measure of support given to the Homes by the Churches, Sunday Schools and subscribers. Conference notes with thankfulness the numerous legacies and especially the munificent bequest of the late Mr. William Winstone, reported last year and now transferred to the Board.
2. That in view of the present needs and future development, Conference earnestly commends the Orphanage to the systematic support of our people, requesting a liberal response to the appeal for Christmas offerings and an increase in the number of annual subscribers.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ladies' Committee, and especially to Mrs. A. C. Caughey and Miss A. Mason, as President and Secretary.
4. That the Board of Management be thanked for their services and that they be re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. J. H. Allen and the omission of Mr. T. W. Jones.
5. That the thanks of Conference be given to the honorary medical advisers, Drs. Harold Petitt and W. Howard Thomas; also to Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, the honorary solicitors, and that they be re-appointed.
6. That the best thanks of Conference be presented to the Secretary, Rev. S. Griffith, and to the Lay Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Caughey, and that they be re-appointed.

### BOARD FOR 1927.

Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., G. Bond, W. A. Sinclair, G. T. Marshall, W. S. Potter, E. Drake, C. Griffin T. G. Brooke, A. Ashcroft, L. B. Dalby, J. H. Allen, W. T. Blight, B.A., J. Blight, A. B. Chappell M.A., Dip. Jour., Mesdames W. H. Smith (Life Member), A. H. White, A. E. Snowden, J. Blight, A. C. Caughey, A. Peak, H. P. Caughey, Misses Kirk, Harvey, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Messrs. A. C. Caughey and W. Astley (Life Members), J. E. Astley, A. Peak, J. Trounson, H. P. Caughey, G. M. Fowlds, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, S. Oldfield, W. Ambury, E. A. Pearce, A. L. Caughey (Treasurer), Rev. S. Griffith (Secretary). Collectors: Misses E. M. Stables and F. Mason.

### B—METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

We are thankful to report a year of activity and progress. Since the home was opened five years ago 74 children have been admitted.

During the last year six girls and seven boys have left to live in suitable homes and nine have been admitted. Thirty-eight children are now in the home. While some of the boys and girls have suffered from minor complaints the health of the children has generally been good. Again we have to thank Dr Prior, our honorary medical adviser, for his careful attention to the health of the inmates. He has filled the position since the home was opened and his work has been a "labour of love."

At the recent school examinations several of the young people secured their proficiency certificates and Ron Thompson has the distinction of being dux of the Central School.

At the annual examination of the children in Scripture knowledge, they revealed a creditable acquaintance with Bible truths, and suitable prizes have been awarded them.

We have to record considerable changes in the staff during the year. On December 26, Sister May, who has been matron since the home was opened, left to take up her residence in Australia. She rendered excellent service and we unanimously and sincerely regret that she felt compelled to listen to the call of duty in another land. Sister Annie, who has been first assistant since the home was opened, also left a few weeks before the departure of Sister May. She too, intends to return to Australia.

Miss Allen, who has had considerable experience in children's homes, has been appointed matron, and Miss Webb, of Nelson, has become first assistant.

In the playground a "giant stride" and "see-saws" have been erected, and these additions have increased the pleasure of the young people.

The residents of the Masterton district have been impressed by the good work being done and have shown their appreciation in a practical manner. An anonymous friend donated £500. By the will of the late Mr Monty Mort we received £177, and also a bequest of £50 from the estate of the late Mrs Bland Rayner and a similar amount from the estate of Mrs Maunsell. The members of the Masterton Club presented the home with a beautiful piano. By the will of the late Mr Wayland the funds of the home will benefit in days to come. The Christmas collections amounted to £314, being about £36 less than the previous year.

We are confident that the community will reap the benefit of the splendid work being done in the Home. We thank God that He has given us an opportunity to work for Him in this sphere of service.

The members of the Committee have done excellent work and they are nominated for re-election.

W. BECKETT, Chairman.  
J. COCKER, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference express its high appreciation of the work of the Rev. J. Cocker as Secretary of the Home, and that he be re-appointed.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Masterton Press for the help given to the Home and its work.
3. That the following be the members of the Management Committee for 1927:—Rev. W. Beckett (Chairman), Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, S. J. Smith, J. H. Handysides, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, S. W. Jones, Dr. Prior and Rev. J. Cocker, Mesdames J. Cocker, O. N. C. Pragnell, J. Elliott, W. Beckett, and Miss Burton.

### C—THE SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.

It is with a feeling of devout thankfulness that the Board presents its annual report.

The work of the year has not been free from difficulties, but most of these have been overcome and the review of the year's work affords encouragement.

Early in the year Mr and Mrs Butler resigned from their positions as Manager and Matron, to go into business, and the Board had some difficulty in suitably filling the vacancy; although advertisements appeared in the "Methodist Times" and the leading papers of the four cities of the Dominion. While reluctant to interfere with Conference Home Mission appointments, the Board felt compelled to appoint Mr and Mrs Haynes, of the Apiti Home Mission Station, to the position of Manager and Matron. The Board feels that this action has been justified by the results already manifest. Mr and Mrs Haynes are very happy in their work and are giving entire satisfaction.

The Board has under its care forty-nine children. Of these six of the elder boys are domiciled at the Presbyterian Boys' Home and three girls are in the Cashmere Fresh Air Home.

Great care is given to the physical, mental and religious development of the children. They are encouraged to take part in healthy sport, and the reports from the Technical and Primary Schools give encouragement. Fourteen children sat for the North Canterbury Sunday School Union examination, ten of whom secured passes. Four of the elder boys have been received into Church membership.

The question of the proposed new Home has been carefully considered, and a special Building Committee appointed.

The Rev W. Laycock (Field Organiser) has visited several circuits with good results—particularly in Otago and the West Coast.

During the year the following legacies have been received:—The estate of the late Elizabeth Pearce, £7; the late A. Cowie, £50; the late Sarah Usher, £1965; the late Wm. Morrow, £200; the late Ethel Scott, £100. Total, £2322.

The Board has been faced with the urgent need of providing more effective Hostel accommodation for the girls who may be working in the city or changing situations, and a Committee has been appointed to consider this difficult question.

The Board expresses its thanks to Dr Orchard for his willing gratuitous services extending over a period of several years. It also thanks the many friends who have been so generous in forwarding gifts of food and clothing.

Signed:

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

J. HARRIS, Secretary.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Secretary, Rev. J. Harris, and the Treasurer, Mr. George Bowron, were thanked and re-appointed.
2. That the Board for 1927 be:—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, St. Albans, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, Addington, Woolston, and Riccarton Circuits, the Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, C. E. Ward, S. Lawry, W. Laycock, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, and Sister Mabel Morley, Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., W. H. Seed, E. W. Hall, F. Thompson, G. Bowron (Treasurer), Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., Messrs. J. Lomas, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, W. H. Marshall, J. Gilmour, and F. A. Sheat, Rev. J. Harris (Secretary), Rev. W. Laycock (Field Organiser).

3. That the Board be requested to forward its appeal for Christmas offerings through the September Quarterly Meetings, in order to secure official authority.

### GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

Conference records its appreciation of the support given to our Orphanage work throughout the Dominion, both by personal subscriptions and Christmas collections.

With a view, however, to the adequate maintainance of our present Homes, and in view of the prospective development of this work, Conference requests that the policy of annual subscriptions be more systematically and generally adopted, and that Christmas offerings be regarded as supplementary thereto.

With a view of the above, Orphanage collectors should be appointed in each Circuit and H.M. Station.

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

### REPORT OF THE "METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

#### "Methodist Times."

In harmony with Conference direction two efforts have been made for an increase of subscribers to the "Methodist Times." Early in the year an appeal was made in the paper itself; more recently a circular letter to the circuit agents, ministers and Home Missionaries has been sent forth. It is necessary for agents to be continually seeking new subscribers, as there is always occurring what may be termed wastage of our lists through deaths, removals, etc. This year the wastage has left us with some 150 subscribers fewer. From many parts of New Zealand as well as Australia come expressions of admiration and flattering comparisons to it with other church organs. There is no doubt we have a first-class paper and a most capable editor, but the whole church must rouse herself to get more subscribers.

#### Editor.

The Committee expresses its thanks to the editors for their efficient work during the year.

Its best thanks are also due to the business manager, the Rev S. Lawry.

The Rev P. R. Paris is unanimously recommended for the appointment of Editor for 1927.

The Committee recommends that the Connexional Secretary for the time being, be the business manager.

#### Colporteurs.

Matters relating to the work of the Connexional Colporteurs have been considered, and Colporteurs given authority to act as agents for the "Methodist Times." The Colporteur Society's agents are also sellers of the Methodist hymn book on the same terms as other agents.

#### Finance.

The balance-sheet will be presented at Conference.

W. J. WILLIAMS, Chairman.  
B. J. JAMES, Convener.

The Report and Balance-sheet were received and adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Editors, the Business Manager (Rev. S. Lawry), and the Treasurer (Mr. H. Holland, M.P., C.B.E.), for their efficient services.
- That the Rev. P. R. Paris be re-appointed Editor for 1927, and that Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Business Manager.
- That the Rev. B. J. James be re-appointed Convener for 1927.
- That the Committee be elected by the North Canterbury District Executive.
- That Rev. B. J. James be appointed Associate Editor.

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

**REPORT OF WELLINGTON MILITARY COMMITTEE, 1926.**

A meeting of the Wellington Military Committee has been held during the year, when the treasurer reported the balance to the credit of the Military Camps Fund was £582 18s 1d, with interest for the year to be added. It was unanimously agreed, in conformity with the Conference resolution, that the whole amount be handed over forthwith to the Supernumerary Fund treasurers for administration. An appeal having been received from the National Headquarters of the Y.M.C.A. for financial assistance to continue their work in the Territorial camps of the Dominion, in the interests of the men inside and outside of the churches, it was agreed to recommend to the Conference that a grant of £100 be made in 1927 from the Home Mission Fund as our Church's contribution to this work.

The thanks of our Church are due to the naval and military chaplains for the service rendered throughout the year. The warships of the New Zealand Squadron have been visited and the Methodist sailors kept in touch with the Church, and our military chaplains have continued to cater for the spiritual, moral, and social welfare of our lads in the Territorial camps of the Dominion. This work calls for no special comment, but represents a fine piece of Christian service effectively and willingly done.

We recommend the reappointment of the naval chaplains and the Military Committees, with such changes as the stationing of ministers shall necessitate.

W. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

C. EATON, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the thanks of the Conference be given to our Military and Naval Chaplains for the valuable service rendered during the year.
2. That the Balance-sheet of the Military Camps Fund be received and adopted, and gratification expressed that the way is now clear for the handing over of the balance of the fund to the Supernumerary Fund Treasurers, as per resolution of the Conference of last year.
3. That the credit balance in the hands of the Treasurers be handed over to the Supernumerary Fund Board, to be administered as directed by Conference in the interests of Ministers who may suffer disabilities as the result of their War services.

4. That a grant of £75 be made from this Fund to Rev. W. A. Watson in view of his early retirement from the Ministry, due to War disability.
5. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be recommended to supplement this sum by a substantial grant from the Supernumerary Fund.
6. That in view of the War service rendered by the Rev. F. T. Read, and his early retirement from the active Ministry, the Conference recommends the Supernumerary Fund Board to grant an allowance to him from the Benevolent Fund.
7. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be requested to consider ways and means by which the funds in trust for Ministers suffering from War disability may be supplemented, particularly in the form of a grant from the accumulated capital of the Supernumerary Fund, and report to next Conference.
8. That Conference recommends to the Home Mission Board and the Contingent Fund Treasurers that a grant of £50 be made on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. work in our Military Camps in the interests of the social and moral welfare of our lads attending such camps.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Rev. C. Eaton as Convener, and to the Hon. C. M. Luke, for his services as Treasurer of the Military Camps' Fund; and to the Auditors, Messrs. E. Dawson and J. Cable.

#### MILITARY AFFAIRS.

The following were appointed to the Chaplains' Board:—

Headquarters—Rev. C. Eaton.

Northern Command—Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.

Central Command—Rev. C. Eaton.

Southern Command—Rev. W. Walker.

The following Military Committees were appointed:—

Headquarters and Central Command—The Chairman and Chaplains of the District, Messrs. C. M. Luke, C. R. Edmond, R. B. T. Richardson, H. P. Mourant. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

Northern Command—The Chaplains in the District, Messrs. B. Buttle, W. S. Stone, K. Dellow, H. C. Mutton and Major F. C. Soar. Convener, Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A.

Southern Command—The Chairman and the Chaplains in the District, Col. G. J. Smith, Messrs. A. F. Drayton, T. T. Robson, W. Simpson, W. Dobbs and E. R. Caygill. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

Otago Command—Chaplains of the Otago-Southland District, Messrs. E. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, J. B. Shacklock, T. Smith. Convener, Rev. W. Walker.

#### NAVAL AFFAIRS.

That the following be the Naval Chaplains appointed by the Conference:—

Wellington—Rev. C. Eaton.

Auckland—Rev. J. F. Martin.

Lyttelton—Rev. A. C. Dudley, F.R.A.S.

Timaru—Rev. A. B. Lawry.

Dunedin—Rev. H. E. Bellhouse.

Port Chalmers—Rev. T. Arthur Pybus.

Bluff—Rev. R. McGregor, B.A.

Nelson—Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.

New Plymouth—Rev. T. R. Richards.

Picton—Rev. F. Bateup.

Greymouth—Rev. G. E. Brown.



**QUESTION L.—What is the Report on Early Church Records?****REPORT FOR 1926.**

Very few documents or other records have come to hand during the year. The value of the records being preserved is illustrated from time to time by inquiries made for information relating to the date, etc., of erection of Churches whose jubilees are being celebrated. But there is no proper accommodation for the documents, and the classification is very incomplete.

In view of the fact that it has always been the custom to send records to the Connexional Office, and as it is the Connexional Secretary to whom application is made for information, I suggest that the new Connexional Secretary be associated with me as one of the Custodians. I shall count it a privilege still to render any service in this connection of which I may be capable.

(Signed) SAMUEL LAWRY.

The Report was received and adopted.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Rev. S. Lawry be thanked for his distinguished services for many years past as Custodian, and that the new Connexional Secretary be the Custodian for 1927.
2. That having heard that valuable documents relating to the early history of our New Zealand Church have come into the possession of the Theological College Library, Conference resolves that the Principal of the College be appointed a Joint Custodian of Early Church records, with the Connexional Secretary, and that they confer during the year as to the respective spheres of repositories of such records.
3. That the offer of Rev. S. Lawry to help the new Connexional Secretary be referred for consideration to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, to take such action as he deems best.
4. That a letter of thanks be sent to the family of the late Rev. Gideon Smales for the gift to the College of valuable historical documents.

**QUESTION LI.—What are the Resolutions of the Committee on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report.****REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOOK OF OFFICES.**

(Minutes, 1926; p., 57).

The Committee has done a great deal of work during the year, but feels that more time is necessary to finalise its recommendations on such important matters. It therefore requests to be permitted to continue its work for another year, when proof sheets of the whole book will be available for printing in the Agenda.

C. H. OLDS, Convener.

The Report was received and adopted.

**RESOLUTION.**

That the Committee consist of Revs. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D., and Professor Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., E. Drake, L. B. Dalby, W. A. Sinclair and A. Ashcroft (Convener), with corresponding members Revs. S. Lawry, H. E. Bellhouse, A. N. Scotter, B.A., H. L. Richards, W. Wills, J. H. Haslam, G. Frost and P. R. Paris, and shall report to the Examination Committee of next Conference.

**BOOK OF LAWS.****RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE, 1926.**

1. That the revised sheets, together with any other changes in the Laws and Regulations adopted by this Conference shall be published as the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and when signed by the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference, shall be regarded and read as a part of the Minutes of this Conference.
2. That the Conference authorise the Committee to publish the revised Book of Laws at 4/6 per copy, and 3/9 to booksellers.
3. That the following Committee be appointed for the ensuing year: The Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. P. Blamires, E. D. Patchett, Messrs. J. A. Flesher and W. Dobbs, who shall finally revise the proofs and arrange for the signatures of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, and the publication of the Book.
4. That all Acts of Parliament relating to the Church be printed in the new Book of Laws.
5. That the Social Creed of the Church, as printed in the Minutes of Conference, 1923, be printed in the new Book of Laws.

**RESOLUTIONS, 1927.**

That the above Resolutions be re-enacted as the Resolutions of this Conference, and that the name of Rev. S. Lawry be added to the Committee.

**QUESTION LII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?**

(See Book of Laws, p. 78.)

The President, Vice-President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt and Petone Circuits, Messrs. J. Veale, T. W. Jones, J. W. Shackelford, A. Peak, E. Dixon, C. M. Luke, E. Kellow, S. T. Martin, H. P. Maurant, W. E. Redstone, J. A. Flesher, H. Holland, E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock and D. C. Cameron. Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

**Committee of Exigency** to be the Wellington District Executive, with the Wellington members of the Committee of Privileges.

**QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committees?**

South Auckland.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Morrinsville and Te Aroha Circuits, and the Senior Home Missionary in the District, together with Messrs. T. L. Hames, J. E. Tidd, F. C. Daniell, W. Harris, J. T. Bryant, J. F. Vosper, J. T. Johnson, C. Raynor, F. West, and F. Penn. That the meetings of the Executive be held in Hamilton. Convener, Chairman of the District.

Wellington.—The Ministers of Wellington and Suburban Circuits, Mrs. Pinfold, Miss Armstrong, Messrs. H. P. Mourant, R. T. B. Richardson, J. R. Burley, E. Tregurtha, A. Swift, H. Dixon, H. Goodhall, H. D. C. Horwood, S. T. S. Martin, F. J. W. Fear, J. Pearce Luke, F. Hitchens, F. Lockwood, J. Mitchell, W. Walton, B. J. Lynneberg, E. B. Ash, J. Jacobson, R. S. Maunder, P. G. de Ridder, R. Burgess, J. W. Buchanan, A. E. Parker. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

North Canterbury.—The Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendents of Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, and Ministers of Edgeware Road, New Brighton and Linwood Churches, Treasurer of the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee (Mr. H. Holland, M.P.), Messrs. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., W. H. Seed, F. Thompson, H. E. Peryman, W. Simpson, J. Lomas, W. H. Marshall, H. Chaplin, W. C. Francis, A. A. Sandford, D. E. Parton, C. W. Barrell, M. Kershaw and H. W. Heslop. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

Otago-Southland.—Superintendents, Ministers, Probationers, and Home Missionaries of the Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Mosgiel, and Broad Bay Circuits, the Superintendents of the two Invercargill Circuits, Rev. G. Clement, with Messrs. E. Aslin, S. Lawn, D. C. Cameron, A. T. McIndoe, J. B. Shacklock, T. W. Hemer, W. King, E. W. Isbister, L. Mercier, C. H. McLean, H. H. Johnson, G. Harvey, P. Nixon, R. Bagshaw, R. J. Allen, A. J. L. Scott, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., and Comber, together with two representatives each from the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Unions, and from the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Associate members, Mrs. Duke, Messrs. W. O. Brown and A. H. Reed. Convener, Chairman of the District

**QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on Other Questions?**

**1.—NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.**

**ANNUAL REPORT.**

Your Executive herewith presents a brief report of matters bearing on the work of the Association during the year.

The annual meeting held at Dunedin on the 1st day of March last, decided to enlarge the Book Supply Scheme, and directed the new Executive to secure as many catalogues from the English Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist Bookrooms as would furnish one or more catalogues of each bookroom to every branch of the Association.

An application therefore to the secretary of any branch will enable any local preacher to make a selection of such books as he may deem useful and needful to equip him for his important and responsible calling. Both our preachers and hearers know that God's work must be

well done, and in order that this Divine work may be done well the preacher must be fairly fully equipped, trained and ready to meet the modern needs. The average local preacher's time for reading and meditation must necessarily be somewhat circumscribed, and he should therefore avail himself of the very best and most suitable literature, at the lowest possible cost. The aim of the Association for its inception has been to help as far as possible to furnish suitable literature at exceptionally low cost to the purchaser. The Executive who held office for four years rendered yeoman service in pushing our Book Scheme, particularly amongst our young men who were preparing for the work of fully accredited local preachers.

Your present Executive took the earliest opportunity of communicating with the two Methodist Bookrooms. So far we have had no response from the Primitive Methodist Bookroom authorities.

We have received more than sufficient general and supplementary catalogues for 1926 from the Wesleyan Bookroom to furnish all our branches with copies. (These have been mailed to all branch secretaries).

Your Executive has arranged with the Wesleyan Bookroom authorities to mail direct to the purchaser (he being a local preacher) books that he may select from the catalogues. The order must be sent through the secretary, Mr A. G. Williams. These books will be supplied at 33 1/3 per cent below the catalogue prices, the Association paying the cost of postage. Money orders covering the actual cost of the books as stated must be sent with the order to the General Secretary.

The Executive will continue to supply the books on the printed list on the terms stated therein. We have quite a number of these books in stock, and would be pleased to dispose of them on the usual terms.

We are pleased to report that a new branch of the Association has been established in the Taranaki District.

We sincerely trust that this will be the forerunner of the branches for the whole of the Dominion.

Signed on behalf of the Association,

J. LOMAS, President.

A. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

The Report was received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That a trust be formed to administer the Sanson Bequest and certain other moneys which was are in the hands of Messrs. John Jacobson, of Petone, and David James Aldersley, of Lower Hutt, on behalf of the local preachers in Wellington Provincial District.
2. That Wellington City and Suburban Superintendent Ministers appoint one local preacher from each Circuit to be Trustees of the fund. That, in case of a vacancy occurring, the Superintendent of the Circuit in which the vacancy occurred shall nominate a local preacher to fill the vacancy. That the Superintendent of Petone Circuit be the Chairman of the Trust.
3. That the objects of the Trust shall be: (1) To assist local preachers on trial to acquire suitable books and other literature for the Local Preachers' Study Course; (2) To aid preachers to acquire, by establishing a L.P. Library, first class knowledge for their work in the service of the Methodist Church; (3) To render aid to necessitous local preachers.

4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Treasurers of the Trust, Messrs. Jacobson and Aldersley.
5. That Conference places on record its appreciation of the large amount of good work being done throughout the Dominion by the Local Preachers' Association.
6. That Chairmen of Districts be requested to meet, whenever possible, with the members of local branches of the L.P. Association once a year.

## II.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes, 1926, page 135.)

The World Conference on Faith and Order, for which preparations have been in progress since the year 1910, will meet at Lausanne, Switzerland, from August 3 to 21, 1927.

With the single exception of the Church of Rome, all the great Christian communions will be represented. Over 500 representatives drawn from 87 nation-wide autonomous Churches which confess our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour will participate. The representatives will meet for conference only. Their participation involves no surrender or compromise of any doctrine or position. They will study and discuss the disagreements among the Churches, not controversially, but in an effort to promote mutual understanding and to discover the principles on which the Churches can agree. From these deliberations will result statements and recommendations which will be referred to all Churches for their consideration.

Our New Zealand Church is asked to appoint two representatives to this great assembly. The Wellington District Synod advises that the Rev. J. T. Pinfold will be visiting Europe at about the period of the holding of the World Conference.

I recommend that the usual contribution to the funds of the World Conference, namely £10, be voted from the Contingent Fund, and that the Commission be re-appointed so that it may, if necessary, consider any communications from the Lausanne Conference.

January 20, 1927.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,  
Convener of Commission.

Palmerston North, N.Z.,

The Report was received and adopted.

The Rev. Dr. Pinfold and Mr. J. Veale were appointed Representatives of the Church at the World Conference at Lausanne, Switzerland.

N.B.—It is understood that in making these appointments, the Conference undertakes no financial responsibility for representation at the World Conference.

## III.—RESOLUTIONS ON GENERAL QUESTIONS.

### Connexional Levies.

That the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Synod set up a Committee to consider the incidence of Connexional levies, and report to next Conference.

### May Synods.

That the question of the continuance of the May Synods be considered by the Annual Synods during the year, and report made to next Conference.

**Ladies' Guild.**

That the question of the representation of Ladies' Guilds at Quarterly Meetings be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration, and report to next Conference.

**Methodist Brotherhood.**

That Conference commends the formation of Methodist Brotherhoods, and the following Committee was set up to consider the details of the scheme, and report to Synods and Conference:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. H. Speer, L. B. Neale, and Messrs. P. W. Sharpe, A. E. Lawry, W. A. McDowell, W. C. Francis, R. Laine, and H. W. Heslop (Convener).

That the Conference Committee already appointed under the Brotherhood proposals, take into consideration the suggestion from the Local Preachers' Association, to call the new Men's Movement The Methodist Layman's Association, and that the following be appointed corresponding members of the Committee:—Messrs. A. Peak, W. S. Mackay, J. W. Danby, R. Hames, E. Dixon, C. E. Bellringer, T. R. Hodder, T. Rowe, H. P. Mourant, R. B. T. Richardson, T. H. Southgate, A. G. Nightingale, T. Steele, M. Knight, D. C. Cameron, and G. A. Skene.

**Legal Adviser.**

That Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., be cordially thanked for his generous services as Legal Adviser to the President, and that he be re-appointed.

**President's Committee of Advice.**

That the following be the President's Advisory Committee:—Revs. Principal Laws, B.A., D.D., E. Drake, W. A. Sinclair, A. J. Seamer, A. Ashcroft, and the Secretary of the Conference, Messrs. J. A. Flesher and A. Peak.

**Memorials to Conference.**

That Memorials must be delivered to the President not less than ten (10) days before the opening of the Conference. If they are found to be in order the President shall refer them to the proper Committee for consideration and report to Conference.

**Reports for Synods.**

That Reports for Synods be in the hands of Chairmen not later than October 31st, such Reports must reach the Secretary of Conference not later than October 18, 1927.

**Election of Chairmen of Districts.**

That the following matter be referred to the Synods for consideration, and report to next Conference:—That the Ministers and representatives of each District meet as soon as convenient after the final reading of Stations to nominate their respective Chairmen.

**The late Mr. E. H. Penny, Ex-Vice-President.**

That the Conference place on record its sense of the loss sustained by the Church in the death of E. H. Penny, a member of this Conference for many years, and Vice-President in 1920. Mr. Penny's life and influence were of a unique character, both as an office-bearer and a local preacher, also as a public man in various departments of civic life. Through the grace of God he adorned all he touched. We deeply regret the passing of our beloved brother, and pray that the Divine consolation may be given to his sorrowing relatives.

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

On Thursday, February 16th, 1928, in the Durham Street Church, Christchurch.

**VOTES OF THANKS.**

**President.**—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., for his timely and helpful inaugural address, and also for his efficiency and thoroughness in presiding over the business sessions and social functions of the Conference.

**Vice-President.**—That the Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Flesher, O.B.E., be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

**Ex-President.**—That the cordial thanks of Conference be accorded the Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., for his faithful services during the year. The Conference further recorded its thankfulness for the measure of good health enjoyed by Mr. Knight.

**Ex-Vice-President.**—That the best thanks of Conference be tendered to Mr. D. C. Cameron for his distinguished services during his year of office.

**Ordination Charge.**—That the Ex-President, the Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., be heartily thanked for his inspiring Ordination Charge; and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

**Secretaries.**—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Secretary, and his assistants, and to the precentor, for their services to the Conference.

**Trustees, Hosts, Etc.**—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Pitt Street Church for the use of premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference Representatives; to The Conference Arrangements Committee; and the members of the Equalisation Fund Committee.

**Press.**—That the Press Secretaries be thanked for their services; that the Press Association and the Daily Papers be thanked for reporting the business; that the Reporters for the "Methodist Times" be thanked for their admirable reports.

**Choirs.**—That Mr. W. Leather and the United Choirs be congratulated on the success of the Musical Festival; and that the City and Suburban Choirs be thanked for their assistance at the various functions.

**LOYAL ADDRESS PRESENTED TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES  
THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.**

May it please your Royal Highness.

On behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, we desire most humbly to present to you the renewed assurance of the loyalty of the Methodist people of this Dominion to the Throne and Person of your father our Most Gracious King George V.

In common with the other citizens of the Dominion we would extend to you and to her Royal Highness, the Duchess of York, our most cordial welcome to these Islands, the outmost post of this great Empire, and would assure you of our great appreciation of the honour and privilege thus afforded us. We trust that good health and high enjoyment may mark the whole of your voyage.

Our Methodist Church has watched the growth and aided the development of these Southern Islands ever since our first Missionary, Rev. Samuel Leigh, landed here in 1822 to labour sympathetically with the Missionaries of the Church of England in the uplift and regeneration of the Maori People.

We pray that your visit may still further strengthen the bonds of Empire and tend to the advancement of the sentiments of peace throughout the Nations of our Commonwealth and of the World.

On behalf of the Methodist Church,

P. N. KNIGHT, President of Conference.

D. C. CAMERON, Vice-President.

A. N. SCOTTER, Secretary.



## Form of Bequest.

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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 (INDEPENPENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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## UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.

PLACE	YEAR	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1875	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1876	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1877	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1878	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1879	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Auckland	1880	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Christchurch	1881	S. Macfarlane	J. White
Wellington	1882	J. White	W. Flesher
Napier	1883	R. Taylor	E. O. Perry
Auckland	1884	C. W. Worboys	E. O. Perry
Christchurch	1885	E. O. Perry	G. Bowron
Rangiora	1886	H. B. Redstone	E. O. Perry
Wellington	1887	J. Parkin	W. Flesher
Christchurch	1888	H. B. Redstone	W. Flesher
Auckland	1889	E. O. Perry	W. Flesher
Addington	1890	A. Peters	J. A. Flesher
Wellington	1891	S. Macfarlane	J. A. Flesher
Rangiora	1892	J. W. Worboys	A. Peters
Woodville	1893	C. Penney	A. Peters
Christchurch	1894	J. Hosking	J. A. Flesher
Christchurch	1895	J. J. Pendray	J. A. Flesher
Auckland	1896	A. Peters	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

## 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

## PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT
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.

## 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
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Chas. H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rotwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight B.A.	D. C. Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston,	J. A. Flesher,	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
		M.A., Litt.D.	O.B.E.	

# A Chronological List

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# MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

### IN CONNECTION WITH THE

## METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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| <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Lewis, John J. (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Bond, George (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Murray, Daniel J. (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Nixon, John (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber, William (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Griffin, Cornelius (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Jones, Peter W. (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Potter, William S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Lawry, Samuel (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1879—Abernethy, Christopher (Sup)</p> <p>1880—Brooke, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1881—Pinfold, James T., D.D. (Sup)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1884—Laycock, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C.<br/>           ,, Ready, William (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Wallis, T. Jackson</p> <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Clement, George (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.<br/>           ,, Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William<br/>           ,, Olphert, John</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A.<br/>           ,, Read, Frederick T. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Harding, Arthur (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Mitchell, Arthur<br/>           ,, Newbold, Thos. W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Dalby, Leonard B.<br/>           ,, Peryman, Samuel H. D.<br/>           ,, Raine, Robert<br/>           ,, Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward<br/>           ,, Elliott, William J.<br/>           ,, Frost, George<br/>           ,, Harrison, Colin C.</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.<br/>           ,, Griffin, John W. (Sup.)<br/>           ,, Henderson, Samuel<br/>           ,, Vealie, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur<br/>           ,, Lochore, John A.<br/>           ,, Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L.<br/>           ,, Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,<br/>             F.R.E.S.</p> <p>1897—Cossum, Percy J.<br/>           ,, Goldie, John Francis<br/>           ,, Greenwood, Fred<br/>           ,, Hay, W. Arthur<br/>           ,, Pybus, T Arthur</p> <p>1898—Beckett, William<br/>           ,, Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.<br/>           ,, Southern, John<br/>           ,, Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy<br/>           ,, Greenslade, William<br/>           ,, Haslam, Jonathan H.<br/>           ,, Hunt, George P.<br/>           ,, Liversedge, Arthur<br/>           ,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel<br/>           ,, Cook, George S.<br/>           ,, Eaton, Clarence<br/>           ,, Featherston, Jacob<br/>           ,, Ranston, Harry, M.A., Iitt.D.<br/>           ,, Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.</p> |
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## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued).

- 1902—Coatsworth, Thomas  
 ,, Oxbrow, Walter J.  
 ,, Patchett, Ernest D.  
 ,, Pratt, M. A. Rugby
- 1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.  
 ,, 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. (Sup.)  
 ,, Daniel, Herbert  
 ,, Paris, Percy R.  
 ,, Roberts, Charles M.  
 ,, Ryan, Henry  
 ,, White, Hedley
- 1907—Abbey, William H. E.  
 ,, Blair, Charles  
 ,, Scott, W. Bramwell
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.  
 ,, Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D.,  
 F.R.E.S.  
 ,, Martin, J. Frederick  
 ,, Speer, William H.  
 ,, Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cotton, Harry  
 ,, McArthur, John D.
- 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.  
 ,, Hopper, Arthur  
 ,, Lea, William  
 ,, Neale, Leslie B.  
 ,, Richards, Horace L.  
 ,, Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.  
 ,, Hinton, George B.  
 ,, Lawrence, Frederick B.  
 ,, Leadley, Frank E.  
 ,, Parsons, J. Ernest  
 ,, Walker, William
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.  
 ,, Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.  
 ,, Burnett, Oswald  
 ,, Foston, Charles A.  
 ,, Harris, Francis T.  
 ,, Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.  
 ,, Olds, E. Thomas  
 ,, Odell, Henry J.  
 ,, Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.  
 ,, Fordyce, Robert E.  
 ,, Harkness, Edwin S.  
 ,, Hocking, William H.  
 ,, Kendon, Charles H.  
 ,, Metcalfe, John R.  
 ,, Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A.  
 ,, Chambers, Ernest B.  
 ,, Dennis, John  
 ,, Dent, Tom  
 ,, Nelson, John R.  
 ,, Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M.  
 ,, Neal, Wallace S.  
 ,, Parker, James W.  
 ,, Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Cuming, William B.  
 ,, Ford, Herbert  
 ,, Gatman, William  
 ,, Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Pickering, William B.
- 1921—Benny, Henry  
 ,, Cropp, Allan H.
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry  
 ,, Brooks, Leslie A. G.  
 ,, Jack, John F.
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert  
 ,, Hames, Eric W., M.A.  
 ,, Orchard, Hector C.  
 ,, Spencer, Herbert
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses  
 ,, Bailey, John  
 ,, Bateup, Frank  
 ,, Brown, Hubert G.  
 ,, Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.  
 ,, Kings, Harry S.  
 ,, McGregor, Robert  
 ,, Pearn, Oliver S.  
 ,, Taylor, Cecil R.

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—(Continued).

1925—Brooker, E. Hugh .. Brown, F. Gardner .. Peterson, Gordon B. .. Reid, John 1926—Hall, James H. .. Harris, G. Raymond .. Vöyce, A. Harry	1927—Burton, G. Cyril .. Hames, Bernard R. .. Larsen, Norman P. .. Penn, Athol R. .. Raynor, Ivo M. .. Silvester, A. Wharton E. .. Utting, Harry V.
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### NATIVE MINISTERS.

1882—Rakena, Piripi 1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi 1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki 1911—Kakuere, Hori .. Te Tuhi, Eruera .. Wilcox, Davis	1914—Rakena, P. Rakena 1916—Soakai, Joeli 1920—Matarae Tauroa 1922—Haddon, E. Oliver
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# An Alphabetical List

OF THE

## MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

### METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

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1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M. = Home Missions. F.M. = Foreign Missions. M.M. = Maori Missions. C.S. = Connexional Secretary. Y.P. = Young People's Department. Th. C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1907	.. 3	.. Abbey, William H. E., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho	42
1879	.. S	.. Abernethy, Christopher, 363 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch (1919)	.. 80
1922	.. 2	.. Allen, James H., Onewa Street, Birkenhead	.. 7
1924	.. 2	.. Ayrton, Moses, Otautau, Southland	.. 125
1895	.. 2	.. Ashcroft, Arthur, New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	.. 4
1906	.. 4	.. Avery, William W., King Edward Street, Eltham	.. 36
1924	.. 2	.. Bailey, John, 34 Bruce Avenue, Brooklyn, Wel- lington	.. 60
1901	.. 2	.. Bailey, Samuel, Elles Road, Invercargill	.. 118
1924	.. 4	.. Bateup, Frank, Picton	.. 75
1876	.. S	.. Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christ- church (1918)	.. 80
1898	.. 4	.. Beckett, William, 48 Hall Street, Masterton	.. 69
1894	.. 5	.. Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin	105
1921	.. 3	.. Benny, Henry, Motueka	.. 78
1913	.. 6	.. Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1914	.. 6	.. Binet, Vincent le C., Seqa, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1907	.. 4	.. Blair, Charles, King Street, Rangiora	.. 95
1900	.. 6	.. Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	.. Y.P.
1904	.. 1	.. Blamires, Ernest O., Broad Bay, Dunedin	.. 109
1896	.. 2	.. Blamires, Henry L., Matson's Road, Papanui	.. 88
1923	.. 3	.. Blakemore, Albert, Kaponga	.. 40
1887	.. S	.. Blight, Joseph, 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auck- land (1910)	.. 3
1917	.. 3	.. Blight, William T., B.A., 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden	.. 3



Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1871	.. S ..	Bond, George, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1915)	3
1880	.. S ..	Brooke, Thomas G., Penryn Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1924)	3
1924	.. 2 ..	Brooker, E. Hugh, visiting England	22
1922	.. 2 ..	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Taumarunui, King Country	30
1925	.. 1 ..	Brown, F. Gardner, Matamata, Waikato	32
1916	.. 1 ..	Brown, George E., Franklin Street, Greymouth	77
1924	.. 4 ..	Brown, Hubert G., Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1910	.. 2 ..	Burley, William A., M.A., Queen Street, Thames	19
1914	.. 2 ..	Burnet, Oswald, Westport	79
1927	.. 1 ..	Burton, G. Cyril, P.O. Box 1354, Wellington	Y.P.
1871	.. S ..	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1915)	3
1917	.. 1 ..	Chambers Ernest B., Banks Street, Whangarei	16
1896	.. 11 ..	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland	3
1906	.. S ..	Clark, James R., 25 Wyon Street, Linwood, Christ- church (1923)	81
1887	.. S ..	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	105
1902	.. 1 ..	Coatsworth, Thomas, Opunake, Taranaki	39
1890	.. S ..	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	69
1901	.. 1 ..	Cook, George S., East Road, Stratford	35
1915	.. 2 ..	Cooke, Percy L., 142 North Street, Timaru	98
1905	.. 4 ..	Copeland, Fred, Queen Street, Hastings, H.B.	47
1897	.. 3 ..	Cossum, Percy J., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	33
1918	.. 2 ..	Costain, Alfred M., Roxburgh, Otago	116
1909	.. 1 ..	Cottom, Harry, Ohoka, Canterbury	94
1908	.. 4 ..	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	41
1921	.. 6 ..	Cropp, Allan H., Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1919	.. 3 ..	Cuming, William B., Woodend, Canterbury	96
1892	.. 2 ..	Dalby, Leonard B., 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland	1
1906	.. 3 ..	Daniel, Herbert, Dannevirke	51
1917	.. 4 ..	Dennis, John, Porirua Road, Johnsonville	64
1917	.. 6 ..	Dent, Tom, Patutiva, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[4]
1893	.. 4 ..	Drake, Edward, Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland	3
1898	.. 2 ..	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	89
1901	.. 5 ..	Eaton, Clarence, 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington	60
1893	.. 1 ..	Elliott, William J., Papakura, Auckland	10
1903	.. 3 ..	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., Wellington Road, Kil- birnie, Wellington	63
1911	.. 4 ..	Enticott, Walter J., Willowby, Canterbury	103
1901	.. 1 ..	Featherston, Jacob, Irk Street, Gore	120
1877	.. S ..	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	83
1924	.. 2 ..	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., Frankton, Hamilton	24
1919	.. 2 ..	Ford, Herbert, Geraldine	101
1916	.. 1 ..	Fordyce, Robert E., Tua Marina, Blenheim	75
1914	.. 5 ..	Poston, Charles A., Pahiatua	53
1911	.. 1 ..	Fowles, Albert H., Springston, Canterbury	90
1893	.. 4 ..	Frost, George, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	48
1919	.. 2 ..	Gatman, William, Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	115
1897	.. 26 ..	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[4]
1912	.. 4 ..	Gosnell, Robert B., Mowatt Street, Waitara	34

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1900	.. 1 ..	Greenslade William, 173 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch	81
1897	.. 3 ..	Greenwood, Fred, Station Road, Otahuhu	9
1876	.. S ..	Griffin, Cornelius, 7 Eglinton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1914)	3
1895	.. S ..	Griffin, John W., Papakura, Auckland (1925)	10
1882	.. S ..	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1920)	3
1888	.. 4 ..	Grigg, William, High Street, Blenheim	75
1875	.. S ..	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	81
1926	.. 2 ..	Hall, James H., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	22
1927	.. 1 ..	Hames, Bernard R., Island Bay, Wellington	62
1923	.. 1 ..	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Mangawhare, Northern Wairoa	15
1890	.. S ..	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington (1923)	65
1916	.. 4 ..	Harkness, Edwin S., Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	109
1910	.. 1 ..	Harris, Archer O., 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East	25
1914	.. 1 ..	Harris, Francis T., Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe	11
1926	.. 2 ..	Harris, G. Raymond, Kilbirnie	63
1905	.. 7 ..	Harris, John, 227 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch	82
1893	.. 2 ..	Harrison, Colin C., Rotorua	27
1900	.. 2 ..	Haslam, Jonathan H., 18 Coronation St., Waimate	99
1897	.. 5 ..	Hay, W. Arthur, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch	80
1894	.. 5 ..	Henderson, Samuel, Church Street, Te Aroha	20
1912	.. 3 ..	Hinton, George B., Takapuna, Auckland	6
1916	.. 1 ..	Hocking, William H., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	107
1911	.. 5 ..	Hopper, Arthur, 36 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	112
1900	.. 1 ..	Hunt, George P., Leeston, Canterbury	92
1922	.. 2 ..	Jack, John F., Greendale, Canterbury	97
1903	.. 4 ..	James, Benjamin J., 43 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	86
1919	.. 3 ..	Jefferson, Alfred E., 53 Wellington Road, Marton	43
1876	.. S ..	Jones, Peter W., Sandiland Street, Feilding (1901)	57
1882	.. S ..	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	3
1908	.. 2 ..	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Tauranga	28
1874	.. S ..	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912)	7
1887	.. S ..	Joughin, Thomas A., Mt. Albert, Auckland (1922)	1
1899	.. 4 ..	Keall, R. Purcell, Carterton	68
1916	.. 3 ..	Kendon, Charles H., Waiuku, Auckland	12
1924	.. 1 ..	Kings, Harry S., Kaeo, Whangaroa	17
1889	.. 2 ..	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	73
1927	.. 1 ..	Larsen, Norman P., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	49
1912	.. 4 ..	Lawrence, Frederick B., Karori, Wellington	61
1885	.. 5 ..	Lawry, Albert C., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	98
1877	.. S ..	Lawry, Samuel, Mt. Pleasant Road, Redcliffs, Christchurch (1927)	80
1887	.. 8 ..	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 241 Remuera Road, Auckland	Th.C.
1884	.. S ..	Laycock, William, Konini Street, Riccarton, Christchurch (1925)	80
1911	.. 3 ..	Lea, William (visiting England)	42

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1912	.. 1	.. Leadley, Frank E., Grey Street, Onehunga	.. 8
1870	.. S	.. Lewis, John J., Tenterton Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1919)	.. 1
1903	.. 4	.. Liddell, Ralph J., Kirk Street, Otaki	.. 72
1900	.. 2	.. Liversedge, Arthur, 336 Selwyn Street, Christchurch	.. 85
1895	.. 4	.. Lochore John A., Nelson Street, Petone	.. 66
1909	.. 4	.. McArthur, John D., Cambridge Street, Levin	.. 71
1904	.. 4	.. McBean, Angus, Spey Street, Invercargill	.. 117
1924	.. 4	.. McGregor, Robert, Bluff	.. 119
1883	.. S	.. Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morning-side, Auckland (1920)	.. 1
1908	.. 1	.. Martin, J. Frederick, 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	.. 5
1916	.. 8	.. Metcalfe, John R., Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1905	.. 4	.. Metson, Basil, Madeira Steps, Napier	.. 46
1890	.. 5	.. Mitchell, Arthur, West Street, Feilding	.. 57
1875	.. S	.. Murray, Daniel J., Quest Terrace, Dominion Road, Auckland (1920)	.. 1
1918	.. 4	.. Neal, Wallace S., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 58
1911	.. 4	.. Neale, Leslie B., Ripton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 87
1917	.. 3	.. Nelson, John R., Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland	.. 4
1890	.. S	.. Newbold, Thomas W., 275 George Street, Dunedin (1912)	.. 105
1875	.. S	.. Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907)	.. 33
1915	.. 2	.. Odell, Henry J., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	.. 84
1910	.. 1	.. Olds, Charles H., B.A., 1 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	.. 65
1915	.. 3	.. Olds, E. Thomas, 36 Upper Rata Road, Haaitaitai, Wellington	.. H.M.
1888	.. 4	.. Olphert, John, 52 Collingwood Street, Auckland	.. 2
1923	.. 2	.. Orchard, Hector C., Manaia, Taranaki	.. 38
1902	.. 5	.. Oxbrow, Walter J., South Road, Hawera, Taranaki	.. 37
1906	.. 2	.. Paris, Percy R., London Street, Hamilton	.. 24
1917	.. 1	.. Parker, Frederick J., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 56
1918	.. 1	.. Parker, James W., Queen Street, Cambridge	.. 23
1912	.. 1	.. Parsons, J. Ernest, 278 Church Street, Palmerston North	.. 54
1902	.. 1	.. Patchett, Ernest D., 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington	.. 61
1924	.. 1	.. Pearn, Oliver S., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	.. 80
1913	.. 5	.. Peat, Harold T., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North	.. 55
1927	.. 1	.. Penn, Athol R., Sumner, Christchurch	.. 83
1892	.. 4	.. Peryman, Samuel H. D., Foxton, Manawatu	.. 59
1877	.. S	.. Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	.. 87
1925	.. 1	.. Peterson, Gordon R. H., Victoria Street, St. Clair, Dunedin	.. 108
1920	.. 2	.. Pickering, William B., Paeroa	.. 22
1881	.. S	.. Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Main Road, Karori, Wellington (1921)	.. 61

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1876	.. S ..	Potter, William S., 155 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland (1919)	2
1902	.. 1 ..	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	C.S.
1897	.. 2 ..	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	113
1892	.. 2 ..	Raine, Robert, 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	81
1901	.. 5 ..	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., 70 Remuera Road, Auckland	Th.C.
1927	.. 1 ..	Raynor, Ivo M., Raetihi	45
1889	.. S ..	Read, Frederick T., New Brighton, Christchurch (1927)	81
1885	.. S ..	Ready, William, 15 Cotter Avenue, Auckland (1926)	1
1924	.. 1 ..	Reid, John, Gonville, Wanganui	41
1911	.. 3 ..	Richards, H. Leslie, Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	74
1910	.. 2 ..	Richards, James, 56 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin	111
1905	.. 4 ..	Richards, Raymond, Birkett Street, Temuka	109
1895	.. 4 ..	Richards, Thomas R., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	33
1906	.. 2 ..	Roberts, Charles M., Te Awamutu, Waikato	31
1911	.. 1 ..	Rowe, William, 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	1
1906	.. 2 ..	Ryan, Henry, 22 Station Terrace, Remuera, Auck- land	3
1916	.. 3 ..	Sage, Ernest E., Thames Street, Morrinsville	21
1907	.. 3 ..	Scott, W. Bramwell, 49 Wesley St., South Dunedin	108
1900	.. 4 ..	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 24 Colombo Street, Wel- lington	62
1903	.. 4 ..	Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland	H.M.
1910	.. 2 ..	Sharp, Harold A., 165 Ollivier's Road, Linwood, Christchurch	81
1927	.. 1 ..	Silvester, A. Wharton, Taihape	44
1869	.. S ..	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess Street, Takaniini, Auckland	10
1891	.. 9 ..	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland; private address, 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland	F.M.
1918	.. 2 ..	Skuse, Thomas, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	29
1915	.. 3 ..	Slade, William G., M.A., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	93
1892	.. 2 ..	Smith, G. Knowles, Hokitika	76
1899	.. 3 ..	Southern, John, Queen Street, Woodville	52
1908	.. 3 ..	Speer, William H., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	83
1923	.. 4 ..	Spencer, Herbert, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	70
1875	.. S ..	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie Street, Timaru (1915)	98
1904	.. 5 ..	Stockwell, George F., Eden Street, Oamaru	104
1924	.. 2 ..	Taylor, Cecil R., Greytown, Wairarapa	67
1908	.. 2 ..	Tinsley, Robert B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	102
1927	.. 1 ..	Utting, Harry V., North-East Valley, Dunedin	195
1894	.. 1 ..	Vealie, Thomas W., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland	2
1926	.. 2 ..	Voyce, A. Harry, Bougainville, Solomon Islands	[4]
1912	.. 5 ..	Walker, William, 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin	106

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1885	.. 3 ..	Wallis, T. Jackson, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	.. 91
1870	.. S ..	Ward, Charles E., Canon Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	.. 82
1914	.. 4 ..	Werren, Samuel J., Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 87
1906	.. 2 ..	White, Hedley, Balclutha, Otago	.. 114
1870	.. S ..	Williams, William J., 23 Latimer Square, Christchurch (1914)	.. 80
1899	.. 4 ..	Wills, William, 66 Fitzroy Street, Caversham	.. 110
1901	.. 1 ..	Woolloxall, Thomas R., 10 New Bond Street, King-land, Auckland	.. 1
1887	.. S ..	Wrigley, James, Henderson, Auckland	.. 4

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1900	..	Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki	.. [3]
1922	..	Haddon, E. Oliver, Kawakawa, North Auckland	.. [1]
1896	..	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga	.. [1]
1911	..	Kakuere, Hori, Ngauawahia, Waikato	.. [2]
1914	..	Rakena, Rakena P., Okaiawa, Taranaki	.. [3]
1882	..	Rakena, Piripi, Mangamuka, Hokianga	.. [1]
1920	..	Tauroa, Matarec, Kawhia, Waikato	.. [2]
1911	..	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Rewiti, Kaipara	.. [1]
1911	..	Wilcox, Davis, Rawene, Hokianga	.. [1]

#### HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1896—John H. White, Mapua, Nelson (retired); 8.  
 1899—John Oliver, Main Street East, Palmerston North (retired); 9.  
 1904—C. Aker, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty; 2.  
 1904—W. T. Hooper, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay; 1.  
 1907—S. Keen, Kuripuni, Masterton; 1.  
 1908—G. H. Bridgman (retired); 1.  
 1908—C. W. Brown, Oxford, Canterbury; 1.  
 1908—W. E. Sleep, Norsewood, Hawke's Bay; 3.  
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Waihi; 1.  
 1909—F. P. Kellow, Gonville, Wanganui (retired); 6.  
 1909—W. Watson, Patea, Taranaki (retired); 5.  
 1910—C. Duncan, Mosgiel, Otago; 2.  
 1911—C. Strand, Paraparaumu, Wellington; 1.  
 1913—J. Common, Bombay, Auckland; 2.  
 1914—F. E. Foot, Maori Hill, Dunedin; 3.  
 1915—J. H. Edmondson, Rawene, Hokianga; 1.  
 1915—T. Flower, Halcombe, Feilding; 3.  
 1917—A. L. Witheford, Waddington, Canterbury; 1.  
 1919—J. W. Bayliss, Inglewood, Taranaki; 2.  
 1919—J. Belshaw, Ngauawahia, Waikato; 1.  
 1919—P. Bridge, Lawrence, Otago; 1.  
 1920—R. T. H. Wearne, Russell, Bay of Islands; 1.  
 1921—J. Thomas, Hawarden, Canterbury; 3.  
 1922—H. Ashworth, Putaruru, Waikato; 1.  
 1922—G. H. Marr, Granity, Westport; 2.  
 1922—C. Robinson, Reefton, West Coast; 3.  
 1923—W. McDonald, Broadwood, Hokianga; 4.  
 1924—R. T. Alexander, Marangai, Bay of Islands; 2.  
 1924—J. G. W. Grindlay, Port Albert; 2.  
 1924—G. Hall, Te Kuiti, King Country; 1.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1924		H. S. Ratcliffe, c/o 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland;	1.
1924		C. G. Scrimgeour, 2 Airedale Street, Auckland;	1.
1924		G. F. O. Whittlestone, Waikouaiti, Otago;	2.
1926		F. O. Prosser, Riverton, Southland;	2.
1926		W. Sussex, Porirua, Wellington;	2.

### HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

#### A.—Exempted from Examination Work.

- 1924—H. Dyson, Nightcaps; 2.  
 1924—H. Thornley, Colporteur Society, Probert Chambers, Auckland; 1.  
 1925—H. J. Malcolm, Edendale, Southland; 3.

#### B.—Due to Take Examination Work.

- 1923—E. R. Alexander, Upper Hutt, Wellington; 1.  
 1923—E. J. Clarke, resting.  
 1924—F. T. Hoten, Coromandel; 1.  
 1924—W. M. Jones, Tuakau, Auckland; 1.  
 1924—B. H. N. Teague, Uruti, Waitara, Taranaki; 3.  
 1924—W. H. Wilson, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty; 1.  
 1925—W. J. Henderson, Cromwell, Otago; 1.  
 1925—D. Hickman, Dublin Street, Wanganui; 3.  
 1925—E. Hill, Kaukapakapa, North Auckland; 1.  
 1925—C. C. Hoskin, Parsonage, Timaru; 3.  
 1925—T. W. Parsons, Warkworth; 3.  
 1925—A. R. Thomas, Wakefield, Nelson; 2.  
 1925—W. Wilson, Apiti, Feilding; 1.  
 1926—P. B. Birkett, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa; 2.  
 1926—T. H. Carr, Huntly, Waikato; 1.  
 1926—R. Day, Ohura, King Country; 1.  
 1926—R. Grice, Mangonui, North Auckland; 1.  
 1926—S. Hindmarsh, Hikurangi; 1.  
 1926—W. E. Moore, Broad Bay, Dunedin; 1.  
 1926—D. J. Stallard, Havelock, Nelson; 2.  
 1926—R. Tapp, Okato, Taranaki; 2.  
 1927—J. B. Churchward, Helensville, North Auckland; 1.  
 1927—R. Jamieson, Mayfield, Canterbury; 1.  
 1927—W. C. Jenkin, Murchison, Nelson; 1.  
 1927—J. L. Mitchell, Paparoa, North Auckland; 1.  
 1927—H. W. Payne, St. Aubyns, New Plymouth; 1.

### HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.

- 1924—J. Boothroyd, Rakaia, Canterbury; 1.  
 1925—J. F. Tulloch, Patea, Taranaki; 2.  
 1927—C. Reay, Ruawai, North Auckland; 1.

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# APPENDIX

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GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.  
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants	
Auckland Central ..	7	..	7	3	9	..	1	16	..	717	137	170	..	668	2375
Auckland West ..	5	..	6	2	3	..	..	7	..	351	12	127	..	269	1104
Auckland East ..	8	..	6	4	12	..	..	20	2	758	9	330	..	626	2110
Auckland (Avondale) ..	7	2	3	2	4	..	..	12	..	390	10	135	..	350	1440
Auckland (Devonport) ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	206	..	55	..	208	660
Auckland (Takapuna) ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	108	..	40	..	90	350
Auckland (Birkenhead) ..	4	2	4	1	2	..	..	11	..	230	..	93	13	200	634
Onehunga ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	222	10	105	..	200	675
Otahuhu ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	4	176	..	42	..	106	500
Papakura ..	2	3	2	1	3	..	..	3	..	140	..	56	..	105	420
Pukekohe ..	7	11	..	2	1	2	..	7	..	250	..	28	..	150	1200
Waiuku ..	1	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	78	..	25	..	94	425
Mahurangi ..	3	7	1	1	..	1	..	5	1	75	..	27	9	85	400
Paparoa ..	5	6	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	73	..	37	..	75	300
Northern Wairoa ..	6	27	..	2	..	2	..	14	..	190	..	40	..	112	780
Whangarei ..	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	148	..	36	..	70	500
Whangaroa ..	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	55	2	35	..	15	140
Port Albert ..	3	2	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	68	16	21	..	95	250
Coromandel ..	1	6	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	33	..	1	..	32	110
Kaukap'apa-Helensville ..	4	8	1	2	..	2	..	2	..	74	..	27	..	80	320
Bay of Islands ..	2	6	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	33	..	1	..	45	300
Hokianga ..	2	26	..	1	..	2	..	7	..	79	2	11	..	52	325
Mangonui ..	3	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	15	280
Hikurangi ..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	33	..	..	..	13	160
Ohaeawai ..	1	12	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	36	..	16	..	14	270
General Totals	85	149	41	32	41	16	1	142	8	4563	198	1458	22	3769	16028

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	132	..	12	..	90	350
Te Aroha ..	3	7	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	174	..	48	..	90	624
Morrinsville ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	5	169	..	13	..	110	485
Waihi ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	78	..	24	..	60	175
Paeroa and H. P. ..	3	8	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	84	..	60	..	55	457
Cambridge ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	128	..	40	..	100	610
Hamilton ..	4	5	3	1	2	..	..	16	1	360	..	155	..	200	1000
Hamilton East ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	128	4	60	..	125	406
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	69	..	6	..	60	309
Rotorua ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	58	..	32	..	50	250
Tauranga ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	85	..	36	..	73	300
Opotiki ..	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	39	..	14	..	22	200
Taumarunui ..	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	80	..	15	..	65	288
Te Awamutu ..	2	9	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	114	3	30	..	70	560
Whakatane ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	40	2	..	..	20	140
Matamata ..	2	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	100	..	30	..	60	350
Te Puke ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	49	..	9	..	50	200
Huntly ..	1	11	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	120	..	28	..	30	425
Te Kuiti ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	76	..	18	..	65	235
Ohura ..	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	14	..	45	159
Putaruru ..	1	5	..	1	1	1	..	2	2	61	..	7	..	55	280
General Totals ..	45	102	14	18	18	7	..	80	8	2183	9	651	..	1495	7797



GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.  
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants	
New Plymouth ..	9	5	3	2	3	1	..	16	..	595	15	240	..	422	1660
Waitara ..	3	15	1	1	1	1	..	3	..	149	..	29	..	134	652
Inglewood ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	59	1	37	..	51	150
Stratford ..	5	1	2	2	1	..	..	9	..	175	..	78	..	120	565
Eltham ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	125	..	35	..	78	440
Hawera ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	1	11	..	300	..	163	..	180	650
Mania ..	4	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	81	20	25	34	65	250
Opunake ..	6	6	2	4	1	1	..	7	..	107	..	12	..	100	450
Kaponga ..	2	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	48	..	22	..	25	240
Wanganui ..	4	..	2	2	1	1	..	12	..	448	..	137	..	330	1010
Wanganui North ..	3	..	3	2	2	1	..	5	..	173	..	88	..	106	530
Marton ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	87	4	69	..	45	245
Taihape ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	45	..	..	..	20	100
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	49	..	..	..	12	125
Patea ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	31	..	21	..	25	120
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	55
General Totals	56	44	19	23	15	8	1	78	1	2482	40	956	34	1713	7242

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	6	..	1	1	1	..	..	16	..	360	12	214	..	210	980
Hastings ..	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	322	..	35	..	250	725
Gisborne ..	4	5	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	243	..	70	..	180	760
Wairoa ..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	18	..	7	..	20	78
Waipawa ..	2	4	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	49	..	46	..	35	198
Dannevirke ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	149	..	45	..	120	450
Woodville ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	91	..	6	..	65	250
Pahiatua ..	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	70	..	6	..	50	250
Palmerston N. (Broad St.)	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	5	..	327	..	66	..	265	775
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	3	..	3	1	1	1	..	9	..	296	..	86	..	284	760
Feilding ..	6	1	2	2	2	1	..	15	..	242	..	74	..	150	850
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	128	..	31	..	70	290
Foxton ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	76	..	20	..	40	240
Home Mission Stations—															
Apti ..	4	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	49	..	..	..	..	132
Norsewood ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	41	..	..	..	30	150
General Totals	42	36	14	16	14	5	1	86	2	2461	12	706	..	1769	6888

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

WELLINGTON—															
Taranaki Street ..	3	1	4	2	3	..	1	12	..	570	..	108	..	340	1350
Thorndon ..	4	1	4	5	3	..	..	10	2	238	..	112	..	175	820
Wellington South ..	2	..	2	2	1	..	1	13	2	304	..	85	..	210	785
Kilbirnie ..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	203	6	72	..	160	675
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	5	1	2	2	1	1	..	5	..	157	..	65	..	150	450
Hutt ..	4	..	1	1	2	..	..	6	..	194	..	27	..	145	446
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	1	201	8	63	..	130	520
Greytown-Featherstone	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	55	..	22	..	65	100
Carterton ..	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	140	..	37	..	100	275
Masterton ..	3	2	2	1	2	..	..	10	..	250	4	150	..	205	925
Eketahuna ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	97	4	11	..	50	350
Levin ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	134	..	80	..	90	340
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	69	8	35	..	56	230
Paraparaumu ..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	47	..	30	..	43	155
Increases ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	25	..
Decreases ..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..
General Totals	43	17	21	20	20	2	2	82	5	3165	30	897	..	1919	7421

## GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.

## NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants	
Nelson .. ..	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	4	..	260	42	100	..	240	750
Richmond .. ..	9	1	3	1	1	1	..	7	..	214	..	..	..	180	636
Blenheim .. ..	7	6	3	3	3	..	..	16	..	379	..	90	..	300	1170
Hokitika .. ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	55	..	10	..	20	141
Greymouth .. ..	3	4	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	154	..	21	..	50	350
Reefton .. ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	57	..	23	..	28	184
Westport .. ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	81	..	59	..	65	200
Motueka .. ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	108	..	13	..	100	300
Home Mission Stations—															
Havelock .. ..	4	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	50	..	..	..	20	158
Murchison .. ..	1	9	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	28	..	6	..	18	160
Granity .. ..	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	29	..	..	..	..	221
General Totals	35	38	13	13	9	6	..	44	..	1415	42	322	..	1021	4270

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CHRISTCHURCH—															
Durham Street .. ..	2	..	1	1	8	..	..	10	3	351	..	71	..	290	1130
East .. ..	6	1	5	3	5	..	..	21	..	661	..	343	..	471	1854
Cambridge Terrace .. ..	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	6	..	189	..	39	..	145	480
Woolston .. ..	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	4	..	242	..	87	..	175	590
Sydenham .. ..	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	197	..	30	..	90	500
Addington .. ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	199	11	110	..	126	670
Riccarton .. ..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	126	..	50	..	87	230
St. Albans .. ..	2	..	2	2	3	..	..	1	..	331	..	73	..	390	850
Papanui .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	173	..	77	..	180	400
Lytelton .. ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	91	..	33	..	70	370
Springton .. ..	5	3	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	139	..	24	..	135	465
Tai Tapu .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	124	..	13	..	80	300
Leeston .. ..	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	150	..	20	..	125	430
Kaipoi .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	128	..	65	..	60	350
Ohoka .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	70	..	27	..	85	250
Rangiora .. ..	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	161	8	25	..	70	390
Woodend-Sefton .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	2	115	..	8	..	70	300
Greendale .. ..	2	5	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	70	..	21	..	40	156
Hawarden .. ..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	29	..	..	..	23	134
Oxford .. ..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	89	..	15	..	69	130
Waddington .. ..	5	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	56	3	9	..	30	125
General Totals	68	18	27	26	34	3	..	112	5	3691	23	1140	..	281	10104

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926  
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants	
Timaru .. ..	6	3	2	2	3	1	..	16	..	454	4	138	..	350	1580
Waimate .. ..	2	6	1	1	2	..	..	3	..	177	1	85	..	150	600
Temuka .. ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	103	1	32	..	95	250
Geraldine .. ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	103	..	38	..	69	260
Ashburton .. ..	3	5	1	1	1	..	1	16	..	302	1	110	..	180	785
Willowby .. ..	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	114	..	34	..	126	385
Oamaru .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	186	..	45	20	160	550
Rakaia-Methven	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	50	..	7	..	..	160
Mayfield .. ..	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	45	..	8	14	40	150
General Totals ..	25	28	8	9	10	3	1	66	..	1534	13	497	34	1170	4720

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

DUNEDIN—Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	3	1	..	6	..	311	..	86	..	155	600
Central Mission ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	..	191	..	16	..	120	1300
Dundas Street ..	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	167	..	45	..	110	450
Cargill Road ..	2	1	3	1	2	..	..	9	..	238	..	60	..	200	700
St. Kilda .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	140	..	38	..	105	310
Caversham .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	170	..	80	..	95	475
Mornington .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	158	3	66	..	100	380
Roslyn .. ..	2	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	160	10	62	..	82	360
Mosgiel .. ..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	43	..	13	..	30	95
Port Chalmers ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	61	..	20	..	50	210
Balclutha .. ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	60	..	36	..	24	200
Milton .. ..	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	65	..	20	..	25	180
Roxburgh .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	62	..	6	..	60	210
Invercargill—Central	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	282	..	65	..	150	600
St. Peters .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	140	4	64	..	110	450
Bluff .. ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	63	..	16	..	30	175
Gore .. ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	113	..	39	..	60	210
Otautau .. ..	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	51	..	31	..	..	176
Edendale .. ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	35	..	6	..	6	236
Kaitangata .. ..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	45	..	..	..	..	85
Lawrence .. ..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	27	..	10	..	..	80
Cromwell .. ..	2	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	25	9	8	..	10	200
Riverton .. ..	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	41	..	2	..	..	110
Nightcaps Tuatapere	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	52	..	6	..	4	177
Waikouaiti - Palmerston	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	10	..	..	75
Broad Bay .. ..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	40	95
General Totals	49	28	17	25	20	11	1	62	..	2747	26	803	..	1761	8139

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.

DISTRICTS.	Churches.	Other Preaching Places.	Schoolrooms.	Parsonages.	Ministers and Probationers.	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses.	Local Preachers.	Class Leaders.	Church Membership.					Attendants on Public Worship, including S.S. Scholars
										Members on Roll.	On Probation.	Junior Members.	Infant Members.	Communicants.	
Auckland ...	85	149	41	32	41	16	1	142	8	4563	198	1458	22	3769	16028
South Auckland ...	45	102	14	18	18	7	...	80	8	2183	9	651	...	1495	7797
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	56	44	19	23	15	8	1	78	1	2482	40	956	34	1713	7242
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	42	36	14	16	14	5	1	86	2	2461	12	706	...	1769	6888
Wellington ...	43	17	21	20	20	2	2	82	5	3165	30	897	31	1919	7421
Nelson ...	35	38	13	13	9	6	...	44	...	1415	42	322	...	1021	4270
North Canterbury ...	68	18	27	26	34	3	...	112	5	3691	23	1140	...	2811	10104
South Canterbury	25	28	8	9	10	3	1	66	...	1534	13	497	34	1170	4720
Otago-Southland ..	49	28	17	25	20	11	1	62	...	2747	26	803	...	1761	8139
Totals 1926 ...	448	460	174	182	181	61	7	752	29	24241	393	7430	121	17428	72609
Totals 1925 ...	442	473	175	178	184	65	11	766	30	24017	210	7589	...	17078	73613
Increases ..	6	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	224	183	...	...	350	...
Decreases ..	...	13	1	...	3	4	4	14	1	...	...	159	...	...	1004
SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.															
Roviana ...	41	31	...	...	5	2	4	52	29	2303	150	...	...	...	5365
Vella Lavella ...	18	2	...	...	1	...	1	2	20	1303	30	...	...	...	1500
Choiseul ...	25	5	...	...	2	...	2	10	24	890	144	...	...	...	1840
TOTALS	84	38	...	...	8	2	7	64	73	4467	324	...	...	...	8705

24248  
1221 1/-

## SUMMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1926.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.		SCHOLARS.									No. on Cradle Roll.	BIBLE CLASSES.				Number of Scholars between 13 and 15 years who have ceased to attend	Young Worshippers' League.	Wesley Guild	Christian Endeavour Y.P. Societies, C.E., etc.	Junior Christian Endeavour	Band of Hope	Boy Scouts	Girl Guides, etc.	Using Australian-graded Lessons	Schools Providing Teacher Training	Schools holding Communion Service	Schools contributing to H. and F. Missions	
	No. of Schools.	No. on Roll.	Average Attendance	No on Roll.	Average Attendance	Church Members. in full.	Junior Members.	Infant Members	Received into full membership during the year	Received into Junior membership during the year	Number taking S.S. Examination		Junior Girls'	Young Women's	Junior Boys'	Young Men's													
Auckland ...	74	719	584	7014	4372	369	909	128	78	82	443	749	386	341	342	299	192	673	274	162	419	1014	231	248	51	5	5	47	
South Auckland ...	62	295	259	3115	2074	161	651	167	43	58	45	202	212	139	181	110	62	412	68	180	52	495	6	18	33	4	5	25	
Taranaki-Wanganui ...	50	276	237	3043	2165	130	935	381	45	38	66	290	140	186	119	185	40	661	35	110	77	310	40	...	29	...	2	24	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ...	41	249	220	2645	1891	171	514	126	51	103	103	358	141	204	104	145	56	406	86	45	85	176	34	81	27	2	...	26	
Wellington ...	40	385	336	3833	2591	262	795	143	62	246	240	431	233	206	230	178	110	743	90	106	413	125	184	203	26	3	3	28	
Nelson ...	29	174	156	1793	1302	65	207	144	20	5	51	218	33	188	33	172	29	324	99	270	...	123	56	30	15	...	6	16	
North Canterbury ...	61	499	443	4391	3155	196	686	152	35	84	266	446	149	288	124	301	92	963	519	130	209	419	183	107	50	...	8	46	
South Canterbury ...	24	177	150	1506	1084	66	351	43	10	15	10	189	83	109	72	60	30	391	25	41	111	222	48	23	12	1	2	13	
Otago-Southland ...	42	347	297	2868	2166	117	803	172	68	158	39	403	115	247	105	202	67	832	41	64	240	495	80	142	23	4	5	31	
Correspondence ...	1			90	90																								
Totals	424	3121	2682	30298	20890	1537	5851	1456	412	789	1263	3286	1492	1908	1310	1652	678	5045	1237	1108	2372	3379	862	852	..	...	...	...	
Increases ...	19	...	...	...	...	75	441	...	...	...	131	...	...	132	...	...	204	76	...	...	690	...	286	283	...	...	...	...	
Decreases ...	...	4	38	45	1221	...	...	181	16	39	...	151	132	...	43	7	...	...	151	76	...	724	...	...	...	...	...	...	

## CENTENARY THANKSGIVING FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to February 11th, 1927.

Treasurers: REV. S. GRIFFITH and MR. H. FIELD.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.										
				£	s.	d.								
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
To Credit Balance Brought Forward .. ..			2272 15 6				By Historic Roll, Inscribing, Binding, etc. .. ..				9 17 2			
„ Donations and Subscriptions .. ..			185 2 6				„ Memorial Tablet (Maori) Kaeo ..	24	3	0				
„ Kaeo Collection .. ..			3 7 8				„ Travelling Expenses to Un- veiling (Revs. T. G. Ham- mond and Te Tuhi) .. ..				21 10 0			
„ Interest .. ..			47 8 5								45 13 0			
							„ Loss on Sale of £500 In- scribed Stock .. ..	16	5	0				
							„ Broker's Commission .. ..	2	10	0				
							„ Loss on Sale of 2 Bonds of £100 .. ..	7	2	6				
											25 17 6			171
							„ Advertisement N.Z. "Metho- dist Times" .. ..				2 2 0			
							„ Treasurers' Travelling and Postage, etc. .. ..				5 10 0			
							„ Bank Exchange and Commis- sion .. ..				0 17 0			
							„ Payments on a/c of Confer- ence Allocation:—							
							C.B. & Loan Fund .. ..	268	15	0				
							Theological College .. ..	900	0	0				
							Foreign Mission Fund .. ..	175	16	11				
							Wesley Training College .. ..	168	3	1				
							Deaconess Institution .. ..	172	14	8				
							Local Preachers' Association ..	140	16	0				
							Maori Girls' School .. ..	550	0	0				
											2376	5	8	
Carried forward .. ..			£2508 14 1				Carried forward .. ..				£2466	2	4	

Brought forward	£2508	14	1
	<u>£2508</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>

Brought forward	£2466	2	4
„ Balance Carried Forward—			
War Certificates	35	0	0
Cr. Bal. B.N.Z., Auckland	7	11	9
	<u>42</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>£2508</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>

Audited and found correct,  
 J. SMITH  
 WM. S. MACKAY } Auditors.

### SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Reported Last Conference	40,944	0	6
Subsequent Receipts	235	18	7
	<u>£41,179</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>

EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.
Supernumerary Fund	8,632	6	11
Church Building and Loan Fund	6,044	11	1
Theological College	8,000	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	4,180	16	11
Wesley Training College	2,186	19	2
Deaconess Institute	2,241	9	2
Local Preachers' Association	1,000	0	0
Kao Memorial Church	2,595	19	3
Maori Girls' School	2,935	0	0
H.M. Retiring Fund	100	0	0
Working Expenses	2,921	1	10
Centenary Volume	299	3	0
Balance in Hand	42	11	9
	<u>£41,179</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>

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Audited and found correct,  
 J. SMITH  
 WM. S. MACKAY } Auditors.





**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.  
STATEMENT.**

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	...	...	138 14 7	Cash in Hand	...	...	...
				Office Furniture	...	...	...
				Debit Balance	...	...	...
			£138 14 7				£138 14 7

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January 19th, 1927.

Audited and found correct.  
 J. H. JONES.  
 H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A., N.Z. } Auditors

**CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.**  
Cash Statement for year ending 30th September, 1926.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Balance forward	...	...	1619 6 9				By Loans Advanced	...	...	4241 4 3
„ Centenary Fund	...	...	263 15 0				„ Rates on Properties Held in			
„ Loans Repaid	...	...	3427 10 0				Trust	...	...	2 10 9
			5315 11 9							4243 15 0
„ Church Sites Funds—							„ Deposits—			
Fire Insurance Fund	...	...	100 0 0				P.O. Savings Bank	...	...	243 19 2
Home Mission Fund	...	...	50 0 0				Bank of New Zealand	...	...	603 17 8
Interest on Mortgage	...	...	19 10 0				Mutual Benefit Building	...	...	500 0 0
			169 10 0				Society	...	...	1347 16 10
„ Office Expenses Account—							„ Office Expenses—			
Loan Fees Paid	...	...	130 7 1				Connexional Secretary's Office	...	...	200 0 0
Trust Contribution	...	...	95 13 0				„ Bank Charges, Stamps, Stationery, etc.	...	...	12 16 7
Interest on Overdue Inst.	...	...	2 11 3							212 16 7
Interest on Deposits	...	...	43 12 1							
Hymnbook Commission	...	...	45 17 9							
Sundry Cash	...	...	1 5 6							
			319 6 8							
			£5804 8 5							£5804 8 5

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SAMUEL LAWRY. }  
J. A. FLESHER. } Treasurers.  
Dec. 9th., 1926.

Audited and found correct.  
ARTHUR C. REED }  
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors.

**CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.**

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1926.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds as at							
30/9/26. ... ..		19,878	9 5			19,923	6 8
Centenary Fund ... ..		268	15 0			600	0 0
		20,147	4 5			743	19 2
Less Instalments remitted ...		37	13 9			603	17 8
				20,109	10 8	19	10 0
Proceeds Properties sold and							
Held in Trust ... ..		1434	15 11				
Less Rates ... ..		2	10 9	1,432	5 2		
				189	0 0		
Church Sites Fund ... ..							
Office Expenses Account 1925 ...		53	7 7				
Surplus for 1926. ... ..		106	10 1	159	17 8		
				£21,890	13 6	£21,890	13 6
						£21,890	13 6

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Audited and found correct.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
J. A. FLESHER } Treasurers.

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

Dec. 9th., 1926.

**METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended Oct. 31st, 1926.**  
 Treasurers: Rev. GEO. BOND and Mr. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Balance Brought Forward				By	Payments to H.M. Department	950	0	0
	„ Rents—			252		„ Management	20	0	0
	Kaeo	60	0			„ Rates and Insurance	0	19	0
	Mt. Wesley	50	0			„ Office Rent	10	0	0
	Newark	40	0			„ Postage and Exchange	0	15	0
	Te Waitere (Kawhia)	0	1	150		„ Inspection of Mt. Wesley	8	12	2
	„ Interest—					„ Purchase of Piping Newark			
	From Loan on Mortgage	747	10	0		Water Supply	50	0	0
	Auckland Savings Bank	5	8	4		„ Materials for Newark	51	15	6
				752		„ Cheque Book	0	4	0
						„ Bank Commission	0	10	0
									1092
						„ Credit Balance in Bank N.Z.			15
									8
									63
									2
									2
				<u>£1,155</u>					<u>17</u>
				<u>10</u>					<u>10</u>
									<u>17</u>
									<u>10</u>

**Balance-Sheet for the Year Ended Oct. 31, 1926.**

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Nil.	
	£ s. d.
	By Mortgage
	„ Credit in Auckland Savings Bank
	„ Property
	„ Credit in Bank of N.Z.
	„ Debt due repurchase Newark piping
	11,500 0 0
	120 0 0
	4450 0 0
	63 2 2
	50 0 0
	<u>£16,183 2 2</u>

11/11/26.

Audited and found correct

ARCH. PEAK.  
J. G. HENDERSON.

**EMSLY TRUST BOARD.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 30th September, 1925 to 31st. October, 1926.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sept. 30, 1925--				Oct. 31, 1926--			
To Balance in Bank	5	10	10	By Theological College	125	0	0
Oct. 31, 1926--				,, Bank Charge	0	10	0
,, Interest from Mortgages	94	5	0	,, Management	6	4	3
,, Interest from Govt. Bonds	15	0	0				
,, Interest from Deposit	15	0	0				
,, Balance Due Bank	1	18	5				
	<u>£131</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£131</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>

**Investment Account.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Oct. 31, 1926--				Oct. 31, 1926--			
To Capital	1900	0	0	By Freehold Mortgages	1300	0	0
	<u>£1900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	,, Government 5% Bonds	300	0	0
				,, Deposit at Call with Probert Trust Board	300	0	0
					<u>£1900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Emsly Trust Board and compared the same with the Bank Pass Book and are of opinion that they show the correct position of the Trust as on 31st October, 1926.

S. I. AMBURY. }  
 GEO. BOND. } Treasurers,

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditors.

**BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**

General Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. Dec. 31, 1926

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1926.							Dec. 31, 1926.						
To Audit Fees	...	...	...	15	15	0	By Balance Transferred to Income and Expendi- ture Account	...	...	...	1285	15	10
„ Insurance	...	...	...	21	5	9							
„ Legal Expenses	...	...	...	45	13	6							
„ Office Expenses	...	...	...	53	2	2							
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	...	...	...	38	12	8							
„ Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	349	1	7							
„ Rent, Board Room	...	...	...	25	0	0							
„ Repairs and Maintenance	...	...	...	44	10	10							
„ Salary, Secretary	...	...	...	225	0	0							
„ Sundry Expenses	...	...	...	15	1	0							
„ Survey Fees	...	...	...	12	12	0							
„ Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	17	9	4							
„ Wages, Maintaining Properties	...	...	...	422	12	0							
				<u>£1,285 15 10</u>							<u>£1,285 15 10</u>		

**BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**  
**Rent Received Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1926.				Dec. 31, 1926.			
To Waikowhai Expenses ... ..	15	0	0	By Rents Received from—			
„ Commission on Sales ... ..				Grafton Road Property ... ..	1092	12	0
„ Balance Transferred to Income and Ex-				Three Kings Property ... ..	1261	2	4
penditure Account ... ..	3964	17	6	Mount Albert Road Farm ... ..	885	13	2
				Dominion Road Property ... ..	183	0	0
				Waikowhai Property ... ..	557	10	0
					<u>£3979</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>
					<u>£3979</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>

**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.**

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1926.				Dec. 31, 1926.			
To Interest Account ... ..	1745	16	1	By Rents Received or Due ... ..	3964	17	6
„ Net Loss Made by College ... ..	1162	8	1	„ Balance being Excess of Expenditure Over			
„ Net Loss Made by Farm ... ..	1253	4	9	Income Transferred to Capital Account	1482	7	3
„ General Account ... ..	1285	15	10				
					<u>£5447</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>
					<u>£5447</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>





**BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**  
College Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1926—				Dec. 31, 1926—			
To Advertising .. .. .	80	11	0	By School Fees .. .. .	4155	13	6
„ Bad Debts (Fees) .. .. .	13	18	1	„ College Garden .. .. .	59	6	9
„ Depreciation Written Off .. .. .	117	6	9	„ Net Loss Transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account .. .. .	1162	8	1
„ Fuel and Light .. .. .	408	18	6				
„ Insurance .. .. .	59	7	5				
„ Laboratory Expenses .. .. .	3	8	10				
„ Provisions .. .. .	2254	9	1				
„ Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .	289	3	2				
„ Salaries and Wages .. .. .	1818	18	6				
„ Sports Expenses .. .. .	44	6	4				
„ Stationery and Books .. .. .	111	6	5				
„ Sundry Expenses .. .. .	175	14	3				
	<u>£5377</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£5377</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

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## Balance-sheet as at the 31st December, 1926.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Loans at Call .. .. .	5350	0	0				Paerata Land at Cost ..	15,832	12	0			
Plus Accrued Interest ..	70	0	0				College Buildings at Cost ..	20,537	18	1			
				5420	0	0	New College Buildings at Cost	12,315	15	3			
Loans on Fixed Deposit ..	13,885	0	0				Improvements to Paerata Property .. .. .	5,057	9	6			
Plus Accrued Interest ..	205	17	9							53,743	14	10	
				14,090	17	9	City and Suburban Property at Government Valuation—						
Sundry Creditors .. ..							Grafton Road .. .. .	27,259	0	0			
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	19,655	6	7				Three Kings .. .. .	33,480	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest ..	330	11	9				Mount Albert .. .. .	32,877	0	0			
				19,985	18	4	Dominion Road .. .. .	8,505	0	0			
Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties—							Waikowhai .. .. .	9,640	0	0			
Capital Account—											111,761	0	0
Balance at 1/1/1926 ..	147,775	11	7				Improvements to Properties—						
Plus Profit on Sales of Titirangi Property ..	2,054	16	1				Three Kings .. .. .	342	7	0			
Plus Grant from Methodist Centenary Fund	168	3	1				Mount Albert .. .. .	2,890	1	2			
							Waikowhai .. .. .	1,866	4	4			
											5,098	12	6
							Plant and Machinery, Paerata	2,394	7	6			
							Less Depreciation .. .. .	239	8	9			
											2,154	18	9
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year .. .. .	1,482	7	3				Furniture and Fittings, College	768	14	8			
				148,516	3	6	Equipment, College .. .. .	1,436	10	9			
											2,205	5	5
							Less Depreciation .. .. .	117	6	9			
											2,087	18	9
							Stock on Hand, Paerata—						
							Live Stock at Valuation ..	3,279	8	6			
							Produce and Sundry Stocks	903	19	11			
											4,183	8	5

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.—Continued.

	Loans on Mortgage .. ..	818 10 0		
	Plus Accrued Interest .. ..	17 16 3		836 6 3
	Mount Albert Estate Purchasers—			
	Principal Outstanding .. ..	7,723 12 4		
	Plus Accrued Interest .. ..	142 17 4		7,866 9 8
	Sundry Debtors—			
	For Rent .. ..	443 19 2		
	For Fees .. ..	291 1 6		
	For Sundries .. ..	202 3 2		
		937 3 10		
	Less Reserve for Bad Debts .. ..	47 0 8		890 3 2
	Payments in Advance .. ..			111 2 11
	Cash in Hand—			
	Paerata and Office .. ..			44 0 10
	<u>£188,777 16 0</u>			<u>£188,777 16 0</u>

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LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A.N.Z., Secretary.

We certify that we have audited the above Balance-sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that, in our opinion, it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust, at the 31st December, 1926, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker & Newcomb, a certificate that all Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the stock on hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1926.

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Oct. 31st, 1926—						Oct. 31st, 1925—											
To REVENUE A/C—						BY BALANCE DUE BANK OF											
Rents and Interest received	...	...	5,497	1	3	N.Z.	...	...				2,164	13	4			
„ AUCKLAND SINKING FUND COMMIS-						Oct. 31st, 1926—											
SIONERS—						„ THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—											
Further Loan	...	...	16,000	0	0	Paid to Trustees	...	...				1,350	0	0			
„ GREAT NORTH ROAD PROPERTY—						„ GREAT NORTH ROAD											
Sale of cottage	...	...	15	0	0	PROPERTY—											
„ AVONDALE PROPERTY—						Payments a/c contracts											
Deposit a/c purchase £250	...	...	25	0	0	new shops and cot-						5,779	9	2			
„ BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—						tages	...	...				8,200	0	0			
Balance Due	...	...	513	2	2	„ CASH ON DEPOSIT—	...	...									
						„ QUEEN STREET PROPERTY—											
						Payments a/c Contract	...	...				407	11	7			
						„ GENERAL EXPENSES—											
						Repairs and Main-											
						tenance	...	...				1,315	14	0			
						Rates	...	...				530	5	10			
						Interest	...	...				1,777	19	0			
						Insurance	Premiums	...				84	15	4			
						Land Tax	...	...				113	16	5			
						Secretary's Salary	...	...				50	0	0			
						Comm. on Rents	...	...				271	4	9			
						Sundries	...	...				4	14	0			
															4,148	9	4
															<u>£22,050</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

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Audited and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, {  
LEONARD KNIGHT { Auditors.

S. I. AMBURY }  
GEO BOND } Hon. Treasurers.

Auckland.

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

**Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st October, 1926.**

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
Oct. 31, 1925—							Oct. 31, 1926—							
To Balance	..	..	..	..	510	7	By Rents Received	..	..	..	..	5424	17	6
Oct. 31, 1926—							„ Interest Received	..	..	..	..	72	3	9
To Rents accrued	..	..	..	..	5261	4	„ Arrears Written Off	..	..	..	..	137	7	9
„ Interest	..	..	..	..	72	3	„ Balance	..	..	..	..	209	6	5
					<u>£5843</u>	<u>15</u>						<u>£5843</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>

Examined and found correct,  
 (Signed) J. A. GENTLES  
 LEONARD KNIGHT } Auditors  
 Auckland.

(Signed) GEO. BOND  
 S. I. AMBURY } Hon. Treasurers.

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

**Capital Account, 31st October, 1926.**

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
Oct. 31, 1925—							Oct. 31, 1926—							
By Balance	..	..	..	..	36,395	4	To Balance	..	..	..	..	36,565	4	6
Oct. 31, 1926—														
By Profit on Sale of Avondale Property	..				170	0						<u>£36,565</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
												<u>£36,565</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
					<u>£36,565</u>	<u>4</u>	By Balance	..	..	..	..	<u>£36,565</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

Examined and found correct,  
 (Signed) J. A. GENTLES  
 LEONARD KNIGHT } Auditors  
 Auckland.

(Signed) S. I. AMBURY  
 GEO. BOND } Hon. Treasurers.

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

Balance-sheet, 31st October, 1926.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CAPITAL A/C—									
Balance as at 31st Oct., 1926.	...	...	36,565	4	6				
INCOME A/C—									
Balance as at 31st Oct., 1926.	...	...	5,582	9	2				
AUCKLAND SINKING FUND	COMMIS-								
SIONERS—									
Loan	...	...	36,000	0	0				
COLLEGE ORGAN FUND—	...	...	22	1	0				
EMSLY TRUST—									
Deposit at Call	...	...	300	0	0				
BANK OF NEW ZEALAND—									
Balance Due	...	...	513	2	2				
			<u>£78,982</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>				
							<u>£78,982</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>

FREEHOLD PROPERTIES—									
Great North Road	...	...	40,542	17	1				
Queen Street	...	...	24,235	10	7				
							64,778	7	8
CASH on Deposit—	...	...					8,200	0	0
PAYMENTS a/c Contracts new									
shops and cottages	...	...					5,779	9	2
BALANCE purchase Avondale									
Property	...	...					225	0	0

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We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1926, and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on 31st October, 1926, as shown by the books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A., (N.Z.) }  
 LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.  
 Auckland.

S. I. AMBURY }  
 GEO. BOND } HON. TREASURERS.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Year Ending September 30th, 1926.

Treasurers: MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Oct. 1st, 1925—				By Interest Paid	...	...	264 1 3
To Balance Auckland Savings Bank	...	...	24 10 6	„ Paid off Mortgage	...	...	400 0 0
„ Rent	...	...	696 0 0	„ Paid Theological College	...	...	50 0 0
„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	...	...	3 19 0	„ Commission and Stamps	...	...	5 2 6
				„ Balance Auckland Savings Bank	...	...	3 6 7
			<u>£722 10 4</u>				<u>£722 10 4</u>

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

Oct. 1st, 1925—					£	s.	d.
To Mortgage Auckland S. Bank	...	...	4150 0 0	Paid off Mortgage	...	...	400 0 0
				Balance Mortgage, September 30, 1926.	...	...	3750 0 0
			<u>£4150 0 0</u>				<u>£4150 0 0</u>

22nd. Nov. 1926.

Chairman: LEONARD B. DALBY.  
Secretary: JOHN W. SHACKELFORD.

Audited and found correct.

WM. ASTLEY. }  
JAS. P. BLAIR. } Auditors

**GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th September, 1926.

Chairman, REV. T. R. RICHARDS. Secretary and Treasurer, R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.)

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 30/9/25. ... ..		87	19	5	By Salary ... ..		50	0	0
„ Rents ... ..		810	2	6	„ Remitted to Home Mission Treasurer ...		600	0	0
„ Interest on Mortgage ... ..		46	6	9	„ Legal Expenses ... ..		9	8	3
„ Consent Fees and Sundries ... ..		2	2	0	„ Bank Charge ... ..		0	10	0
					„ Rates and Taxes ... ..		88	1	8
					„ Rates paid for Tenant ... ..		21	18	5
					„ Repairs to Mission Property ... ..		10	4	6
					„ Connexional Fire Insurance ... ..		2	3	10
					„ Telephones, Stamps, Exchanges, etc. ...		7	11	10
					„ Balance at Bank of New South Wales ...		156	12	2
							<u>£946</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>
Investment on Mortgage ... ..		730	0	0			<u>£946</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1926. All Receipts as shown by the Secretary's Books have been duly banked and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective tenants and found these in order. I have also verified the amount invested on Mortgage.

(Signed): VAL. DUFF., Auditor.

New Plymouth, 18th October, 1926.



KAI IW I MISSION ESTATE ACCOUNT.

Cash Statement, November, 1926.

					£	s.	d.						£	s.	d.
Balance	...	...	...	...	8	10	11	January, Remit to Treasurer	...	...	...	115	9	0	
Nov. Rent	...	...	...	...	113	2	0	August	...	...	...	100	0	0	
May Rent	...	...	...	...	113	2	0	Land Tax	...	...	...	7	6	7	
								Disbursements	...	...	...	3	3	0	
								Interest on O/D	...	...	...	0	1	0	
								Bank Charge	...	...	...	0	10	0	
								Balance	...	...	...	8	14	4	
					<u>£234</u>		<u>14</u>					<u>£234</u>		<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
Balance	...	...	...	...	£8	14	11								

Audited and found correct, 30/11/26,

(Signed): LEN. H. BASSETT.  
F. J. DENTON.

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.**  
**Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st. December, 1926.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January 1st, 1926—				December 31st, 1926—						
To Balance carried forward from 1925	18,069	7	2	By General Expenses				175	7	6
„ Interest Account	257	8	1	„ Rates on Masterton and Foxton lands	45	1	7			
„ Rent Account	294	13	6	„ Fire Premium to Connexional fund	4	18	11			
„ Donation, T. G. McCarthy, Trustees	200	0	0	„ Travelling Expenses	12	17	2			
„ Sundry Donations	2	0	0	„ Costs of new Certificates of Title	2	10	0			
				„ Rent of Post Office Box	1	10	0			
				„ Advertising	5	9	6			
				„ Retiring allowance to Sister May, £75 and Sister Annie £25.	100	0	0			
				„ Postages, Exchange, Duty, Stamps, Stationery, Bank Fee and Sundry items	3	0	4			
				„ T. G. McCarthy Donation sent to Masterton				200	0	0
				„ Balance Carried Forward				18,448	1	3
								<u>18,823</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>18,823</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>							



**CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.**  
 Revenue Account for year ending 31st. October, 1926.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Reinsurance on Church Property	354	1 3			Insurance Levies on Church Properties	1639	2 9		
Personal and Mortgagers' Premiums	79	15 0	433	16 2	Insurance Premiums on Personal Properties	65	2 0		
Management Expenses—					Fire Insurance Premiums (Mortgage)	5	0 4		
Connexional Secretary's Office	259	3 4			Mortgage Indem. Premiums	2	9 0	1711	14 1
Printing and Stationery	1	2 6	270	13 10	Interest on Mortgages	510	9 7		
Stamps and Exchanges	8	11 0			Interest on Mortgages accrued	39	19 3	550	8 10
Bank Charges	1	17 0			Interest on Loans	11	14 0		
Loss by Fire	22	10 0	11	0 0	Interest on Loans accrued	0	14 0	11	8 0
Less Reinsurance	11	10 0	2271	1 8	Interest on Debentures	456	18 2		
Balance to Accumulated Funds					Interest on Debentures accrued	141	12 11	598	11 1
					Interest on Deposits			5	9 9
					Sundries			110	0 0
								<u>£2987</u>	<u>11 9</u>
								<u>£2987</u>	<u>11 9</u>







Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1927.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.								
£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.				
<b>Accumulated Funds—</b>						<b>Property A/c—Plans</b> ... ..						900	0	0
<b>Epsom Property A/c.</b>						<b>Deposits—</b>								
31/12/25 ... ..	2,664	13	0			Winstone ... ..	325	0	0					
<b>Donation Centenary</b>						Bank of New Zealand ... ..	4909	15	8					
Fund ... ..	8,000	0	0			Wesley Training College ... ..	3300	0	0					
<b>Other Donations</b>						Wesley Training College ... ..	700	0	0					
Collected ... ..	10,410	3	8			Wesley Training College ... ..	1600	0	0					
				21,074	16	8	Wesley Training College ... ..	500	0	0				
<b>Add Revenue to 31st</b>						Wesley Training College ... ..	1000	0	0					
January, 1926				92	1	9	Wesley Training College ... ..	1000	0	0				
<b>Revenue Receipts to</b>						Methodist Foreign Mission ... ..	1000	0	0					
31/1/27 ... ..	1,208	19	3			Methodist Foreign Mission ... ..	500	0	0					
<b>Less Payments</b>	745	2	2	463	17	1	Methodist Foreign Mission ... ..	500	0	0				
							Meth. Theological Col. A/c ... ..	675	0	0				
<b>Total Accumulated</b>										16,009	15	8		
Funds 31/1/27				21,630	15	6						197		
							<b>Mortgages—</b>							
							Smale—7% ... ..	450	0	0				
							E. F. Smith—6½% ... ..	400	0	0				
							J. C. Norton—6½% ... ..	1750	0	0				
							W. R. Lawrence—6% ... ..	1200	0	0				
							Bal. Purchase Money—Young... ..	156	16	0				
										3,956	16	0		
							<b>War Bonds</b> ... ..			338	17	6		
							<b>Balances—</b>							
							Peak, Kirker and Newcombs... ..			17	15	10		
							Bank of New Zealand ... ..			407	10	6		
										<u>£21,630</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>		

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and Cash Account, compared the same with the vouchers and records relating to the New Building Fund of the Methodist Church Theological College, and have verified the various assets shown therein, and hereby certify the same to be correct in accordance therewith.

23/2/1927

EGERTON GILL, F.P.A.N.Z., F.N.Z.A.A.  
Public Accountant and Auditor,  
Auckland.



**THE METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE NEW BUILDING  
FUND.**

**Supplementary Statement.**

The Balance-sheet, duly audited, showing in detail the state of the Fund to February 1st, 1927, is in the hands of the President and Secretary of Conference. Copies are also on the table for perusal by members who may desire to do so. Briefly, the total cash in hand and promised amounts to £43,107, which includes amounts received from the Centenary Fund, Realisation Sale of Epsom property, interest on moneys received and invested, and promised donations, as follows:—

£	s.	d.	
13,104	4	8	from the Auckland District
2,980	19	0	from the South Auckland District
1,568	15	0	from the Taranaki-Wanganui District
1,888	19	0	from the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District
4,109	17	0	from the Wellington District
1,249	7	0	from the Nelson District
4,822	0	6	from the North Canterbury District
1,522	6	0	from the South Canterbury District
1,981	10	0	from the Otago-Southland District
	8	10	0 from the Solomon Islands District
50	0	0	from the Papua District
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£32,786	8	2	Total from Districts

Of the total amount, £21,630 15s. 6d. has been received, nearly all of which is invested and earning interest at rates varying from 4 to 7 per cent., the average rate being 5½ per cent.

N.B.—From February 1st (when the books were closed) to February 28th (including interest on investment, new cash and promises), £1,003 9s. 11d. has been received, making the grand total on March 1st, 1927, £44,110 9s. 11d.

(Signed) DANIEL J. MURRAY }  
A. C. CAUGHEY } Treasurers.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
To Annuities .. .. .		7,402	13	4	By Amount of Funds, 1/1/26		124,802	1	7	
„ Furniture Grants .. ..		75	0	0	„ Ministers' Personal Subscrip- tions .. .. .			1,492	12	0
„ Subscriptions Refunded ..		39	12	7	„ Circuit Levies .. .. .			2,271	19	0
„ Expenses of Management ..		284	4	8	„ Interest on:—					
„ Expenses Worcester Street Property .. .. .		196	18	7	Investments .. .. .	8,215	6	1		
„ Investment Fluctuation Re- serve Fund .. .. .		500	0	0	Deposits .. .. .	4	11	0		
„ Amount of Funds, 1/1/26	124,710	9	4		Arrears Ministers' Sub- scriptions .. .. .	46	10	3		
„ Plus Balance of Rents, 1925 .. .. .		91	12	3		8,266	7	4		
		124,802	1	7	Less:—					
„ Increase of Funds .. .. .		3,063	5	3	Interest on over- draft .. £191 0 6					
		127,865	6	10	Other Funds 449 17 1		640	17	7	
		£186,363	16	0			7,625	9	9	
					„ Rent of Property .. .. .		120	15	0	
					„ Mortgage Indemnity Insur- ance Premiums .. .. .			26	11	6
					„ Fire Insurance Premiums ..			13	6	3
					„ Sundry Cash (Donations, etc.)			10	0	11
		£186,363	16	0			£186,363	16	0	

**SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**  
Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1926.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.				
Accumulated Funds, as per Revenue Account .. .. .				127,865	6	10	Investments—						
Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home .. .. .	4,046	2	2				Loans on Mortgage ..	95,050	0	0			
Removal Expenses Fund ..	1,100	11	6				Government & Other Debentures ..	37,306	15	0			
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund .. .. .	3,299	8	6				Freehold Property ..	3,493	13	6			
Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	1,275	7	7					135,850	8	6			
Benevolent Branch .. .. .	135	11	4	9,857	1	1	Cash at Savings Bank .. .. .			14	4	7	
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, 1925 .. .. .	1,800	0	0				Accrued—						
Less Interest written off ..	534	17	3				Interest on Mortgage ..	2,872	13	3			
	1,265	2	9				Interest on Debentures ..	821	1	7	3,693	14	10
Plus Addition, 1926 .. .. .	500	0	0	1,765	2	9	Circuit Levies Due and Unpaid				576	19	6
Bank of N.Z. Overdraft .. .. .							Balance Due Purchase of Benefits .. .. .	364	14	1			
Sundry Creditors .. .. .							Interest Due and Unpaid ..	36	15	6			
											401	9	7
							Ministers' Subscriptions ..	452	15	7			
							Interest Due and Unpaid ..	64	3	10			
							Sundry Debtors .. .. .				516	19	5
											30	15	0
											£141,084	11	5
											£141,084	11	5

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We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to their correctness, and have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund, or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1926.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
W. H. SEED } Treasurers.

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

February 7th, 1927.

**SUPERNUMERARY FUND (BENEVOLENT BRANCH)**  
**Receipts and Payments for Year ending December 31st, 1926**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
To Balance forward .. ..				8	11	5	By Grants made .. ..	141	10	0
„ Interest on Investments, etc.	66	12	8				„ Exchanges, etc. .. ..	0	19	6
„ Donation .. ..	2	0	0							
„ Fire Insurance Fund Contribution .. ..	50	0	0				„ Balance P.O. Savings Bank .. ..	48	2	5
„ Withdrawal of Deposit .. ..	75	4	0				„ Interest Credited Super-numerary Fund .. ..	11	16	2
				193	16	8				59
				193	16	8				18
				202	8	1				7
				202	8	1				1

**Balance-sheet as at December 31st, 1926.**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Capital .. ..		1000	0	0	Christchurch City Council Debentures ..		500	0	0
Balance .. ..		183	13	9	Christchurch Drainage Board Debentures ..		500	0	0
					Deposit Supernumerary Fund .. ..		135	11	4
					Deposit Savings Bank (P.O.) .. ..		48	2	5
				1183	13	9			
				1183	13	9			1183
				1183	13	9			13
				1183	13	9			9

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Cash Statement, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to their correctness. We have had all securities produced to us, and, in our opinion, the Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st December, 1926.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
W. H. SEED } Treasurers.

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

Christchurch.

**HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.**  
Cash Statement for Year ending 31st December, 1926.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Personal Subscriptions ..	308	15	0	By Payments to Missionaries ..	162	13	10
„ Circuit Levies .. ..	295	0	0	„ Payments H.M. Fund Treasurers .. ..	68	15	0
„ Mission Funds .. ..	312	10	0				
			916 5 0	„ General Expenses .. ..	0	10	5
„ Interest on Debentures and Deposits ..			246 9 0	„ Connexional Secretary's A/c.	15	0	0
				„ Balance to Accumulated Funds			15 10 5
							915 14 9
			<u>£1162 14 0</u>				<u>£1162 14 0</u>

**HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.**  
Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1926.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 31/12/25 .. ..	3742	13	9	Government and other Debentures .. ..	1359	0	0
Add 1926 .. .. ..	915	14	9	Investment with Supernumerary Fund .. ..	3299	8	6
			<u>£4658 8 6</u>				<u>£4658 8 6</u>

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Cash Statement, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund, and certify to their correctness. We have had all the securities produced to us, with the exception of those held by the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificate has been accepted by us. In our opinion, the Balance-sheet has been properly drawn up to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund, as at 31st December, 1926.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
W. H. SEED } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z. }  
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A. (N.Z.) } Auditors.  
Christchurch, February 7th, 1927.

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.

Cash Statement for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Balance Brought Forward,				912	5	2	General Expenses	..	..	..	0	3	9
31/12/1925 .. ..							Supernumerary Fund	..	..	..	1275	7	7
Personal Subscriptions .. ..	127	10	0										
Circuit Levies .. ..	80	0	0										
Mission Funds .. ..	91	10	0										
				299	0	0							
Interest .. ..				64	6	2							
				<u>£1275</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>					<u>£1275</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>

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We have examined the above Cash Statement and have compared it with the Books of the Fund, and certify to its correctness as revealed thereby.

SAMUEL LAWRY }  
W. H. SEED } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A. (N.Z.), F.I.A.N.Z. }  
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.  
Christchurch, February 7th, 1927.

February 7th, 1927.

**METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.**  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for year Ending December 31st, 1926.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Jan. 1—					
To Balance			1004	15	6
„ Circuit Levies					
District—					
Auckland North	607	12 0			
Auckland South	358	8 2			
Taranaki-Wanganui	327	4 0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	275	6 8			
Wellington	359	8 0			
Nelson	206	4 0			
North Canterbury	516	11 0			
S. Canterbury	191	4 0			
Otago-Southland	420	16 0			
			3262	13	10
„ Sale of Minutes—					
District—					
N. Auckland	1	13 0			
S. Auckland	1	11 0			
Taranaki-Wanganui, 1925.	1	3 0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1	4 0			
Wellington	2	6 0			
Nelson	1	0 0			
N. Canterbury	2	17 0			
S. Canterbury	1	10 0			
Otago-Southland	0	16 6			
			1	3	0
			12	17	6
By Cost of Dunedin Conference					
Travelling, Representatives, Exps. Equalisation Fd.	371	0 0			
Travelling, Representatives' Exps. Reserve from 1925	104	10 8			
Travelling of Official Ministerial Representatives and Probationers for Ordination	267	15 7			
			743	6	3
Printing Agenda	105	15 0			
Less Sales	19	6 0			
			86	9	0
Minutes	144	4 0			
Other	67	17 3			
Stationery, etc.	8	9 11			
Sec. Postages, Cables, etc.	21	10 0			
			328	10	2
„ District Expenses—Chairmen's Travelling and other expenses—					
District—North Auckland	52	9 8			
„ South Auckland Bal. 1925.	13	10 0			
„ 1926.	39	16 0			
„ Taranaki - Wanganui	29	18 9			
„ Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	21	10 0			
„ Wellington	23	10 11			
„ Nelson	10	19 7			
„ Nelson, Financial Sec.	10	2 3			
„ North Canterbury	17	12 10			

Synod Collection—			
District South Auckland	...	2	5 6
„ Wellington	...	2	3 6
„ Nelson	...	2	1 0
„ South Canterbury	...	5	7 2
			<hr/>
		11	17 2
Refund Conference Printing	...	9	0 0
Foreign Mission fund, Travelling	...	80	0 0

Carried forward ... .. £4382 7 0

„ South Canterbury	...	19	5 8
„ Otago-Southland	...	33	12 3
			<hr/>
		272	7 11
„ Ministerial Supply—			
District—North Auckland	...	39	1 9
„ Taranaki - Wanganui	...	13	16 9
„ Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	10	4 6
„ Wellington	...	15	1 0
„ Nelson	...	8	15 0
„ North Canterbury	...	1	10 0
			<hr/>
		88	9 0
„ Synod Expenses — Ministers' Probationers' H.M. Travelling, Stationery, etc.—			
District—North Auckland	...	106	6 9
„ South Auckland	...	33	9 3
„ Taranaki - Wanganui	...	28	12 0
„ Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	...	23	17 3
„ Wellington	...	33	1 0
„ Nelson	...	45	6 2
„ North Canterbury	...	9	2 10
„ South Canterbury	...	11	10 8
„ Otago-Southland	...	51	2 6
			<hr/>
		342	8 5
„ Removal Expenses—			
District—South Auckland	...	6	11 9
			<hr/>
		6	11 9
„ Refund Connexional Charges—			
District—South Auckland	...	11	10 0
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		11	10 0
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Carried forward	...	£1793	3 6



METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND—Continued.

Brought forward ... .. £4382 7 0

Brought forward \* ... .. £1793 3 6

„ Connexional Payments—

Grants—

Opotiki Circuit ... .. 90 0 0  
 Whakatane Circuit ... .. 84 0 0  
 For Affliction ... .. 25 0 0  
 Spiritual Advance ... .. 25 0 0  
 Deaconess Fund ... .. 75 0 0  
 Theological College ... .. 740 0 0  
 Connexional Sec. Fund ... .. 175 0 0

1214 0 0

Printing ... .. 48 1 0  
 President's Travelling ... .. 26 2 8  
 President's Travelling, 1925. ... .. 36 0 0  
 Rep. to F.M. Conference ... .. 8 13 6

70 16 2

President's Supply, 1925. ... .. 15 0 0  
 President's Supply, 1926. ... .. 77 10 0

92 10 0

Expenses, Examination Com. ... .. 16 5 0  
 Methodist Times, Editor, and  
 Sub. Editors, etc. ... .. 41 7 4

Hon. Treas. Bank Int. Exch.  
 etc. ... .. 10 16 6  
 Postages, Stationery, etc. ... .. 5 7 6

16 4 0

„ By Balance B.N.Z.

Kaiapoi ... .. 1126 7 9  
 Less unrepresented  
 cheques ... .. 201 2 6

925 5 3

„ Balance held by Chairmen—					
N. Auckland	...	...	28	3	5
S. Auckland	...	...	20	17	8
Taranaki-Wanganui	...	...	33	16	6
Hawke's Bay Manawatu	...	...	14	15	5
Wellington	...	...			
Nelson	...	...	23	0	10
N. Canterbury	...	...			
S. Canterbury	...	...	24	1	6
Otago-Southland	...	...	19	19	5
			<hr/>		
			164	14	9 1090 0 0
			<hr/>		
					<u>£4382 7 0</u>

£4382 7 0

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing statement of Receipts and Payments, and have compared same with the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, and that, in my opinion, the said statement correctly sets forth the position of the Fund as at 31st, December, 1926.

J. H. BLACKWELL }  
W. G. SLADE } Hon. Treasurers.

ISAAC J. WILSON. A.P.A., N.Z.  
Hon. Auditor.

Christchurch, N.Z., 21st February, 1927.

**REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.**  
 Year ending 31st September, 1926.  
 Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Removal Expenses ... ..	1124	11	5		By Circuit Levies ... ..	739	17	7
„ Exchange, Stamps, Stationery and Sundries	8	2	6		„ Interest ... ..	51	17	2
					„ Capital Account ... ..	340	19	2
	£1132	13	11			£1132	13	11

**Balance Sheet.**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Accumulated Fund Dec. 31st, 1925. ... ..	1771	2	5	By Levies Outstanding ... ..			163	17	1
„ Less Balance as per Revenue Account ... ..	340	19	2	„ Supernumerary Fund Deposit ... ..			1100	11	6
				„ Balance P.O.S. Bank ... ..	159	6	6		
				„ Balance Bank of N.Z. ... ..	6	8	2		
							165	14	8
							£1430	3	3
							£1430	3	3

I hereby certify to having carefully examined the Books and Vouchers of the above Fund and find them correct.

(Sgnd.) W. L. THOMAS.

January 10th., 1927.

W. ARTHUR HAY, }  
 A. A. SANDFORD. } Treasurers.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N.Z.  
CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS, 1926.

## I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	..	..	..	From 1925	5	10	0
Auckland Central	..	..	..	..	297	7	7
Auckland West	..	..	..	From 1925	4	10	0
Auckland West	..	..	..	..	124	14	1
Auckland East	..	..	..	..	700	18	4
Auckland (Avondale)	..	..	..	..	268	19	2
Auckland (Devonport)	..	..	..	..	74	4	2
Auckland (Takapuna)	..	..	..	..	35	19	9
Auckland (Birkenhead)	..	..	..	..	121	0	0
Onehunga	..	..	..	..	72	8	4
Otahuhu	..	..	..	..	62	15	0
Papakura	..	..	..	..	54	8	0
Pukekohe	..	..	..	..	159	0	4
Waiuku	..	..	..	..	44	1	0
Mahurangi	..	..	..	..	24	17	2
Paparoa	..	..	..	..	46	1	1
Northern Wairoa	..	..	..	..	22	18	11
Whangarei	..	..	..	..	28	12	9
Port Albert	..	..	..	..	70	0	0
Coromandel	..	..	..	..	10	3	4
Kaukapakapa-Helensville	..	..	..	..	5	7	0
Bays of Islands	..	..	..	..	14	0	0
Hokianga	..	..	..	..	18	8	7
Whangaroa	..	..	..	..	20	4	6
Mangonui	..	..	..	..	—		
Hikurangi	..	..	..	..	2	1	9
Ohaeawai	..	..	..	..	5	12	6
Women's Auxiliaries: Auckland					£2294	3	4
£197 10s., Port Albert £1 1s.,							
Whangarei £12 11s. 7d.							

## II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
Thames	..	..	..	..	..	119	8	6
Te Aroha	..	..	..	..	..	141	4	11
Morrinsville	..	..	..	..	..	59	7	10
Waihi	..	..	..	..	..	22	4	8
Paeroa and Hauraki Plains	..	..	..	..	..	13	19	6
Cambridge	..	..	..	..	..	67	13	6
Hamilton	..	..	..	..	..	138	18	1
Hamilton East	..	..	..	..	..	61	4	3
Rotorua	..	..	..	..	..	41	16	0
Tauranga	..	..	..	..	..	31	7	10
Opotiki	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	3
Taumarunui	..	..	..	..	..	3	9	10
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	..	..	42	17	9
Whakatane	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Matamata	..	..	..	..	..	21	9	0
Te Puke	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	11
Ngaruawahia	..	..	..	..	..	15	14	11
Huntly	..	..	..	..	From 1925	3	2	6
Huntly	..	..	..	..	..	5	19	10
Te Kuiti	..	..	..	..	..	20	14	2
Ohura	..	..	..	..	..	22	17	7
Putaruru	..	..	..	..	..	3	15	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Hamilton £11, Matamata £3 15s. 8d., Tātuanui £9, Te Aroha £5 3s., Thames £15

£849 15 10

## III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

						£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	..	..	..	..	..	145	7	11
Waitara	..	..	..	..	..	36	13	1
Inglewood	..	..	..	..	..	14	15	6
Stratford	..	..	..	..	..	60	4	10
Eltham	..	..	..	..	..	99	15	3
Hawera	..	..	..	..	..	187	6	8
Manaia	..	..	..	..	..	44	15	11
Opunake	..	..	..	..	..	79	15	8
Kaponga	..	..	..	..	..	20	6	0
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	..	155	4	9
Wanganui North	..	..	..	..	..	51	1	8
Marton	..	..	..	..	..	65	0	0
Taihape	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	..	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
Patea	..	..	..	..	..	14	19	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Hawera £40, Lepperton £2 7s. 6d., Marton 10s., New Plymouth £20, Stratford £4 6s. 9d., Waitara £6 15s., Wanganui £30, Wanganui North £6 10s. 1d., Eltham £4 1s.

£991 6 3

## IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier .. .. .	99	10	10
Hastings . . . . .	191	6	3
Gisborne .. . . .	45	7	10
Waipawa .. . . .	5	11	4
Waipawa .. . . .	16	3	9
Dannevirke .. . . .	76	8	9
Woodville .. . . .	3	0	0
Woodville .. . . .	38	17	10
Pahiatua .. . . .	42	3	0
Palmerston North (Broad St.) .. . . .	169	0	9
Palmerston North (Cuba St.) .. . . .	212	15	11
Feilding .. . . .	291	6	8
Sanson-Rongotea .. . . .	32	8	6
Foxton .. . . .	12	10	10
Apiti .. . . .	5	4	9
Norsewood .. . . .	3	3	1
Wairoa .. . . .	5	0	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Feilding £15  
 15s., Gisborne £7 15s. 3d.,  
 Hastings £33, Napier £23, Pal-  
 merston N. (Broad St) £16,  
 (Cuba St.) £16.

£1250 0 1

## V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington (Taranaki St.) .. . . .	202	7	11
Wellington (Thorndon) .. . . .	125	7	7
Wellington South .. . . .	188	10	2
Wellington (Kilbirnie) .. . . .	50	19	5
Johnsonville-Ngaio .. . . .	115	16	10
Hutt .. . . .	115	12	1
Petone .. . . .	48	12	10
Greytown-Featherston .. . . .	8	13	10
Carterton .. . . .	47	7	0
Masterton .. . . .	104	0	5
Eketahuna .. . . .	33	9	5
Levin .. . . .	128	11	6
Otaki .. . . .	6	2	3
Paraparaumu .. . . .	8	4	0

Women's Auxiliaries: Wellington  
 £125, Hutt £19, Masterton £17,  
 Petone £2 15s.

£1183 15 3

## VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson .. .. .	141	2	1
Richmond .. .. .	18	4	5
Richmond .. .. .	35	17	5
Blenheim .. .. .	7	11	7
Blenheim .. .. .	164	1	0
Hokitika .. .. .	17	0	0
Greymouth .. .. .	5	0	0
Greymouth .. .. .	39	2	6
Motueka .. .. .	14	1	4
Reefton .. .. .	15	10	3
Westport .. .. .	21	6	11
Murchison .. .. .	6	10	0
Havelock .. .. .	—	—	—
Granity .. .. .	5	0	0
Women's Auxiliaries: Blenheim £10, Greymouth £3, Nelson £30, Wakefield £1 3s. 2d.	£490	7	6

## VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham St.) .. .. .	16	10	0
Christchurch (Durham St.) .. .. .	190	11	7
Christchurch East .. .. .	237	1	11
Christchurch (Cambridge Ter.) .. .. .	14	1	7
Christchurch (Cambridge Ter.) .. .. .	—	—	—
Christchurch (Woolston) .. .. .	92	17	9
Christchurch (Sydenham) .. .. .	47	12	7
Christchurch (Addington) .. .. .	37	10	5
Christchurch (Riccarton) .. .. .	25	16	5
Christchurch (St. Albans) .. .. .	33	5	9
Christchurch (St. Albans) .. .. .	102	15	1
Christchurch (Papanui) .. .. .	66	0	5
Lyttelton .. .. .	0	7	6
Lyttelton .. .. .	20	1	7
Springston .. .. .	71	2	1
Tai Tapu .. .. .	3	2	0
Tai Tapu .. .. .	28	2	1
Leeston .. .. .	10	8	11
Kaiapoi .. .. .	60	16	0
Ohoka .. .. .	52	7	3
Ohoka .. .. .	57	8	10
Rangiora .. .. .	53	9	6
Woodend-Sefton .. .. .	22	10	0
Greendale .. .. .	21	9	0
Hawarden .. .. .	2	17	6
Hawarden .. .. .	3	10	0
Oxford .. .. .	9	5	6
Waddington .. .. .	—	—	—
Less Printing, Waddington .. .. .	£1282	1	3
	0	8	1
Women's Auxiliaries: Christchurch £160, Rangiora £6 10s.	£1281	13	2

## VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Timaru	..	..	..	From 1925	0	5	0
Timaru	..	..	..	..	118	7	0
Waimate	..	..	..	..	50	5	0
Temuka	..	..	..	..	52	18	5
Geraldine	..	..	..	From 1925	19	4	3
Geraldine	..	..	..	..	19	19	5
Ashburton	..	..	..	..	109	16	8
Willowby	..	..	..	..	—		
Oamaru	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Methven	..	..	..	..	—		
Mayfield	..	..	..	..	17	8	3
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					£438	4	0
Less Printing, Methven	..	..	..	..	0	8	3
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Women's Auxiliaries: Oamaru £9					£437	15	9
17s. 6d., Timaru £23, Ashbur-							
ton £2 10s.							

## IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity)	..	..	..	From 1925	2	16	0
Dunedin (Trinity)	..	..	..	..	91	17	9
Dunedin (Central Mission)	..	..	..	..	27	17	1
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	..	..	..	From 1925	9	4	8
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	..	..	..	..	—		
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	..	..	..	..	17	13	0
Dunedin ((St. Kilda)	..	..	..	..	27	6	3
Dunedin (Caversham)	..	..	..	..	37	13	7
Dunedin (Mornington)	..	..	..	..	16	0	0
Dunedin (Roslyn-Maori Hill)	..	..	..	..	65	14	10
Mosgiel	..	..	..	..	9	6	6
Port Chalmers	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
Balclutha	..	..	..	..	15	2	6
Milton	..	..	..	..	21	4	7
Roxburgh	..	..	..	From 1925	1	0	0
Invercargill (Central)	..	..	..	..	35	10	0
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	..	..	..	..	52	0	6
Bluff	..	..	..	..	17	16	1
Gore	..	..	..	..	16	11	6
Otautau	..	..	..	From 1925	0	7	0
Otautau	..	..	..	..	—		
Waikouaiti	..	..	..	..	—		
Edendale	..	..	..	..	16	1	7
Kaitangata	..	..	..	..	—		
Lawrence	..	..	..	..	2	12	6
Cromwell	..	..	..	From 1925	9	4	8
Cromwell	..	..	..	..	9	3	8
Riverton	..	..	..	..	9	10	11
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	..	..	..	..	10	3	6
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Women's Auxiliaries: Dunedin					£541	18	8
£120, M.Y.W.M.M. £60, Inver-							
cargill £25, Roxburgh £3.							



## SUMMARY.

Districts—	£	s.	d.
Auckland .. .. .	2294	3	4
South Auckland .. .. .	849	15	10
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	991	6	3
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	1250	0	1
Wellington .. .. .	1183	15	3
Nelson .. .. .	490	7	6
North Canterbury .. .. .	1281	13	2
South Canterbury .. .. .	437	15	9
Otago-Southland .. .. .	541	18	8
Women's Auxiliaries .. .. .	919	15	0
Interest .. .. .	494	15	0
Interest on Memorial Gift, Mrs. D. McCallum .. .. .	6	10	0
Publications .. .. .	19	9	6
Treasurer's List .. .. .	282	15	5
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	£11,044	0	9





METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance-sheet as at the 31st December, 1926 (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—					
Personal Accounts	49	18	6		
Circuit Balances	502	18	9		
Wages Outstanding	243	10	2		
Sundry Trade Creditors	815	7	7		
			1611	15	0
Drafts in Transit ..					205 0 0
Overdraft at B.N.Z., Auckland (secured over Working Capital Assets)			2786	7	4
Loans—					
Waikawau Trust at 6%, balance 1/1/1926 ..	1007	7	0		
Plus Interest to date .. ..	60	8	4		
	1067	15	4		
Less Allocation for Lathe, etc.	136	13	10		
			931	1	6
Methodist Theological College Board at 6% .. ..	2000	0	0		
Tunnicliffe, H. A., at 6% ..	500	0	0		
			8034	3	10
Medical Mission Fund ..	1397	12	3		
Cash and Bank Balances—					
Cash in Hand—Solomon Islands .. ..	33	1	0		
Balances at B.N.Z., Solomon Islands .. ..	294	12	6		
					327 13 6
Banga Plantation, Balance 1/1/1926 .. ..	142	3	3		
Plus Deficit Solomon Islands to 1/1/1926 .. ..	807	1	11		
Plus Transfer part deficit, 1926	450	0	0		
Plus Interest Charged ..	346	7	10		
					1745 13 0
Stock on Hand—Solomon Islands .. ..					1052 8 4
Advance Payments, 1927 ..					564 12 2
Working Capital Assets—					
£200 Mt. Eden Borough 5% Debentures .. ..	200	0	0		
£1500 A.C.C. 5½% Debentures	1467	10	0		
£600 Soldiers' Loan, 5½% Inscribed Stock .. ..	531	0	0		
£100 N.Z. 4½% Government War Bonds .. ..	100	0	0		
£1000 N.Z. 5½% Government Debentures .. ..	1000	0	0		
Loans on Mortgage .. ..	5670	0	0		
					8968 10 0

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND—Continued.

Brought forward	...	...	...	£8239	3	10	1	Brought forward	...	...	...	...	£12,658	17	0
Equipment Fund	..	..	1376	9	9										
Insurance and Depreciation Fund	..	..	110	0	0										
						2884	2	0							
Capital Account—															
Balance at 1/1/1926	..		2078	10	0										
Plus Anonymous Contribution			1000	0	0										
						3078	10	0							
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	..		1337	18	10										
						1740	11	2							
						£12,658	17	0					£12,658	17	0

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I certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and, in my opinion, the above Balance-sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs, according to the best of my information, and the explanations given me, and as shown by the books of the Society. I have obtained all the information I have required, and have accepted the certified Stock Sheets provided me by the Chairman and Secretary of the Solomon Islands District. The value of the Island Properties is expressly excluded from the New Zealand books of account and the above Balance-sheet. The present approximate value of these Properties is estimated by the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District at £54,695. Members of the Society are referred to my Report of even date, addressed to the Board.

Auckland, 4th February, 1927.

LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., etc.,

Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Banga Plantation Account, 1926.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Sales of Produce .. ..			1158 6 4	By Balance brought forward ..			3136 7 6
„ Balance, Deficit—				„ By Transfer from General			
In New Zealand .. ..	8043	2	1	Fund by direction of Con-			
In Solomon Islands .. ..	117	15	1	ference .. .. .			4110 6 9
			8160 17 2	„ Working Expenses—			
Total Cost of Plantation to Aus-				Wages, Recruiting Fees, etc.	546	11	6
tralia and N.Z.M. Societies				Food, Clothing, Light, etc.	557	2	4
to date, £11,250/8/5				Tools, Copra Sacks, etc. ..	92	17	8
				Fares, Freights, etc. ..	38	0	0
				Government Taxes .. ..	12	12	0
				Manager's Wages, 3 months	60	0	0
							1307 3 6
				„ Buildings, Manager's Bunga-			
				low, 1 Copra Store, 2			
				Labour Houses .. ..			418 17 11
				„ Interest .. .. .			346 7 10
			<u>£9319 3 6</u>				<u>£9319 3 6</u>

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Audited and found correct,  
LEONARD KNIGHT, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., etc.,  
Auditor.

Auckland, 4th February, 1927.







## HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1927.—Continued.

INCOME.			
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Taranaki Street ... ..	170	0 0	
Thorndon ... ..	80	0 0	
Wellington South ... ..	80	0 0	
Kilbirnie ... ..	50	0 0	
Johnsonville-Ngaio ... ..	65	0 0	
Hutt ... ..	55	0 0	
Petone ... ..	35	0 0	
Greytown ... ..	20	0 0	
Carterton ... ..	40	0 0	
Masterton ... ..	120	0 0	
Eketahuna ... ..	20	0 0	
Levin ... ..	75	0 0	
Otaki ... ..	20	0 0	

## Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ... ..	10	0 0	840 0 0
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## NELSON DISTRICT.

## Circuits.

Nelson ... ..	120	0 0
Richmond ... ..	40	0 0
Blenheim ... ..	175	0 0
Hokitika ... ..	25	0 0
Greymouth ... ..	45	0 0
Motueka ... ..	25	0 0
Reefton ... ..	15	0 0
Westport ... ..	35	0 0

## Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ... ..	7	10 0
Murchison ... ..	7	10 0
Granity ... ..	7	10 0
		502 10 0

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

## Circuits.

Durham Street ... ..	175	0 0
Christchurch East ... ..	175	0 0
St. Albans ... ..	100	0 0
Sydenham ... ..	50	0 0
Cambridge Terrace ... ..	40	0 0
Woolston ... ..	80	0 0
Addington ... ..	60	0 0
Riccarton ... ..	35	0 0
Papanui ... ..	50	0 0
Lyttelton ... ..	35	0 0
Springston ... ..	60	0 0
Tai Tapu ... ..	40	0 0
Leeston ... ..	55	0 0
Kalapoi ... ..	45	0 0
Ohoka ... ..	45	0 0
Rangiora ... ..	50	0 0
Woodend-Sefton ... ..	40	0 0
Greendale ... ..	35	0 0
Hawarden ... ..	12	10 0
Oxford ... ..	17	10 0
Waddington ... ..	20	0 0
		1220 0 0

## EXPENDITURE.

## Home Mission Station.

	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Pateo ... ..	65	0 0	

## Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Waitara ... ..	70	0 0
Opunake ... ..	40	0 0

## Aided Circuits.

Inglewood ... ..	35	0 0
Manaia ... ..	25	0 0
Kaponga (Special) ... ..	50	0 0
Marton ... ..	40	0 0
Marton (Special) ... ..	40	0 0
Raetihi-Ohakau ... ..	25	0 0
		390 0 0

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

## Home Mission Stations.

Apiti ... ..	20	0 0
Apiti (Special) ... ..	20	0 0
Norsewood ... ..	30	0 0

## Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Gisborne ... ..	40	0 0
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## Aided Circuits.

Waipawa ... ..	50	0 0
Waipawa (Special) ... ..	10	0 0
Wairoa ... ..	80	0 0
Pahiatua ... ..	20	0 0
Foxton (if Minimum Stipend) ... ..	50	0 0
Otherwise £40.		
Ashhurst-Bunnythorps ... ..	30	0 0
		360 0 0

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

## Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ... ..	70	0 0
Upper Hutt ... ..	50	0 0
Upper Hutt (Special) ... ..	10	0 0

## Circuits with Home Missionaries..

Johnsonville-Ngaio ... ..	25	0 0
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## Aided Circuits.

Kilbirnie ... ..	40	0 0
Eketahuna ... ..	30	0 0
Carterton ... ..	15	0 0
		250 0 0

## NELSON DISTRICT.

## Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ... ..	40	0 0
Murchison ... ..	25	0 0
Granity ... ..	80	0 0

## Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Richmond ... ..	25	0 0
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## Aided Circuits.

Blenheim (Picton) ... ..	30	0 0
Hokitika ... ..	70	0 0
Reefton ... ..	20	0 0
Westport ... ..	10	0 0
Motueka ... ..	40	0 0
		340 0 0



**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**  
**Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1927.—Continued.**

<b>INCOME.</b>				<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Memorial—</b>						
Mrs Ann Carvell, Blenheim	6	10	0	Assistant Superintendent—		
Mr Francis Terrill, Blenheim	6	10	0	Stipend	275	0 0
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	6	10	0	House Allowance	160	0 0
Mr Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0	Travelling	100	0 0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0	Connexional Charges	50	0 0
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bolham, Tua Marina	6	10	0			585 0 0
Mr. G. B. White, Blenheim	6	10	0	<b>General Treasurer (including Expenses)</b>		150 0 0
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	6	10	0	<b>Office Expenses—</b>		
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0	Rent, etc.	100	0 0
Mr. Frank O. White	6	10	0	Telephones	28	0 0
				Lighting	10	0 0
		65	0 0			138 0 0
		9955	15 0	Postage and Telegrams	15	0 0
<b>Rents, etc.—</b>				Bank Charges, Cheque Book, Exchange, etc.	10	0 0
Spring Creek, Blenheim	3	0	0			25 0 0
N.Z.Y.W. Bible Class Union	175	0	0	<b>Printing Reports, Balance Sheets, Circulars, etc.</b>		250 0 0
N.Z.W.M. Missionary Union	470	0	0			
The Wake Estate	300	0	0			
Connexional Fire Insurance	100	0	0			
		1048	0 0			
		11,003	15 0	<b>GENERAL.</b>		
<b>Deficit</b>		1722	12 7	Miscellaneous—		
				C.B. and L.F. Installments—		
				Coromandel	25	0 0
				Opotiki	9	0 0
				Whakatane	8	8 0
				Rates and Insurance	10	0 0
				Interest	100	0 0
				Church Sites Fund	50	0 0
				Advertising and Space in "N.Z. Methodist Times"	12	10 0
						214 18 0
				<b>General.</b>		
				Home Missionary Allowance	75	0 0
				H.M. Retiring Fund	300	0 0
				Deaconess Retiring Fund	50	0 0
				H.M. Deputation Exs.	50	0 0
				Removal Expenses	70	0 0
				Ministerial Supply	100	0 0
				Theological Institution	135	0 0
				Contingencies	300	0 0
				For Spiritual Advance	50	0 0
				Y.M.C.A. for Military Camp	50	0 0
				<b>Lit. and Col. Society—</b>		
				Married Agent—		
				Stipend	180	0 0
				Rent	100	0 0
				Single Agent	140	0 0
						1600 0 0
						£11 368 18 0
				<b>Add Deficit, 1926</b>		1357 9 7
						<u>£12 726 7 7</u>
						<u>£12 726 7 7</u>

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.  
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1926.**

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

**RECEIPTS.**

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	337	14	11			
Auckland West ..	72	7	5			
Auckland East ..	418	19	7			
Ditto, 1925 ..	1	11	9			
Auck., Avondale	111	10	1			
Ditto, 1925 ..	0	10	6			
Auck., Devonport	49	6	0			
Auck., Takapuna	36	12	11			
Ditto, 1925 ..	26	3	2			
Auck., Birkenhead	78	0	0			
Onehunga ..	36	19	3			
Otahuhu ..	33	2	2			
Ditto, 1925 ..	12	8	6			
Papakura ..	32	4	6			
Ditto, 1925 ..	1	10	6			
Pukekohe ..	62	12	7			
Waikuku ..	16	12	3			
Ditto, 1925 ..	16	5	0			
Mahurangi ..	21	0	8			
Paparoa ..	12	0	0			
Ditto, 1925 ..	7	7	3			
Northern Wairoa	21	11	9			
Whangarei ..	17	13	9			
Ditto, 1925 ..	8	9	6			
Whangaroa ..	0	0	0			

**Maori Missions.\***

North Auckland 47 12 0

**Home Mission Stations.**

Port Albert ..	46	0	0			
Coromandel ..	0	0	0			
Kaukapakapa, Helensville ..	0	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	0	0	0			
Hokianga ..	26	8	8			
Mangonui ..	0	0	0			
Hikurangi ..	3	2	0			
Ohaeawai ..	5	0	0			
				1,560	16	8

**SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Thames ..	80	0	0			
Te Aroha ..	43	0	0			
Ditto, 1925 ..	8	0	0			
Morrinsville ..	31	15	2			
Waihi ..	0	0	0			
Paeroa - Hauraki Plains ..	16	3	10			
Cambridge ..	33	19	10			
Hamilton ..	25	5	7			
Ditto, 1925 ..	52	4	3			
Hamilton East ..	35	3	7			
Ngaruawahia ..	0	0	0			
Rotorua ..	28	0	0			
Tauranga ..	15	7	8			
Ditto, 1925 ..	2	7	6			
Opotiki ..	18	14	3			
Ditto, 1925 ..	9	10	0			

**EXPENDITURE.**

**MAORI MISSIONS.**

**Native Ministers, Home Missionaries  
and Deaconesses.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Whangaroa - Bay of Islands ..	286	10	0			
Hokianga ..	525	0	0			
Kaipara ..	476	5	0			
Waikato ..	1,317	17	0			
Ditto, Extra Deaconess ..	11	13	4			
Hospital, Te Kuiti	55	15	0			
Ditto, Interest as rent ..	80	0	0			
West Coast ..	1,040	8	4			
South Island ..	62	10	0			
Extra Deaconess	27	10	0			
Deaconess' Reti- ring Fund ..	16	0	0			
				3,899	8	8

**Special.**

Annuity ..	20	0	0			
S.S. Materials	40	0	0			
Printing Leaflets	50	0	0			
Evangelistic Mis- sions ..	100	0	0			
Removal Expenses	15	0	0			
Contingencies for Horses, Har- ness, etc. ..	62	0	0			
Methodist Times	5	0	0			
Motor Car for Deaconess ..	185	0	0			
Furniture for Bay of Islands and Hokianga	75	0	0			
Maori Visiting South Island	8	17	0			
Insurance Pre- mium on Motor Car ..	8	18	6			
				569	15	6

Total for Maori  
Work £4,469 4 2

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Coromandel ..	50	0	0			
Kaukapakapa, 1 qr.	8	15	0			
Kaukapakapa- Helensville ..	55	0	0			
Bay of Islands ..	37	10	0			
Ditto, Special	25	0	0			
Hokianga ..	97	10	0			
Mangonui, 1 qr.	3	0	0			
Hikurangi ..	15	0	0			
Ohaeawai ..	16	5	0			
Portland ..	42	9	6			

**Circuits with Home Missionaries.**

Pukekohe ..	40	0	0			
Northern Wairoa	70	0	0			

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1926.—Continued.**

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Taumarunui ..	0	0	0				
Te Awamutu ..	0	0	0				
Ditto, 1925 ..	2	9	6				
Whakatane ..	3	17	6				
Matamata ..	0	0	0				
Ditto, 1925 ..	19	3	6				
<b>Maori Missions.</b>							
Waikato and Maniapoto ..	66	8	5				
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Te Kuiti ..	0	0	0				
Huntly ..	4	0	0				
Te Puke ..	13	3	0				
Ohura ..	12	0	0				
Putaruru ..	8	6	7				
				529	0	2	
<b>TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.</b>							
<b>Circuits.</b>							
New Plymouth ..	97	13	3				
Ditto, 1925 ..	1	0	0				
Waitara ..	0	0	0				
Ditto, 1925 ..	26	2	11				
Inglewood ..	6	15	3				
Ditto, 1925 ..	1	14	0				
Stratford ..	41	0	5				
Eitham ..	5	0	0				
Hawera ..	34	7	7				
Ditto, 1925 ..	16	17	6				
Mania ..	31	1	1				
Opunake ..	5	2	6				
Ditto, 1925 ..	0	12	6				
Kaponga ..	12	0	0				
Ditto, 1925 ..	1	0	0				
Wanganui ..	40	3	3				
Wanganui North ..	12	7	0				
Marton ..	15	5	0				
Taihape ..	1	0	0				
Raetihi, Ohakune ..	0	0	0				
<b>Maori Missions.</b>							
Taranaki ..	22	0	0				
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Patea ..	11	18	1				
Ditto, 1925 ..	2	7	0				
				385	7	4	
<b>HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.</b>							
<b>Circuits.</b>							
Napier ..	69	16	3				
Hastings ..	107	19	10				
Gisborne ..	44	8	1				
Ditto, 1925 ..	1	18	0				
Waioa ..	6	13	0				
Waipawa ..	3	0	0				
Ditto, 1925 ..	3	13	0				
Dannevirke ..	19	0	0				
Woodville ..	26	4	9				
Pahiatua ..	22	9	8				
Ditto, 1925 ..	3	16	10				
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Takapuna, 1 qr. ..	5	0	0				
Mahurangi ..	15	0	0				
							480 9 6
<b>SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.</b>							
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Te Puke ..	36	5	0				
Huntly ..	77	10	0				
Te Kuiti ..	96	5	0				
Ohura ..	95	0	0				
Putaruru ..	62	10	0				
Ditto, Special ..	55	0	0				
Mokauiti, 1 qr. ..	37	10	0				
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Paeroa-Hauraki Plains ..	165	0	0				
Waikato ..	65	0	0				
Opotiki ..	95	0	0				
Tauranga ..	60	12	6				
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0				
Whakatane ..	100	0	0				
Rotorua ..	30	0	0				
Taumarunui ..	121	5	0				
							1,116 17 6
<b>TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.</b>							
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Patea ..	73	15	0				
<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>							
Opunake ..	45	0	0				
Waitara ..	80	0	0				
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Inglewood ..	43	15	0				
Mania ..	35	0	0				
Kaponga ..	26	5	0				
Marton ..	25	0	0				
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	47	10	0				
Ditto, Special ..	30	0	0				
							406 5 0
<b>HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.</b>							
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Apiti ..	26	5	0				
Norsewood ..	37	10	0				
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Gisborne, Special ..	15	0	0				
Waipawa ..	66	5	0				
Woodville ..	15	0	0				
Pahiatua ..	30	0	0				
Foxton ..	40	0	0				
Waioa, H.B. ..	137	10	0				
							367 10 0
<b>WELLINGTON DISTRICT.</b>							
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Paraparaumu ..	96	5	0				
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>							
Kilbirnie ..	50	0	0				

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.  
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1926.—Continued.

**RECEIPTS.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Palmerston North (Broad Street)	107	5	3			
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	62	10	11			
Fellding	114	13	3			
Sanson—Rongotea	23	17	7			
Foxton	11	9	5			
Ditto, 1925	3	1	0			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Apiti	14	14	7			
Norsewood	4	6	2			
Ditto, 1925	12	7	5			
				663	14	0

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Wellington—						
Taranaki St.	161	2	11			
Ditto, 1925	9	0	6			
Thorndon	74	14	7			
Ditto, 1925	0	3	0			
South	78	11	5			
Ditto, 1925	6	0	0			
Kilbirnie	44	14	11			
Johnsonville, Ngalo	68	7	10			
Hutt	57	5	6			
Petone	17	9	2			
Greytown-Feather- ston	9	0	9			
Ditto, 1925	2	18	2			
Carterton	24	10	0			
Masterton	102	10	0			
Eketahuna	14	2	3			
Levin	60	1	1			
Otaki	18	6	2			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Paraparaumu	8	7	6			
				757	5	0

**NELSON DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Nelson	112	11	3			
Richmond	13	16	2			
Blenheim	162	15	5			
Hokitika	20	0	0			
Greymouth	27	9	1			
Motueka	28	0	6			
Reefton	17	1	9			
Westport	21	14	10			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Havelock	5	0	0			
Murchison	8	14	0			
Grantly	3	6	6			
Ditto, 1925	7	1	3			
				427	10	0

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Christchurch—						
Durham St.	150	0	2			
East	170	14	3			
Ditto, 1925	9	13	6			

**EXPENDITURE.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Johnsonville—						
Ngalo	30	0	0			
Greytown	22	10	0			
Ditto, Special	46	4	6			
Eketahuna	50	0	0			
				294	19	6

**NELSON DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Havelock	37	10	0			
Ditto, Special	22	12	8			
Murchison	28	15	0			
Grantly	86	5	0			

**Circuits with Home Missionaries.**

Richmond	30	0	0			
Blenheim	40	0	0			
Hokitika	66	5	0			
Motueka	51	5	0			
Reefton	21	5	0			
Westport	20	0	0			
				403	17	8

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

Hawarden	60	0	0			
Oxford	7	10	0			
Waddington	22	10	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Riccarton	52	10	0			
Rangiora, 1 qr.	5	0	0			
Tai Tapu	37	10	0			
Greendale	21	5	0			
Deaconess Insti- tute	75	0	0			
				281	5	0

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Methven	10	0	0			
Mayfield	32	10	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Temuka	30	0	0			
Geraldine	42	10	0			
				115	0	0

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Edendale	26	5	0			
Kaitangata	12	10	0			
Ditto, Special	10	0	0			
Lawrence	33	15	0			
Cromwell	40	0	0			
Ditto, Special	50	0	0			
Riverton	30	0	0			
Tuatapere, 1 qr.	15	0	0			
Ditto, Special	50	0	0			
Nightcaps - Tua- tapere	35	0	0			
Ditto, Special	20	0	0			
Broad Bay	30	0	0			

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1926.—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Cambridge Ter.	25	8	5				<b>Circuits with Home Missionaries.</b>
Woolston ..	80	5	8				£ s. d.
Sydenham ..	47	5	4				£ s. d.
Addington ..	43	10	0				St. Kilda .. 31 5 0
Riccarton ..	31	0	3				Cargill Road .. 41 5 0
St. Albans ..	76	12	3				
Papanui ..	43	5	6				<b>Aided Circuits.</b>
Lyttelton ..	27	8	5				Caversham .. 25 0 0
Springston ..	56	0	6				Port Chalmers 47 10 0
Tai Tapu ..	31	4	2				Mosgiel .. 20 0 0
Leeston ..	45	2	2				Balclutha .. 18 15 0
Kaipoi ..	37	14	8				Milton .. 35 0 0
Ohoka ..	60	10	0				Roxburgh .. 36 5 0
Rangiora ..	43	3	3				Bluff .. 15 0 0
Woodend, Sefton	30	15	3				Otautau .. 21 5 0
Greendale ..	28	11	2				643 15 0
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Hawarden ..	7	1	5				Total Maori
Oxford ..	12	8	7				Maori Work 4,469 4 2
Waddington ..	18	4	6				Total Circuits
				1,075	19	5	& Stations 4,109 19 2
							£8,579 3 4
<b>SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.</b>							<b>Departmental.</b>
<b>Circuits.</b>							General Superintendant—
Timaru ..	150	8	6				Stipend .. 325 0 0
Waimate ..	41	0	0				House Allowance .. 150 0 0
Temuka ..	17	0	8				Travelling .. 100 0 0
Geraldine ..	20	0	0				Extra Travelling, Postage, Telegrams, etc. 100 15 6
Ashburton ..	112	8	5				Connexional Charges .. 63 14 0
Willowby ..	25	12	1				Removal Expenses Fund 4 0 0
Oamaru ..	55	0	0				743 9 6
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							Assistant Superintendent—
Methven ..	5	10	0				Stipend .. 275 0 0
Mayfield ..	17	2	2				House Allowance .. 135 0 0
				444	1	10	Travelling .. 100 0 0
							Extra Travelling .. 5 6 0
							Connexional Charges and Removal Expenses Fund 38 15 0
							554 1 0
<b>OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.</b>							General Treasurer—
<b>Circuits.</b>							Honorarium 150 0 0
Dunedin—							Travelling to Dunedin Conference 6 3 10
Trinity ..	90	0	1				156 3 10
Central Mission	27	15	0				Colporteur Agents—
Dundas Street	45	3	9				No. 1 .. 225 0 8
Cargill Road ..	43	10	10				No. 2, part term 69 16 8
St. Kilda ..	23	14	9				H.M.R.F. .. 5 0 0
Caversham ..	30	17	2				Contingent Fund 5 0 0
Mornington ..	29	2	6				304 16 8
Roslyn ..	40	0	0				Office Rent .. 75 10 0
Mosgiel ..	9	3	1				Signboard .. 2 16 3
Port Chalmers	11	8	5				Telephones .. 30 8 10
Balclutha ..	17	10	0				
Milton ..	19	11	1				
Roxburgh ..	12	15	10				
Invercargill—							
Central ..	74	18	0				
St. Peters ..	49	19	0				
Bluff ..	15	13	6				
Gore ..	10	0	0				
Otautau ..	15	0	0				
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>							
Waikouaiti ..	11	7	9				
Broad Bay ..	4	10	6				
Edendale ..	17	18	7				
Kaitangata ..	6	6	0				

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1926.—Continued.**

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Lawrence ..	10	5	4						
Cromwell ..	11	15	10						
Riverton ..	5	3	7						
Nightcaps-Tuata- pere ..	7	0	3						
				640	10	10			
Total Income from Circuits	£6,484	6	9						
GENERAL.									
Connexional Properties.									
Auckland ..	800	0	0						
Grey Institute, New Plymouth	650	0	0						
Kai Iwi, Wanganui	100	0	0	1,550	0	0			
Interest from Investments.									
Auckland ..	589	15	7						
Canterbury ..	58	10	0	648	5	7			
Estate of the late Geo. P. Wake	267	11	4	267	11	4			
Capital Money awaiting Invest- ment ..	180	0	0						
Deposit with Wesley College Board ..	25	13	9						
Native Hospital, as rent ..	80	0	0	285	13	9			
Memorial.									
Mrs. Ann Carvill, Blenheim ..	6	10	0						
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim ..	6	10	0						
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0						
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0						
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ..	6	10	0						
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim ..	6	10	0						
Mr. Frank O. White, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0	65	0	0			
Miscellaneous.									
Conference Col- lection, 1926	7	18	10						
Lighting and Heating ..	22	19	6				131	14	7
C.B. and L. Fund in respect of Coromandel	25	0	9						
Taneatua ..	15	1	0						
Opotiki ..	9	1	0						
Whakatane ..	8	8	0				57	10	9
Rates and Insur- ance ..							15	0	3
Interest B.N.Z. Capital Money awaiting in- vestment ..	6	7	3	180	0	0	186	7	3
				Miscellaneous.					
Removal Ex- penses ..	118	5	0						
Ministerial Sup- plies ..	84	18	8						
H.M. Deputation Theological In- stitution ..	69	3	3						
Methodist Times	101	5	0						
Legal Expenses Church Sites Funds ..	12	10	0	50	0	0			
H.Ms. Travelling to Synod ..	9	14	7	7	15	0			
Literature and Colporteur Society ..	50	0	0	99	2	7			
Refund to Accep- ted Candi- dates from H.M.R. Fund	51	7	2						
Postage and Exchange ..	17	7	0						
Bank Commis- sion & Cheque Books ..	2	10	0				623	18	3
				Printing.					
Balance Sheets	3	3	0						
Estimates ..	18	10	0						
Annual Reports	142	10	0						
Ditto, Postage	8	0	3						
Letterheads ..	9	5	6						
Circular ..	13	14	0						
Leaflets ..	7	7	6						
Balance Sheet Forms ..	6	5	0						
Receipt Books	2	7	0				211	2	3
Office Typing, etc.	60	15	9						
Office Stationery	2	18	6						
Spiritual Ad- vance ..	50	0	0						
President's As- sistant ..	52	10	0						





## SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION CAPITAL ACCOUNTS, 1926.

CAPITAL.				INVESTMENTS.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Legacies to the end of 1925 ..			9,909	7 10	By Freehold Securities ..	10,423	16 0
„ New Bequests, 1926—					„ Amount in H.M. Fund, Awaiting Investment	4,086	16 4
The late Mr. Geo. Butler, Pleasant Point ..	50	0 0					
The late Mr. Wesley J. Gordon, Feilding (3rd instalment of £3,000)	330	0 0					
The late Mr. W. F. Chever- ton, Waimate (1st in- stalment of £1,000) ..	250	0 0					
The late Miss Margaret R. Simson, Nelson ..	200	0 0					
The late Mr. A. P. Queere, Opawa ..	25	0 0					
			855	0 0			
„ Memorial Gifts .. ..	1,000	0 0					
„ Other Gifts .. ..	250	0 0					
„ Dunedin City Drainage Debenture	100	0 0					
			1,350	0 0			
„ Proceeds of Property Sales ..			2,396	4 6			
			£14,510	12 4		£14,510	12 4

## CANTERBURY INVESTMENT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Dec. 31, 1926—Capital .. ..	£1,100	0 0	Investment .. ..	£1,100	0 0

## METHODIST MAORI GIRLS' COLLEGE, 1926.

				To Deposits—			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Amount Brought Forward from 1925 .. ..			2,502	16 4	Wesley Training College Board ..	2,885	0 0
„ Further Payments Centenary Fund .. ..	550	0 0			Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	458	11 8
„ Wellington M.Y.W.B.C. ..	6	13 3					
„ M.W.M. Union .. ..	116	11 0					
„ St. John's "Rangi Club," Pon- sonby .. ..	6	0 0					
„ Interest .. ..	161	11 1					
			840	15 4			
			£3,343	11 8		£3,343	11 8

February 7th, 1927.

Examined and found correct.

ARCH. PEAK.  
J. G. HENDERSON.



METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Loan from Orphanage Fund	...	...	...	300	0	0	Deaconess House Property	...	...	...	4400	0	0
Depreciation Account	...	...	...	100	0	0	Furnishings, etc	...	...	...	450	0	0
Balance Debts over liabilities	...	...	...	4706	3	6	Balance Post Office Account	...	...	...	112	2	4
							Balance Bank N.Z.	...	...	...	144	1	2
				£5106 3 6							£5106 3 6		

30/12/26.

C. A. NEWMAN, Secretary.

**MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.**  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended 30th September, 1926.

Oct. 1st, 1925—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in P.O. Savings Bank				119	8	1
Sept. 30th, 1926—						
<b>RECEIPTS.</b>						
<b>Revenue—</b>						
General Donations ... ..	274	13	3			
Official Collections ... ..	392	5	8			
Churches ... ..	373	4	3			
Sunday Schools ... ..	37	8	4			
Maintenance Fees ... ..	1781	12	6			
Discounts and Exchange ... ..	19	16	8			
<b>Interest—</b>						
Wesley Training College ... ..	13	5	10			
Winstone Ltd. ... ..	50	0	0			
P.O. Savings Bank ... ..	2	7	7			
Smith and Caughey Ltd. ... ..	34	8	8			
War Bond ... ..	4	13	2			
Rent of Tennis Court ... ..	3	3	0			
Sale of Stable ... ..	14	0	0			
Rebate Insurance ... ..	2	4	8			
				3003	3	7
<b>Bequests—</b>						
W. Winstone balance of Special						
Bequest ... ..	375	0	0			
Andrew Lawrie ... ..	154	16	0			
Ann King ... ..	100	0	0			
				629	16	0
<b>Repayment Loan—</b>						
Board Wesley Training College				150	0	0
Sale of War Bond ... ..				97	5	0
Winstone Trustees Paid in ... ..				1001	5	8
				£5000	18	4

Oct. 1st, 1925—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance O/D Bank of N.Z. ...				279	19	4
Sept. 30th, 1926.—						
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>						
<b>Revenue—</b>						
Salaries ... ..	1464	2	8			
Provisions ... ..	1012	11	0½			
Boot repairs etc. ... ..	98	5	5			
Fuel and Light ... ..	164	1	3½			
Farm and Garden ... ..	17	12	0			
Printing, Stationery and Books ... ..	101	6	10½			
Medicines, Dental, etc. ... ..	75	15	4			
Stamps, Telegrams and Telephone	22	13	7½			
Matron's Petty Expenses ... ..	51	6	1			
Interest ... ..	304	1	6			
Repairs ... ..	301	12	0			
Insurance ... ..	41	1	1			
Plant Repairs ... ..	15	9	2			
Epsom Drainage ... ..	69	17	6			
Rates ... ..	90	3	7			
Bank Charges and Exchanges ... ..	2	14	9			
Sundry Expenses ... ..	16	15	6			
				3849	9	5
<b>New Furnishings</b> ... ..				226	7	10
<b>Repayment Loan—</b>						
Smith and Caughey ... ..				606	16	6
<b>Balances carried forward—</b>						
Bank of New Zealand ... ..	30	9	2			
Cash in Hand ... ..	7	16	1			
				38	5	3
				£5000	18	4

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per Cash Statement	3849	9	5	Receipts as per Cash Statements	3003	3	7
„ Interest on loan A. C. Caughey	47	19	1	Donations A. C. Caughey, per contra	47	19	1
„ Interest on Sections Bought	180	5	2	Revenue Winstone Trust	212	12	0
„ Legal Charges and Adjustments per Peak, Kirker and Newcombe	49	4	8	Capital a/c Transfer Deficiency	1036	6	6
„ Depreciation of Furniture 10 per cent.	170	7	10				
„ Loss on sale of War Bond	2	15	0				
	<u>£4300</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£4300</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

**MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.**  
Balance Sheet as at September, 1926.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.							
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Unpaid Purchase Money ...						6,333	3	0			
Loan, Smith & Caughey ...			4,103	18	4	3,350	0	0			
Capital as at 30th Sept., 1925 ...	11,001	14	9	4,298	3	8					
Add Bequests	629	16	0			6,267	18	9			
	11,634	10	9			15,951	1	9			
Less Deficiency from Revenue A/c	1,036	6	6			Add Sections 20, 31, 32 ...	1,272	8	10		
			10,595	4	3				17,223	10	7
Add Winstone Bequest ...	19,311	15	2			Furnishings ...	1,478	0	0		
Plus Appreciation of shares on sale	4	12	0			Add New ...	226	7	10		
			19,316	7	2				1,704	7	10
						Less 10 per cent. Depreciation	170	7	10		
									1,534	0	0
						Farm Stock ...			35	0	0
						Deposit at Call ...			1,000	0	0
						Balance Cash at Bank ...			30	9	2
						Balance Cash in Hand ...			7	16	1
						Winstone Trust—					
						Mortgages and Unpaid Pur.					
						Money ...	6,629	0	9		
						Shares ...	9,866	10	0		
						Loans ...	1,759	17	6		
						Cash in Hand Trustees ...	218	9	4		
									18,473	17	7
									<u>£38,304</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>
									<u>£38,304</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>

I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the above Accounts and Balance Sheet and hereby certify the same to be correct in accordance therewith.  
29/10/26.

EGERTON GILL,  
Public Accountant.

**THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.**  
 Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st December, 1926.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance forward—				By Maintenance—			
P.O. Savings Bank ... ..			1233 4 9	Salaries and Wages ... ..	508	11	2
Bank of New Zealand ... ..			252 18 1	Casual Help, Garden, Grounds, etc. ... ..	25	18	0
„ Endowments and Legacies—							534 9 2
Trustees T. G. McCarthy Est. ...	200	0	0	General House Supplies ... ..	513	4	5
Mrs. Bland Rayner's Est. ... ..	50	0	0	Lighting and Heating ... ..	104	19	6
Mrs. E. L. Maunsell's Est. ... ..	50	0	0	Drapery, Clothing and Boots ... ..	171	2	11
			300 0 0	Printing, Advertising and Telephone ... ..	45	13	3
„ Maintenance—				Repairs and Renewals ... ..	57	7	5
Donations and Subscriptions ...	626	5	6	Accident Insurance ... ..	1	12	6
Collections ... ..	328	5	6	Travelling Expenses and Sundries ... ..	34	9	9
Maintenance Fees ... ..	473	12	6				928 9 9
Interest P.O. Savings Bank ... ..	43	16	5	Total Maintenance ... ..			1462 18 11
Interest Inscribed Debentures ...	4	13	5	To Capital Expenditure—			
Nett Proceeds Children's Concert ... ..	19	18	6	Furnishings, etc. ... ..	25	12	10
			1496 11 10	Children's Playing Apparatus ... ..	65	2	11
							90 15 9
				„ Investments and Deposits—			
				Govt. 5½% Inscribed Deben- tures ... ..	1000	0	0
				P.O. Savings Bank ... ..	527	1	2
				Balance Bank of N.Z. ... ..	201	18	10
							1729 0 0
			<u>£3282 14 8</u>				<u>£3282 14 8</u>



THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet on 31st December, 1926.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	82	6	7	Cash P.O. Savings Bank	527	1	2
Newcombe Prize Endowment	53	8	10	Cash Bank of New Zealand	201	18	10
Balance—being excess of Assets over Liabilities	2479	17	1	N.Z. Government 5½% Inscribed Debentures	1000	0	0
				£50 War Bond at cost	42	12	6
				Furnishings, etc.	937	15	9
				Less Depreciation	93	15	9
					844	0	0
					£2615	12	6
					£2615	12	6

**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.**  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1926.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Balance 1st January, 1926—									
P.O. Savings Bank ..	2	7	10						
Bank of New Zealand ..	36	19	1						
N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. Assn., Secured Deposit Stock ..	350	0	0						
			389	6	11				
„ Endowment Account—									
Sarah Ussher Estate ..	2,085	0	0						
Wm. Morrow Estate ..	200	0	0						
Thos. Brooks Estate ..	250	0	0						
Alex. Cowie Estate (per Mr J. A. Flesher) .. ..	100	0	0						
E. M. Scott Estate ..	100	0	0						
W. Cheverton Estate ..	124	16	9						
Eliz. Harris Estate ..	20	0	0						
Mrs. Marvey Estate ..	50	0	0						
			2,929	16	9				
„ Maintenance Account—									
Subscriptions & Donations	967	4	10						
Collections .. ..	83	15	5						
Maintenance Fees ..	317	10	2						
Interest on Deposit and De- ventures .. ..	88	17	5						
Sundries .. ..	83	8	11						
			1,540	16	9				
„ Rent on Land Purchased ..			75	0	0				
„ Deposits Withdrawn ..			2,373	13	2				
By Balance due to Treasurer, 1st January, 1926 ..						86	0	2	
„ Maintenance Account—									
Salaries & Wages, Staff & Casual Help .. ..			531	14	9				
Garden & Farm .. ..			142	13	6				
							674	8	3
General House Supplies ..			572	16	9				
Lighting & Heating ..			124	7	5				
Drapery, Clothing & Boots			190	1	0				
Stamps, Stationery, Tele- phone, Technical College			58	4	8				
Fire & Accident Insurance			17	7	0				
Repairs & Renewals ..			207	17	5				
Sundries .. ..			55	4	7				
Purchase of 2 Cows ..			17	0	0				
							1,242	18	10
Organising Secretary, Rev. W. Laycock, Travelling Expenses & Honorarium							37	0	0
Maintenance of Boys in Presbyterian Home ..							109	10	0
New Furnishings ..							70	1	6
„ Property Account—									
Balance of Purchase Money and Interest .. ..							412	0	0
Deposit with Supernumerary Board .. ..			3,200	0	0				
Loan to Deaconess Com- mittee .. ..			300	0	0				
							3,500	0	0

„ Balance 31st December, 1926—			
P.O. Savings Bank ..	2	7	10
Bank of New Zealand ..	759	1	3
N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. Assn., Secured Deposit Stock ..	350	0	0
Cash in Hand .. ..	65	5	9
			<u>1,176 14 10</u>
			<u><u>£7,308 13 7</u></u>

£7,308 13 7

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

Balance-sheet as at 31st December, 1926.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.							
				£	s.	d.					
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Endowment Account .. .. .			12,492	16	1		Freehold Property as at 31st				
Maintenance Reserve Account .. .. .			150	0	0		Dec., 1925—				
Property Reserve Account .. .. .			875	0	0		Present Home Site .. .. .	5,449	1	5	
Trust A/c. late G. H. Jones'							Cost of 12 Acres for New				
Children .. .. .	£114	17					Home Site .. .. .	2,762	0	0	8,211
Interest Accrued .. .. .		7	13	4							1
											5
				122	10	10	Furnishings as at 31st Dec., 1925	418	0	0	
							Additional Furnishings during				
			13,640	6	11		Year .. .. .	70	1	6	
Balance being Excess of Assets over Liabilities			3,583	15	10						
								488	1	6	
							Less Depreciation .. .. .	48	1	6	
											440
											0
											0
											16
											0
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											826
											14
											10
											£17,223
											2
											9

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We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the year ended 31st December, 1926, and certify that, in our opinion the above Balance-sheet is properly drawn up and Exhibits a correct view of the Orphanage affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books.

WHITTINGHAM & HOLLAND, Auditors.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND  
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1927.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS  
ALTERED, THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS SHOULD BE  
CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ...	985	0	0	78	16	0	685	0	0	58	4	6
Conf. F.M. Secretary ...	350	0	0	28	0	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
Conf. H.M. Dept. ...	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	19	2	6
H.M. 2	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland West ...	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
Auckland East ...	810	0	0	64	16	0	510	0	0	43	7	0
Theo. Col.	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
Avondale	525	0	0	42	0	0	325	0	0	27	12	6
H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Devonport	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Takapuna	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Birkenhead	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Onehunga ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Otahuhu ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Papakura ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pukekohe ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Pukekohe H.M. 2	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waiuku ...	247	10	0	19	16	0	147	10	0	12	10	9
Mahurangi ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paparoa ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Northern Wairoa ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. 2	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangarei ...	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Whangaroa ...	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Auckland Mission ...	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pt. Albert H.M. Sta.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coromandel	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaukapakapa	...	...	...	8	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Helensville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bay of Islands	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whangaroa	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mangonui	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hikurangi	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohaeawai	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Portland	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	7157	10	0	644	12	0	4457	10	0	378	17	9

N.B.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for H.M. Retiring Fund is £5 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 2 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Te Aroha ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Morrinsville ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Paeroa-Hauraki Plains	410	0	0	32	16	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
Cambridge ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Hamilton ... ..	485	0	0	38	16	0	325	0	0	27	12	6
Hamilton East ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Ngaruawahia ... ..	200	0	0	16	0	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Rotorua ... ..	212	10	0	17	0	0	112	10	0	9	11	3
Tauranga ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Opotiki ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Taumarunui ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Te Awamutu ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Matamata ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Whakatane H.M. Stn.	...	...	...	6	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waihi ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Huntly ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Kuiti ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Putaruru ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Te Puke H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokauiti ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohura ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3907	10	0	347	4	0	2427	10	0	206	6	9

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth ... ..	575	0	0	46	0	0	375	0	0	31	17	6
"    H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waitara ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
"    H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stratford ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Eltham ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Hawera ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Manaia ... ..	240	0	0	19	4	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Opunake ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
"    "    H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaponga ... ..	200	0	0	16	0	0	100	0	0	8	10	0
Wanganui ... ..	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	19	2	6
"    "    H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wanganui North ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
"    "    H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
"    "    H.M. ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Marton ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Taihape ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Raetihi-Ofakune ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Inglewood ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mokau ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patea—Station H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Douglas ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3500	0	0	316	0	0	2180	0	0	185	6	0

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## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Hastings ... ..	280	0	0	22	8	0	180	0	0	15	6	0
Gisborne ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wairoa ... ..	170	0	0	13	12	0	110	0	0	9	7	0
Waipawa ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Dannevirke ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woodville ... ..	242	10	0	19	8	0	142	10	0	12	2	3
Pahiatua ... ..	237	10	0	19	0	0	137	10	0	11	13	9
Palmerston N (S Pauls)	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Palmerston N (Cuba St)	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Ashhurst-Bunynthorpe	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Feilding ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanson and Rongotea	260	0	0	20	16	0	160	0	0	13	12	0
Foxton ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Apiti—H.M. Station	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norsewood ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3365	0	0	289	4	0	2105	0	0	178	18	6

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington Taranaki St.	560	0	0	44	16	0	400	0	0	34	0	0
Thorndon ... ..	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
South ... ..	380	0	0	30	8	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
Kilbirnie ... ..	410	0	0	32	16	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
H.M. Dept. ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hutt ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Petone ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Greytown ... ..	250	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Carterton ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Masterton ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eketahuna ... ..	200	0	0	16	0	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Levin ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Otaki ... ..	225	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Paraparaumu—H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Upper Hutt—H.M.	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4475	0	0	374	0	0	2865	0	0	243	10	6

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## NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson ... ..	325	0	0	26	0	0	225	0	0	19	2	6
Richmond ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Blenheim ... ..	730	0	0	58	8	0	470	0	0	39	19	0
Hokitika ... ..	215	0	0	17	4	0	115	0	0	9	15	6
Greymouth ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Motueka ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Westport ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Reefton ... ..	...	...	...	6	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Havelock—H.M. Stn. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murchison ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Denniston ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Granity ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2270	0	0	208	4	0	1410	0	0	119	17	0

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy ½%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—												
Durham Street ... ..	530	0	0	42	8	0	370	0	0	31	9	0
Connexional Secretary ... ..	350	0	0	28	0	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
S.S. and Y.P. Dept. ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
East ... ..	800	0	0	64	0	0	500	0	0	42	10	0
Cambridge Terrace ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woolston ... ..	425	0	0	34	0	0	265	0	0	22	10	6
Sydenham ... ..	260	0	0	20	16	0	160	0	0	13	12	0
Addington ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Riccarton ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
St. Albans ... ..	550	0	0	44	0	0	350	0	0	29	15	0
Papanui ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Lyttelton ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Springston ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Tai Tapu ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Leeston ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Kaiapoi ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Ohoka ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Rangiora ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Woodend-Sefton ... ..	240	0	0	19	4	0	140	0	0	11	18	0
Greendale ... ..	237	10	0	19	0	0	137	10	0	11	13	9
Waddington ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hawarden—H.M. Sta. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oxford ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	6467	10	0	529	8	0	4047	10	0	344	0	9

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## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8 %			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 8½ %		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru ... ..	575	0	0	46	0	0	375	0	0	31	17	6
"   H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waimate ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Temuka, King Street ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Geraldine ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Ashburton ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Willowby ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Oamaru ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Methven—H.M. Station ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayfield ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2150	0	0	184	0	0	1350	0	0	114	15	0

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 8 %			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 8½ %		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—												
Trinity ... ..	460	0	0	36	16	0	300	0	0	25	10	0
Central Mission ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Dundas Street ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Cargill Road ... ..	410	0	0	32	16	0	250	0	0	21	5	0
St. Kilda ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Caversham ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Mornington ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Roslyn—Maori Hill ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
"   H.M. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Chalmers ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Balclutha ... ..	262	10	0	21	0	0	162	10	0	13	16	3
Milton ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Roxburgh ... ..	225	0	0	18	0	0	125	0	0	10	12	6
Invercargill Central ... ..	300	0	0	24	0	0	200	0	0	17	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's ... ..	275	0	0	22	0	0	175	0	0	14	17	6
Bluff ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Gore ... ..	250	0	0	20	0	0	150	0	0	12	15	0
Otautau ... ..	180	0	0	14	8	0	120	0	0	10	4	0
Mosgiel ... ..	...	...	...	6	12	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waikouaiti—H.M. Stn. ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Broad Bay ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edendale ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kaitangata ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lawrence ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cromwell ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Riverton ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nightcaps—Tuatapere ... ..	...	...	...	4	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4642	10	0	414	0	0	2902	10	0	246	14	3

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