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the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church,
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THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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in 1903.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

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The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand assembled in the Durham Street Church, Christchurch, on Thursday, 18th February, 1932 and concluded on 26th February, 1932.

The Session was opened by the Rev. E. D. Patchett, Retiring President, after which the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. J. Voss was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by the retiring Vice-President.

The Secretary-Elect, the Rev. J. H. Haslam, was introduced, and took up his duties.

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Huntly	Miss Buss
Whakatane	
Otorohanga	E. W. Tozer

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	..	..	..	..	J. T. Griffin
"	..	..	..	..	P. Wells
Waitara	..	..	..	..	F. R. Silby
Inglewood	..	..	..	..
Stratford	..	..	..	..
Eltham	..	..	..	..
Hawera	..	..	..	..	S. J. Bennett
Manaia	..	..	..	..	Owen T. Parry
Opunake	..	..	..	..	T. P. Hughson
Kaponga	..	..	..	..	Mrs. Nelson
Wanganui	..	..	..	..	F. Webb-Jones
"	..	..	..	..	F. B. Barber
Wanganui North	..	..	..	..
"	..	..	..	..	P. R. Spicer
Marton	..	..	..	..	Allan Powell
Taihape	..	..	..	..	C. E. Darvill*
Maori Mission	..	..	..	..	Sister Atawhai
"	

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	..	..	..	..	G. C. Laws
Hastings	..	..	..	..	P. Loach
Gisborne	..	..	..	..
Wairoa	..	..	..	..	G. Malmquist
Dannevirke	..	..	..	..	A. R. Thompson
Woodville	..	..	..	..
Pahiatua	..	..	..	..	A. J. Patchett*
Palmerston North, St. Paul's	..	..	..	..	A. Tregurtha
Palmerston North, Cuba Street	..	..	..	..	T. R. Hodder*
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	..	..	..	..
Feilding	..	..	..	..	S. Kilvington
Sanson-Rongotea	..	..	..	..	Mrs. E. M. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	..	..	..	..	R. S. Maunder
"	..	..	..	..	A. C. Barrington
Wellington (Thorndon)	..	..	..	..
"	..	..	..	..	C. H. Sumner
Wellington East	..	..	..	..	R. Hampton
Johnsonville-Ngaio	..	..	..	..	B. J. Lynneberg
Hutt	..	..	..	..	H. Smith*
Petone	..	..	..	..	F. Lockwood
Greytown-Featherston	..	..	..	..	A. Haigh*
Carterton	..	..	..	..	C. E. Jones
Masterton	..	..	..	..	A. J. Daysh
Eketahuna	..	..	..	..
Levin	..	..	..	..	B. R. Burdan
Otaki	..	..	..	..	W. G. Taylor

Nelson District.

Nelson	..	..	..	..	S. Gorman
Richmond	..	..	..	..	T. Loney
Blenheim	..	..	..	..	F. H. Southgate
"	..	..	..	..	J. S. White
Hokitika	..	..	..	..	T. W. Duff, J. P.
Greymouth	..	..	..	..	W. F. G. Pullin
Motueka	..	..	..	..	E. S. Wratt
Westport	..	..	..	..	P. T. Tregurtha

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	..	..	..	..	C. K. Wigglesworth
Christchurch (East)	..	..	..	..	M. Kershaw
"	..	..	..	..	S. Harrington
"	..	..	..	..	W. C. Francis
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	..	..	..	..	Edwin Harris
Christchurch (Woolston)	..	..	..	..	H. W. Heslop
Christchurch (Sydenham)	..	..	..	..	W. Dobbs
Christchurch (Addington)	..	..	..	..	J. Voss
Christchurch (Riccarton)	..	..	..	..	R. W. Brighting
Christchurch (St. Albans)	..	..	..	..	G. H. Andrew
"	..	..	..	..	A. Williams
Christchurch (Papanui)	..	..	..	..	F. J. Carr
Lyttelton	..	..	..	..	W. T. Foster
Springston	..	..	..	..	H. W. Peryman
Tai Tapu	..	..	..	..	J. Gilmour
Leeston	..	..	..	..	Mrs. T. W. Brooks
Kaiapoi	..	..	..	..	Miss S. E. Evans
Ohoka	..	..	..	..	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	..	..	..	..	H. A. Bennett
Woodend-Sefton	..	..	..	..	Mrs. G. Sills
Greendale	..	..	..	..	F. Early
Hawarden	..	..	..	..	J. G. W. Grindlay

South Canterbury District.

Timaru	..	..	..	..	H. H. Brown
"	..	..	..	..	C. W. Keinan
Waimate	..	..	..	..	J. I. Hayman
Temuka	..	..	..	..	R. Maxwell
Geraldine	..	..	..	..	Miss E. Comber*
Ashburton	..	..	..	..	F. Frampton
Willowby	..	..	..	..	S. H. Lill
Oamaru	..	..	..	..	Mrs. H. Grocott

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	..	..	..	..	P. Christie
Dunedin Central Mission	..	..	..	..	D. C. Cameron*
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	..	..	..	..	Robert Bruce
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	..	..	..	..	J. B. Shacklock
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	..	..	..	..	V. W. Couch
Dunedin (Caversham)	..	..	..	..
Dunedin (Mornington)	..	..	..	..	G. Hickey
Dunedin (Roslyn)	..	..	..	..	Mrs. H. Ryan
Port Chalmers	..	..	..	..	G. Crosbie
Balclutha	..	..	..	..	J. H. Guest

Milton	..	..	..	..	Mrs. J. Cockerill
Roxburgh	..	..	..	..
Invercargill (Central)	..	..	..	..
Invercargill (St. Peters)	..	..	..	..	W. R. Selwyn
Bluff	..	..	..	..	G. R. George*
Gore	..	..	..	..	A. Martin

Solomon Islands District.

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

Ivo M. Raynor

Who has travelled five years.

John D. Grocott

Charlie O. Hailwood

Francis J. Handy

Frank H. Hayman

Howard H. Jeffreys

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Leonard C. Horwood

Arthur T. Kent

Walter Parker

Who have travelled three years.

J. Montgomery Blight

W. John Court

Charles E. Dickens

Joseph C. Draper

E. Clarence Leadley

Matthew A. McDowell

J. Wesley Parker, B.A.

Who have travelled two years.

G. Richard Bowden

Thomas H. Carr

W. E. Allon Carr

Raymond Dudley, M.A.

William W. H. Greenslade

William E. Moore

Herbert W. Payne

David O. Williams, B.A.

Who have travelled one year.

W. Gordon Parker

Who remains on the President's List of Reserve without examinations.

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

Donald C. Alley

Reginald Day

J. Donald Hickman

Sydney J. Hindmarsh

V. Roy Jamieson

William C. Jenkin

Kenneth A. Robinson

Ivan S. Williamson

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

Bernard M. Chrystall
J. Ainsley Darglish
A. Everil Orr
Ralph E. Patchett

Who are continued for a third year at the Theological College.

George H. Goodman
John John
Andrew J. Johnston
Howard C. Matthews
Henry J. Tozer, B.A.

Who are continued for a second year at the Theological College.

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

Clifford L. Duder.
L. Gordon Hanna.
Clarence T. J. Luxton.
William A. Mills.
R. Middleton-Taylor.
Robert Thornley.
Arthur R. Witheford.

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

None.

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

Naphtali Fotu
Paul Havea
Belshazzar Gina

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 ?

F. Sanderson.

Who has completed his third year.

G. C. R. Ashworth, E. J. Clarke, L. C. Elmsley, O. P. Liddell and J. L. Woodhouse.

Who have completed their second year.

J. M. Daley, O. B. Fawcett, W. Long, A. E. Waite, H. Whitfield.

Who have completed their first year.

V. Thomas, G. S. White.

Honours : W. Long.

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

John J. Lewis
George Bond
Thomas G. Brooke
J. Wesley Griffin
John A. Lochore
William Greenslade

John James Lewis was born of Anglican parents, at Abergavenney, Monmouthshire. He was converted to God in London under Methodist preaching, and so became attached to the Methodist Church. He was accepted as a candidate for the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in 1868, along with the Rev. W. J. Williams, and was designated for Foreign Mission work. After a term at Richmond College, he responded to a request from New Zealand for volunteers for ministerial service in that colony. He was accompanied by Frank W. Isitt, William J. Williams and Joseph S. Smalley. This little band of men, destined to influence greatly the character of New Zealand Methodism, arrived in Auckland by the ship "*City of Auckland*" on December 11th, 1870. From that date the record of John James Lewis is that of a shining track of faithful and successful ministry in almost every part of the Dominion. He rose to prominence in the administration of the Connexion, becoming President in 1890, and often ruling as Chairman of the District. In his prime, none could surpass him in debate in the assemblies of the Church. He fought with a rapier, the flash of which all the Conference, and not least his opponents, delighted to watch. He sat in the General Conference of Australasia on several occasions as a New Zealand representative, and his debating feats are still recalled by older men across the Tasman Sea. But his greatest powers were reserved for preaching the gospel of his Lord and Master. He was a superb expositor of the Word, an able and widely read scholar who had himself mastered the Scriptures. His passion for preaching grew with the passing years, and even when it was obvious to others that he had preached his last sermon on earth, he still wished to be about his Master's business. Preaching, however, was with him only a means to an end, and that, the salvation of men. The scholar was also an evangelist, a seeker of the lost, a shepherd of the flock—in that respect he was a shining example to others. He was tirelessly diligent, exact in his attention to circuit details, punctual to the second, serious in purpose, yet not without his sparkle of wit. He retired from the active work in 1919 after forty-nine years strenuous service. Twelve years of quiet yet fruitful eventide were granted to him, and on June 12th, 1931, he responded to the higher call, leaving behind the fragrant memory of a ministry that will linger long with those who were privileged to sit under it.

George Bond was a North Countryman, being born near the City of Durham in 1848. He began to preach in his teens and showing early fitness for the work of the ministry, at the age of 21, he was accepted for training and entered Richmond College, where he spent three years. On the completion of his theological course he volunteered for service overseas, arriving in New Zealand in 1873. Then commenced a very distinguished ministry which extended over nearly fifty-nine years, forty-two of which were spent in active circuit work. He served in some of the principal circuits of the Dominion in all of which he spent the full term and everywhere left a splendid record of faithful and effective service. Possessed of popular gifts as a preacher, vivacious, thoroughly evangelical, he was able to arrest and hold the attention of a congregation in a very marked manner. He was a great Imperialist and many notable

addresses were delivered by him in connection with outstanding events of Empire. He took his full share in the Connexional and Administrative work of the Church, serving on many Boards and Committees where his sound judgment and business ability were much valued. In 1892 he was elected to the Presidency of the Conference. For seventeen years he acted as Chairman of Districts. During his long ministry he attended no less than forty-six annual Conferences, and was also a member of several General Conferences of the Church of Australasia. In 1915 he retired from active Circuit work but continued to live a full and busy life. On becoming a Supernumerary he was appointed clerical treasurer of the Home Mission Fund and to this work he devoted the remaining years of his life, rendering very notable service which only ceased with his death. His interests and work were not confined to his own Church. He took a keen interest in the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society. For some years he was a member of the Committee of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children. He was always an early, a welcome, and a comforting visitor in homes where there was trouble, sickness, or bereavement. He was greatly loved and greatly trusted. Retaining a youthful spirit to the end of his life, he was a shining example of how to grow old gracefully. After a short and sharp illness, with mental powers still unimpaired, he went triumphantly home on Friday, November 6th, 1931. So passed on one of the Greathearts of the Ministry.

Thomas G. Brooke.—An honoured veteran of our New Zealand Church passed home to God on August 31st, 1931, in the person of Thomas George Brooke, in his 82nd year. Born at Wargrave in Berkshire, December, 1849, Mr. Brooke spent his boyhood at Reading, where, by a singular coincidence, he was baptised by the Rev. Samuel Leigh, the pioneer Methodist Missionary to New Zealand, then engaged in the Home work. Early and soundly converted to God he began to preach in Cumberland, and train for the ministry, and under the auspices of the Rev. James Buller he came to New Zealand in December, 1878. Before entering Three Kings' College he spent one arduous year in the Kaipara, as assistant to Rev. William Gittos. After one year at Three Kings' under Rev. Thomas Buddle, he was called out in May, 1881, to supply at Leeston in place of Rev. John Armitage, one of the victims of the Tararua disaster. Thus commenced a fervent and fruitful ministry which extended over a period of 29 years in Circuit work. A true man of God, with a forceful personality, a passion for souls, and a remarkable blending of strength and tenderness, Mr. Brooke's ministry was ardent and untiring, rich in conversions and hallowed friendships. His preaching was powerful; his administration wise and capable. In 1906 he was elected President of the Conference, an office he filled with distinction. For eight years he was the efficient Editor of the Methodist section of the "Outlook." In 1909 he was taken from Circuit work and appointed as the first General Secretary of Home Missions, a position for which he was singularly fitted, and one in which he rendered most valuable service for 15 years, both in the Maori and European work. The position involved constant travel throughout the Dominion; long rides on horseback over difficult back-block roads; heavy correspondence, and a wise oversight of weak Circuits and Home Mission Stations, to all of which Mr. Brooke unsparingly devoted himself, until he retired in his 75th year. As a Supernumerary, residing at Mt. Eden, Auckland, he continued to preach and in other ways to serve the cause of God, until health failed, and full of years, and rich in the love of his brethren and of the Church, he was not, for God took him. His widow, who has proved a true helpmeet, a daughter, and two sons are left to mourn their loss. "Servant of God, Well done."

John Wesley Griffin was born at Dublin, Ireland, in 1854. His name indicates the piety of his parents, and the hopes they had for him. After spending his youth in Great Britain, he came to New Zealand 57 years ago. As a local preacher he gave such service to the Church that a call came to him to the full work. Entering the Home Mission work, he eventually joined the Ministry of the United Methodist Free Church, coming with that Church into union with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1896. His robust constitution, his adaptability, his natural wit, his kindly sympathy, his evangelical fervour, and his deep Christian experience, peculiarly fitted him for the service of a pioneering Church. He ministered with acceptance in circuits in many parts of the Dominion; he endeared himself to churchmen, sportsmen, commercial men, workers of every kind, and the youth of the Church. He gave special attention to the Home and Foreign Mission work, and was a good friend of the Orphanage. His home life was beautiful; his life's partner testifying to 55 years of unbroken love. His family remember him with deep affection. In 1925 he superannuated. The years of his retirement were marked by a continued zeal and service for his Church; the last years seeing the establishment and fostering of a fine Christian cause in the Homai district adjacent to his home. His passing was full of peace and confidence, and he entered his Lord's presence and the service of eternal joy on Thursday, 6th January, 1932.

John A. Lochore was born at Stafford on the West Coast New Zealand in 1869. School-days ended he secured a position on the staff of the Hokitika newspaper. In obedience to the call of Christ he began to serve as a local preacher. A sphere of larger usefulness opened when he was accepted for Home Mission work. Candidature for the ministry, and training in our Theological College followed. After a successful term as a probationer he served with diligence and fruitfulness in many fields of labour. At Petone he was laid low by a severe and prolonged illness. This sapped his vitality, and left a weakness that finally snapped under strain. Our Brother Lochore never spared himself in the service to which he had dedicated his life. He had a passion for righteousness, an intense zeal for the Church, and a loving solicitude for the souls of men. His vehement nature was impatient of slackness or slovenliness in the affairs of the Kingdom. Not only in earnest preaching, but also by personal and prayerful seeking he sought to reclaim the lost, and guide the young into the path of life. He was a loving husband and father, a loyal friend, and a faithful shepherd of Christ's flock. With noiseless step, majestic insistancy, death came to him. One day busy about His Master's business; the next, gone from our midst. Blessed are they who thus die in the Lord. Their's is the "Well done," the joy of the Lord, the higher service, and the crown of life unfading.

William Greenslade was born at Nelson in 1875 and received his early education there and at Greymouth. In boyhood he yielded his life to Jesus Christ and at once began to share in the activities of the church. Responding to the call to preach he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1899 and received his theological training at Prince Albert College, Auckland. He began his active ministry at Upper Thames. Here and in his later spheres he won the esteem and affection of his people by his piety and zealous devotion to duty. For a short time he was secretary of the Otago-Southland Synod and later held the office of Chairman of the Nelson, Wellington and North Canterbury Districts. Amongst the ministers of these districts he was a brother beloved. He did much to promote church extension work and to encourage and equip young men for the work of preaching. He also rendered faithful service as member and chairman of several connexional

committees. In recognition of a ministry marked by patient fidelity the Conference of 1930 designated him for the office of President of the Conference for 1931. Shortly after this honour came to him he was stricken by illness which incapacitated him for active work and prevented him taking up the Presidential position. After fifteen months' of suffering and progressive weakness he was called to the higher service on 19th August, 1931. He was a good man and will be held in fragrant memory by many to whom he ministered.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Joseph H. Simmonds
Charles E. Ward
William J. Williams
Thomas G. Carr
John D. Jory
James Guy
John Nixon
Charles H. Standage
William Baumber
Thomas Fee
Samuel Lawry
Alfred Peters
James T. Pinfold, D.D.
Samuel Griffith
T. Francis Jones
George T. Marshall
T. Jackson Wallis
Joseph Blight
George Clement
Thomas A. Joughin
James Wrigley
Frederick T. Read
James Cocker
Arthur Harding
Samuel H. D. Peryman
Arthur Mitchell
Albert C. Lawry
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
Henry L. Blamires
George S. Cook
Jacob Featherston

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

William Grigg
John Olphert
Robert Raine
Also Home Missionaries W. T. Hooper and J. Belshaw.

William Grigg.—After a gracious ministry of 44 years, our brother retires from Circuit work enjoying the confidence and affection of all his brethren. He commenced to preach shortly after his conversion in 1882, and was a Local Preacher in the St. Calomb Circuit, Cornwall, for five years. Coming to New Zealand in 1888, he was immediately accepted as a Candidate for the Bible Christian Ministry. During a conspicuous ministry, he has rendered service as Preacher, Pastor and Administrator. Ten times he has been elected Chairman of District. In 1921 he was elected President of Conference, and worthily sustained the traditions of that high office. During the war Chaplain Grigg served overseas for more than three years, and was greatly esteemed and trusted by the officers and men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. At Royston

Hill, Sinai Peninsular, he was struck by a bullet, which for 15 years he has carried in his body, the cause of severe and oft recurring pain, but undaunted, he returned as soon as possible to duty. On the Western Front he took part in the triumphant counter-offensive of the Allies which ended the war. Unfortunately, five weeks before the Armistice, Padre Grigg was again wounded severely; yet, with unabated zeal, he has continued to serve the Church with efficiency and success. The embodiment of courtesy and cheerfulness, a strong man and a winsome Christian gentleman, Mr. Grigg has proved himself to be a warm-hearted friend, a brave soldier of Jesus Christ and an honoured Minister of the Gospel of Reconciliation. Acceptable in all our pulpits, welcome in any home, and trusted in the Councils of our Church, he is one of the best beloved of our senior Ministers. Long may he be spared to enjoy happy and peaceful years in well-earned rest and retirement.

John Olphert.—After a term of service extending over a period of forty-four years. John Olphert enters the phase of retirement. Patient zeal combined with gracious affability of manner and disposition have enabled him to serve the cause of Methodism in this country to very great advantage. His administrative ability has brought him recognised success as an organiser, while the quality of spiritual fervour in his labours has won for him high regard in the circuits to which he has been appointed. Mr. Olphert was born in Auckland on June 1st, 1866, and made the great decision for Christ during a special mission at Kingsland when he was scarcely 12 years of age. At the age of 18 he became a local preacher under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist Church. When 20 years of age he acted as "Supply" at Feilding, and such was the success he met with that he felt constrained to offer himself to the Church as a candidate for the ministry. In 1888 he began his probationary term, subsequently serving the denomination in many important circuits. In 1908 he was appointed President of the Primitive Methodist Conference. He also acted as District Representative at the Union Conference of 1913. Being public spirited he has served with acceptance and honour on various public bodies. The cause of National Temperance has found in him a redoubtable champion, especially in its open-air campaign work. Mr. Olphert's many friends throughout the Dominion will regret that the time has come when he feels he must retire from the active work of the ministry. But all share in the wish that he may long enjoy the comparative rest and quietude of those who are putting off the harness.

Robert Raine.—In acceding to the request of the Rev. Robert Raine to become a Supernumerary, the Conference places on record its regret that the state of his health makes this necessary. Robert Raine is a native of Durham, and was born at Weardale, England, in 1866. He had the privilege to be brought up in a Christian home, and early, under that influence, gave his life to Christ. Coming to New Zealand in his 22nd year, he felt the call to preach, and in 1892 became a Probationer in the Primitive Methodist Church, commencing his work in the Foxton Circuit. His ministry of forty years was successful both in the spiritual realm, and also in material things. In his preaching the evangelistic note was ever prominent, and numbers were led to Christ. Circuits prospered under his efficient pastorate, and, in some of these, Churches and Parsonages were built. The brethren of the Primitive Methodist Church to which he belonged before Union, recognised his abilities and zeal by placing him, in 1909, in the chair of their Conference. The Conference records its grateful sense of the faithful and efficient service rendered to the church by him during an active ministry of forty years, and wishes him a happy eventide, and further opportunities for Christian service.

W. T. Hooper.—W. T. Hooper was born at Moonta, South Australia, in 1868. Early in life he came with his parents to New Zealand. At 18 years of age, he was deeply convicted of sin, and some months later he was led to make a full surrender through the simple address of a Methodist Class Leader in New Plymouth. Sunday School work was his first sphere of active service in the Master's vineyard, and shortly after his name appeared on the Methodist plan as a local preacher. At about 21 years of age, Bro. Hooper returned to Australia and became actively connected with the Primitive Methodist Connexion in Adelaide. He was accepted as a candidate for the ministry and entered Way College. After leaving the college, and a year's probation, Bro. Hooper resigned, got married, and returned to New Zealand engaging in farming pursuits in Taranaki. In 1904, Bro. Hooper returned to the active work as a home missionary. For two years he was a Home Mission Evangelist. Bro. Hooper now retires after a successful ministry, with the best wishes of his brethren for a happy and gracious eventide. He has been a man of prayer with a deep passion for souls and throughout his ministry has been a great soul-winner. A faithful servant to his God and the Church he loves so well, he has endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact.

C. Strand.—We desire to place on record the faithful services as a Home Missionary in our Church of Charles Strand, who retired last year after 21 years. Mr. Strand was born in 1865 at Wingham, England and came to New Zealand in 1874. He commenced preaching at the age of 18, and has occupied with credit every circuit office open to a layman. In 1911 he was received as a Home Missionary, and from that time until his retirement has laboured in the North Island, and lastly for two years as Assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department. Mr. Strand proved himself a wise administrator, a good preacher, and a faithful pastor. He retires from the work with the love and confidence of all his associates.

J. Belshaw.—After fourteen years of faithful service in the Methodist Church as home missionary, James Belshaw is being placed on the retired list. Born in 1867 in Wigan, Lancashire, England, Mr. Belshaw commenced work in the coal mines at a very early age, working ten and eleven hours a day for a shilling a day, having a hard fight for an education to fit him for his future life. Converted at the age of 13 in the Primitive Methodist Church he immediately engaged in Sunday School work. At the age of 14, he gave out his first hymn, and began to preach at 16, becoming a fully accredited local preacher at 17, later taking a keen interest as leader, in a Young Men's Class about 50 strong. Mr. Belshaw arrived in Christchurch in 1905 and at once commenced work in the Methodist Church in that city. In October, 1917, he commenced work as a home missionary. Mr. Belshaw has made many friends by his kindly and genial disposition and wherever his lot has been cast he has been a brother beloved. May he be long spared to labour in the Master's service for hitherto his work has been a blessing to many souls.

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

John Harris.

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

Colin C. Harrison

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?

E. Clarence Leadley, W. John Court, A. Wharton Silvester, and J. Montgomery Blight.

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

A. H. Scriven, from the N.S.W. Conference.

N.B.—G.^sH. Findlay, formerly a member of this Conference, but recently employed in Foreign Mission Work under the New South Wales Conference is commended to the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference upon his return to England.

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

The Districts were called one by one, and the answer in each case was "No objection."

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. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Principal, Theological College	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
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(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. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years) .. ..	.. .. Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.

Elementary Greek	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
English Bible (Old Testament) 1st and 2nd years	Rev. W. Walker.
English Bible (Old Testament) 3rd and 4th years	Rev. W. Rowe.
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	Rev. P. J. Cossum.
The Christian Doctrine of the Godhead (Garvie)	Rev. G. Frost.
Wesley's Sermons	Rev. T. W. Vealie.
Church History (1st and 2nd years)	Rev. W. B. Scott.
Church History (3rd and 4th years)	Rev. F. T. Read.
The Person of Christ (Mackintosh)	Rev. T. A. Pybus.
The Theology of the Gospels (Moffatt)	Rev. E. P. Blamires
Psychology of Religion (Selbie)	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
The Church and the Ministry (Lindsay)	Rev. P. R. Paris.
Christianity and Ethics (Alexander)	Rev. J. H. Haslam.
Altar, Cross and Community (Lofthouse)	Rev. E. T. Cox, M.A.
The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience (Humphries)	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie)	Rev. T. R. Richards
Religions of the World (Barton)	Rev. W. Wills.
The Methodist Law Book	Rev. A. McBean
Anthropology (Marett), and Comparative Religion (Carpenter)	Rev. L. B. Neale, F.R.G.S.
Ethnology (Haberlandt)	Rev. F. Copeland.

(B) Examiners for Students.

Systematic Theology	Rev. G. Frost.
Biblical Theology—	
Old Testament	Rev. F. Drake
New Testament	Rev. F. E. E. Leadley.
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	Rev. A. Liversedge
New Test. Intro. and Exegesis	Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Pastoral Theology and Homiletics	Rev. J. Wrigley.
Greek	Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
Mental and Moral Philosophy	Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
Mathematics	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
English	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Child Psychology, Pedagogy, Leadership, etc.	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Section A	Rev. G. F. Stockwell.
Section B	Revs. H. L. Richards and J. D. M'Arthur.
Section C.	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.
Theology	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	Rev. J. Richards
Church History	Rev. R. P. Keall.
Homiletics	Rev. C. Blair.

(E) Examiners for Native Probationers.

Rev. H. J. Odell.
Rev. A. O. Harris.

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons, and Book Lists, see new edition Methodist Laws, pp. 78 to 92.

The first section of the Probationers' Examination shall, this year, commence on Tuesday, July 26, and the second section on Tuesday, December 6. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 20, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 6.

I.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew)—Genesis, Chapters I.—V., with I.C.C. or Spurrell's Notes.
2. New Testament (Greek)—St. John, Chapters I.—XI, Cambridge Greek Text, with Introduction, and Moulton's Introduction to the Study of N.T. Greek to page 155.
3. Old Testament (English): Deuteronomy, with Cambridge Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Matthew and James, with Century Bible.
5. Wesley's Sermons, Nos. 1-20, 40, 43-44 (Forty-four Sermons).
6. Theology: Moffatt's Theology of the Gospels.
7. Church History: Walker, pages 1-194.
8. Methodist Law Book, Parts 1, II, and IV., VII., Section 2 and VIII., Section 2 (Local Funds).

SECOND YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Amos, with Robinson's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.).
2. New Testament (Greek): Luke, Chapters X. to XIX., Cambridge Greek Text, with Introduction and Moulton's Introduction to the Study of N.T. Greek, pages 157-244.
3. Old Testament (English): Job, with Century Bible.
4. New Testament (English): John (Reith-Clark's B.C. Handbooks), and I. John, with Century Bible.
5. Garvie's Christian Doctrine of the Godhead, Sec. I.
6. Theology: (Person of Christ), Mackintosh's "The Person of Jesus Christ," Book III.
7. Church History: Fisher, pp. 144-286 (1933, Walker, pp. 195-334).
8. Selbie's Psychology of Religion.
9. Humphries' The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience.
10. Anthropology (Marett), and Comparative Religion (Carpenter); Home University Library. (For Probationers designated for Foreign Missions only.).

THIRD YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew): Psalms XL-XLIX., with International Critical Commentary.
2. New Testament (Greek): I. and II. Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.
3. Old Testament (English): Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible.
4. New Testament (English): Romans and Colossians, with Century Bible.
5. Garvie's Christian Doctrine of the Godhead, Sec. II.
6. Theology: (Doctrine of the Atonement), Altar, Cross and Community (Lofthouse).
7. Church History: Fisher, p. 287-483. (1934.—Walker, pp. 335-590).
8. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters I-IX.
9. Alexander's Christianity and Ethics.
10. Ethnology (Haberlandt), Dent's Temple Series. (For Probationers designated for Foreign Missions only).

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Old Testament (Hebrew) : Nahum, Habakkuk and Malachi, with Century Bible or I.C.C.
2. New Testament (Greek) : Romans, V.-XIII., with I.C.C.
3. Old Testament (English) : Minor Prophets, with Century Bible (2 vols.).
4. New Testament (English) : Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.
5. Garvie's Christian Doctrine of the Godhead, Sec. III, and Conclusion.
6. Theology : (Doctrine of the Future), Leckie's The World to Come and Final Destiny.
7. Church History : Fisher, p.p. 484-664.
8. Lindsay's The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries.
9. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters X.-XVII.

II.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE 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).

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 Forty-four Sermons, 1 to 15 (inclusive).
3. Lilly's "The Principles of Protestantism."
4. Trumbull's "Individual Work for Individuals."

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible : St. Paul's Teaching (Guild T. Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 16-20, 40, 43 and 44.(Forty-four Sermons).
3. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
4. Stalker's "Life of Christ."

III.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

CURRICULUM.

Subjects.	Hours per Week
1. Systematic Theology	2
2. Old and New Testament Teaching	2
3. Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis	1
4. New Testament Introduction and Exegesis	2
5. Pastoral Theology and Homiletics	1
6. New Testament Greek	2
7. Hebrew	2
8. English Language and Literature	2
9. Mental and Moral Philosophy	1
10. Principles of Pedagogy and Child Psychology	1
11. Mathematics	2
12. Elocution and Voice Production	1
13. Classical Greek	2

Matriculated Students will often take University classes in addition

All Students to take numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12. A few selected men will take Hebrew and Classical Greek in preparation for University work. Most men will take English Literature; English Grammar and Mathematics will be taken only by selected students. Test papers are to be set each term on General Bible Knowledge. The classes in Pastoral Theology and Homiletics will include instruction in Sunday School Methods and Organisation and preparation for work among adolescents; practical work to be done in conjunction with the lecturer on Pedagogy.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND INTRODUCTION AND THEOLOGY.

1. General Bible Knowledge, Old and New Testaments. Text Books :
Macleary's Primers.
2. Biblical Introduction—Text Books :
The Old Testament, Its Writers and Their Messages (Healing).
The New Testament, Its Writers and Their Messages (Hunter).
3. Theology—Text Books :
What a Christian Believes and Why? (Hunter).
The New Catechism of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, with
Hunter's Lesson Helps on the New Catechism.

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) F. Jones' A First Course in English. (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—*Initia Graeca*, Sections I.-XIX., with Exercises VII.-XXXV. (Greek into English).
N.B.—The Conference urges Candidates to take Greek in preference to Latin.
4. Geography—Longman's Geographical Series, Book II. The World (a) Mathematical and Physical Geography; (b) Sections on the British Empire.
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 (Furieux); (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 (C. Pendlebury, or Workman).
2. Geometry—Lines, Angles, Rectilineal Figures and Area of Rectilineal Figures. (Geometry, Parts I. and II. Baker and Bourne).
3. Algebra—Easy Examples and Problems to Simple Equations (Hall and Knight, Chapters I. to XXII.)

V.—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., Part I. and II. only.
3. History—Warner and Martin's "Groundwork of English History," Part III.
4. Arithmetic—"New Southern Cross," for Standard V.

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

- English—Nesfield's Outlines of English Grammar (pp. 1 to 80).
Theology—New Catechism of Wesleyan-Methodist Church, with Hunter's Lesson Helps on the New 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).

VII.—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.

See Minutes of Conference, 1931, pages 28-36.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO HOME MISSIONARIES.

METHODIST PUBLICATIONS.

- Christian Foundations (Hughes).
- The Transforming Friendship; Jesus and Ourselves. (Weatherhead).
- Methodism (Brash).
- Life of Wesley (Telford).
- Wesley's Journal.
- Notes on the New Catechism. (Hunter).
- Manual for Local Preachers; The Theology of Experience. (Claperton).
- Primer on Homiletics (Edwards.)

MANUALS FOR CHRISTIAN THINKERS.

- The Psychology of the Christian Life. (Waterhouse).
- Miracles; an Outline of the Christian view. (Platt).
- The Church of Twenty Centuries. (Harrison).
- Religious Experience; its Reality and Value. (Lockyer).
- The Protestant Churches; their History and Beliefs. (Church).
- The Mediaeval Revival. (Rudman).
- The Reformation. (Workman).
- Christianity in the Roman Empire. (Pope).
- The Apostles' Creed. (Moss).
- The Church in the New Testament. (Genner).
- Christian Ethics. (Balch).
- Essentials of the Christian Faith. (Richards).
- The making of the Old Testament. (Lofthouse).
- The Evangelical Type of Christianity. (Garvie).
- The Pilgrim Road. (Fitzgerald).

GUILD TEXT BOOKS.

- The New Testament and its writers. (McClymont).
- Life and Conduct. (Lees).
- The Religions of the World. (Grant).
- History of the English Bible. (Milligan).
- Bible Manners and Customs. (Mackie).
- The Interpretation of Nature. (Farquhar).
- Exposition of the Pilgrim's Progress. (Stevenson).
- Handbook of Christian Ethics. (Davidson).
- The Preparation for Christianity in the Ancient World. (Wenley).
- The Apostles' Teaching. (Paterson).
- Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah. (Stevenson).
- Lessons in Mark. (Robertson).
- Lessons in Luke. (Bonallo).
- Studies in the Acts of the Apostles. (Robertson).
- The Bible in the Light of Antiquity. (Cruikshanks).

T. AND T. CLARK.

- The Christian Life. (Coats).
- The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament. (Gordon).
- The Gospel and Epistles of John. (Robertson).
- A Primer on Teaching. (Adams).

CENTURY BIBLE HANDBOOKS.

- The Religion of Israel. (Peake).
- Old Testament History. (Bennett).
- The New Testament Doctrine of Christ. (Adeney).
- The Apocryphal Books. (Andrews).
- The Early Church. (Horton).
- Man, Sin and Salvation. (Franks).

HOME UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.

- Jesus of Nazareth. (Gore).
- Between the Old and New Testaments. (Charles).

TEXT BOOKS FOR BIBLE CLASSES. (United Free Church of Scotland Publications).

- The Life of Christ, vol. I (Steven), vol II (Rankin).
- The Early Jewish Church, 2 vols. (Still).
- Our Missionary Heritage. (Duff).
- The Religion and Life of the Patriarchal Age. (Grant).
- The Founders of Israel. (Grant).
- The Judges and Kings of United Israel. (Grant).
- The Kings and Prophets. (Steven).
- The Exile and After. (Steven).

GENERAL.

- The Manhood of the Master ; The Meaning of Prayer, Faith and Service. (Fosdick).
- Lectures on Preaching. (Phillips Brooks).
- Old Testament History. (Burnside).
- The School of Jesus ; The Stories of the Kingdom. (Shafto).
- The Life of Christ ; The Life of Paul. (Stalker).
- The Jesus of History ; Jesus in the Experience of Men. (Glover).
- The Clash of Colour. (Mathews).
- Christianity and Race Problem. (Oldham).
- Wesley's World Parish. (Findlay).
- History of Religion. (Menzies).
- Devotional Books. (Geo. Matheson).
- In the Hour of Silence. (Smellie).
- The Imitation of Christ. (A. Kempis).
- The Temple. (Orchard).
- Mornings in the College Chapel, first and second series. (Peabody).

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.
 - Fosdick's The Meaning of Prayer.
 - "Doctrines of Grace" (J. Watson, D.D.)
 - "The Work of Christ" (P. T. Forsyth, D.D.)
 - "Modern Substitutes for Christianity" (P. M'Adam 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.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be re-appointed Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners.
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; The examiner to be chosen from a district in or contiguous to that where the Conference shall meet, so as to avoid unnecessary expense.
3. That the Oral Examiner for 1933 be Rev. P. R. Paris.
4. That the Conference learns with pleasure that the Revs. J. Wesley Parker and D. O. Williams, and Student H. J. Tozer have gained the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, and grants permission for this honour being printed in the Minutes of Conference.
5. That the third term Examination of Students be regarded as an internal test, and, with the exception of those subjects not taken by University men, be not reckoned in the year's averages.
6. That with a view to making possible greater progress by men pursuing University study during their theological course, superintendent ministers be strongly urged to advise candidates, especially those likely to attend University classes, to pass the Matriculation examination prior to entering College.
7. That probationers who desire to pursue University work during their probation be directed to consult their Superintendents so that such studies may interfere as little as possible with their Circuit work.
8. That Regulation No. 6, Law Book, p. 83, be amended to read: "Section A to deal with Greek Text, Grammar and Composition (maximum marks 65); Section B to deal with Exegesis and General Knowledge of the book (maximum marks 35)."
9. BOOK LISTS. (1) That each Probationer make an analysis of six of the best books in the book list presented (from the sections on Theology, Science and Philosophy, and Church History and Polity). (2) That each analysis contain about 200 words for each 100 pages of the book read. (3) That these analyses be forwarded to the Chairman of the District with the Book list not later than a fortnight before Synod. (4) That the oral examination be confined to one or more of the books analysed.
10. That Tutors be appointed to assist all Probationers with their New Testament Greek—lessons to be done fortnightly by correspondence with the Tutors from May to October. Tutors for 1932:—First year, Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A. B.D., F.R.E.S.; Second year, Rev. B. R. Hames, M.A.; Third year, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.; Fourth year, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
11. That the List of Books Recommended to Probationers be revised during the year by the following Committee: Revs. Dr. Ranston, J. H. Haslam, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. and W. A. Burley, M.A.
12. That the Board of Studies, together with the Examiners concerned, and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners consider Sections (B) and (C) of the Candidates' Course and Report to next Conference.
13. That Candidates for the Ministry who are accepted for training be required to give to the Examination Committee a pledge that they will loyally observe the Rules and Regulations of the Theological College.

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

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—That the staffing of the Circuit remain as at present, but that Island Bay be constituted a Home Mission Station, subject to the consent of the March Quarterly Meeting; that the Connexional Levies be adjusted to meet the new situation.

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

AUCKLAND.

WHANGAREI.—That a Home Missionary be appointed as second agent, to reside at Kamo.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—That the status of St. Aubyn in the New Plymouth Circuit (third) be reduced to a Home Mission appointment.

WANGANUI NORTH.—That the status of the Circuit be changed from two married ministers to one married minister and one married home missionary.

HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU.

NAPIER.—That a Probationer be appointed as second agent, with a suitable grant.

NELSON.

BLenheim.—That the third agent be withdrawn, and that the position be reviewed next year.

QUESTION XXV. What New Stations are now Constituted ?

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

HAURAKI PLAINS.—That the Hauraki Plains Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit with a probationer and a suitable grant.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

RAKAIA-METHVEN.—That the Rakaia-Methven Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit with a probationer and a suitable grant.

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

Auckland Central (4th) is due, but is relieved for one year.

Auckland West (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.

Otahuhu (2nd) is due, but is relieved for one year.

Bay of Islands is due, but is relieved for one year.

Marton is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

Taihape (reduced to a H.M. Station 1929 reconstituted a Circuit 1930), is relieved for another year.

Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a third year.

Wellington East (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a third year.

Durham Street (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

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

Geraldine.—That the present arrangement of Supernumerary Supply be continued for a second year.

Dunedin (Trinity, 2nd) is due but is relieved for a tenth year.

Cargill Road (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.

RESOLUTION.

That the Circuits named below take Ordained Ministers in the following order :—

1. Port Albert.
2. Greendale.
3. Durham Street (2nd.)
4. Woolston (2nd).



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. M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Vice-President: MR. J. VOSS.

Secretary: REV. JONATHAN H. HASLAM.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1932.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 126 and [1] to [7] 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 Superintendents 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.)

1.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. Auckland Central.—William Walker, Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, Robert B. Tinsley, Herbert W. Payne; George T. Marshall, Thomas A. Joughin, John Olphert (Supernumeraries).

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

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

George I. Laurenson, Assistant Superintendent.

2. Auckland West.—George Frost, E. Clarence Leadley.

3. Auckland East.—Ernest D. Patchett, Samuel J. Werren (Mount Eden), J. Henry Allen (Remuera); Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; Thomas G. Carr, Samuel Griffith, T. Francis Jones, Joseph Blight, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., Arthur Mitchell (Supernumeraries).

Epsom Orphanage Chaplain.—Ernest D. Patchett.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:—Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Principal; William T. Blight, B.A., B.D., Residential Tutor.

4. Auckland (Avondale).—Angus McBean, Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S. (Glen Eden); a Home Missionary (New Lynn).

Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain.—Angus McBean.

5. Auckland (Devonport).—Jonathan H. Haslam.
 6. Auckland (Takapuna).—H. Leslie Richards.
 7. Auckland (Birkenhead).—William W. Avery; John D. Jory; Jas. Wrigley (Supernumeraries).
 8. Onehunga.—Edwin S. Harkness.
 9. Otahuhu.—William Gatman, W. E. Allon Carr.
 10. Papakura.—J. Frederick Martin; Joseph H. Simmonds (Supernumerary).
 11. Pukekohe.—John H. Bailey; a Home Missionary (Bombay). Wesley Training College, Paerata.—John H. Bailey, Chaplain.
 12. Waiuku.—Wallace S. Neal.
 13. Mahurangi.—James W. Parker (Warkworth).
 14. Paparoa.—Hubert G. Brown.
 15. Northern Wairoa.—Walter J. Enticott; W. John Court (Ruawai); a Home Missionary (Kaihu).
 16. Whangarei.—Ernest E. Sage; a Home Missionary.
 17. Whangaroa.—J. Donald Hickman.
 18. Bay of Islands.—Joseph C. Draper (who shall supervise Hokianga and Ohaeawai, and shall act as local adviser to the Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries working in those areas).
 19. Port Albert.—Ivo M. Raynor.
 20. Hikurangi.—James H. Hall.
 21. Mangonui.—J. Montgomery Blight.
- Maori Missions.—Home Mission Department: R. Tahupotiki Hadson, Senior Maori Superintendent.

(1) Auckland—

- Eruera Te Tuhi (Tuakau).
- Matarae Tauroa (Waima).
- Supply (Dargaville).
- Piripi Rakena (Mangamuka).
- Te Tuhi Heretini (Whirinaki).
- Davis Wilcox (Waikare).
- Hori Kirkwood (Pukekohe).
- A Home Missionary (Purerua).
- A Home Missionary (Whangaroa).
- A Home Missionary (Waiomia, Kawakawa).
- A Home Missionary (Whananaki).
- A Home Missionary (Utakura).

AUCKLAND SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION.—A Home Missionary.

KAUKAPAKAPA.—A Home Missionary.

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).

A Home Missionary (Kohukohu).

OHAEAUAI.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIST OF RESERVE.—W. Gordon Parker.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

ANGUS McBEAN, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

22. Thames.—Arthur Liversedge (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
23. Te Aroha.—Walter J. Oxbrow.
24. Morrinsville.—F. Gardner Brown, G. Richard Bowden (Waitoa).
25. Paeroa.—Frank Bateup.
26. Cambridge.—James Richards.
27. Hamilton.—William H. Hocking, Frederick J. Parker.
28. Hamilton East.—John Dennis (who shall supervise Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station).
29. Rotorua.—William H. Speer.
30. Tauranga.—Cecil R. Taylor.
31. Opotiki.—G. Raymond Harris (who shall supervise Whakatane Circuit).
32. Taumarunui.—Bernard R. Hames, M.A. (who shall supervise Ohura H.M. Station).
33. Te Awamutu.—William Wills.
34. Matamata.—Albert Blakemore.
35. Huntly.—J. Wesley Parker, B.A.
36. Whakatane.—Reginald Day.
37. Otorohanga.—A. Wharton E. Silvester.
38. Hauraki Plains.—Sidney J. Hindmarsh.

(2) Waikato-King Country—

Matene Keepa (Kawhia).

A Home Missionary (Ohiapokoko, Raglan).

A Home Missionary (Aotearoa).

A Home Missionary (Te Kuiti).

A Home Missionary (Marokopa).

A Home Missionary (Otorohanga).

A Home Missionary (Mokau).

A Home Missionary (Cambridge).

NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.

WAIHI.—A Home Missionary.

TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.

TE KUITI.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

PUTARURU.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM WILLS, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

39. New Plymouth.—Clarence Eaton, Robert B. Gosnell; A Home Missionary; John Nixon (Supernumerary).
40. Waitara.—William B. Cuming; A Home Missionary (Uruti).
41. Inglewood.—Harry V. Utting.
42. Stratford.—Thomas Skuse; a Home Missionary.
43. Eltham.—Thomas Coatsworth.
44. Hawera.—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.
45. Manaia.—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
46. Opunake.—Charles M. Roberts; a Home Missionary.
47. Kaponga.—John R. Nelson.
48. Wanganui.—J. Ernest Parsons; Herbert Spencer (Gonville).
49. Wanganui North.—George P. Hunt; a Home Missionary.
50. Marton.—One wanted.
51. Taihape.—Raymond Dudley, M.A.

(3) Taranaki-Waimarino—

Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).

Supply (New Plymouth).

A Home Missionary (Rahotu).

A Home Missionary (Patea).

A Home Missionary (Waitotara).

A Home Missionary (Kai Iwi).

A Home Missionary (Pipiriki).

A Home Missionary (Raetihi).

A Home Missionary (Rangitikei).

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

52. Napier.—E. Thomas Olds (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit); Donald C. Alley (Green Meadows).
53. Hastings.—Arthur H. Scrivin.
54. Gisborne.—William J. Elliott; Ivan S. Williamson.
55. Wairoa.—William C. Jenkin.
56. Dannevirke.—Howard H. Jeffreys.
57. Woodville.—G. Knowles Smith.
58. Pahiatua.—William B. Pickering.
59. Palmerston North (St. Paul's).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
60. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—John D. McArthur.
61. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Robert E. Fordyce.
62. Feilding.—Fred Copeland; a Home Missionary.

63. Sanson-Rongotea.—Percy J. Cossum.
 WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.
 FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.
 APITI.—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

64. Wellington (Taranaki Street).—Thomas R. Richards, R. Purcell Keall; Robert Raine (Supernumerary).
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, General Secretary; John D. Grocott, Travelling Secretary, Y.M.B.C. Movement.
65. Wellington (Thorndon).—Henry J. Odell, Charles Blair (Karori); James T. Pinfold, D.D. (Supernumerary).
66. Wellington South.—W. Bramwell Scott; one wanted.
67. Wellington East.—Frank E. Leadley, Matthew A. McDowell; Colin C. Harrison (resting).
68. Johnsonville-Ngaio.—Alfred E. Jefferson, Charles E. Dickens (Ngaio), a Home Missionary (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
69. Hutt.—Harold A. Sharp, David O. Williams, B.A.; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).
70. Petone.—Benjamin J. James.
71. Greytown-Featherston.—Hedley White.
72. Carterton.—Ralph J. Liddell.
73. Masterton.—Ernest O. Blamires, Walter Parker; James Cocker (Supernumerary).
 Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, Ernest O. Blamires.
74. Eketahuna.—Henry Benny.
75. Levin.—William G. Slade, M.A.
76. Otaki.—Moses Ayrtton; George S. Cook (Supernumerary).
 PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
 UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

77. Nelson.—William A. Burley, M.A.
78. Richmond.—Raymond Richards (who shall supervise Wakefield-Dovedale H.M. Station).
79. Blenheim.—George F. Stockwell, Harry S. Kings (Tua Marina).
80. Hokitika.—Charlie O. Hailwood.
81. Greymouth.—Archer O. Harris (who shall supervise Reefton H.M. Station).

82. **Motueka.**—Francis T. Harris.
83. **Westport.**—Charles A. Foston (who shall supervise Granity H.M. Station).
- REEFTON.—A Home Missionary.
- HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
- MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
- GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.
- WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.
- GEORGE F. STOCKWELL, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

84. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Percy N. Knight, B.A., Leonard C. Horwood (Cashmere Hills); William J. Williams, William Baumber, Samuel Lawry, William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires (Supernumeraries).
- CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt (President of the Conference).
85. **Christchurch East.**—Edward Drake, Fred Greenwood, Samuel Bailey; James Guy, Jacob Featherston (Supernumeraries).
86. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Thomas W. Vealie; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
87. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—John Harris, Arthur T. Kent (Sumner); Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
88. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Basil Metson.
89. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Eric W. Hames, M.A.
90. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—J. Francis Jack.
91. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William Rowe, Ernest B. Chambers, T. Jackson Wallis, Frederick T. Read (Supernumeraries).
92. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Arthur Hopper; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
- SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPLAIN.—Arthur Hopper.
93. **Lyttelton.**—Albert H. Fowles.
94. **Springston.**—John Southern.
95. **Tai Tapu.**—Norman P. Larsen.
96. **Leeston.**—Frederick B. Lawrence.
97. **Kaiapoi.**—Oswald Burnet.
98. **Ohoka.**—Harry Cottom.
99. **Rangiora.**—Samuel Henderson.
100. **Woodend-Sefton.**—Herbert Ford.
101. **Greendale.**—V. Roy Jamieson.
102. **Hawarden.**—One Wanted.
- OXFORD.—A Home Missionary.
- WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.
- M. A. RUGBY PRATT (President of the Conference),
Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

103. Timaru.—Harold T. Peat, Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., Thomas H. Carr; Charles H. Standage (Supernumerary).
104. Waimate.—Alfred M. Costain.
105. Temuka.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
106. Geraldine.—One wanted; Albert C. Lawry (Supernumerary).
107. Ashburton.—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Rakaia-Methven Circuit).
108. Willowby.—Robert McGregor (who shall supervise Mayfield Home Mission Station).
109. Oamaru.—Arthur Ashcroft.
110. Rakaia-Methven.—Kenneth A. Robinson.

MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

HAROLD T. PEAT, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

111. Dunedin (Trinity).—Harold E. Bellhouse; one wanted; George Clement (Supernumerary).
112. Dunedin (Central Mission).—Leslie B. Neale.
113. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Percy I. Cooke.
114. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—George E. Brown, William W. H. Greenslade (St. Clair).
115. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Percy R. Paris.
116. Dunedin (Caversham).—Herbert Daniel; a Home Missionary (Abbotsford).
117. Dunedin (Morningside).—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.
118. Dunedin (Roslyn).—Henry Ryan.
119. Port Chalmers.—T. Arthur Pybus, William E. Moore (Ravensbourne).
120. Balclutha.—Francis J. Handy.
121. Milton.—Charles H. Kendon (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
122. Roxburgh.—Gordon R. H. Peterson (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
123. Invercargill (Central).—Charles H. Olds, B.A. (who shall supervise the Otautau, Riverton and Nightcaps-Tuatapere H.M. Stations).
124. Invercargill (St. Peter's).—Oliver S. Pearn (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).
125. Bluff.—Athol R. Penn.
126. Gore.—Hector C. Orchard.

OTAUTAU.—A Home Missionary.

MAORI HILL.—A Home Missionary.

WAIKOUAITI.—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.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (4) **Roviana.**—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); Tom Dent (Marovo); Frank H. Hayman (Roviana); one wanted (Kia, Roviana); Belshazzar Gina (under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
Sisters' Home.—Three Missionary Sisters.
District Training Institute.—John F. Goldie, Principal; Frank H. Hayman, Vice-Principal.
Roviana Day School.—Frank H. Hayman, Headmaster; Two Teaching Sisters.
Kia.—One wanted.
Saikili.—A Catechist.
Vana Vana.—Daniel Iabule.
Kepi.—Lazarus Molia.
Marovo.—Tom Dent (Patutiva); 3 Catechists and 8 Native Teachers.
Mono (Treasury Island).—A Catechist.
Fauro.—A Catechist.
Luanua.—One wanted.
Pelau.—A Catechist wanted.
Kela.—A Catechist wanted.
Tasman Group.—A Catechist wanted.
Ugili.—A Catechist.
Simbo.—Naphtali Fotu; Samuel Alevia.
- (5) **Vella Lavella.**—Arthur A. Bensley (Bilua).
Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister.
Circuit Training Institution.—Arthur A. Bensley.
Bilua Day School.—Arthur A. Bensley.
Barakomo.—A Native Teacher.
Maravari.—A Native Teacher.
Eleoteve.—A Native Teacher.
Niaravai.—A Native Teacher.
Sirombai.—A Native Teacher.
Java.—A Native Teacher.
Dovele.—A Native Teacher.
Iriqila.—A Native Teacher.
Jurio.—Silas Lesatuni.

- Sirulando.—A Native Teacher.
 Luqa.—A Native Teacher.
 Kundu.—A Native Teacher.
 Kiara.—A Native Teacher.
 Sambala.—A Native Teacher.
 Kubokota.—A Native Teacher.
 Ombuombulu.—A Native Teacher.
 Povana.—A Native Teacher.
- (6) **Choiseul.**—Vincent Le C. Binet (Bambatana).
 Sisters' Home.—A Missionary Sister (Bambatana).
 Circuit Training Institution.—Vincent Le C. Binet.
 Bambatana Day School.—Vincent Le C. Binet.
 Lologai.—A Native Teacher.
 Malanana.—A Native Teacher.
 Tepazaka.—A Native Teacher.
 Bira Bira.—A Native Teacher.
 Senga.—A Native Teacher.
 Tauro.—A Native Teacher.
 Varisi.—A Native Teacher.
 Taba Taba.—A Native Teacher.
 Ririo.—A Native Teacher.
 Kamuqa.—A Native Teacher.
 Sui.—A Native Teacher.
 Nambusasa.—A Native Teacher.
- (7) **Bougainville and Buka.**—John R. Metcalfe (Tiop); Allan H. Cropp (Buka); A. Harry Voyce (Siwai); two Catechists and 60 Native Teachers.
 District Base Hospital at Bilua (Helena Goldie).—Dr. E. G. Sayers, Medical Superintendent; 2 Nursing Sisters; 4 Male Orderlies, and 1 Native Nurse.

JOHN F. 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 a member of the Conference, is attached to the New South Wales Conference for Foreign Mission Work:—Matthew K. Gilmour.

Thomas A. Brady is a superannuated Minister of the English Primitive Methodist Church, residing in New Zealand.

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

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1932.

Auckland District—

Auckland Social Service Mission.—C. G. Scrimgeour

Sister Rita.

Avondale (3rd).—Supply.

Pukekohe (Bombay).—E. J. Clarke.

Helensville.—R. T. Alexander.

Kaukapakapa.—J. H. Edmondson.

Hokianga (Rawene).—R. Grice.

” (Kohukohu).—H. Whitfield.

Whangarei (2nd).—J. Sands.

Northern Wairoa (Kaihu).—J. Churchill.

Ohaeawai.—V. C. Thomas.

Home Mission Department—

Colporteur Work.—R. Tapp.

” ” Supply.

Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay.—Hone Taotahi.

Aratapu.—Hoani Walters.

Kawakawa (Waiomio).—Te Riri Kawiti.

Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.

Whanahaki.—Tame Tuari.

Utakura.—Supply.

Whangaroa.—Supply.

Kaikohe.—Wiremu Wi Hongi.

Te Karae.—Rameka Eru.

South Auckland District—

Waihi.—G. Hall.

Te Kuiti.—W. Sussex.

Putaruru.—T. W. Featherstone.

Te Puke.—A. L. Witheford.

Ngaruawahia.—G. H. Marr.

Ohura.—J. L. Woodhouse.

Coromandel.—F. Sanderson.

Maori Mission—

Ohiapopoko.—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama.

Pukeatua.—Hauotu Hapimana.

Raglan.—Te Uira Tuteao.

Te Kuiti.—Hone Tamati.

Marokopa.—Aihe Huirama.

Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.

Kawhia (Waiharakeke).—Henare Iti Rangitawa.

Mokau.—Supply.

Cambridge.—Supply.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

Strafford (2nd).—Vacant.

New Plymouth (St. Aubyn's).—W. J. Henderson.

Waitara (Uruti).—George Skuse.

- Opunake (Okato).—W. Wilson.
 Patea.—J. Common.
 Raetihi-Ohakune.—C. Roke.
 Marton.—J. L. Mitchell.
 Wanganui North.—C. W. Brown.
- Maori Mission.**
 New Plymouth.—Paahi Moki.
 Waitotora.—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
 Taiporohenui.—Paikea H. Toka.
 Pairoa Pa.—Tupito Maruera.
 Whenuakura Pa.—Rangiira Tumahuki.
 Rahotu.—Supply.
 Kai Iwi.—Hoani Hakaraia.
 Raetihi.—Supply.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—**
 Foxton-Shannon.—O. P. Liddell.
 Feilding (Halcombe).—J. W. Bayliss.
 Apiti.—A. R. Thomas.
 Norsewood.—C. Aker.
 Waipawa.—H. Dyson.
- Wellington District—**
 Johnsonville (Porirua).—H. Ashworth.
 Upper Hutt.—H. A. Cochrane.
 Paraparaumu.—W. H. Wilson.
 Island Bay.—S. Keen.
- Nelson District—**
 Reefton.—C. Duncan.
 Havelock.—G. S. White.
 Murchison.—G. D. McRae.
 Granity.—R. Coombridge.
 Wakefield-Dovedale.—L. C. Elmsley.
- North Canterbury District—**
 Waddington.—C. Robinson.
 Oxford.—H. J. Malcolm.
 Hawarden.—J. G. W. Grindlay.
- South Canterbury District—**
 Mayfield.—Supply.
 Geraldine.—Supply.
- Otago-Southland District—**
 Dunedin (N.E. Valley).—F. E. Foot.
 Otautau.—N. Challenger.
 Maori Hill.—Supply.
 Caversham (Abbotsford).—A. E. Waite.
 Edendale.—W. Long.
 Lawrence.—O. B. Fawcett.
 Cromwell.—B. H. N. Teague.
 Riverton.—F. O. Prosser.
 Nightcaps-Tuatapere.—J. C. R. Ashworth.
 Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—J. Thomas.

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—Ernest D. Patchett.
South Auckland—William Wills.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Clarence Eaton.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Fred Copeland.
Wellington—Thomas R. Richards.
Nelson—George F. Stockwell.
North Canterbury—M. A. Rugby Pratt (President of Conference).
South Canterbury—Harold T. Peat.
Otago-Southland—Harold E. Bellhouse.
Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Auckland—Robert B. Tinsley.
South Auckland—Frederick J. Parker.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—John D. McArthur.
Wellington—Henry J. Odell.
Nelson—Harry S. Kings.
North Canterbury—Ernest B. Chambers.
South Canterbury—George B. Hinton.
Otago-Southland—Henry Ryan.

3. STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary for the Dominion.—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
Auckland—Robert B. Tinsley.
South Auckland—Frederick J. Parker.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Robert B. Gosnell.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—John D. McArthur.
Wellington—Henry J. Odell.
Nelson—Harry S. Kings.
North Canterbury—Ernest B. Chambers.
South Canterbury—George B. Hinton.
Otago-Southland—Henry Ryan.

QUESTION XXX.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1933?

President—Rev. A. J. Seamer.
Secretary—Rev. J. H. Haslam.

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

REPORT FOR 1931.

General Returns.

The General Returns again reveal on the whole encouraging progress. Being only a summary, of course, they obscure both encouraging and discouraging features in individual instances. A more intelligent appreciation of the position may be gathered from the following analysis:

Churches.

Auckland reports an increase of two, one at Waimamaku, Hokianga North H.M. Station and one (previously reported as a School Hall) at Mangere, Onehunga Circuit. Owing to the destruction of Churches in the Napier and Hastings Circuits, and a reported decrease of one in the North Canterbury District (Lyttelton evidently reporting in the column of "Other Preaching Places" one previously included in the list of Churches), the total for the Dominion is the same as last year.

Other Preaching Places.

Auckland reports the closing of nine. Of these the Theatre Service of the Auckland Mission was discontinued in accordance with the change of policy adopted at last Conference. The explanation given for the closing of the others was accepted by Synod as satisfactory. Seven new places have been taken up, representing enterprise in Northern Wairoa, Whangaroa, Mangonui and Hikurangi Stations.

Taranaki-Wanganui reports one less each in the New Plymouth and Taihape Circuits and one more in Wanganui and Wanganui North. Hawke's Bay-Manawatu reports decreases at Gisborne (4), Palmerston N., St. Pauls' (1), Waipawa (1), and increases at Feilding (2) and Wairoa (1). Other increases are: Masterton, Blenheim, Havelock, Durham Street, Lyttelton and Timaru, 1 each; and decreases: Nelson, Springston, Ashburton, Palmerston-Waikouaiti and Cromwell, 1 each. The totals show a net decrease of 4.

Schoolrooms.

Increases: S. Auckland 2, Normanby (Hawera) and Riverton, 1 each; Mayfield returns 3 schoolrooms as against none last year—surely a mistake. Each of the following reports 1 less: Hastings, Richmond (Nelson), Westport, Tai Tapu, Hawarden and Dunedin Central Mission. Foxton shows a decrease of 2. In the absence of information from the various District Secretaries concerned no explanation of these decreases can be given.

Our Staff of Ministers and Probationers is increased by 3, and of Home Missionaries by the same number, but we have 2 deaconesses less in active work. The number of Local Preachers has increased by 15 in Auckland, 7 in S. Auckland, and 3 in Wellington District, but decreases in other Districts reduces the net increase to 5. A net increase of 18 Class Leaders is shown.

Senior Membership shows a net increase of 22. The principal increases are: Wellington 73, South Auckland 47, Nelson 45 and Otago-Southland 24, and the decreases: Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, 73 (chiefly in the earthquake stricken area, though Hastings reports an increase of 3); South Canterbury 35, North Canterbury 30, and Taranaki-Wanganui 24 (with an increase, however, of 25 on Trial). There is a net increase of 22 On Trial.

The Junior Membership is still expanding, with a net increase of 240. Otago-Southland heads the list with an increase of 191 well distributed throughout the District. Other increases are: South Auckland 87, Taranaki-Wanganui 50, Nelson 30, and Auckland 15. The only considerable decreases are: North Canterbury 66 and Hawke's Bay-Manawatu 43; though there are notable increases even in those Districts; e.g.—Addington 26, Tai Tapu 30, Hastings 30, Palmerston North (St. Paul's) 51.

Infant Membership, too, is steadily growing, numbering now 4738, an increase of 199. The chief increases are: North Canterbury 101, Taranaki-Wanganui 92, Auckland and Otago-Southland 80 each. The only consider-

able decrease is in Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, 90. The losses in the earthquake area are readily understood. In a circuit outside that area the whole infant membership of 46 seems to have been absorbed by the Junior. But are there no Infants coming on? It is pleasing to note that there are now only some two dozen stations that report no Infant Membership. Yet why the two dozen?

Communicants again show an appreciable increase—505, to which South Auckland contributes 204, Nelson 89, Wellington 78, North Canterbury 82 and other Districts lesser numbers. South Canterbury is the only District that reports a decrease (17). If the figures in this column have been carefully compiled the steady increase reported year by year denotes healthy development that calls for fervent thanksgiving to God.

The number of **Attendants at Public Worship** is reported as 48 less than last year. But South Auckland returns an increase of 378, Wellington 339, Otago-Southland 332 and Nelson 100. The chief decrease, 636 in Auckland District, is largely accounted for by the discontinuance of the Mission Theatre Service already referred to. The continued decline, however, gave several Synods serious pause, and the comment of one Statistical Secretary has wider application than in his particular District: "With all our splendid organisation we are preaching to a smaller number of people than was the case even five years ago. This fact should cause a serious searching of heart." May the Holy Spirit guide us into paths of greater efficiency. Meanwhile, remembering the crucial times through which we are passing, there is much in our Returns to cause us to thank God and take courage, and still, "best of all, God is with us."

Sunday School Returns.

In the absence of several District Returns it is again impossible to make any comparison of this with previous years.

C. H. OLDS,
General Statistical Secretary

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., be thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary, and that he be re-appointed.
3. That the column in the General Returns for reporting attendants at Public Worship be deleted.
4. That Conference records its gratitude to God for the success attending our efforts as reflected in the Statistical Returns, and resolves upon a renewed dedication to the zealous advancement of the Kingdom of God in every department of church work.

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

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Church Finance Resolution (Minutes 1931, p. 56).

Having considered the Conference resolution, the Committee considers the time inopportune for making any approach to circuits regarding methods of finance.

2. Attendance on Public Worship.

The Committee having further considered the question of computing attendance upon public worship, in view of the wide diversity of opinion revealed, has no recommendation to make.

The Committee endorses the resolutions of last Conference on Leadership Training, Church Union, and Restatement of Doctrine.

H. DANIEL, CONVENER

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That, apart from the consideration of matters of a merely denominational character, Conference directs that the Welfare of the Church Committee should each year investigate and report upon some problem, spiritual, ethical, intellectual or social at present confronting the Church generally, with a view to its consideration by Synods and Conference.
3. **LECTIONARY.**—That in view of the widespread ignorance among the people, and the comparatively restricted range in the choice of lessons read in Public Worship, it is desirable that a lectionary be prepared according to which the most important parts of Scripture shall be read during each year at the morning or evening services; such lectionary to be strongly recommended for those conducting Public Worship in our Churches. That the Welfare of the Church Committee prepare such a lectionary and report to next Conference.
4. **COMMITTEE FOR 1932.**—That the following be the Committee of the Welfare of the Church for 1932:—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with the following laymen:—Dr. Lyth, Messrs. E. A. Rosevear, D. C. Cameron, L. Wraight, R. Rae, A. T. McIndoe, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., E. Aslin, A. H. Reed, J. Davidson, W. O. Brown, H. H. Johnson, W. J. Bryant, E. J. King, and Rev. H. Daniel, Convener. The General Statistical Secretary to be a Corresponding Member.

B.—REPORT OF N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The last Annual Meeting directed continuance of the Executive in Wellington and with the exception of Brother J. P. Shand, who has found it necessary to relinquish office, the personnel is the same as last year. It is a matter of pleasure that to fill the foregoing vacancy one of the younger brethren in the person of Mr. Walter Carman has consented to act. Our brother is an active and effective leader in the Bible Class movement, and we feel that this association with us will be to our mutual advantage. In these difficult times we rejoice to acknowledge that there are many signs of the good hand of God upon us, and that the Association is being used for His glory.

The stream of applications on behalf of brethren entitled to long service recognition has been quite a feature of this year's work. Since last Annual Meeting, at which meeting the approval up to that time of 40 Certificates was reported, further awards to the number of 47 have been made. In practically all cases the Diplomas have been presented at some appropriate public function. A goodly list of honours for Dunedin was dealt with at the last Conference. Auckland held an inspiring Veterans' meeting. North Auckland awards were made on the occasion of the visit of the Vice-President of Conference (Bro. W. S. Mackay), and the Secretary of the Auckland Branch (Brother Roberts). North Taranaki also had a great service in Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth. The Wellington brethren were given their recognition in an unforgettable meeting addressed by the Vice-President of Conference. North Canterbury comes into line with a list of awards to be made at the present Synod meetings.

Applications have now reached us from all parts of the Dominion, and the many and long periods of service indicated are indeed eloquent of the crowning glory of Methodism—a living faith that must find utterance.

We take the opportunity of again asking that Supt. Ministers co-operate with us in assuring that all brethren eligible for this recognition are made known to the Executive. Brethren are eligible after 25 years' service and full particulars can be had on application to the Secretary, Box 1170, Wellington.

The bringing of the Book Scheme before the brethren has had continuous attention. Quite a number of enquiries have been made from time to time, and some use has been made of the scheme, but not to the extent which, to the Executive, it would seem reasonable to expect. All L.P. Brethren should have received a copy of the circular giving particulars of the privileges. Here again we bespeak the good offices of Supt. Ministers, and will be pleased to forward a copy or copies of the circular to them and to Local Preachers on request.

During the year, in addition to the "Local Preachers' Pulpit" in the Methodist Times, a budget of information, greetings, etc., was forwarded to all members from the Executive. In this connection we feel that special reference should be made to the activities of the Auckland Branch. This Branch has a very definite scheme for contact with the North Auckland brethren. The visits of Bros. Mackay and Roberts to the North have already been referred to, and the work being done by the Branch has the warmest commendation of the Executive. The Executive propose to endeavour to extend the system to other parts of the Dominion.

Brother H. N. Vivian has continued his good work in the editing of the L.P. Column in the "Times." The featuring of news of the interests and activities of the brethren has received particular attention and it is desired to thank all who have co-operated in the furnishing of reports of meetings, etc. Many expressions of appreciation of the column have reached the Executive. The Editor of the Column (P.O. Box 1170) Wellington, will gladly welcome any items of L.P. interest suitable for publication.

The Executive has investigated several suggestions regarding financial assistance to brethren in need. In one case a grant has been made to a brother of very long standing, who suffered severely in the Earthquake disaster.

We cannot report the formation of any new Branches since last report. Enquiry was made by the South Canterbury brethren, but the matter has apparently not been finalized. We would earnestly commend the ideal of the Association, namely a Branch in each Synodal District. It will be recognized that while a frequency of meetings may not be possible or desirable, a half-yearly or even an annual meeting only in each District would make the complete scheme of organization possible, and should almost certainly be a source of much inspiration and profit.

We cannot do better than commend the North Taranaki arrangements which provide for a Convention in conjunction with the B.C. people and Sunday School Teachers on the King's Birthday, the Annual meeting of the local Branch of our Association forming part of the proceedings.

The matter of the need for an inflow of new blood into the organization was referred to in last report. During the year communications have been addressed to all Superintendent Ministers and to the Bible Class Authorities.

Some encouraging reports have been received of promising young preachers, but it is felt that the need is still urgent. The paragraph of this report dealing with the issue of Long Service Certificates indicates how great and successful has been the work of Local Preachers during the last 50 years and more. The vital question that now occupies us is the supply and success of Local Preachers during the next 20 years. It is for this reason that the Executive especially welcomes the addition to its numbers of a member

fully in touch with the Young Men's Bible Class organization. The Executive has in hand enquiries regarding a Correspondence Course that should prove attractive to preachers both on trial and on full plan, and might help to lead out young men in this great work.

On a remit from the Wellington Branch the Executive has been in communication with the Branches on the matter of direct representation; the replies are not all in unison, but the Executive, having given the matter careful consideration, is unanimously of the opinion that under all the circumstances the request for the appointment of a special representative in Conference is a reasonable and desirable one, and it is hoped that the matter will have the favourable consideration of Synods.

The Constitution of the Association has not received consideration for some time, and the Executive has taken up the question and proposes to submit to the Branches a draft of a revision which it has prepared. The matter will then be formally placed before the ensuing Annual Meeting.

In addition to the circularisation of members and the conduct of the "Times Column" a very considerable body of correspondence has been dealt with during the year. The Executive appreciates the indications of interest and support which have reached it from many parts of the Dominion.

In closing we desire to strike the note of progress and high hope. There were never times like these, full of problems, no doubt, but as preachers we should be undismayed. Surely it is our deep conviction that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus is not only the way of power for the individual life, but is the only real illuminant in the perplexities and distress that afflict our national life.

We cannot do better perhaps than leave with you the inspiring words of Brother Thomas Laws, the father of our revered ex-Principal of Trinity College, and the doyen of the Local Preachers of the Church. Writing on the reception of his Long Service Certificate, after 70 years as a Local Preacher, he says:—

"As I look back upon my long life I see how it has been fenced in by the mercy of God, who has led me these ninety years in the wilderness and will continue to lead me over the river and into the Promised Land. My daily prayer is now, as in the days gone by, "Lord have Thine own way with me," and trusting fully in Him I hope to continue in well-doing till Mortality is swallowed up in LIFE."

H. P. MOURANT, President.

W. F. STOCK, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference expresses hearty appreciation of the splendid services rendered by its Local Preachers, and realises that it would be impossible to carry on the Evangelistic work of the Church without their aid.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1931.

The Board has been conscious of its privilege in serving in the sphere of Youth work, and that it has appreciated its responsibilities has been evidenced by the keenness with which it is carrying on its activities. During the year 11 Ordinary Meetings and two Special Meetings of the Board have been held.

Committee Work.

In addition to the regular meetings of the Board, the following Committees are at work :—

- (1) Y.P. Board Executive Committee.
- (2) Constitution Committee.
- (3) Literature Committee.
- (4) Itinerary Committee.
- (5) S.S. Examination Committee (in Christchurch).

Location.

After being located for many years in Christchurch where very valuable developmental work in the interests of youth was carried out, the Y.P. Board was transferred to Wellington in March of this year. Due to the efficiency of the Christchurch Board the transfer was effected without in any way upsetting the work.

Youth Office.

The Youth Office, in which our Board and the two Bible Class Movements are partners, was opened in April and is working efficiently. Already to those who have a close up view of the administrative side of our Youth Work has been shown the co-ordinating value of the Office. That it is a factor for economy to have our Y.P. Board and the two Bible Class Movements Dominion Executives located in the one centre having their work done through the one office, is also very apparent. Notwithstanding the opening of the Office, much voluntary work continues to be done and will need to be continued to keep pace with the many-sided activities of our work.

Future Policy.

This is set out under seven headings, as follows :—

(1) **THE CHURCH.**—To create within the entire church a sense of the value of work for childhood and youth as the "whitest part of the white harvest field." To continue to co-operate with the Theological College and Deaconess House for adequate training in relation to Childhood and Youth, and to awaken the church to the value of Infant and Junior Church Membership. To develop the District, Circuit and Local Y.P. Organisation.

(2) **SUNDAY SCHOOL.**—To stimulate Schools to make progressive efforts to attain high standards. To encourage the formation of Teacher-Training Classes, Fellowships, District Conferences and Retreats, and Departmental Teachers' Associations. To co-operate with the Home Mission Department for the improvement of Maori Sunday Schools and to develop Correspondence Sunday Schools.

(3) **BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.**—To encourage within the B.C. Movement a responsibility that will extend beyond its own particular limits, reaching down to the Sunday School, and reaching up to the adult church life. To stimulate the regular functioning of the local Y.P. Committee.

(4) **LEADERSHIP.**—To secure the training for Leadership in Religious Education of Ministers and Deaconesses, Parents, Leaders of Bible Classes and Youth work, State School Teachers, Government Welfare Officers and Sunday School Teachers.

(5) **LITERATURE.**—To secure the best possible Literature for our Sunday Schools.

(6) **FINANCE.**—To ensure that the growing recognition of the value and importance of Youth religious educational work is accompanied by commensurate financial support.

(7) NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL.—To aim that every child in the land may have daily religious training by persons qualified both religiously and educationally for the task. To co-operate with other churches to produce a N.Z. Indigenous Literature for S.S. and Day Schools. To contact in all possible ways with Youth Leaders in all parts of the world, and help N.Z. to share in a world consciousness of the Kingdom of God.

General Secretary.

The Board desires to place on record its high appreciation of the magnificent work of its General Secretary, the Rev. E. P. Blamires, who throughout the year with his broad vision has given outstanding leadership. The following brief outline of his itinerary gives some little indication of the work accomplished:—

THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S ITINERARY.—From North of Auckland to the Bluff, the General Secretary has travelled in every district. Dominion-wide work has been effected as in the January Bible Class Conventions and Summer Schools, the N.Z. Council of Religious Education, the Deaconesses' Convocation, and the Commission on Church Membership, and Lectures at the Theological College. District work included Synods or Ministers' Meetings in five districts, Sunday School Unions in three districts, and Easter Camp in South Canterbury. There was an All-day Teachers' Convention in Taranaki on King's Birthday and Bay of Plenty B.C. Rally on Labour Day. Teacher-training Classes for four successive weeks were held in provincial centres at Hamilton and Palmerston North, about 50 teachers attending at each place. 54 Circuits and H.M. Stations, large and small, town and country, have been visited for services and conferences with Y.P. workers. Schools have been addressed, their working observed and counsel given. Bible Classes have been visited and in some places formed. Also various Y.P. Societies, Parents' Meetings (fathers and mothers separately) mostly in small groups, but in one case numbering 80, have again revealed a field of urgent opportunity. During the year there has been the constant joy of witnessing the earnest response of youth to the call of Christ, and many have entered upon the way of life in Him. The reports of services of Reception into Church Membership have been very encouraging this year. At the same time we cannot forget that the opportunity is still being missed in many places. Y.P. Sunday is getting increasing recognition as a Day of God's right hand.

Literature.

The question of Sunday School lesson material receives constant attention by the Board, and we are endeavouring to secure for our schools the best possible literature. Generally speaking the Australasian Graded Lessons continue to give satisfaction throughout the Dominion, and we shall be keenly interested in the report of the special Commission set up by Conference to go into the whole question. The Literature Committee has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. R. Hampton as Literature Manager, and under his guidance we feel assured that this important part of our work will develop along right lines.

Reference Library.

The Board has an interest in the Reference Library which is controlled by a co-operative Committee representing the Board and both B.C. Movements. This library has valuable books of reference for officers and leaders of Youth, and we hope to see members taking full advantage of it.

Correspondence Sunday School.

The Board is alive to the possibilities of this branch of its work. Under the superintendency of Mr. J. Voss it is steadily expanding. The Roll at

present shows 42 scholars, 27 active teachers, representing an increase of 10 and 10 respectively. There is abundant proof of the worthwhileness of this work. We need more teachers.

Dominion Examinations.

The Examinations were held on 24th June when 607 scholars presented themselves for Examination, the number in each grade being as follows:—Junior 242, Intermediate 281, Senior 84. 700 Scholars throughout the Dominion were represented. The Gold Medallists were as follows:—Junior: Phyllis Thwaites, Papanui; Intermediate: Mavis Palmer, St. Albans; Senior: Waveney Tinsley, Dominion Road, Auckland. Interesting reports by the Examiners were made to the Examination Committee which is at present considering them. The Board awaits with interest the report to be presented to it by the Committee.

Intermediate Scholar.

The problem of the Intermediate Scholar is a growing one and requires to be carefully studied. The North Canterbury Methodist Sunday School Union is making preparations for the special study of this problem early in 1932 and will be reporting its findings to the Board. As the result of this Study the Board hopes to be able to furnish a constructive and helpful statement on the problem to Schools in 1932.

Finance.

The position as to payments from each circuit is indicated in a Special Statement. Of a total allocation of £871 the payments up to 30th September amount to £331. The unfortunate aspect is that a number of circuits, which in previous years have paid a substantial portion of their assessment, so far this year have contributed nothing. There is still approximately three months before the end of the financial year, but unless a very definite and urgent effort is made by the tardy circuits the year's revenue will fall seriously short of previous totals and, unfortunately, of the expenditure. Acknowledging the difficulties that many districts are experiencing the Department is prepared to assist and suggest. If only the Sunday School Organisation is properly used it should be possible for every circuit to do something. There is no Department of our Church work which should claim priority of support. The efforts made by a number of small places, some of which have not even previously contributed, is most encouraging.

Conclusion.

A report of this nature would be incomplete without an expression of appreciation by the Board of the voluntary services rendered by many devoted helpers throughout the Dominion. It is their service that maintains our Y.P. work on the high plane that it occupies.

T. R. RICHARDS, CHAIRMAN.

NATHAN R. SEDDON, SECRETARY.

CONNEXIONAL YOUTH OFFICE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Youth Office Committee has pleasure in presenting its first Annual Report covering the activities of an organisation which promises to become a vital factor in the life of our Methodist Church. Although the Office has only been open for a little over six months, it has been decided that the financial year of the Office shall, in conformity with most other Church Organisations, end on the 30th September of each year.

Opening.

The Youth Office actually opened for business on 23rd March, 1931. The official opening took place on the evening of the 9th April when the President of the Conference, Rev. E. D. Patchett, assisted by Rev. E. P. Blamires and officers of the Bible Class Movements, dedicated, in a simple and inspiring service, the Office to the work of God.

Premises.

As reported last year, the Trustees of Taranaki Street Church have provided, rent free, very suitable premises. The Trustees have gone out of their way to facilitate the establishment of the Office and have, at considerable expense, renovated and subdivided the premises and installed cupboards and fixtures. In addition, the Trustees provide free lighting, heating and cleaning. This very practical help has done much to ensure the success of this venture, and the sincere thanks of the entire Church are due to them.

Equipment.

The Young People's Board, the two Bible Class Movements, and a number of interested friends have donated just over £100 for the purchase of equipment. Donations of different articles of furniture have also been received. In addition, the Bible Class Movements have each provided a sum of £30 by way of a loan for a similar purpose. The Office is now fairly well equipped and the Committee is confining to bare necessities any further additions, which are required as the operations of the Office extend. Our grateful thanks are due to those who have made donations for this purpose.

Staff.

Some time before the Office was opened, Miss Lorna Hodder was asked to undertake the duties of Office Secretary. To this she consented, but, as she was overseas at the time, she was unable to take up her duties until the beginning of June, some two months after the Office had opened. During this time, Miss Daisy Fairweather, the ex-Secretary of the Young Women's Bible Class Movement, acted in her stead, and carried out her duties with such extraordinary zeal and efficiency that when Miss Hodder took over, the work of the Office was well established and running smoothly. We were very fortunate in obtaining the services of one who had that knowledge and efficiency so necessary at such a time. Miss Hodder has also attacked her work in a similar manner. She has displayed ability, tact and understanding and the co-ordinating effect of her work is fully recognised by all with whom she comes in contact. Miss Bertha Yeatts, the Office Junior, has become a popular member of the staff.

Finance.

The Statement of Accounts, which is appended to this Report, reveals that the Committee has kept well within its income and by exercising strictest economy, it is hoped to reduce the call on the three partners of the scheme by a substantial sum.

Conclusion.

The varied nature of the many enquiries received from all parts of the Dominion and the large volume of work which is being attempted indicate that the Youth Office is filling a long felt want, and the Committee is convinced that the Youth work of our Church is already receiving substantial benefit.

T. R. RICHARDS, CHAIRMAN.

T. M. PACEY, HON. SECRETARY.

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 23rd
MARCH TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931.**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Salaries (2) ..	153	0 0	By Allocations (as under)		
„ Stationery ..	9	9 8	Y.W.B.C. Movement	37	10 0
„ Postages ..	2	17 3	Y.M.B.C. Movement	37	10 0
„ Depreciation of Office Equipment ..	5	3 3	Y.P. Board ..	50	0 0
„ Interest on Loans	1	3 6	Y.P. Literature Dept.	87	10 0
„ General Expenses	7	5 10			
				<hr/>	<hr/>
	178	19 6		212	10 0
Excess Income over Expenditure to Accu- mulated Fund ..	33	10 6			
				<hr/>	<hr/>
	£212	10 0		£212	10 0

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1931.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accumulated Fund—			Office Furn. & Equip.—	103	4 3
Excess of Income over Expenditure ..	33	10 6	Less 6 months Depre- ciation at 10%	5	3 3
Equipment Fund—	100	1 1		<hr/>	<hr/>
Loans—			Sundry Debtors ..	98	1 0
Y.W.B.C. Movement	30	0 0	Cash—	5	5 6
Y.M.B.C. „ ..	30	0 0	For Equipment ..	56	16 10
Sundry Creditors ..	1	3 6	General ..	34	11 9
				<hr/>	<hr/>
	£194	15 1		£194	15 1

I have examined the books and vouchers of the “Youth Office” and certify that the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Receipts and Payments submitted are a correct statement of the books of account and balances outstanding at 30th September, 1931.

H. KNIGHT, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

**YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.
ANNUAL REPORT.**

Under the Presidency of Mr. Cyril Burton the Movement has enjoyed a year of strenuous effort, real progress, and spiritual blessing. We have to thank Revs. B. R. Hames and J. D. Grocott, both of whom have held office as Travelling Secretary during portions of the year, for the consolidation of the work begun in past years, and in a large measure for the emphasis now being placed on true values in practically every district. Both of these gentlemen have made outstanding contributions to the Movement. Mr. Hames retired from the Secretaryship at the end of March, and Mr. Grocott has since then rendered invaluable service in ten of the Unions.

Executive Council.

The Executive Council has met regularly throughout the year at fortnightly intervals, the business meetings being suspended on a few occasions during the winter months for Devotional Meetings.

Co-operation.

The Movement has been particularly happy in its relationships with other departments of the Church during this year. Especially has co-operation with the Y.W. Movement and the Y.P. Board been eminently successful, this success being due no doubt to the centralisation of the Executive bodies in Wellington and to their joint venture in the Youth Office. Combined Executive Meetings were held in a number of Unions and at these matters of importance to the classes were discussed. The Co-operative Committee of the Y.W. and Y.M. Movements has done valuable work in preparing for Summer Schools for leaders, in considering the position of Isolated Members of classes in the country, and in arranging for the observance of the annual Day of Prayer. In connection with the Combined Executive Meetings of the District Unions, these were asked to discuss the following question relative to "Church Membership":—"What progress is being made in the Churches of your District with regard to—(a) After-Camp recruiting for Church Membership? (b) The holding of preparation services for Junior and Senior Membership? (c) The holding of Reception Services for new members?"

The summary of the reports received from Unions on this subject indicates that where the opportunities are taken there have been encouraging results, but that there are still many instances of sheer neglect and loss.

Our Movement would appreciate the discussion of these aspects of Church Membership by the Synods.

Syllabus.

During the year most classes have used the Standard Syllabus prepared or the use of the Baptist and Methodist Classes of our land, and we are very pleased to be able to state that the Presbyterian Movements are joining the Baptists and Methodists in the preparation and use of one combined Syllabus for 1932.

"Link"

Appreciation of the increased value of the "Link" is freely expressed by our Class members, and Mr. W. P. Carman, the present Editor, is to be congratulated upon the bettering of a standard that was high before he undertook the publication of this magazine.

Transfer Form.

The Transfer of members has exercised the minds of the Movement's officers again this year. Efforts have been made to secure more general use of the Transfer Form which is supplied to classes to guard against loss of members upon transfer. With the co-operation of the Ministers with Class leaders the problem should be overcome in the future.

Camps.

Easter was again an outstanding period in the Movement's year, 1272 campers gathering in 14 camps. The percentage of class membership to attendance at camp has increased to 58.4. 32% of the campers were attending their first Camp. Thanks largely to the outstanding study booklet prepared by Rev. E. P. Blamires, the campers were all stirred to greater efforts towards attaining the "Highest."

Summer Schools.

Two Summer Schools for Leaders were held and resulted in a great stimulus to the Leadership of the Youth of our Church.

Hawke's Bay.

Our classes in Hawke's Bay suffered considerably in the disaster that overtook that district in February, but the members have displayed wonderful fortitude and courageous spirit in re-organising the classes. The class life in the district is at present stronger than it has been for some years. An official party from the Executive Council was privileged to visit the Bay during August.

Committees.

Committees have been conscientiously controlling and extending the Leadership Training Scheme, and the Social Programmes of the Movement.

Financial.

The classes have responded very well to their financial obligations, and in most cases the districts have brought great credit upon themselves by the meeting of a number of extra calls. For instance, the Unions have during the year provided over £93 as a special contribution towards the expenses of keeping Dr. Sayers upon the Mission Field, over and above his salary which had already been promised by the Movement. Other substantial contributions have been made towards the relief of the members of our Hawke's Bay classes and towards the cost of printing translations of scripture, etc. for Rev. Harry Voyce of Bougainville. These gifts reveal the keen appreciation of the members in these matters.

General.

Reports received from Unions and Travelling Secretaries have generally been of a most encouraging nature. We are glad to state that the Movement is in as strong a position now as ever it was, and we pray that in God's wisdom it may continue to grow in knowledge, strength, and especially spirit.

G. C. BURTON, PRESIDENT.

E. L. HOWE, HON. SEC.

N.Z. METHODIST Y.W. BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT,
(Abridged)

Membership.

The total membership for the year ending 30th September, 1931 is 3748, 3297 being active class members and 451 Auxiliary—revealing an increase of 286 active and decrease of 153 auxiliary members. Particularly gratifying is the increase of 196 seniors. There are now 300 affiliated classes—a total increase of 20 for the year. 90 unaffiliated classes are still known to Unions. During the year 22 B.C. leaders and 140 S.S. teachers have been supplied. 240 Sub-leaders are working in classes.

Statistics reveal that 813 new members have joined classes, 404 promoted from the Sunday School, and 409 from other sources. 544 Girls have been lost to class membership.

Church membership returns are as follows:—

Seniors—1026 or 70%

Intermediate—329 or 40%

Juniors 311 or 31%

This last figure represents a decrease of 5%, which is disappointing in view of the emphasis given to it last year. We look forward with much anticipation to the findings of the Commission set up by Conference at present investigating the whole position.

Annual Convention.

The Ninth Annual Convention was held at Methodist Deaconess House Christchurch, 39 members being present. It will long be remembered not only as a period when important business was transacted but also as a time of very real fellowship and sharing.

District Camps.

Seventeen district Camps were held during Easter 1931 comprising 930 Campers. Of this number 396 were first time members representing 252 affiliated and 63 unaffiliated classes. These figures denote an increase of 17 on last years statistics. The Study "Seekers" was specially prepared by Miss L. Hodder.

Movement Day of Prayer.

With a view to sharing in a more corporate prayer-life, the combined Y.M. and Y.W. Movements again prepared a prayer service for use on Y.P. Day. Several churches made full use of the leaflet in their services also.

Leadership Training.

Organisers report that 163 correspondence students are pursuing the studies, and in the cities, 18 classes including 118 members have taken 8 of the 9 subjects. Examinations results show that 100 passes were obtained. A fourth Auckland student has qualified for the full Diploma.

Clubs and Social Service.

179 Classes take part in club activity while 500 members are engaged in club leadership or social service. In addition great advances have been made by all Unions, prompted no doubt by the grave necessity of these days, in Social service. Activities include provision of warm garments for relief of the distressed, visits to Hospitals and Old People's Homes, Receiving Homes and Orphanages, Assistance for the Unemployed, packing of Missionary Boxes, etc.

Literature.

93 Class libraries are being used by members, an increase of 9 for the year. The Travelling Secretary has sold 1157 books, and when we realise that to the outlying classes her visit supplies one of the rare opportunities they have for seeing such thought-provoking and informative books we re-affirm our opinion that here is a most important part of the work.

Co-operation.

Two Summer Schools at Waitaki, Oamaru and Scots College, Wellington were attended by 151 members, including 54 leaders, 14 subscribers, 17 class secretaries and 20 Sunday School Teachers, proving that advantage is being taken of the schools by people in positions of youth leadership in our church.

The Co-operative Committee co-ordinates those activities of the two B.C. Movements which call for mutual sharing. 255 requests for material have been received by the Combined Committee on Social Standards who materially help not only our own Movements, but also other Youth organisations in New Zealand.

Co-operation with other Youth Movements is maintained during the year by the Youth Committee of the N.Z.C.R.E., and the Annual Waikanae Conference affords opportunities for leaders to meet and share in a very real fellowship of study quiet and business sessions.

Syllabus.

Statistics show that 253 classes (81%) use the Standard Syllabus 32 the Y.P. Textbook, 11 compile their own syllabus and 4 use other miscellaneous studies. Universal appreciation has been expressed of this year's Syllabus. A distinct advance in co-operation this year has been the planning and publishing by the Youth Committee of the N.Z.C.R.E. of a Combined Syllabus for use of Presbyterian Baptist and Methodist classes for 1932.

Missionary.

The Missionary interest of the Movement has this year been greatly stimulated by our having direct representation on both Home and Foreign Fields. For many years the work of Sister Nicholls has been closely followed and already we find that classes are intensely interested in Miss Ruth Grant also. The most memorable session at last Convention was the one wherein it was unanimously decided that our Movement should be responsible by freewill thank offering for the support of Miss Ruth Grant one of our own B.C. girls, as Missionary Teacher in the Solomon Islands. £200 was the amount aimed at and it reflects the enthusiasm and keenness of the girls when we realise that some £296 16s. 8d. has been forwarded.

Earthquake Relief.

Early in February the sympathy of the whole Movement was aroused by the tidings of the disaster which had befallen the Hawke's Bay District. Through the spontaneous gifts of Unions some £67 14s. 7d. was available for the rehabilitation of classrooms, etc., and we acknowledge gratefully also the gift of an anonymous donor to the Hawke's Bay Manawatu Union covering the full Budget assessment of classes in the Hawke's Bay area, thus relieving them of any financial responsibility for this year.

Travelling Secretary.

It was with sincere regret we learned during the year, that our Travelling Secretary, Miss Elsie Sewell was not available for a further term of office. The Movement has been singularly fortunate in its appointments, each Secretary making a valuable contribution to the Movement life. To District Executives and Class leaders Miss Sewell has ever presented the challenge of the ideal, so that each officer and leader has had a new vision of her work. To individual members through Groups, Rallies and personal contact she has ever given of the richness of her personality and the measure of her influence is not to be tabulated but is contained in the spirit which permeates the Movement. During the year practically all Unions have been visited, special consideration being given to North Auckland and Bay of Plenty Districts. The appointment of Miss Dora Sheat as successor to Miss Sewell is one that carries with it the confidence of the Movement.

Finance.

In addition to the Budget requirements of £620 12s. 6d. Classes have raised the following sums:—

Home Missions	..	..	£82	17	5
Foreign Missions	..	..	232	12	10
Ruth Grant Fund	..	..	296	16	8
Y.P. Dept.	..	..	20	11	8
Orphanages	..	..	42	9	1
Earthquake Relief	..	..	67	14	4
Church Trust	..	..	197	1	6
Sunday Schools	..	..	66	10	3
Sundry other causes	..	..	191	14	5
			£1,198	8	2

N.Z. Executive Council.

Headquarters were moved from Christchurch to Wellington after Annual Convention. We acknowledge with gratitude the outstanding service of 5 years rendered by the Christchurch Executive especially through the President, Mrs. H. Cook and the Secretary, Miss D. Fairweather.

A. C. TOCKER, PRESIDENT.

A. E. FIRTH, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports, Financial Statements and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. The Conference places on record its deep sense of the value of Miss Elsie Sewell's work and influence during her three years of service as Travelling Secretary of the Y.W.B.C. Movement, and assures her that upon her passing from this to another responsible position in the Church, she carries the confidence and esteem of the Conference.
3. The Conference desires to communicate to the Y.M. and Y.W. Bible Class Movements its appreciation of their work as revealed in their reports, particularly having noted the Missionary enterprise, the spirit of stewardship, the advance in Leadership training, and the general loyalty of our youth to the Church.
4. The Conference welcomes the appointment of Miss Dora Sheat as Travelling Secretary of the Y.W.B.C. Movement, and commends her to the sympathetic co-operation of all our circuits.
5. The Conference notes with satisfaction the work of Rev. J. D. Groot as Travelling Secretary of the Y.M.B.C. Movement during the past year, and wishes him God speed as he continues in his task.
6. The Conference rejoices in the successful opening of the Youth Office, and recognises with sincere appreciation the efficient and devoted work of Miss Lorna Hodder as Office Secretary.
7. The Conference commends to Circuits in sea-side resorts the opportunity for work among children on the beaches in the summer vacation as carried on recently at Lyall Bay, Wellington.
8. The Conference commends to circuits the opportunity for extension that is presented when Sunday Schools can be opened in small settlements.
9. The Conference expresses appreciation of the work of the Christian Endeavour Societies, and urges upon Ministers and Church Officers the wisdom of using this organisation for shepherding the young and initiating them into Christian work.
10. The Conference affirms the principle of indigenous Lesson Literature for Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, drawing upon the best elements of British, American and Australasian systems.
11. Pastoral Letters.—That Regulation 16, clauses 3 and 7 of Law Book (pp. 4 and 5) be amended by the deletion of the provisions requiring the issue of annual Pastoral Letters to parents of infant members and to junior members of the Church.
12. That the following questions be forwarded to the Y.P. Board for favourable consideration :—
 - (a) Union Sunday Schools in relation to Statistical Returns.
 - (b) The setting of Examinations in the British Lessons as well as those of Australia and New Zealand.
 - (c) The question of uniformity in the S.S. Lessons for Juniors and Intermediates.
 - (d) A progressive policy for Sunday Schools, as recommended by North Canterbury.
 - (e) The Boys' and Girls' Life Brigade.

13. **Finance.**

That the Y.P. Board endeavour to obtain the payment of amounts due in 1931 from circuits with capacity to meet their allocation.

14. That Conference accepts reluctantly and for one year the offer of the General Secretary that his stipend be reduced by 10%.
15. That £25 from the Contingent Fund be forwarded to the Treasurer of the N.Z. Council of Religious Education.
16. That Conference recommends to the Y.P. Board the importance of stressing the question of stewardship upon our young people.
17. **Church Membership.**

(a) The Report was received and adopted, and the Commission re-appointed.

(b) That the Commission further study the principles underlying the grading of Church membership, and report through Synods to next Conference.

(c) (1) That attention be called to the law that Leaders' Meetings must be held quarterly (Law Book page 49, par. 193 (2) and that the Junior Roll must be revised at least annually, upon report from the Young People's Committee. (Page 5 par. 8).

(2) That Quarterly Meetings be directed to secure full reports on the condition of the Senior Membership Roll from each Leaders' Meeting in their Circuit, and report to the Commission for the Synods and Conference of 1933, stating particularly the proportion of members (a) Not attending Church. (b) Not attending communion. (c) Remarks upon the condition of the Roll, with suggestions for a better observance of our discipline throughout the Connexion.

(d) The Commission to consider during the year the nature and the objectives of the Quarterly Meeting of Church members.

(e) (1) That Preparation Classes for Juniors and Seniors should always be held for at least six weeks prior to the reception of new members.

(2) In every case where there are new members to be received, there be a Recognition Service adapted to the age of the Candidates.

(3) That Leaders' Meetings, S.S., B.C., and Youth Organisations be urged to take effective steps, **following a Recognition Service**, to nurture the spiritual life of young members. That every effort be made to shepherd them in groups which will develop their devotional life and open avenues of service.

(f) That the expenses of the Commission to the amount of £5, be referred to the Contingent Fund Consultative Committee for their consideration.

18. That the Conference expresses its high appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the Church during the year by the Rev. E. P. Blamires, the General Secretary of the Y.P. Department.

Y.P. Board for 1932.

The Chairman of the Wellington District, The Ministers and Probationers of the Wellington City and Suburban Churches, Misses R. Ward, G. Balding, D. Sheat; Revs. E. P. Blamires, J. D. Grocott; Messrs. B. J. Lynneberg, W. H. Clark, E. A. Jones, R. Hampton, W. H. Johnston, W. B. Brown, T. M. Pacey, W. E. Howe, O. O. Silbury, R. S. Maunder, S. Roberts, R. H. Boys, L. T. James, W. H. Hindle, A. Maude, N. Marris, N. R. Seddon (Convener), and two elected Representatives from the Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Movements.

Youth Office Committee for 1932.

Rev. T. R. Richards, Chairman of District; Rev. E. P. Blamires, General Secretary of the Board; Mrs. H. J. Steptoe and Miss A. Tocker, Representatives of Y.W.B.C. Movement; Messrs G. C. Burton and A. Barrington, Representative Y.M.B.C. Movement; Messrs. R. S. Maunder, S. Roberts and T. M. Pacey, Representatives of the Y.P. Board.

District Y.P. Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. T. R. B. Woolfoxall, J. H. Haslam, S. J. Werren, H. L. Richards, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., J. H. Allen; Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, W. D. Goddard, C. H. Virtue, J. Greenall, J. Joiner, M. Moses, G. Riddell, R. Walker, J. Tyler, E. Warburton, R. G. Teal, L. G. Kendall, Sister Margaret, Misses M. Cowley and E. M. Booth. Convener, Rev. T. R. B. Woolfoxall.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers and Sunday School Superintendants of Te Aroha, Morrinsville, and Waitoa, with Misses Hetherington and L. Ewan, and Messrs. A. Gordon, H. Ward, and P. C. McNeill. Secretary and Convener, Rev. F. G. Brown.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Ministers of Hawera, Kaponga, Stratford, Manaia and Eltham Circuits, with Messrs. R. Lewis, A. H. Gaze, E. Dixon, N. C. Davies, E. G. Foster, G. W. Kirk, Mrs. L. G. Williams and Mrs. T. Dickson. Convener, Rev. T. Coatsworth.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Superintendent Ministers of Palmerston North, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Feilding, and Sanson-Rongotea Circuits, with the Superintendents of the Palmerston North and Feilding Sunday Schools, Messrs. C. E. Taylor, N. Shelton, W. H. J. Watson, Miss Wild, Miss Ellett and Mrs. C. E. Taylor. Convener, Mr. E. Gordon Bennett.

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits with Messrs. J. Cable, J. R. Burley, J. H. Phillipps, A. Parker, J. W. Buchanan, W. E. Howe, W. F. Stock, J. Kellow, K. N. Clark. Convener, Mr. J. H. Phillipps.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson and Richmond Circuits, the S.S. Superintendents of Nelson, Richmond and Stoke with Mr. Jabez Heath, Convener.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, B. Metson, E.B. Chambers, J. F. Jack, H. Cottom, E. W. Hames, M.A., the Executive of the North Canterbury Sunday School Union, and one representative each from the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Movements. Convener, Mr. W. A. Bascand.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—District Y.P. Secretary, Mr. C. G. Vogeler.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, P. R. Paris, H. Daniel, P. I. Cooke, H. Ryan, W. H. Greenslade, the Executive of the Otago Methodist S.S. Union and one representative each from the Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Movements. Convener, Rev. P. R. Paris.

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.
4. That the following be appointed Y.P. representatives to Synods: Auckland, C. H. Virtue; South Auckland, Miss E. Hetherington; Taranaki-Wanganui, E. Dixon; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, G. Bennett; Wellington, R. S. Maunder; Nelson, Jabez Heath; North Canterbury, A. E. Lawry; South Canterbury, C. G. Vogeler; Otago-Southland, S. G. Macfarlane.
5. That in the event of the Synod Representative for the Young People's Department 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.

N.Z. COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

Five meetings held, under Presidency of Bishop West-Watson. 130 enrolments for Sunday School by correspondence, the Methodist Church receiving her proportion. Considerable extension of religious teaching in State Schools under present facilities. Curriculum for same advanced by Committee of Dunedin Branch. Problem of training of State Teachers for this work receiving attention; one good class held for students at Auckland Training College. Youth Committee of the Council links 12 Christian Youth Movements. Progress made with co-operation in B.C. Syllabus, Leadership Training and Annual Rallies in Town Halls of four cities. Twenty centres have Inter B.C. Councils. Support given to Bible-in-Schools Enabling Bill, and evidence given before Parliamentary Committee. A small, but representative Conference is proposed for September, 1932.

E. P. BLAMIRE, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1931.

Art Unions.

Your Committee in common with several of the other Protestant Churches have, during the year, approached the Prime Minister protesting against what seems to be a wholesale issue of Art Union permits, pointing out what we believe to be a most demoralizing method of raising revenue, which is having a most detrimental effect upon the morale of this Dominion. We further pointed out, that in our opinion, in spite of any financial advantages obtained from this source, such advantages are far outweighed by the evidence of a spirit engendered in the Community, destructive of thrift, which is bound to seriously re-act upon the moral and economic life of the community.

Being persuaded that in this time of acute economic stress, together with the serious problem of unemployment, this method of gambling should be discontinued, we call upon all our people to set themselves against this pernicious method of money-raising by abstaining from personally indulging in it, and seeking to persuade all others to do the same.

Social Service Association.

This matter has received the very careful consideration of the Committee during the year, with the result that the following is its recommendation to Synods and Conference, viz.—That we heartily approve of the suggestion of establishing a Social Service Association within our Methodist Church, realizing that the social programme of Christianity needs to be more definitely emphasized in the policy of the Church; but recommend that on account of the present serious depression, the matter be held over for this year, and suggest that in order to obtain all the information possible, re the working of such an Association, the Conference of 1932 set up a special Committee in Wellington with corresponding members from other centres, with a view of securing all possible information on the matter, and draft a working scheme for submittal to the Conference of 1933.

Temperance.

The special committee set up by last Conference, to report on the methods to be adopted by our Church to assist most efficiently in the "No License Poll," held two meetings in Wellington, and outlined a certain line of action in

connection with the Poll, but on account of the postponement of the Poll for 1931 ceased to function. Although the proposals recommended by this Committee were published in the "Methodist Times," no intimation of their adoption by any of our Circuits was reported to the Convener.

Your Committee notes with great satisfaction the Report of the success of Prohibition in America as stated by the Wickersham Commission set up by President Hoover to inquire into law enforcement. We note that it is very emphatic in its statement re the boon Prohibition has conferred on the Country, through the abolition of the open saloon.

It is sad to realize that alcohol is still doing its deadly work in our fair Dominion, degrading character, blighting homes, wasting economic resources, and promoting crime and disease. The crying need to-day is for a united effort, by every legitimate means, to overthrow this gigantic evil, and to strain every nerve to make progress toward the total abolition of the Liquor Traffic in New Zealand.

We are of the opinion that one of the most effective methods in attaining this desired goal is to more vigorously prosecute activities in the education of young people in Temperance principles, warning them of the evil effects of Alcohol on the human system.

Bible in Schools.

"The Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill" has been supported by the Anglican General Synod, the Presbyterian Assembly, the Congregational Union Conference, the Salvation Army, three out of four Baptist Auxiliaries, a branch of the Lutheran Church, as well as by our own Conference. The Council of Religious Education also supports it. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy, without consulting the League Executive, which had offered again and again to give careful consideration to any disputed point, made an official volte face in deciding to oppose the Bill, after official endorsement of it had been given by Archbishop O'Shea, as head of the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand.

The Hierarchy, by its breach of faith, stands condemned by its own prelate, who refused to sign the letter in opposition sent to the Parliamentary Committee, The N.Z. Educational Institute officially opposes the Bill, but it is significant that where Round Table Conferences have been held with Teachers, a very sympathetic hearing has frequently resulted in support, where previously opposition was in evidence.

Whether a vote will be taken on this Bill this Session is doubtful. With a view to success whenever the vote is taken in Parliament, the strongest emphasis needs to be laid on the importance of using every legitimate means to influence the members of Parliament, and should there be an election, to make this Bill of paramount importance in influencing the choice of candidates, and at the Poll.

The fact stands out clearly that the will of the people is being opposed constantly by the return to Parliament of Candidates, who use the Nelson System as a sop to try and satisfy electors. While the League's Bill supports the Nelson System, its inadequacy in itself is apparent to all, and Parliamentarians find it a convenient herring to draw across the line of our goal.

There is a steady increase in the operation of the Nelson System, which should find support as the best available under present conditions. No Education Board now vetoes its operation, and thus a valuable, if restricted opportunity is presented to Ministers.

T. W. VEALIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report of the Temperance and Public Morals Committee be received. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring Convener of the Committee, and that the Superintendent of the Wellington South Circuit be appointed Convener for 1932.

1. Art Unions and Gambling.

That the Conference enters its strong protest against the issue by the Government of Art Union permits in which valuable money prizes are offered. It believes that this method of raising funds for even worthy objects is highly detrimental to the moral and economic interests of the Dominion. It tends to foster the spirit of gambling, which is already a gigantic evil in the land. It urges its people to abstain from indulging in any form of gambling, and to use their influence in seeking to persuade others to do the same.

That copies of this resolution be circulated and read in all our Churches.

The Conference regrets that any reputable firm should use the ordinary channels of commerce to encourage the gambling spirit by offering an Art Union ticket for the purchase of goods. Such a course is a misuse of good trade; is taking an unfair advantage of other competitors in business, and is unworthy of any firm which depends upon people of all shades of opinion for its support.

2. Social Service Association.

That the Conference, having established the "Methodist Social Service Association," appoints the Welfare of the Church Committee to draft a working scheme and submit it through the Synods to the Conference of 1933.

3. Temperance.

This Conference calls attention to the fact that the Liquor Trade degrades the character of the people; is the cause of much crime; helps to fill our gaols; and is responsible for disease, poverty, and domestic unhappiness. Drinking leads to many motor accidents and deaths, and also seriously increases financial depression and unemployment.

The Conference urges Methodists of the Dominion to become more earnest in their opposition to the Liquor Trade, and the use of intoxicating liquor at weddings and social functions; to form Bands of Hope, and engage in pledge signing work, the circulating of educational literature, the formation of temperance Committees in Bible Class organisations, the development of leaders in the prohibition campaign, and by opposing the growing custom of the home brewing of beer.

The Conference, realising that the liquor trade is an enemy to the Church of Christ, pledges itself to use all its powers to remove this curse from the Dominion.

4. Bible in Schools.

(a) Conference reaffirms its support of the programme of the Bible in Schools League. It urges ministers to avail themselves of the present facilities provided by the Nelson system, while it is recognised that the Nelson system cannot possibly meet all the needs of the case. As a much sounder and more adequate measure the Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill, supported by the great majority of the people of New Zealand, is again endorsed, and Parliament is urged to hasten its enactment.

(b) Attention is drawn to the provisions of the Bill precluding the need for altering any financial relationships in the present State system, and placing the entire responsibility of providing for expenditure in religious lessons on voluntary contributions or taxpayers represented only by the pupils participating.

5. Disarmament.

That the Conference impressed by the grave need to lessen the risk of international war and to foster the fraternal co-operation of all peoples voices its conviction that the League of Nations offers the most effective means of achieving these desirable ends. It approves the established policy of active participation in the work of the League by the New Zealand Government, and urges all members and adherents of our Church to take a studious interest in that work and to pray for the success of the Disarmament Conference.

6. Film Censorship.

The Conference urges that the censorship in connection with films released in New Zealand should be considerably tightened in order to avoid the release of pictures which are proving detrimental to the moral welfare of the people. Conference requests the Temperance and Public Morals Committee to consider the advisability of suggesting to the Government that an Advisory Board be formed comprised of prominent social and religious workers.

7. State Lottery.

This Conference emphatically urges the Government and Parliament of New Zealand to withstand the proposal for a State Lottery, of which notice has been given by a private member. It declares that charitable causes and education would be ill served if such worthy ends were supported by demoralising means. And further, that a large body of public opinion would be seriously affronted if the proposal were received in any other way than righteous indignation.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION, 1931.

The past year has shown little activity in connection with immigration to New Zealand. The Home Government has almost discontinued immigration to our Dominion, covering the past year. This is largely due to financial depression and the unrest of the Labour problem creating difficulty in finding employment for those within our own borders.

Mr. Bateson, of the Home Department, has advised me of some persons who have come to New Zealand to fill various private positions and in some instances these have been men and women of education and active members of our Church. These newcomers have been met, interviewed and their names sent on to ministers in charge of our circuits. Mr. B. H. Kirkland, our City Missionary, and Mr. R. Denton of Wesley Church, continue to render me much appreciated assistance in my work. To all who have assisted in this work we express our best thanks.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS,

WELLINGTON.

Chief Immigration Officer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Missioner Kirkland, Mr. R. Denton, and the Rev. T. R. Richards, and that the latter be re-appointed as Chief Immigration Officer.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, 1931.

1. Properties Acquired.

- Hutt (Belmont)**—4 perches £25.
Dovedale—Section two thirds acre. Value £100.
Riverton—School. Cost £255. No debt.

2. Erections and Additions.

- Auckland West (Richmond)**—Arch Hill Church removed and renovated. Cost £220. Debt £55.
Onehunga (Favona)—Extension of Hall. Cost £130. No debt.
Hokianga (Waimamaku)—Church erected. Cost £602. Debt £220.
Hamilton East (Rototuna)—Church and School Hall. Cost £1,750. Debt £644.
Opunake (Rahotu)—Additions to School. Cost £114. No debt.
Wairoa H.B.—Vestry £60.
Hutt (Belmont)—Additions to Church. Cost £63. No debt.
Richmond (Stoke)—School being erected.
Riccarton—Garage. Cost £35. Debt £15.
Rangiora—Bible Class Room. Cost £283. No debt.
Sefton—New Church almost completed.
Mornington—School. Cost £3,631. Debt £1,526.

3. Sales and Extended Leases Reported.

- Huntly (Pukemiro)**—Section sold £70. Net proceeds for Huntly Trust.
Opunake (Tataraimaka)—Section sold £10. Proceeds Opunake Trust.
Stratford (Midhirst West)—Section sold £15. Proceeds Parsonage Trust.
Napier (Clive)—Property sold £50. Proceeds Napier Trust.
Richmond (Stoke)—Land exchanged with County Council.
Springfield—Section sold £15. Proceeds to Waddington Trust.
Hawarden—Half acre sold £57. Proceeds to repay Loan Fund.
Invercargill Central (West Plains)—Section sold £20. Proceeds new Church Fund.

4. Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account	..	7,189	3	10
„ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	..	23,734	15	9
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	..	4,060	0	0
„ Loans from Other Sources	.. ..	4,262	1	8
„ All Other Receipts	.. ..	59,635	16	1
Total Receipts	.. ..	98,881	17	4
Debit Balances	.. ..	14,594	7	8
		£113,476	5	0

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance from last year		16,019	14	1
„ Loan Fund Instalments		2,597	16	8
„ Other Loans Repaid		12,674	19	1
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft ..		9,849	5	5
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings		9,448	4	2
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..		33,639	6	2
Total Expenditure		84,229	5	7
Credit Balances		5,535	19	9
Balances held for Special Purposes		23,710	19	8
		£113,476	5	0

5. Statement of Debts.

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year		£173,018	5	3
Add New Loans received during year		5,888	1	9
Total		178,906	7	0
Deduct Loans repaid during year		15,609	7	4
Amount of Mortgage Debt at 30th September, 1931 ..		£163,296	19	8
Unpaid General Accounts		3,583	11	8
Unpaid Interest		470	17	8

6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported		£742,505	15	9
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7. General.

The various district reports reflect the economic condition of the country. The total receipts for trust purposes show a considerable decrease. The amount expended in the purchase of land, the erection of new buildings and the additions to existing buildings shows a decrease of £12,675. The mortgage debts show a gratifying reduction of £11,380. The debit balances reported are £1,368 less than last year. Such facts, no doubt, are due to a restriction of aggressive enterprises.

The amount reported as being held for special purposes is £23,710. Some trusts have not reported how or where these moneys are invested. In some cases the money has been lent to the Circuit fund or to other trusts in the circuit. Attention is called to the legal obligation to invest all such moneys in harmony with the provisions of the "Trustee Act, 1908." Serious consequences may arise from infringement of this law.

Many Trusts are facing acute financial conditions. The Wanganui shops Trust is confronted by a problem that will need careful consideration.

The earthquake of last February completely destroyed the fine brick church and block of shops at Hastings. At Napier the shop property was destroyed and serious damage done to school and parsonage. Other buildings in the stricken area suffered in a less degree.

8. District Secretaries for Church Property.

The District Secretaries for Church Property continue to render good service and all are recommended for reappointment for 1932 as follows:—

Auckland—Mr. J. W. Shackelford, 27, Elliott Street, Auckland.

South Auckland—Mr. F. C. Daniell, Te Mawhai, Main Trunk Line, North Island.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. E. J. Judd, Frankley Road, New Plymouth.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Road, Feilding.
Wellington—Mr. S. T. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Wellington.
Nelson—Mr. W. D. Pike, "Honiton," Main Street, Blenheim.
North Canterbury—Mr. Frank Thompson, 28 Repton Street, Merivale.
South Canterbury—Mr. John Watson, 51 Cameron Street West, Ashburton.
Otago-Southland—Mr. A. S. Froggatt, 153 Gala Street, Invercargill.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
 General Secretary.

Christchurch, 26th December, 1931.

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 1932.
3. That Resolutions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Minutes of Conference 1931 be reaffirmed and printed in the Minutes.
4. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee bring their resolution re "Consent for Mortgages" before the Synods, for report to next Conference.
5. That, pending the receipt of the Synodal reports the advice of the Church Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall be obtained for all mortgages of Church property.
6. **RENWICKTOWN SECTION.**—(a) That the purchase money of this section, (£30) be handed over to the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt) to be held by him for any future developmental work at Renwicktown. (b) That in the meantime it be lent to the Trustees of the Springlands Methodist property free of interest.
7. **WANGANUI SHOPS TRUST.**—"That the trustees in conjunction with representatives of the Church to be appointed by the Conference, be advised to approach the Mortgagees (the National Mutual Life Association), with special reference to the present position and the future of the property with a view to ascertaining the most favourable arrangements that can be made for the continuance of the mortgage.

That the Committee consist of representatives of the Wanganui Shops Trust, the President of Conference, the Ex-President, the Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, Messrs. A. Peak, C. E. Taylor, H. de R. Flesher, B. Lynneberg, and E. W. A. Kellow with power to add to their number, the Convener to be the Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District.

That the Committee be empowered to discuss the matter of the liability on the Wanganui Property with any Connexional Boards or Trusts that may be able to assist or advise in the matter."

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND REPORT FOR 1931.

The books of the Fund for the year ending 30th September, 1931 have been duly audited and certified to as correct. The Loans Account shows that a sum of £2,915 13s. 3d. has been received in repayment of loans. This is £1,490 5s. 6d. less than was received during the previous year and is a reflection of the widespread economic depression.

New loans have been advanced to the amount of £4,060. These loans are as follow :—Takapuna Church £1000, Mount Roskill Church £180, Ponsonby Church £50, Paparoa Hall £130, Waimamaku Church £150, Warkworth Church £50, Rototuna Church £600, Te Awamutu Parsonage £200, Brooklyn Church £150, Pieton School £150, Linwood Parsonage £200, Beckenham School £200, Morningson School £1000.

The amount of loans current at the end of the financial year was £20,534 4s. 5d. this being £1,061 8s. 11d. more than the previous year. A sum of £82 9s. 6d. due by Runanga has been written off the Capital account by the authority of the Conference.

The Revenue Account shows that a sum of £257 13s. 11d. has been received for office expenses. A special grant of £30 was made towards the furnishing of Epworth Chambers.

The Income for the Church Sites Fund has been £191 6s. 9d., but grants exceeding this amount by a total of £54 13s. 3d. were made as follow :—

Broadwood £36, Kataia £30, Motukaraka £30, Homai £75, Miramar £25, Dovedale £12 10s. 0d, and Riverton £37 10s. 0d. Total £246.

The grants to Dovedale and Riverton were for School properties not for Church Sites and the Committee asks the Conference to ratify its action in making these grants and also requests that the scope of the Church Sites Fund be extended to embrace sites for schools parsonages and institutions.

The Balance-Sheet shows that the assets of the Fund now stand at £22,146 17s. 11d. including £1000 that is invested on Mortgage for the Church Sites Fund. A balance of £457 14s. 4d. stands to the credit of the Church Sites Fund and this is available for grants in accordance with the relative regulations. A balance of £153 18s. 5d. remains in the Reserve Appropriation Account.

During the year the following loans have been fully repaid :—Remuera Church, Penrose Church, Otahuhu School, Paparoa Parsonage, Silverdale Parsonage, Helensville Church, Tauranga Church and Parsonage, Ngaruawahia Parsonage, Motueka Church, Lincoln Road Church, Port Chalmers Church, Milton Church. The Inaha site has been sold and the loan thereon repaid by the proceeds. Runanga liability has been cancelled.

A tabulated statement of current loans has been sent to each District Synod. The loans current in each district at 30th September were :—Auckland 21, South Auckland 26, Taranaki-Wanganui 9, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu 11, Wellington 11, Nelson 9, North Canterbury 22, South Canterbury 4, Otago-Southland 12, Total 125. A special report has been forwarded to each Synod concerning serious cases of arrears.

A. N. SCOTTER, CHAIRMAN.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, SECRETARY.

CHRISTCHURCH,

1st OCTOBER, 1931

SALES SANCTIONED.

Auckland—East Street Hall. Sale for £4000. Proceeds to be invested as approved by Loan Fund Committee. Interest only to be used for purposes of the Auckland Mission.

Auckland—France Street. Sale for best price obtainable but price to be approved by Auckland District Property Advisory Committee.

Onoroo (Batley)—Dedication of strip of 12 feet for road widening purposes

Tamaterau—Sale for £30. Proceeds to be applied as approved by Mission Property Trustees.

Onerahi—Sale on terms to be approved by Mission Property Trustees.

Te Aroha—Sale of old school building for removal.

Midhurst West—Sale of section £15. Proceeds Stratford Parsonage debt reduction.

East Clive—Sale of property for £50. Proceeds to reduce Mortgage debt on Napier Church.

Kimbolton—Sale of property for £100. Proceeds to be held in trust by General Purposes Trust Board and interest only to be paid to Apiti Home Mission Station.

Takapau—Sale of Section £50. Proceeds to repay debt to Loan Fund and any surplus to assist Waipukurau.

Belleknowes—Sale of Church property for not less than £400. Proceeds to reduce Mortgage debt on Mornington property or in the alternative to pre-pay debt to Loan Fund.

COMMITTEES FOR 1932.

The North Canterbury District has nominated the following as the General Committee for 1932.

The Chairman of the District (ex officio) the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Sydenham, and St. Albans Circuits; Rev. S. Lawry, Messrs H. de R. Flesher (Treasurer), S. H. Maddren, H. J. S. Harrington, C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. McIndoe, John MacDougall, J. H. Kidd.

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

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

South Auckland.—The Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs. E. J. Davey, W. B. Williams, E. N. Miller, J. C. Tietjens and E. J. Easter.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—The Ministers of the New Plymouth Circuit, the Secretary of the Synod, with Messrs C. E. Bellringer, R. Pepperell, J. T. Griffin, E. Dixon and T. P. Hughson, senr.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—The Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits, with Messrs. G. H. Stiles and T. R. Hodder.

Wellington.—To be arranged by the District Executive Committee.

Nelson.—The Superintendent of the Blenheim Circuit, Rev. H. S. Kings and Mr. F. H. Southgate.

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 and Mr. A. W. Barnett as corresponding members.

Otago-Southland.—The Rev. L. B. Neale, Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, E. Rosevear and D. C. Cameron. Sub-Committee for Southland—Superintendent of Invercargill Central Circuit, the District Secretary and Mr. W. Mitchell.

A. N. SCOTTER, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 26th December, 1931.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
3. 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 March 31st, 1933).

4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee for their services during the past year, and that the Committee for 1932 be as named in the Report.
5. That the District Advisory Committees be appointed as named in the Report.
6. That the Conference records its appreciation of the action of the late Mr. W. H. Duke in making a bequest of £100 to the Capital Account of the Church Building and Loan Fund, and that it commends the interests of this Fund to others who are making testamentary bequests.
7. CHURCH SITES FUND.—That the opening paragraph of Section B of the Regulations of the Church Sites Fund be amended to read :—
“Grants may be made towards the cost of purchasing land as sites for Churches, Schools, Parsonages or Connexional Institutions subject to the following conditions—
8. That it be a recommendation to the Committee to grant the sum of £100 to the Dunedin Central Mission from the Church Sites Fund, towards the purchase of the new property in the Octagon.
9. Conference approves of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee's action in granting to the Hastings Church Trustees the sum of £1000 on loan; that the Trust be exempted from repayment of instalments for two years, and that the whole sum be repaid within ten years of the expiry of the two years afor mentioned.
10. That the Conference ratifies the action of the Committee in making grants from the Church Sites Fund towards the purchase of School Sites.
11. That it be a direction to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to issue a circular to Trustees advising them—
 - (a) That Trustees in signing a mortgage are personally liable unless they are excluded from such liability by the inclusion in the Memorandum of Mortgage of a clause providing for such exemption.
 - (b) That Trustees when negotiating for the mortgage of property in connection with business or similar enterprises should arrange for the severance from the security of the portion of the property occupied by the church, school and parsonage buildings.

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

Detailed reports of the registration and removal of Trustees were, as usual, furnished to the various District Synods. Three new Trusts have been registered and alterations and additions made in respect of 79 Trusts. These changes have involved the registration of 179 new Trustees and the removal of 166 names from the Register. Ten deeds have been received for safe custody. The sum of £23 2s. 6d. received in fees has been paid to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

The Registration of 280 ministers under the Marriage Act has been attended to.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch, 4th January, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That in accordance with “The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887,” the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1932-1933.
3. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.
4. That it be a direction to all Trusts and Circuits to deposit their Records wherever possible with the Custodian of Deeds.

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

PROBERT TRUST BOARD.

Report for the Year Ending 31st October, 1931.

It is with regret that the Board has to report that the Accounts for the year ending 31st October, 1931 show a large deficiency in income as compared with previous years.

This is accounted for by the universal depression which has existed for some considerable time entailing reductions of rentals and loss of tenants.

Consequent upon the reduced income, the Board has been compelled to advise the trustees of the Theological College that it is unable to make any definite provision for the College for the year ending 31st March, 1933.

While every effort is being made to keep the expenses as low as possible, the Board find it necessary to keep the various buildings in good order and repair in order to retain tenants.

Since the close of the year, the Board has suffered a severe loss by the death of the Reverend George Bond. He joined the Board in 1916 and has always taken a great interest in the development of the trust. He was appointed one of the Treasurers of the Board in 1920 and held that office at the time of his death.

During the year the Reverend Dr. Ranston was appointed to the Board.

The present members of the Board are:—Messrs. Walter Ambury, W. E. Lewisham, Frank Winstone, A. J. Buttle, Albert W. Parker, John Veale, Joseph Stanton, James Tyler, The Rev. Dr. Laws and the Rev. Dr. Ranston.

J. VEALE, Chairman.

Auckland, 23rd November, 1931.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report, Financial Statement, Revenue Account and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1931.

During the year the Trustees voted a further sum of £200 to the Trinity College for the year 1932-33. The Mortgage has been reduced to £2200. In consequence of vacancies by death of Messrs. T. Allen, A. C. and H. P. Caughey and S. J. Ambury the following have been elected to their places: Messrs. James Tyler, John Maginness, Andrew Messer and Archibald Peak.

W. WALKER, Chairman.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report, Cash Statement, and Mortgage Account be received and adopted.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1931.

The work of the Board has called for careful and sympathetic consideration of applications during the year for assistance. The Board has also reviewed cases that have received assistance over a considerable period with a view to satisfying itself as to the need for the continuance of the assistance.

The regretted death of the Chairman, Rev. Geo. Bond, who has occupied this position since the inception of the Board has deprived the Board of a valued member and one who took a deep personal interest in its benevolent work.

The Board nominates the President, Rev. E. D. Patchett, as a member of the Board in place of the Rev. Geo. Bond and requests the Conference to make the appointment as required by the terms of the Trust.

The accounts of the Board are submitted for the consideration of the Conference.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

Auckland, January 22nd, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, and statement of receipts and expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. E. D. Patchett become a member of the Board, in place of Rev. Geo. Bond.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

REPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE, 1932.

The year which has just closed has shewn continued progress at the Children's Home at Masterton, and the Board has much pleasure in again recording its very high appreciation of the splendid work of the Matron, Miss Allan, and her first assistant, Miss Mead. The Masterton committee and Rev. J. Cocker have rendered whole-hearted assistance in the work, and are largely responsible for the success which has attended the work of the year. The Board asks that the Committee, as now constituted, shall be re-appointed by the Conference, and also unanimously nominates the Rev. T. R. Richards as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Owing to the financial stringency which is prevalent throughout the Dominion, it has been necessary for the Board to augment the income of the Home during the year, to the extent of £500.

In view of the position generally, and the further fact that the Board is faced in the immediate future with a heavy expenditure over some of the houses on its Wellington property, the lease of which has just expired, it was deemed unwise to proceed at present with the proposal for the proposed Maori Girls' College in the New Plymouth area. If the conditions should improve during this year, it may be found practicable to launch a campaign for financial assistance, which will be necessary before a start could be made with the erection of any buildings.

Following on the reference in last year's report, as to the negotiations which were proceeding in regard to the new leases for the land in Wellington City, belonging to the Board, and the houses thereon, it was found that protracted litigation has been necessary in order to bring matters to anything like a successful issue. The old lease expired on the 1st of January, and some of the properties have been leased to the existing tenants at satisfactory figures—negotiations are still proceeding with respect to others, and it is hoped that before long, most, if not all of the land and houses thereon will be dealt with. Owing to the fact that access to the properties is by "private ways," it has been found necessary to approach the Wellington City Council, in conjunction with the Trustees of the Wellington Hospital Board, the owners of the adjoining lands, in an endeavour to get the Council to take over the ways as "public streets." These negotiations are still under way, but finality may not be reached for a long time, and it may eventually be necessary for the Hospital Board and the Council to get legislation in the matter.

The members of the Board, have given much time and consideration to this important matter affecting the future policy and financial position of the Board, the whole subject being surrounded with difficulties which were not anticipated. It may be said confidently that a large expenditure will be required shortly, in various ways before finality is reached.

The Revenue account and Balance Sheet shewing the operations of the Board for the year 1931 are attached to this report.

Submitted on behalf of the Board.

W. C. HEMERY,

Wellington, 21st January, 1932

Honorary Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, and the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. T. R. Richards be re-appointed Chairman of the Board.
3. That the Reports, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheets of the following Trusts be received and adopted:—

Emsly Theological Endowment Trust.

Theological Students' Library Fund.

Methodist Mission Property Trust.

Prince Albert College Trust.

Grey Institute.

Kai Iwi Mission Estate.

Wellington Methodist Educational Trust.

For the Balance Sheets (see Appendix).

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

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND, 1931.

The Board is pleased to report to the Conference another year of satisfactory business. For the year ended 31st October, 1931 additional risks on church properties placed with the Department have totalled £20,716. The total number of church properties insured with us is constantly growing and the amount of cover given on them is now £679,330 16s. 3d. We have also arranged for the insurance of properties and personal effects of ministers for a total of £30,357 as well as for insurances aggregating £43,920 on properties mortgaged to our Board and to the Supernumerary Fund Board. In addition we have arranged cover for Employers Liability Risks totalling £1851. The aggregate of all insurances held by or arranged through us is £755,458 16s. 3d. To give greater security to our own funds, the Board, in pursuance of its conservative policy, has arranged for increased re-insurances on church properties. A small fire loss of £6 during the year was covered by re-insurance.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet clearly set forth the financial position of the Department. The income from all sources has amounted to £3,936 8s. 2d. After meeting all working expenses and re-insurance charges there is a surplus on the year's working of £2,612 13s. 4d. The assets of the Fund now amount to £26,868 8s. 1d. During the year mortgage investments have decreased by £100 and now stand at £9,450. Debenture and Inscribed Stock investments have increased by £1,500 and now amount to £16,881. The total invested funds aggregate £26,331.

In accordance with the arrangement approved by Conference last year, the Board proposes to allocate a sum of £913 17s. 1d. to the Permanent Capital Account which will bring the Accumulated Funds to the agreed amount of £25,000. It also proposes to allocate the sum of £563 16s. 3d. to the new Fire Loss Reserve Account. This will leave a balance of £1135 available for distribution for Connexional purposes.

Grants Voted by Conference.

In accordance with the resolution of the Conference of 1931 a special grant of £500 was made to the Hawke's Bay Earthquake Relief Fund to assist in the restoration of Church properties in the stricken area. Other grants were paid as follows:—Home Acquisition Fund £283 10s. 0d.; Benevolent Branch of Supernumerary Fund £75; Church Sites Fund £50; Young People's Department £50; Deaconess House Fund £100; Foreign Mission Fund £100; Home Mission Fund £100; Epworth Chambers Furnishing £50. The aggregate of grants was thus £1308 10s. 0d.

Appropriations for 1932

The Board recommends that the available surplus be allocated as follows:—

(1) Home Acquisition Fund	£285
Deaconess House Fund	£100
Foreign Mission Fund	£100
Home Mission Fund	£100
Benevolent Branch Supernumerary Fund	£75
Church Sites Fund	£50
Young People's Department	£50

(2) In view of the extraordinary needs created by existing economic conditions the Board recommends that special grants be made as follows:—

Theological College Council	£125
Senior Home Missionaries' Appeal Fund	£125
Foreign Mission S.O.S. Appeal Fund	£125

This will absorb the available balance of £1,135.

Board for 1932.

Under the existing regulations it is necessary for one lay-member of the Board to retire each year. The member due for retirement is Mr. S. R. Webb, but Mr. A. A. Sandford asked that he be allowed to retire so as to retain the services of Mr. Webb. With great regret the Board yielded to the request and placed on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to it by Mr. Sandford. It hopes for his early return to its membership.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for 1932:—The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Revs. T. Fee, S. Lawry, F. T. Read, Hon. G. J. Smith, C. B. E., M.L.C. (Lay Treasurer), Messrs. S. R. Webb, F. H. Christian, W. A. Bascand, J. W. Manchester and E. R. Caygill.

The Board tenders its thanks to the honorary auditors, Messrs. C. F. Edgar, F.R.A.N.Z., and W. L. Thomas, to the Lay Treasurer, the Hon. G. J. Smith and to the retiring member, Mr. A. A. Sandford for their valuable services.

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 8th January, 1932..

ADDENDUM.

The Board desires the Conference to place on record the appreciation of the Connexion of the conspicuous services rendered by the Secretary, the

Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt. The highly satisfactory result of the year's operations, the continued growth of the department, and its efficient organisation and administration are evidence of his unsparing devotion to the work and of his outstanding business ability.

S. R. WEBB, Chairman.

Christchurch. 8th January, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That a sum of £913 17s. 1d. having been added to the Permanent Capital Account to increase the same to the amount of £25,000 as determined by the last Conference, a further sum of £563 16s. 3d. be voted to the Fire Loss Reserve Account and the available balance of £1,135 be allocated as recommended in the Report.
3. That Resolution 7 Minutes 1931 page 87 be reaffirmed.
4. That Resolution 3 Minutes 1931 page 87 be reaffirmed.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Messrs. W. L. Thomas and C. F. Edgar for their services as Honorary Auditors of the Fund.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board for its services during the past year, and especially to the retiring member, Mr. A. A. Sandford, and that the Board for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
7. That Conference requests the Connexional Fire Insurance Board to take into sympathetic consideration the matter of granting further assistance towards the restoration of the Church destroyed by earthquake at Hastings, should funds permit.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE 1931.

The reports of the various Departments administered in the Connexional Office give some indication of the work done by the Office. The growth of work in all departments and the expansion of the activities of the office have added greatly to the duties of the Secretary and the office staff. Business men will gather some idea of the volume of business dealt with when it is stated that there are over 6,000 current ledger accounts and that the outward mail for the calendar year comprised 12,167 communications. Incidentally, the increase in postal charges has somewhat added to the expenses of the various departments.

The remarkable growth of the Funds administered in the Connexional Office and the steady reduction in the ratio of administrative costs is altogether notable. The following table will prove very illuminating, as covering a period of thirty years at ten year intervals.

	1901	1911	1921	1931
Total Funds	£11,179	£15,769	£142,501	£214,683
Total Receipts	3,621	6,013	16,667	25,339
Working Expenses of Funds and Office	544	560	1,031	1,529
EXPENSES—				
Percentage to Receipts ..	£15 0 0	£9 6 0	£6 2 0	£6 0 0
Percentage to Funds ..	4 16 0	3 10 0	0 14 0	0 14 0

The unprecedented economic depression entails a considerable increase of work in the transaction of business. This, with the steady growth of the various departments, has laid a heavy burden on the office staff and the Committee desires to pay its tribute to the efficiency and zeal of the accountant and clerical assistants.

The erection of Epworth Chambers and the work consequent thereupon has added greatly to the tasks of the Connexional Secretary during the past year, while the administrative responsibility relative to invested funds in these times of financial stress has entailed work that has placed far too heavy a burden upon the Secretary whose manifold duties necessitate working at a pressure so great and for hours so long as to occasion concern as to how long the burden can be sustained. The Committee is gratified that the Connexional Secretary has been chosen to fill the Presidential Chair of the Conference but asks that, in view of the fact that his almost constant presence at the office is more than ever necessary in days of unsettlement, he shall be spared from responding to all unnecessary demands and that he be not expected to travel so much as recent occupants of the Presidential Chair have been able to do. It is possible to get supplies to carry on pulpit and circuit duties but the nature and diversity of the work of the Connexional Secretary calls for his constant personal attention. In the Connexional interest it is well to emphasise the fact that there is a limit to the carrying capacity even of a Connexional Secretary.

The financial statement for the year 1931 discloses a satisfactory position. The committee asks for the following appropriations :—

Church Building and Loan Fund	..	..	£200
Fire Insurance Fund	..	..	£330
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	..	..	£385
Contingent Fund	..	..	£190
"Methodist Times" Fund	..	..	£170

This represents a reduction for the third successive year in the amounts from the Contingent Fund and the Loan Fund.

During a considerable part of the year the lay-treasurer (Mr. Frank Thompson) has been away from the Dominion and Mr. M. Kershaw efficiently served in his stead.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1932 :—The Chairman of the District, The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Woolston and St. Albans Circuits with Mr. Frank Thompson (Treasurer), the Lay Treasurer of the Church Building and Loan Fund, Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee, and Messrs M. Kershaw, J. Lomas, H. W. Armitage.

In recommending the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for reappointment for a further term the Committee again records its high appreciation of the valuable service he so efficiently and zealously renders to the church which is fortunate in possessing as Connexional Secretary one whose great business gifts are exercised in developing and extending the work of the devoted men who initiated important enterprises and carried the responsibilities of the earlier years.

H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch, 8th January, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the Appropriations as recommended in the Report be approved.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the members of the Committee for the past year and that the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.

4. That the Conference designate the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for appointment in 1933 for a further term to the office of Connexional Secretary.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for his courteous and efficient services rendered to the Connexional Office and to the various Boards and Committees associated therewith.

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

A.—REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

(1). The College re-opened on Monday, March 9th, when seventeen students, six of whom were freshmen, came into residence. Three students for the ministry of the Congregational Church are also in residence, and Miss Iris Arthur has taken the lectures in New Testament Theology.

(2). The main prizes awarded at the end of last year and presented during the first session of this year, were as follows :—G. R. Bowden "Wagstaff" Prize for Biblical subjects; D. O. Williams ("Edson" Prize for Greek, and "Alexander Reid" Prize for Elocution); R. Dudley, M.A. ("Garland" Prize for Theology); W. W. H. Greenslade ("Kent" Prize for English Literature). Other prizes were awarded to T. H. Carr, H. W. Payne, R. Dudley, D. O. Williams, W. C. Jenkin, and R. E. Patchett.

The "Alexander Reid" Elocution Prize for this year was won by R. Day, and other prizes in the same competition were awarded to Messrs. Dudley and Dorrian.

(3). The Tutorial work for the year has been as follows :—

(a). The Principal has taught "New Testament Theology" (the teaching of the Johannine Books. One hour per week), "New Testament Exegesis, (John 13/31-17/26, and First Epistle of Peter—One hour); "Old Testament Introduction" (the Books of the Prophets—One hour during the first two terms); "Old Testament Theology" (Prophecy, and the teaching of the individual Prophets; the Apocalyptic Literature—One hour); "Old Testament Exegesis (the 'Servant of the Lord' passages—One hour during the last term); "Second and Third Years' New Testament Greek (Syntax, and the reading of selected passages—Two hours); "Hebrew" (Two hours); and "Classical Greek" (Two hours). Test papers on General Old Testament Knowledge also have been set each term.

The Residential Tutor has taught "Systematic Theology" (General Introduction to Systematic Theology; God; and Man—Two hours); "New Testament Introduction" (The Fourth Gospel, the non-Pauline Epistles, and the Book of Revelation—One hour); "Pastoral Theology" (General: special attention to Sunday School Methods and Organisation—One hour to second year's men); "Paedagogy and Child Psychology" (One hour for third year's men); "New Testament Greek" (Junior Class—Two hours); "Logic" (One hour). Test papers in General New Testament Knowledge have also been set each term.

Dr. Laws has taught "Homiletics" (including preparation for work among adolescents—One hour), conducted the class for "Sermon Criticism" (One hour), and lectured fortnightly on "English Literature." Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., has taught "English Grammar and Composition"; and Mr. J. F. Montague has conducted weekly classes in "Elocution and Voice Production."

(b). In "Practical Work" men have assisted in the work of the Grafton Sunday School and attended the Bible Class. Student Dudley has conducted the Wesley Guild; Messrs. Day and Patchett have acted as Student-Pastors; and Mr. Alley has given special attention to the C. E. Society. Leading Auckland Sunday Schools have been visited, and their methods

and organisation studied. The men in turn have been present at the Auckland East Circuit Quarterly Meetings; most of them attended Bible Class Camps at Easter; and during vacations supply work has been undertaken by several. Open-Air meetings have been held during the year, and successful Evangelistic Services have been conducted.

(c). The Rev. E. P. Blamires has visited the College and given three valuable lectures on Child Life and the organisation of Young People's Work. Dr. Neil McDougall has delivered an informative Lecture on "The Minister in relation to the Sick and their Medical Advisers." Dr. T. Z. Koo, of China, and various Ministers of our own and other Churches have also addressed the men to their profit.

(d). The particulars of University Work done during the year are as follows:—

Mr. R. Dudley, M.A., who last year passed in Ethics for the Diploma of Social Science, is this year reading for the London B.D. Intermediate Examination, and also for the N.Z. Diploma in Social Science.

Mr. I. S. Williamson, who last year obtained terms in Education I and Philosophy I, is this year sitting for terms in Philosophy I, and will take the Degree Examination in Education I and Philosophy I.

Mr. R. E. Patchett has this year attended lectures in Education I and Philosophy I, and Mr. B. M. Chrystall in Psychology and Education II.

Mr. H. J. Tozer, who before becoming a Divinity Student had in 1930 already passed for the B.A. Degree in Education I, French I, History II and Philosophy II, is reading this year in Political Science I, and Philosophy III (final B.A.).

These men, with the exception of Mr. Dudley, if successful in their terms' examinations, will proceed to the degree examinations in November.

(4). The Senior Student for this year is Mr. R. Dudley, M.A., to whom thanks are due for excellent leadership. Discipline and attention to study have been well maintained by the men. Regular devotional meetings have been held and have contributed to spiritual welfare. The chastely-furnished little Prayer Room now provided by the kindness of a few friends is consistently used. Groups have regularly met to discuss missionary, sociological and other problems of the day. On the whole, the health of the Students has been good.

(5). The Correspondence Classes for Candidates and others have been carried on under the direction of the Residential Tutor, and a report will be presented to the Examination Committee.

(6). Thirteen Hostel Students are in residence. We desire to increase the number considerably, and ask the co-operation of Ministers and laymen. The fees are low, considering the provision made for comfort and welfare. One or two of these men are preparing to become Candidates for our Ministry.

(7). The Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and Mrs. Blight, M.A., took up their residence in March. To their careful oversight, assisted by an excellent Staff, thanks are due for the efficient management of the domestic side of the College life.

(8). This, my first report as Principal, is sent forth not without a deep sense of responsibility. I stand in a fine succession. From my immediate predecessor, the Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, I receive an inheritance richer than ever. My colleague, Mr. Blight, is proving himself a worthy member of the permanent Staff. We both trust to retain the confidence of the Church we love, and for the welfare of which we shall strive without ceasing. The work of training men for the Christian ministry to be exercised in these perplexing days is more difficult than ever, and we shall need the assistance of the prayers and practical co-operation of the whole Church.

HARRY RANSTON, Principal.

Auckland, 8th October, 1931.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

Prize Awards.

These are as follows:—R. Dudley, M.A., Edson Prize for Greek, Wagstaff Biblical Prize, Second Senior Elocution Prize, Highest marks for Theology, but ineligible for Garland Prize, having won it in 1930. D. C. Alley—Special Theology Prize and Second Biblical and English Literature Prizes. R. Day—Alexander Reid Prize for Elocution. S. Hindmarsh—Kent Prize for English Literature. I. S. Williamson and H. J. Tozer bracketed equal for the Garland Theology Prize. A. P. Dorrian—Junior Elocution Prize.

University Successes.

H. J. Tozer has passed the Final Examination for B.A. degree, and I. S. Williamson, B. M. Chrystall, and R. E. Patchett have obtained their sections in the same examination.

H. RANSTON, PRINCIPAL.

9th February, 1932.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

Organisation.

We have pleasure in reporting to Conference that the work of the College has been maintained at a high standard during the year. The Council has met quarterly, and has had before it the recommendations of the Board of Studies, the College and House, Property and Finance Committees. The attendance and keen interest of members have been extremely gratifying, and the thanks of the Conference are due to the various Conveners for the efficient manner in which they have handled the business of their committees.

At its first meeting after Conference, the Council very cordially welcomed the incoming Principal and the Residential Tutor, who have given excellent service during this their first year of office.

The Council through its Committee of Discipline, has received gratifying reports concerning the conduct of the Students in residence.

Trinity Hostel.

The success of this side of our College life has been well in evidence during the year. Young men who come to Auckland for University or other scholastic studies find at "Trinity" conditions that are eminently suited to their work, while the fees charged are strictly moderate. The income from this source will continue to grow, and every endeavour is being made to ensure an increased number of Hostel students in residence next year.

Presentation of Fellowship Diploma.

The July meeting of the Council was held in the College Library, and marked the occasion when the Diploma of Trinity College Fellowship was presented to the Foundation Fellow, the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., in recognition of his specially distinguished academic and administrative services as first Principal of the College. The presentation was made by the Chairman of the College Council, the Rev. E. D. Patchett, President of the Conference.

College Library.

A request from the Auckland branch of the Local Preachers' Association for the privilege of the use of the reference books in the College library by Local Preachers, has been cordially agreed to by the Council, under the necessary safeguards.

Leadership in Religious Education.

This matter, remitted by last Conference to the Council through the Board of Studies, has been given adequate consideration, and the Council unanimously recommends to the Conference:—

"That in view of the qualifications of the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and the excellent work he is doing in the class for Religious Paedagogy, the Council considers it not necessary to appoint an outside lecturer in this subject."

Ex-Students' Bonds.

The Council regrets to report that considerable difficulty is being experienced in securing from some ex-students who have left our ministry repayment of amounts due for their training under the bond they signed on entering College. While recognising the financial difficulties of the times, and not in any way desirous of inflicting hardship, the Council has in a few cases been compelled to take steps to secure repayment.

Finance.

In considering its estimates of income and expenditure for next year, the Council draws the attention of the Conference to the financial difficulties with which it is faced. Up to the present the Probert Trust has been the chief source of income, this year providing £1300, which is a reduction on the grant of the previous year. The income of that Trust has now been so seriously reduced that for next year it can grant us very little. A small sum has been estimated, which it is hoped will be available.

The estimated expenditure has been carefully considered, and possible avenues of economy explored. The Principal and the Residential Tutor have offered a 10% reduction in their stipends, and have also agreed to conduct extra classes now taught by an outside lecturer. These offers have been gratefully accepted by the Council, as also has a similar offer with respect to fees by the lecturer in Homiletics. The same reduction is recommended with respect to the quarterages given to Students, and the wages paid to the domestic Staff.

With respect to estimated income for 1932, sincere thanks are due to the Trustees of Pitt Street Church, Auckland; and of Taranaki Street Church, Wellington; the Prince Albert College Trust Board, and the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, for assisting the Council with special grants. These, together with an accumulated surplus, a sum in the Reserve Fund, the usual grants, and rigid economy, should enable the Council to meet its liabilities for next year.

We realise, however, that unless in the near future the income of the Probert Trust improves rapidly, the difficulties of providing the necessary College finance will greatly increase, as we cannot hope next year to have a surplus, and we shall have depleted our Reserve Fund. We wish to take the Conference into our confidence as to the possibilities of our asking it in the future for larger grants from Connexional sources which for years have been comparatively lightly taxed, owing to the increasing assistance given by the Probert Trust Board.

Gifts.

The Council has during the year received many valuable gifts for the College Library, and grateful acknowledgment is made to the undermentioned :

Messrs. A. H. Reed (Dunedin); G. Brownson (Plymouth, Eng.); W. E. Boaden, J. W. Shackelford, Mesdames, A. H. White, G. A. Buttle, J. A. Luxford, the Misses Buttle, Miss B. Thorne (Auckland); Mrs. E. West (Te Awamutu); the Misses White (Rotorua) and Revs. Dr. Pinfold, G. Frost, W. A. Burley, M.A., and J. R. Nelson.

Through the kindness of a few Auckland friends, a small Prayer Room, for devotional use by the Students, has been provided at the end of the Library.

Supplementary.

The personnel of the Council for 1932, and any further matters, will be submitted in a Supplementary Report.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT

(President of Conference) CHAIRMAN.

ARCH. PEAK, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

FRANK E. LEADLEY, SECRETARY.

Auckland, 8th October, 1931.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

Membership.

In submitting its Supplementary Report the Council has to state that three vacancies will occur in its membership, owing to (a) the lamented death of the Rev. G. Bond; (b) the retirement of the Rev. G. T. Marshall, on account of ill health; (c) the removal from the district of the Rev. F. E. Leadley, secretary to the Council. In each case the Council has placed on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by these brethren. To fill the vacancies, the Revs. A. McBean and R. B. Tinsley have consented to nomination, and a third name will be submitted direct to Conference.

Economy Proposals.

A very generous offer from Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., the present tutor in English Grammar, to continue teaching this subject for next year without remuneration, has been gratefully accepted by the Council. The arrangements already made by the Council for the teaching of this subject by the permanent Staff will now be deferred, and take effect in 1933.

Relationship Between the Board of Studies and the Committee of Discipline.

During the year it has been found advisable to look into the relationship between the Board of Studies and the Committee of Discipline, and the Council now recommends:—"That the third question in paragraph 256, page 102, Book of Laws, be amended to read: 'What is the report of the Board of Studies as to his diligence and efficiency in his studies?'"

New College Building Fund Effort.

The Treasurers of this Fund have been requested by the Council to prepare a statement covering the whole of its operations, for presentation to Conference, and publication in the "Minutes."

Gifts.

In addition to those already reported, the Council gratefully acknowledges gifts to the valuable collection in the College Library, from Mrs. W. S. Potter (Auckland), Messrs. W. Dobbs (Christchurch), and G. Newsome (Auckland).

Council for 1932.

The following are recommended to Conference:—Revs. H. Ranston, M.A. Litt. D. (Principal), W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Residential Tutor), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., J. H. Simmonds, T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. H. Haslam, E. D. Patchett, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., W. Walker, A. McBean, R. B. Tinsley and one to be nominated, Messrs. A. Peak, J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, J. M. Caughey, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. J. Buttle, J. Tyler, A. Messer, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames and L. G. Simpson LL.M.

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Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. C. A. Sexton LL.M.
Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone.
Secretary, Rev. A. McBean.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT,
(President of Conference,) Chairman.

ARCH. PEAK, Vice-Chairman.

FRANK E. LEADLEY, Secretary.

Auckland, 16th December, 1931

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The College has always depended for its finance very largely upon the Probert Trust Board, their payment for the year ending March 31st, 1932 being £1300 and the previous year £1800. Unfortunately we have been advised by the Probert Trust Board that there will be nothing available for next year, owing to their income being seriously affected by the present adverse financial conditions. Consequently we have had to look elsewhere to raise our finance for the purpose of balancing our Budget.

It is fortunate that by strict economy we are able to estimate a surplus of £390 at the end of the present year. Also that we have created a Reserve Fund from the payments received under bonds from ex-students, which now amounts to £140. These two amounts we intend to utilize next year and by strict economy and a 10% reduction in the stipends, which has been generously agreed to by both the Principal and the Residential Tutor, and a 10% cut in wages of the staff, we are able to Budget for £367 less expenditure than we did last year.

The Finance Committee of the College Council went very carefully into the matter of exploiting fresh avenues of income and decided to approach the Pitt Street Church Trust, the Wesley Church Trust—Taranaki Street, the Connexional Fire Insurance and the Prince Albert College Trust, all of which have generously responded so that for the coming year we have been able to balance our Budget. Our Reserve, however, will have disappeared, and on account of the estimated cost for maintaining the College being reduced to a point at which it will be difficult to carry on, there will be no possibility of a surplus at the end of the year, especially as we have budgeted for £220 from the Probert Trust even though they have advised us it is possible this amount may not be available. Therefore, unless things improve with them before the next financial year, and we have more Hostel residents than we at present anticipate, we will have to look in some other quarter for further finance for the year ending March 31st, 1934.

The College Council therefore proposes that the following Budget be recommended to Conference.

BUDGET FOR 1932-33.

Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing 1st April, 1932.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	220	0	0
Emsley Trust Board	110	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust Board	50	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust Board—Special	200	0	0
Pitt Street Church Trust	150	0	0
Wesley Church Trust, Taranaki Street	100	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance Board	125	0	0
Contingent Fund	740	0	0
Home Mission Fund	135	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	25	0	0
Divinity Students' Contributions	200	0	0
Congregational Church—Fees for Students*	100	0	0
Trinity Hostel Fees	600	0	0
Trinity Collegiate Church	110	0	0
Rent—Moe hau Street	110	0	0
Interest from Site Purchase Fund—for ground rent	150	0	0
Estimated Surplus 1931-32	390	0	0
College Reserve Fund	140	0	0
	£3,605	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
House and Service—Divinity and Hostel	1,200	0	0
Stipends	765	0	0
Tutors' Fees	60	0	0
Connexional Charges	165	0	0
Quarterages	125	0	0
Rent	315	0	0
Rates	500	0	0
Insurance	31	0	0
Telephones	55	0	0
University Fees	80	0	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	5	0	0
Furnishing	25	0	0
Repairs	50	0	0
Garden	5	0	0
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Printing, Stationery, Legal Expenses, etc.	30	0	0
Interest—Moe hau Street	130	0	0
Bank Interest and Charges	6	0	0
Sundries	50	0	0
	£3,605	0	0

RESOLUTIONS.

1. (a) That the Reports of the Principal and of the College Council; the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement; the Report and Financial Statements of the Students' Library and Prize accounts be received and adopted.
(b) That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing April 1st, 1932, be received and adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., for his devoted and successful services during this his first year as Principal of the College.
3. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., for excellent services as Tutor; and to Mr. and Mrs. Blight for their efficient oversight of the domestic life of the College.
4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be conveyed to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.; Messrs. W. E. Burley, B.A., and J. F. Montague, for their services as visiting Tutors during the year.
5. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the competent services rendered to the Council in an honorary capacity by the Conveners of Committees, the Legal Adviser, Mr. A. Peak; the Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; and the Secretary, Rev. F. E. Leadley.
6. That the Conference does not consider it necessary that an outside Tutor be appointed in Religious Pedagogy.
7. That the Conference appreciates the generous offer accepted by the Council, of Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., to give his services this year as Tutor in English Composition, etc., without remuneration.
8. That the third question in par. 256 p. 102 Book of Laws be amended to read: "What is the report of the Board of Studies as to his diligence and efficiency in his studies?"
9. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the many valuable gifts to the College, enumerated in the Reports and sincerely thanks the donors.
10. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the offer of the Principal and Staff of a 10% reduction in stipends, etc., which it accepts with thanks.
11. That the heartiest thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Trustees of the Pitt Street Church, Auckland and the Taranaki Street Church, Wellington; the Prince Albert College Trust Board; and the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board for assisting the College with special grants for the coming year.
12. The Conference records its appreciation of the fact that each Student presenting himself for a University Examination has been successful.
13. That the question of Students' Quarterages be referred to the Council for further consideration and if possible to bring forward to Conference a more equitable scheme for the distribution of the amount now allowed. The Council is also asked to consider the whole question of payment by Circuits for the preaching appointments taken by the students.
14. **Trinity College Fellowship.**—Foundation Fellow: Rev. Charles Henry Laws, B.A., D.D.
15. **Council for 1932:**—Revs. H. Ranston M.A. Litt. D. (Principal), W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Residential Tutor), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., J. H. Simmonds, T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, M.A., J. H. Haslam, E. D. Patchett, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., W. Walker, A. McBean, R. B. Tinsley and W. W. Avery; Messrs. A. Peak, J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, J. M. Caughey, J. Stanton, LL.B., F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. J. Buttle, J. Tyler, A. Messer, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames and L. G. Simpson LL.M.

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D.—REPORT ON THE NEW COLLEGE SCHEME.

With the erection and furnishing of the second residence, now occupied by the Residential Tutor, and the laying down of the tennis courts, the New College effort may be regarded as complete. It is a matter for satisfaction that so considerable a scheme, involving the outlay of some £47,000—has been carried out successfully, and that the extensive premises have been erected free of debt. There still, however, remains to be achieved the purchase of the freehold of the College site, and the Council recommends that the New College Building Fund shall now be closed and that the balance to its credit shall be paid into a Site Acquisition Fund, to which shall be added moneys yet to be received in fulfilment of promises to the New College Scheme. The amount available for the establishment of this Fund will be indicated in the Treasurers' statement to Conference. The Council has resolved to make no appeal during the ensuing year for the fulfilment of promises but there can be no reasonable doubt that a considerable sum will yet accrue to the Fund from this source.

With the closing of the Building Fund the need for the appointment of a General Secretary ceases; but the Council recommends that the present treasurers, the Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. A. Peak, be appointed Treasurers of the Site Acquisition Fund.

E. D. PATCHETT, CHAIRMAN.

A. PEAK, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

October 8th, 1931.

C. H. LAWS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Statement of Accounts be received and adopted.
2. That the New College Building Fund be now closed, and the balance to its credit be paid into a Site Acquisition Fund, to which shall be added moneys yet to be received in fulfilment of promises to the New College Scheme.
3. That the Secretary (Dr. Laws) and the Treasurers (Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. A. Peak) of the New College Building Fund, having now presented to the Conference a comprehensive Statement of the Effort covering the period since its inception in 1913, the Conference desires again to express its deep satisfaction with the magnificent success of this scheme which is so vital to the highest interests of the work of our Church. That a letter conveying this resolution be signed by the President of Conference.
4. That the College Council be requested to consider the most suitable manner in which the name of Rev. Dr. Laws may be perpetuated in connection with Trinity College.
5. That the Treasurers of the Site Acquisition Fund be Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. A. Peak.

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

1.—REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

We have pleasure in reporting a very successful year, though the College roll has been somewhat smaller than usual. The economic depression has affected us along with other institutions, and has caused the withdrawal of many boys from country districts who would normally have completed their courses. Doubtless this state of affairs will continue for a short time, but interest in the College has been well maintained, and its work is becoming increasingly appreciated.

In this connection we would urge members of Conference to keep the work of the College before those of our Methodist parents who will be sending sons to boarding school. We can confidently say that in staffing and equipment Wesley College compares favourably with any boarding school in New Zealand, and it is as much in the interest of our Church as of the College that this fact should be more fully appreciated by our Methodist people. A secondary school such as ours cannot but play a most important part in the holding and moulding of the young men of our Church.

The year's scholastic results have been very pleasing. Four out of seven boys presented for matriculation were successful, two of these being Maori boys. Six boys were successful in passing the Public Service Entrance examination, and five passed the Intermediate examination. We are also pleased to state that in spite of the raising of the standard of the Proficiency examination, the usual high percentage of passes was obtained.

The health of the boys has been excellent, and we have been fortunate in escaping epidemics throughout the year. We have had three boys from the Solomon Islands with us this year, and the usual percentage of Maori boys in the school has been maintained.

The farm has done very well during the year. Prices have, of course, been down, but increased output and a ready demand for certain products, have left us in a very favourable position. We are now beginning to reap the reward of spade work done in earlier years, and it is our belief that every year will now show an increasingly favourable position.

The year has not been without its problems and difficulties, but we must thank God for His continued blessing, which has guided and sustained us.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

2.—REPORT OF BOARD.

In presenting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Wesley Training College we have to report with deep regret the loss by death of the Rev. George Bond, who for 20 years has been associated with the Three Kings Institution and the present College Board, during which time he has been Chairman of various Sub-Committees and of the Board itself, and in all these capacities has displayed the greatest enthusiasm for the welfare of the College. Through Mr. Bond's death the College loses one of its warmest supporters.

Properties.

The drainage work which was in progress at the end of 1930 on the Three Kings and Dominion Road Properties was completed early in 1931.

The sewerage and stormwater drainage has been connected up with the Greater Auckland drainage outlets, and the preliminary reticulation scheme has been completed also.

The carrying out of this improvement work was essential, but it has resulted in greatly increased rates being levied by the local authority to cover interest on the contract price and repayment of principal over a period of years.

In spite of this additional expense it has been quite impossible to effect any sales of suburban property during the year just past. The drastic slump in property values has continued unabated and there are no signs of recovery to be found at the present time.

No sections have been sold or leased during 1931—a number of leases have fallen into the Board's hands and the arrears of rent have been written off.

When the property market recovers the Board's properties should be among the first to attract the public, for they are convenient to the heart of Auckland, and are served by concrete roads, electric trams and modern drainage. The policy of the Board is to conserve its assets until more prosperous times bring about a revival in the property market.

Finance.

It is regretted that a loss of some £3,222 is disclosed as a result of the year's operations. Drastic economies will have to be made immediately, and the Board has already taken this matter in hand.

College and Farm.

The Principal's report for the past year is attached hereto.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and the Board, together with the Financial Statements and Balance Sheet, be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., for his efficient services to the College, and to Rev. J. H. Bailey for his valuable work as College Chaplain.
3. That the request of the Board of Wesley Training College for permission to sell certain land be referred back to the Board for further consideration and that the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund be authorised by the Conference to consider any application for permission to sell land and to exercise the powers of the Conference in regard thereto.
4. That the following be added to the Board for 1932 :—Rev. E. D. Patchett ; Messrs. A. J. Melville and A. Westney.

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

1. SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1931.

As required by the Rules of the Fund, the Board of Management presents to the Conference its Report for the year ended 30th November, 1931.

Annuitants.

Up to the close of the financial year there have been reported to us the deaths of three supernumerary ministers, one temporary supernumerary, one minister in the active work, the wife of a supernumerary minister, and the widows of two ministers. There are now 31 supernumeraries and 47 widows who are annuitants on the Fund and 5 orphan children of deceased parents are also in receipt of benefits. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants was £8,286 11s. 6d., this sum being £304 15s. 0d. less than the net earnings of the Fund. This result is gratifying to all concerned.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet duly audited, are presented herewith and clearly set forth the income and expenditure and indicate also the nature of the investments. The total income for the year was £12,659 10s. 6d. and the expenditure £8,664 15s. 3d. A sum of £300 was set aside as a Doubtful Debts Provision Reserve in view of the possibility of loss through the pressure of economic circumstances on mortgagors or tenants. The Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund still stands at £2,601 14s. 11d. The Accumulated Fund has been increased by the sum of £3,694 15s. 3d., and now amounts to £145,722 16s. 6d. This sum, added to the balance in the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund, and the Doubtful Debts Provision Reserve Account makes a total of £148,624 11s. 5d.

Allied Funds administered by the Board now amount to £17,794 17s. 7d. whilst deposits lodged by various Connexional Funds, Institutions and Boards of Trustees and by personal depositors, total with accrued interest £24,296 11s. 9d.

Represented in the combined assets is a sum of £52,126 9s. 0d. invested in the Board's City freehold properties, an amount of £102,950 invested on first mortgage and a sum of £29,000 invested in Local Body Securities.

Careful attention has been given to all investments more especially to mortgage securities on freehold properties. Some mortgagors owing to increasing difficulty in financing their undertakings have applied for relief. Each case has been given special consideration on its merits and where thought advisable necessary help has been given. One property abandoned to the Board has been sold at a satisfactory figure and any cases calling for special attention are being closely watched.

Earnings.

The net income from interest and rents has been £8,574 12s. 10d. Calculated on the actuarial formula employed for many years this represents an average interest of £5 18s. 5d. per cent. which is gratifying in days of unprecedented depression and in view of the further fact that for a considerable part of the year expenditure on the building of Epworth Chambers was not fully productive.

If the rate of interest earned be calculated on the average capital month by month and the office expenses of the Fund be deducted therefrom, the net interest earned works out at £5 10s. 6d per cent. This gives a more exact result than the actuarial formula.

Attention is called to the remarkably small amount of office expenses in managing this large Fund, namely £378 3s. 9d. In his last valuation of the Fund, the Actuary made provision for expenses to be met out of interest earned in excess of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This leaves a very substantial margin of £1 5s. 10d. per cent. Our actual expenses have only been 20 per cent of that amount.

Epworth Chambers.

The building operations at Epworth Chambers are now complete and the whole of the space in the two new floors is satisfactorily leased. There is a vacant area on the ground floor available for letting. The Board has been fortunate to secure so many tenants in view of existing economic conditions.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

At the date of the balance personal subscriptions in arrears with interest thereon amounted to £644 6s. 11d., an increase of £50 7s. 0d. on the sum outstanding last year. This amount in which only 31 ministers are concerned out of 164 active contributors to the Fund includes a sum due in lieu of Circuit Levies by a minister "resting." The following table shows the District distribution of arrears:—

District	Arrears		Interest		Total	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	30	13 8	1	9 8	32	3 4
South Auckland	67	8 2	4	1 1	71	9 3
Taranaki-Wanganui	45	16 5	3	15 3	49	11 8
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	69	18 11	5	16 2	75	15 1
Wellington	144	4 2	12	11 5	156	15 7
Nelson	98	15 0	37	15 8	136	10 8
North Canterbury	46	13 10	3	6 8	50	0 6
South Canterbury	10	0 0	0	6 1	10	6 1
Otago-Southland	53	16 11	2	17 10	56	14 9
Solomon Islands	5	0 0			5	0 0
	<u>£572</u>	<u>7 1</u>	<u>£71</u>	<u>19 10</u>	<u>£644</u>	<u>6 11</u>

In addition to the foregoing the sum of £260 18s. 7d. is due for the purchase of benefits and interest thereon.

An entirely new situation has arisen as a result of financial distress and for the first time since the separate New Zealand Fund was established we have to report that a sum of £18 15s. 0d. due for circuit levies by two circuits remains unpaid.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

The balance-sheet of this branch of the Fund shows that the invested capital derived from the Plampin and Penrose bequests is £1,400 whilst a balance of £367 12s. 11d. on the Revenue Account is deposited with the Supernumerary Fund. Benevolent grants amounting to £159 15s. 0d. have been made to widows of ministers and to necessitous supernumeraries.

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund.

This fund is steadily growing and contributors thereto have been furnished with certificates of their credits as at the close of the financial year. The revenue account shows an income for the year of £1,106 10s. 7d. The net interest credited to the personal accounts of 148 ministers concerned in the Fund is £151 3s. 6d. Subsidies from the Fire Insurance Fund amounted to £283 10s. 0d. The amount held in the personal accounts of contributors is £4,015 6s. 6d.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The position of this Fund is fully disclosed in the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet. A sum of £390 8s. 0d. has been paid to four missionaries who have retired from the work including those accepted as candidates for the ministry. The Reserve Fund is shown as standing at £303 14s 1d. From this sum the Board has allocated £100 in the form of a bonus of £4 to be credited to the accounts of each of the 25 Home Missionaries whose period of service entitles them to receive this benefit. At the date of the balance there were 59 contributors to the Fund and their personal credit accounts aggregated £8,731 5s. 6d., an increase of £1,168 5s. 2d. for the year. The total assets of the Fund amount to £9,179 14s. 7d.

The appeal made by the Home Mission Board for £750 on behalf of Senior Home Missionaries who joined the service before the Retiring Fund was established has resulted in the very small sum of £283 19s. 3d. being contributed. Postage expenses incurred by the Rev. A. J. Seamer in making this appeal amounting to £26 17s. 11d., reduced this sum to £257 1s. 4d. This was placed on deposit with the Supernumerary Fund and with accrued interest now amounts to £265 17s. 1d. It is held in trust pending a decision as to its allocation. The Fire Insurance Board proposes to assist this appeal by a special grant and the Home Mission Board might well consider finalising the matter by making available the total amount involved in its original undertaking to provide £5 upon retirement for each year of service by missionaries who were on its staff prior to the establishment of the Retiring Fund.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

There are 27 contributors to this Fund and the amount standing to the credit of their personal accounts is £3,974 2s. 11d. There is in the Reserve Fund a balance of £161 6s. 6d. The assets of the Fund now amount to £4,135 9s. 5d., a net increase of £625 10s. 8d. over the previous year. A sum of £59 15s. 2d. has been paid to three contributors upon their retirement.

The relationship to the Fund of contributors who are employed by the Foreign Mission Board is under consideration.

Board for 1932.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1932 :—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. W. Baumber, S. Lawry, A. N. Scotter, E. Drake and E. W. Hames, Messrs George Bowron (Lay Treasurer), A. Borrows, H. W. Heslop, H. P. Lawry, H. Chapman and C. F. Edgar.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

WILLIAM BAUMBER, Chairman.
GEORGE BOWRON }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 18th January, 1932.

ADDENDUM.

The Supernumerary Fund Board desires to pay its tribute to the ability of its Secretary, the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, and its appreciation of the exceedingly valuable services rendered by him. It supports most heartily his nomination for a further term as Connexional Secretary.

WILLIAM BAUMBER, Chairman.

Christchurch, 18th January, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Supernumerary Fund Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Supernumerary Fund, the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Deaconess' Retiring Fund, and the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of the Home Acquirement Fund, be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Board of Management for its services during the past year, and that the members for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
4. That the matter of the purchase of benefits by ex-home missionaries received into the ministry be referred to the Board for consideration and report to next Conference.
5. That the Conference hereby ratifies the action of the Board relative to the relationship of the Rev. G. H. Findlay to the Fund.

N.B.—Deaconess Retiring Fund.

See amended regulations under Question XLII.

2.—METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

During the year, the General Purposes Trust Board has accepted the trust of a property at Onohunga for the use and purposes of a Maori Girls' School or Institution to be carried on and conducted by the Methodist Women's Missionary Union. It has accepted also the trust in respect of debentures to the value of £500 donated by Mrs. James Fleck of Riverton for the benefit of the said Maori Girls' School. It has accepted the trust in connection with a legacy of £500 left by the late Mrs. Martha Trounson for the purposes of the Mount Albert Methodist Orphanage. The need for this new Board is being proved by its utility.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

WILLIAM BAUMBER, Chairman.
GEORGE BOWRON }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 18th January, 1932.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

3.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1931.

The number of children who received payments during the year is as follows :—

Auckland	51
South Auckland	20½
Taranaki, Wanganui	17½
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	23¼
Wellington	19½
Nelson	9
North Canterbury	23¼
South Canterbury	8¼
Otago-Southland	26
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which is a decrease of 11¼ on the previous year.

The payments made have been £55 13s. 0d. less than the Circuit Levies, but as this only represents a fifth of one per cent., we regret that we cannot suggest any reduction of the Levy, and would recommend that the amount be 7½% as last year.

The credit of the Fund is £341 16s. 9d. at the Bank of New South Wales, Wellington, as shown on Annual Statement attached at date 31st December, 1931.

E. W. A. KELLOW

E. S. HARKNESS

Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Treasurers of the fund, and that Mr. E. W. A. Kellow be re-appointed.
3. That the Superintendent of the Wellington East Circuit be appointed co-treasurer with Mr. E. W. A. Kellow.
4. That the levy for 1932-33 be 7½%.

4. CONTINGENT FUND.

REPORT OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

Owing to an abnormal expenditure of over £500 during the current year and to the certainty of a drop in the income this coming year, Contingent Fund expenditure must be curtailed or the levy for 1932 will have to be increased. The Treasurers recommended a levy of 7½ per cent. at last Conference on condition that the whole question of payments from the Fund would be dealt with during the year. The Consultative Committee carefully examined all items of expenditure, and makes the following recommendations :

1. Equalisation Fund :—

- (a) That Rule 2 (Law Book, par. 288 p. 157,) be amended to readdo not exceed the sum of £2 15s. 0d.
- (b) That Rule 7 (Law Book par. 288, p. 157) be amended to read :—
“A levy not exceeding $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. &c. ”
- (c) That in Rule 9 (Law Book par. 288 p. 158) the words after “Circuits” be amended to read :—“and the expenses of other representatives shall be met by their own Boards or Committees.”

2. Travelling Expenses :—

That with a view to further economy Conference be recommended to consider a reduction in the number of District Official representatives to Conference.

3. Printing :—

- (a) That all reports to Synods and Conference be condensed as much as possible.
- (b) That the Home Mission Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and also the Estimates of Income and Expenditure be printed with the Agenda by the Conference printers.
- (c) That the Secretary of Conference be requested to obtain tenders for the supply of Membership tickets.

4 Travelling (General) :—

That the Chairmen of Districts be requested to economise as far as possible in District Travelling Expenses.

5. Grants :—

Whilst recognising the desirability of reducing the Theological College Grant the Committee recommends that, in view of the present financial difficulties of the College no reduction in the grant be pressed for this year.

6. Methodist Times.

That for the coming Connexional year the “Methodist Times” Sundry Expenses and the customary half of the honoraria for Editor and Associate Editor be not paid by the Contingent Fund.

7. Sale of Minutes.

That the Secretary of Conference supply the Connexional Secretary with a list of all copies of the Minutes sent for sale to the Circuits and Book Depots with a view to securing the return of unsold copies, and the payment for all copies not returned to the Connexional office by 30th September.

J. H. BLACKWELL
O. BURNET.
TREASURERS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Consultative Committee, the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference heartily thanks the Treasurers, Rev. O. Burnet and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, for their efficient services during the year, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Mr. Isaac Wilson A.P.A.N.Z., for his services as Auditor, and that he be re-appointed.

Travelling : Equalisation Fund.

That paragraph 288 of the Law Book pp. 157 and 158 be amended to read as follows :—

Rule 7—“A levy, not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}\%$ ” (instead of 1%).

Rule 4—“Second class railway fare” (instead of first class holiday.)

That paragraph 287 of the Law book, p. 156, be amended to read “Second class railway fares” (instead of first class), and the following words added to the last sentence after ‘detail,’ “and the sum of £1 deducted therefrom.”

That all Synod and Conference travelling be computed on the basis of 2nd class railway fares.

That there be no charge on the Contingent Fund for May Synods.

That Chairmen of Districts be requested to economise as far as possible in District Travelling Expenses.

Printing.

That a special Sub-committee be set up by the Contingent Fund Consultative Committee to act with the Secretary of Conference in effecting every possible economy in Connexional and Conference Printing, including the Agenda and Minutes.

That the cost of printing departmental balance-sheets and reports be a charge on the departments which supply them, unless included in Agenda or Minutes.

Grants.

That the half-share of the Editorial Honoraria and incidental expenses hitherto paid by the Contingent Fund, be borne by the “Methodist Times” Fund.

That wherever possible Grants from the Contingent Fund be reduced or eliminated.

That the levy for 1932 be 6%.

That in order to maintain the basis of circuit contributions to Connexional Funds during fluctuation of stipends, the future basis of calculation until restoration of stipends be the stipends paid as at 30th September, 1931, and in cases of appointment of Ministers or Probationers to newly constituted circuits after that date, or of additional Ministers of Probationers to existing circuits, such calculation in those cases to be based on the commencing stipends.

That in the interests of economy the Conference agrees to accept benefits from the Equalisation Fund and the Contingent Fund on the basis of Second Class railway fares.

That the Heads of Departments and Conveners of Committees be directed to condense their reports for Conference.

That the President of Conference and Rev. S. Lawry be a Committee to compile and publish a codified statement of all amendments to the Book of Methodist Laws, including those adopted by the Conference of 1932.

Consultative Committee.

That the following be the Consultative Committee for the ensuing year :—
The Treasurers, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., and F. Thompson.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

REPORT FOR 1931.

Removal expenses for the past year have been the heaviest since the inauguration of the Fund. 51 Ministers and 7 Probationers moved, the total cost being approximately £1225, an average cost of £21 3s. 6d. per removal, against £24 in 1929 and £23 in 1930.

The accumulated Fund at the beginning of the year was £822, being £403 short of the amount required for the removals, and in consequence the latter amount had to be taken from this year's levies which are intended to cover the cost of next year's removals.

In spite of the increase in the levy from 2½ to 3 per cent. the Capital account at the end of the year will be reduced to about £760. The following figures show the removal expenses and the yearly balance since the Fund started operations:—

			Removal Expenses		Capital Account
1925	..	..	£412	2 5	£1,771 2 5
1926	..	..	1,124	11 5	1,430 3 3
1927	..	..	858	0 8	1,341 5 2
1928	..	..	1,196	14 10	900 17 9
1929	..	..	1,014	6 4	834 19 7
1930	..	..	980	18 7	822 11 5
1931 (about)	..	..	1,225	0 0	760 0 0

1931 payments are not yet complete, the figures shewn are approximate.

From the above it will be seen that, if the present conditions continue, the Fund will soon be unable to serve the purpose for which it is intended. A further increase in the rate of the levy is out of the question, so that it is evident that steps must be taken to reduce the expense of removal.

The Committee strongly recommends that the Stationing Committee, in arranging the stationing list, take into more serious consideration the cost involved in the removals proposed.

Owing to the number of long distance removals, involving sea transport, there was 1 removal costing over £60, 3 others over £50, 4 over £40 and 6 over £30. Had these 14 removals not exceeded in cost the average of £21 the aggregate cost to the Fund would have been reduced by £296.

A South Island Minister and one in the North Island were, on the first reading of stations, placed each in the Island in which he had been working, but the final reading reversed the position. The total cost of these two removals was £100 6s. 9d. Had the first reading been adhered to, the cost would have been less than one third of that amount.

Regulation 16.—The question as to the period after retirement during which a Supernumerary may claim removal expenses from the Fund has been considered by the Committee and a resolution is submitted proposing that the time limit be fixed at one year, but that in special cases the Committee be authorised to extend the time at its discretion.

Regulation 20.—A resolution is submitted regarding the levy from Circuits employing a supply at a lower salary than the Ministerial stipend. It is pointed out that the removal expenses do not necessarily decrease with a decrease in stipend and the circuit should therefore pay on the Minister's stipend.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the efforts made by most of the brethren to obtain the cheapest transport though this does not apply to all. Some of them do not appear to have studied the Regulations relating to removal expenses. Some, travelling by sea, neglected to apply for and obtain the reduction in fares allowed by the Union Steamship Co. to ministers on transfer.

A. N. SCOTTER, CHAIRMAN.	}	TREASURERS.
H. CHAPMAN,		
A. N. SCOTTER,		

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Financial Statement and Balance Sheet, be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1932 be 3%
3. That the following be added to Regulation 16 :—
“The provisions of this Regulation shall apply for one year after retirement, except that, in special cases, the Committee may extend this period at its discretion.”
4. That the following be added to Regulation 20 :—
“Payment to be based on the Ministerial stipend formerly paid and not on any reduced stipend paid to the ‘Supply.’”
5. That the Committee for 1932 be :—
The President of Conference (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. P. N. Knight, B.A., E. Drake, Wm. Rowe and J. Harris, Messrs. A. A. Sandford, M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, C. A. Newman and H. Chapman. Treasurers: Rev. E. Drake and Mr. H. Chapman. Convener: Rev. E. Drake.
6. That in view of the present economic position Ministers and their families travel second class, except in the case of wives and children travelling long distances on the main trunk railway and requiring sleeping berths.
7. That the Stationing Committee give serious consideration to the heavy costs involved in long distance removals and where possible avoid such.
8. That the expenses of a Probationer travelling to his first Circuit be paid from his home or usual place of residence. When he has been employed as Supply by a Circuit with the consent of the President up to the end of the Connexional year, his expenses shall be paid from such Circuit to his appointment.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Chairman, Treasurers and Auditors for excellent services rendered during the year.

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

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT FOR 1931.

General.

Work has proceeded steadily on the Mission Field during 1931 without any happenings of outstanding importance. The Gospel is being regularly proclaimed in scores of native villages by a staff of 8 European Missionaries and more than 160 native preachers, mostly Solomon Islanders but including a few Fijian and Tongan Ministers. Pioneer work is being undertaken more particularly on the Island of Bougainville where there are still thousands of natives untouched by any Christian agency. Our Missionaries have this year commenced work in several villages hitherto unreached. The educational work on the older stations is slowly attaining a higher standard and the young men who are receiving training in the College at the Head Station are being well equipped for their work of teaching and preaching. Fine service has been rendered by a staff of ten Sisters, more particularly among the women and children. The medical work has been in the capable hands of Drs. E. G. Sayers and Clifford James and a small band of devoted nurses. It is hoped that during the present year a commencement may be made with the establishment of the “Helena Goldie” Hospital.

The health of our Missionaries on the whole has been fairly good when the difficult conditions under which they live and work in a tropical and malarial climate are remembered.

Staff.

Nurse Coralie Murray returned to New Zealand on account of urgent home and family claims. She had rendered excellent service and it is with much regret we part with such a valuable worker. Sister May Barnett feels that the time has come when on the grounds of health she must retire from the work of the Mission Field. She has been a most devoted and capable worker and her place will be difficult to fill. Miss Isabel Stringer, a trained nurse, has been appointed to succeed Sister May and it is hoped she may be able to leave for the Mission Field early in the new year. Miss Ruth Grant, a certificated School teacher, has been appointed to assist at the Head Station particularly in the educational work. She is being supported by the Young Women's Bible Class Movement.

Furlough.

After a somewhat lengthy furlough, Dr. and Mrs. Sayers returned to the Field for a further term of medical service. The Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe, invigorated by their furlough, have returned to their Station at Tiop, Bougainville, and the Rev. and Mrs. T. Dent, after a visit to the Old Land are back at their old Station at Marovo. Sister Lina Jones is at present on furlough in New Zealand. Her health, which was far from satisfactory on arrival here, has considerably improved under medical care. Extended furlough will be necessary and it is hoped that this will fit her for a further term of service. Dr. and Mrs. James and Sister Muriel Stewart are now on furlough in the Dominion after three years of effective work on the island of Choiseul.

Deputation Arrangements for 1931.

Dr. Sayers and the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe devoted several weeks to deputation work in the North Island. Dr. Sayers' presentation of the claims of the medical work was most effective. The Rev. A. A. Bensley acted as special deputation in the South Island. The General Secretary engaged in deputation work in all the nine districts of the Dominion. The Rev. E. D. Patchett, President of the Conference, in his presidential visitations, specially stressed the claims of our Missionary work while many of our Circuit Ministers proved themselves valuable missionary advocates.

Deputation Arrangements for 1932.

The Rev. V. le C. Binet, A. H. Cropp, and F. H. Hayman are all due for furlough at an early date and should be available for deputation work in the North Island during the first half of 1932. It is much to be regretted that during the latter part of the year no missionary from the field will be available for deputation work in the South Island. Other means must be found of bringing the claims of the Mission Field prominently before the Church in the South.

Publications.

There has been little change in the circulation of both "The Open Door" and "The Lotu." These papers continue to supply information of a most interesting character and are contributing largely to the Missionary education of the Church. They are commended to the hearty support of Churches and Sunday Schools. The columns of "The Methodist Times" have also been used for a similar educational purpose. New maps of the Mission district are still on sale and may be had on application to the Mission Office.

S.O.S.

The last Conference sent out an S.O.S. to provide a Special Help Fund of £5000 to prevent the withdrawal of workers from the Field and to assist in placing the Mission in a more satisfactory financial position. While there

has been a fairly generous response to the appeal the difficult financial conditions in the Dominion have militated against its success. The depressed state of the copra market this year is again very seriously affecting the returns from the Mission Field. The Board is therefore of opinion that reduction of expenditure must be effected to the amount of about £3000. It is hesitant to recommend the withdrawal of workers and it now awaits the recommendations of the Mission Synod showing how, if possible, expenditure can be reduced without the withdrawal of workers. The Board at the Annual Meeting and at the coming Conference will have a difficult position to face.

Treasurer's Statement.

Two sums have been received from legacies during the year: £350 from the estate of the late Mrs. A. D. Eastabrook, of Dunedin, and a further £100 from the late D. MacKenzie, of Ashburton. A third donation of £25 for the endowment of a cot in the Hospital has been received, this time through the Thames Women's Auxiliary.

The income for the year was, on October 31st, £8,536 9s. 4d. as against £7,311 11s. 5d., on the same date last year: expenditure, £10,853 1s. 11d. as against £13,963 11s. 10d. The deficiency this year is £2,316 12s. 7d. which added to the deficiency of £17,821 16s. 2d. shown by receipts and payments account on January 1st makes a total deficiency of £20,138 8s. 9d. The income named above includes £375 14s. 4d. from Young Men's Missionary Movement towards expenses of Medical Mission and £898 14s. 2d. from Women's Auxiliaries for Sisters' salaries and expenses.

The financial position indicated in this statement shows the necessity of balancing the budget for next year and of reducing the debt which, with the accompanying interest charges, has steadily increased year by year in spite of the response to special appeals.

Thanks.

The thanks of the Board are tendered to District Secretaries and Treasurers, Circuit Secretaries and Committees, Collectors and Subscribers, to all who have in any way assisted the Missionary work of the Church at the Home Base, and very particularly to the Women's Auxiliaries and the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes for their generous contributions. The prayerful support of the whole Church is sought for this important work on the Mission Field to which we are pledged and for which the Church in New Zealand is responsible.

The General Treasurers, the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle, have discharged their duties in the most efficient manner and the thanks of the whole Church are due to them for their careful supervision of the finances of the Mission.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the Board
W. A. SINCLAIR, General Secretary.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1931.

We beg to submit the following report:—

The income in New Zealand, for the General Fund, is £13,058 which is £851 more than in 1930. The income in the Solomon Islands is £2,423, a decrease of £618.

The expenditure in the Solomon Islands is £14,184, being £1630 less than in 1930; in New Zealand the expenditure is £2,672, showing a small decrease of £5. In addition to these payments a deficiency on Banga plantation, in previous years, of £342 has been paid, making a deficiency on the year of £1717. Our present debt is £17,552. There is a loss, during 1931, on the working of Banga plantation of £219, which has not yet been brought into the New Zealand accounts. The overdraft at the Bank is £10,028, the highest point yet reached at the beginning of a year.

The anticipated income for the year was, in New Zealand, £12,000 from ordinary income and £2,000 from the special appeal; in Solomon Islands, £2,500. Estimated expenditure was £2,500 and £14,000 respectively. It will be seen that in each case the estimated income has not been realised and the estimated expenditure has been exceeded.

The results of the S.O.S. Appeal cannot be stated because many of the circuits have been unable to distinguish between ordinary and special contributions. It is known, however, that many persons have responded to the appeal and some with great generosity.

The financial position makes it imperative for the Board to carry out the economies on which it has resolved. Provision should be made, not only for the balancing of income and expenditure but also for the reduction of the crippling debt under which we are labouring.

In addition to the income mentioned above donations to the amount of £310 have been received and added to Working Capital Fund and £595 has been received from legacies.

We thank all who have contributed to our funds. That in the midst of a continued financial depression and with a diminution in the number of large gifts so much has been raised shows a widespread interest in our work which is cheering and gives hope for the future. To God, to Whom belong the gold and the silver, be the glory, Amen.

GEO. T. MARSHALL.

A. J. BUTTLE.

Auckland, 27th January, 1932.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION. ANNUAL REPORT 1930-31.

1931 has been a strenuous and difficult year. The disaster in Hawke's Bay in February last called for our utmost sympathy and practical help, while the financial depression has been felt in every city and hamlet. Still the work of God ebbs and flows and our Missionary zeal has been stimulated by the visits of Sisters Edna White, Grace MacDonald and Lina Jones, Dr. E. G. Sayers, Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, Rev. A. and Mrs. Bensley.

Membership.

Our membership is in the neighbourhood of 2753. To our roll this year have been added 5 new Auxiliaries—Waiwhetu, Waiuku, Paparoa, Oxford, Cromwell—all comparatively small places but launching out bravely in the right direction.

Convention.

Only one Convention has this year been held at Woodville, where, in spite of dreadful weather, a fine educational and inspirational programme was carried through.

Sisters.

The Union has been responsible for four Sisters working among the Maoris—Sister Eleanor Dobby in Hokianga, Sister Netta Gittos at Ratana Pa, Sister Frances Hayman in Taranaki, and Sister Ivy Jones in and around Auckland. In the Solomon Islands we have eight—Sister Lina Jones and Nurse Lilian Berry at Roviana, Sisters May Barnett, Grace MacDonald and Nurse Edna White at Bilua, Sister Ethel McMillan and Nurse Muriel Stewart at Bambatana, and Sister Elizabeth Common at Buka, Bougainville.

District Synods.

Interesting reports of Auxiliary work were given at all Synods last year. Auckland members represent the Union on both Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

Finance.

Our income reported last year was £2592 and this year it is £2663, an increase of £71.

Box Department.

A Depot Manager is in each centre working under the supervision of Mrs. Smethurst of Auckland. The Box Organiser has been responsible for sending to the Islands 106 boxes valued at £334 and a great many parcels to the Sisters in the Maori work.

Literature.

Sisters' letters, reports and the President's quarterly letters have been typed and sent out regularly to all Auxiliaries. These provide interesting and educational material for meetings and keep members in touch with our workers at home and abroad.

B.C. Union.

The N.Z.Y.W.B.C. Movement has this year marked its Semi-jubilee by sending out Miss Ruth Grant—herself a B.C. girl and a trained teacher—to assist with the educational work at Roviana. The utmost harmony exists between members of the M.W.M.U. and the B.C. Union and every opportunity is taken to foster co-operation. Their representatives attend our Councils and Conference.

Te Kurahuna—Maori Girls' Training Home.

In January last this long cherished scheme was realised. A most suitable property in Onehunga, Auckland, was secured and by the tireless efforts of the Auckland members over £1000 was collected which together with £1000 from the Centenary Fund enabled the purchase to be effected without incurring any debt. Slight building alterations had to be made, but gifts of furniture and furnishings made it possible to be occupied within 4 months of the project being sanctioned by our last Conference in Napier. The Maintenance Fund will need all our support, but God has honoured this latest adventure in faith and we safely trust the future to His Guiding Hand.

In conclusion, we again urge the forming of Auxiliaries in every Circuit, believing most surely that a resolute endeavour to extend the Kingdom on earth will bring blessing and power.

MARY E BOWRON, President.

MABEL MORLEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Treasurers' Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to all those who, in this difficult financial year, have contributed so generously towards the funds of the Missionary Society. The Conference recognises that this year's offering represents, in many cases, more than ordinary sacrifice and evidences a noble attempt to prevent retrenchment on our Mission Field.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to District Secretaries and Treasurers, Circuit Committees, Secretaries and Collectors and all who have assisted in the work of the Missionary Society at the Home Base.
4. The Conference would also desire to express its deep sympathy with so many of its loyal supporters who, through their present distress, are out of employment and with others who have suffered a very serious and embarrassing reduction of income.
5. The Conference would call all our people to renewed prayer and sacrifice believing that this is God's work and that we as a Church have been called to undertake it, and in a spirit of hope and courage and faith in God go forward to the work of another year.

6. The Conference calls the attention of Ministers and Circuit Officials to the late date at which money was received from many Circuits. It would remind Ministers, Circuit Stewards and Circuit Secretaries that interest is being paid by the Board on all Missionary money lying in Circuit or other accounts inasmuch as if this money were paid into the Board's account at the Bank, its overdraft would be correspondingly reduced. The Conference urgently requests that all money in hand be forwarded without delay to the Treasurers.

7. That a copy of resolution 6 be sent to all circuits that have unduly delayed in forwarding money in hand.

8. That where the proceeds of offerings at Sunday Services and Public meetings have not been received by the Treasurers after the elapse of one month from the time such Services and meetings were held, a reminder be sent to the Circuit Stewards.

9. Estimates for 1932 :

(1) Estimated Income :			
New Zealand	..	..	£12,000
Solomon Islands	..	..	£2,500
Estimated Expenditure :			
New Zealand : Working Expenses	..		£1,400
Interest Charges	..		£1,300
			£2,700
Solomon Islands	..	..	£11,500

10. That the Conference regrets that owing to the serious financial position of the Missionary Society, it is not possible to increase the allocation for the Mission District for 1932, beyond the pre-allocation of £11,500 and requires that the expenditure for the year be kept within that amount, an additional amount being provided for the erection of the doctor's house at Bilua.

11. That a carefully prepared letter, to be signed by the President of the Conference, be sent to every Methodist family explaining the need for the continued support of our Missionary Work by every member and adherent of the Church and asking that a contribution, small or large, be made.

That the letter also convey the thanks of the Conference to all who have in the past supported this important branch of the work of the Church.

12. That the question of observing a self-denial week during the present year be referred to the Board of Missions with power to act.

13. **Deaconess Retiring Fund.**

That the following alterations and additions be made in the Rules and Regulations of the Deaconess Retiring Fund :—

Rule 10, Page 173, of the Law Book be added to as follows :—

Women employed by the Foreign Mission Board, not being Deaconesses or qualified Medical women, shall also contribute to the Fund.

Rule 9, Page 173 of the Law Book be amended as follows :—

(a) 1. A subscription of £12 per annum in respect of each Deaconess employed, in the New Zealand Home work, of which the Deaconess; the Circuit, Board or Institution by which she is employed; and the Home Mission Fund shall each contribute £4.

(b) A minimum contribution of £30 for each Deaconess or other woman worker employed by the Foreign Mission Board, of which £20 shall be contributed by the Foreign Mission Board and not less than £10 or more than £20 be contributed by the worker, the larger amount being recommended.

N.B.—1. This does not apply to qualified medical women who are otherwise provided for.

(See Law Book page 119).

Rule 14, page 173 of the Law Book be amended as follows :—

If a Deaconess or other women worker is employed by the Foreign Mission Board the said Board shall pay direct to the Treasurers the amounts due under Rule 9 (b) 2 as above.

Rule 21, page 174 of the Law Book.

Amended (b) to—

Increasing the Retiring Allowance of contributors who have contributed for five years continuously to the Fund and have complied with the Rules relating to Status ;

Add :—

(d) To capitalise a reasonable sum to earn interest for providing Working Expenses.

Rule 23, page 174 of the Law Book.

Amended to :—

(a) If a Deaconess enters the service of another Church or withdraws after less than seven years' continuous service, unless on account of ill-health or having reached the age of fifty-five years, she shall be entitled to a refund of her personal contributions only *with* compound interest thereon at the average rate of interest earned by the Fund during the period in respect of which she has paid her contributions.

(b) If a woman employed by the Foreign Mission Board enters the service of another Church or withdraws after less than seven years' continuous service, unless on account of ill-health or having reached the age of fifty-five years, she shall be entitled to a refund of her personal contributions only with interest thereon and the Foreign Mission Board shall be entitled to a refund of such portion of its contributions in respect of the agent so retiring or ceasing to be employed as represents the excess of the amount paid by the Board over contributions made by the Circuit, Board or Institution jointly in respect of a deaconess in the Home Work.

Rule 24, page 175 of the Law Book Amended to :

(a) If a Deaconess or woman worker under the Foreign Mission Board ceases to be employed through misconduct, she shall be entitled to a refund of her personal contributions only without interest and the Foreign Mission Board shall be entitled to a refund of such portion of its contributions in respect of the agent so retiring or ceasing to be employed as represents the excess of the amount paid by the Board over contributions made by the Circuit, Board or Institution jointly in respect of a Deaconess in the Home Work.

14. That the following question be added to the Mission Synod Agenda :—
"What Students, having completed their training are now to be appointed as teachers by this Synod ?"

15. **Thanks.**

The Conference regrets that the present state of our Missionary finances makes it necessary to discontinue the second medical unit. It places on record its deep appreciation of the valuable and devoted service rendered by Dr. Clifford James during the term of three years spent by him on the Mission Field, tenders him and Mrs. James its hearty thanks, and wishes them all success and every blessing in their future sphere of service.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle for their services as Missionary Treasurers and that they be re-appointed.

16. **Literature.**

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair Editor of "The Open Door" and to the Rev. E. P. Blamires, Editor of "The Lotu," and that they be re-appointed.

17. Women's Missionary Union.

That the thanks of the Board of Missions be tendered to the officials and members of the Women's Missionary Union for faithful service rendered in the cause of Missions at the home base and for the generous contributions of the Union to the funds of the Missionary Society.

The Board appreciates very fully the valuable educational and spiritual work which is being done in and through the Women's Auxiliaries and trusts that in spite of all the difficulties of the times the coming year may be one of much blessing in every Auxiliary.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Young Men's Bible Class Movement and to the Young Women's Bible Class Movement for their generous support of the Missionary work of the Church, and to the Trustees of the Pitt Street Church, Auckland, and the Donald McLean Street Church, Wellington, for their valuable contribution.

That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mrs. S. Gorman of Nelson for her generous gift of £400 for the Capital Account of the Missionary Society.

That the Conference place on record its appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered to the Missionary work of the Church by the British and Foreign Bible Society and commends its work to the sympathetic support of the members of the Church throughout the Dominion.

18. Board of Missions for 1932.

The President of the Conference (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt); the General Secretary (Rev. W. A. Sinclair); the Treasurers (Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle; Mesdames the President of the Women's Missionary Union (Mrs. J. F. Hill), H. E. Pacey, W. H. Duke, W. W. Avery; Misses Carr, Somerville, Rishworth, Griffith; Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, J. H. Haslam, A. McBean, W. Walker, G. Frost, W. W. Avery, E. P. Blamires, R. B. Tinsley, A. N. Scotter, C. Eaton, G. F. Stockwell, Messrs. G. Winstone, W. S. MacKay, F. W. Stone, A. Peak, J. P. Blair, J. E. Astley, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, F. Penn, B. J. Lynneberg, D. C. Cameron, C. Rayner and C. E. Taylor.

That the membership of the Board be enlarged by the addition of two Ministers and two Laymen, resident in Auckland.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

AUCKLAND.—Rev. W. W. Avery.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Rev. J. Dennis.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Mr. C. E. Taylor.

WELLINGTON.—Rev. F. E. Leadley.

NELSON.—Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Rev. S. Lawry.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Rev. G. E. Brown.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY TREASURERS.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Mr. C. Rayner

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Mr. E. Dixon.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Mr. C. E. Taylor.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Mr. W. Bridgman.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, with Revs. T. R. B. Woolloxall and R. B. Tinsley; Messrs. W. S. MacKay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, A. G. Harris, Mrs. W. W. Avery, Misses S. A. Somerville and M. J. Buttle. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, and Morrinsville Circuits, and Messrs. H. Wagstaff, E. Thomas, W. Harris, J. T. Johnson and Mrs. J. M. Jones, J.P. Convener, Minister of Hamilton East Circuit.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.—Chairman of the District, Ministers of the Wanganui and Wanganui North Circuits, Messrs. F. J. Denton, F. B. Barber, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome, Mesdames Goodey, Gilling, Andrew, Warwick, Blight and Thayer. Convener, Rev. R. B. Gosnell. Sub-Committee: Ministers of the New Plymouth Circuit, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, Messrs. T. P. Hughson, E. Dixon, C. E. Bellringer, G. Fischer. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Chairman of District, Superintendent Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Circuits, Messrs. T. R. Hodder, R. H. Billens, C. E. Taylor, G. G. Hancox, M.A., N. L. Shelton, J. Chrystall, Mrs. H. E. Pacey and Mrs. T. R. Hodder. Convener, Mr. C. E. Taylor. Sub-committee for Hawke's Bay—Superintendent Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. R. Thomas, G. C. Laws, J. D. Common R. Doubleday and C. Newton.

WELLINGTON.—Included in District Executive. Convener,

NELSON.—The Ministers of the Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka Circuits, Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Kemp, Messrs. Heath, A. A. Lucas, S. S. Collier, C. S. Creswell, E. S. Wratt. The Chairman of the District to be a corresponding member. Convener, Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. S. Lawry.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Waimate Circuits, Messrs. F. Metson and R. Maxwell. Convener, Rev. H. L. Fiebig.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in District Executive. Convener, N.B.—District Committees are empowered to co-opt additional members

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

ANNUAL REPORT, 1931.

Under the blessing of Almighty God, the work of the Department has gone forward very satisfactorily during the year in harmony with the decisions and directions of Conference.

The Board.

The meetings of the Board have been held quarterly. The attendance of members has been good and a keen interest has been taken in all phases of the work.

We have lost by death one of our life members, the Rev. T. G. Brooke, an ex-president of the Conference, and the Ex-General Secretary of the Home Mission Department. We desire to place on record our deep appreciation of his devoted services to the Home Mission Department and to the whole Church. Another veteran member, Rev. J. J. Lewis, who was also an Ex-President of the Conference and an Ex-Hon. Secretary of the Home Mission Board, has passed to his reward. He was full of years and of labours and had given of his best to Christ and the Church.

Standing Committees.

Following the same method that has been regularly adopted with increasing advantage of late years, the Board, at its first meeting after Conference, appointed three Standing Committees:—

- (1) Executive (Chairman, Rev. G. Frost; Secretary, Rev. J. H. Allen).
- (2) Spiritual Advance (Chairman, Rev. W. Walker; Secretary, Rev. S. J. Werren).
- (3) Literature and Colporteur. (Chairman, Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall; Secretary, Rev. W. Gatman).

These Committees have met as occasion demanded and have reported their activities and recommendations quarterly to the Board.

District Committees.

The Board appreciates the increasing interest shown by the majority of the District H. M. Committees and would again urge all such Committees to give even closer attention than hitherto to district Church extension, Home Missions, and Evangelistic Work, also to all matters affecting economy and efficiency in aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations, as well as to matters concerning Home Mission deputations and the raising and distribution of funds.

Staff.

Mr. T. Bailey, of Ohaeawai, resigned in May, and Mr. C. T. J. Luxton, who had previously been supplying at Coromandel while awaiting an appointment, was appointed as his successor. There have been no other changes. With comparatively few exceptions, our Agents have shown themselves capable of successful work and have put up a good record. The Chairmen of Districts speak with increasing confidence of the standard of work being done by Home Missionaries.

Appointments.

With the exception of Ohaeawai, referred to above, the Conference appointments have been observed.

Spiritual Advance.

Last Conference adopted the Board's suggestions that 1931 should be regarded as a year of "Teaching Ministry" covering the vital truths of the Christian Faith. The list of suitable subjects submitted was also adopted by Conference.

Early in the year a circular was sent by the Spiritual Advance Committee to Circuit Superintendents and Members of the March Quarterly Meetings embodying the Conference recommendations and urging that every endeavour be made to honour them in the respective Churches and Home Mission Stations. Later a copy of Rev. J. E. Rattenbury's excellent pamphlet "Evangelise—or Perish" was sent out to our ministers and Home Missionaries asking that it be carefully read and its distinctive features brought under the notice of their congregations. Occasion was taken in this circular to again stress the need for unremitting endeavour to honour the 1931 lines of Spiritual Advance. The Committee has therefore done its best to keep the Circuits alive to their responsibilities in these matters.

The "Spiritual Advance Columns" of the "Methodist Times" have been used to keep the claims of a living evangelism and a teaching ministry steadily before the Church. We are indebted to the Editor for his unflinching courtesy.

We have pleasure in reporting that during the year the Dominion was visited by the Rev. Fred. Ross of the Methodist Episcopal Church of California. During his brief stay he found time to conduct missions in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Palmerston North. By his devotion, zeal, and effective presentation of the Gospel much good was achieved.

Early in the year, the Committee gave careful consideration to the possibilities of holding Tent Missions in the North Auckland District with the result that a suitable marquee was purchased and Rev. E. T. Olds was released for several special Missions. This tent is available for any subsequent Missions of a similar nature that may be agreed upon.

We are happy to report that news has reached us from all parts of the Dominion that very fine work is going on in many of our Circuits and that our people on the whole are faithfully endeavouring to appreciate the vital things of experience and service. Many special evangelistic missions have been held with encouraging results and many churches have faithfully carried out the objective of a "teaching ministry."

We desire to call the attention of the members of Conference to the references in the "Methodist Times" concerning the very successful evangelistic Missions held this year in Melbourne. The methods adopted were similar to those followed in England with such fine results a few years back and we commend them to the favourable consideration of District and Circuit Committees.

Programme for 1932.

The Board recommends that the Conference adopt the following resolutions:—

That the Conference, recognising that the great need of the day is a further spiritual awakening, call the whole Church to a year of prayer and aggressive evangelistic effort.

That the Conference call upon our people—

- (1) To be deeply penitent before Almighty God for all our slackness and backsliding of heart;
- (2) To devote ourselves to prayer in the confidence of faith;
- (3) To seek a personal renewal of Christian assurance and a desire for fellowship;
- (4) To make a sincere endeavour to give to our Lord and His Church such sacrificial service as His work and the times demand.

The lines of possible advance have been clearly delineated in earlier resolutions of Conference, and are now briefly re-stated:—

- (a) By re-establishing the Family Altar in our homes.
- (b) By gathering our people into prayer and fellowship groups, and by encouraging conversation about spiritual things.
- (c) By re-habilitating the week-night meeting and the Sunday night prayer meeting.
- (d) By personal evangelism by Ministers and all workers in our Churches as a primary and most effective method of aggressive evangelism.
- (e) By the insistence of a more consistent observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper generally by our officials and members.
- (f) By our preachers and teachers making frequent and earnest efforts to bring those to whom we minister to immediate and definite decision for Christ.
- (g) By the holding of teaching and evangelistic Missions by fully qualified preachers, ministerial and lay, after thorough local preparation.

That the above resolution and re-statement be brought before the March Leaders and Quarterly Meetings or a special Quarterly Meeting by the Superintendent of the Circuit or his deputy.

Maori Work.

A separate report on the Maori work will be submitted.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

The new Motor Van has proved to be a great boon to our Colporteurs. Built on a 30 cwt. Dodge Chassis, the Van is fairly economical to run and yet provides every reasonable facility for comfort and effective work. North Auckland, Waikato, King Country and Taranaki have been visited and the itinerary in view for the rest of the year includes part of the Thames District and the Bay of Plenty. The Colporteurs have most interesting stories to tell of their experiences "outback" and particularly of the pastoral and preaching sides of their work. In neglected areas, they hold Services in Halls, Schools, or Dwellings, and frequently give addresses illustrated by lantern slides. These hardworking Agents are the preachers and pastors of No-man's-land and successful scouts as well as purveyors of good literature and Bibles. It is certain that as this work becomes better understood it will appeal more strongly to both the imagination and practical instincts of our people—to their purses also, we hope. The financial loss to the Literature and Colporteur Society on the running of the Van for the six months February 1st to July 31st was £73 4s. 6d. Our subscribers will no doubt, make this right in good time. The Book Room itself, in spite of the shortage of money and the heavy handicaps of present exchange rates and primage duties, had a more successful financial experience, although here also there was a slight loss—a net loss of £20 19s. 11d. The auditor has expressed satisfaction at the way the books are kept. The Trading and Profit and Loss Accounts and the Balance Sheet will be presented to Conference. During the year, Mr. G. O. Blakey, who had acted as Hon. Treasurer since the commencement of the work, resigned through pressure of private business, and Mr. W. S. Mackay, Vice-president of the Conference, was appointed in his place. We desire to place on record our appreciation of Mr. Blakey's long service.

Finance.

It would be impossible to convey in mere words in this report any adequate idea of how difficult financial matters have been during the year. We need the earnest co-operation of every Circuit Auxiliary if we are to successfully tide over this crisis. The most rigid economy, consistent with effective work, should be observed for some time, but we would deprecate any attempt being made to force economies that would prevent efficiency being maintained.

Stipends.

As we have been sincere in our past statement to the effect that the figures adopted by Conference as the minimum or standard stipends have ever been much too low to enable our agents to procure the books, etc., that they need, and to support their families, we do not favour any reduction at present in those standards. But we see no objection to reasonable reduction where more than the minimum is being paid and where the Quarterly Meeting concerned finds this course necessary. In our Departmental Estimates we shall follow that principle.

Senior Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund Appeal.

The Appeal is still proceeding and we would urge its claims upon all who appreciate the self-sacrifice and arduous pioneering work of our veteran Home Missionaries in earlier years when no provision whatever was made for their old age.

Conference Remits.

(1) **Home Missionaries' Children's Fund.**—Having received a letter from the Home Missionaries' Association, requesting that, in view of the present economic conditions, proposals for the establishment of a Home Missionaries' Children's Fund be not proceeded with at present, the Board recommends that the whole matter be deferred.

(2) **District Church Extension Funds.** A special Committee was appointed to look into this proposal but it was finally decided to report that the present economic conditions preclude the discussion of the establishment of new District or Connexional Funds.

Signed on behalf of the Board :

E. D. PATCHETT, CHAIRMAN.

J. H. ALLEN, SECRETARY.

A. J. SEAMER, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be adopted.
2. That the statement of Accounts and the Balance Sheet, also the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet of the Literature and Colporteur Society be received and adopted.
3. That the estimates of Income and Expenditure be adopted.

4.—1932 Home Mission Appeal.

That the Conference call the attention of the Quarterly Meetings and of the whole Church to the fact that this year's Home Mission Fund Appeal has a special and peculiar claim upon the generosity of our people, in that it constitutes the only Connexional Fund to which the Church can look for assistance in maintaining or extending its work throughout the Dominion; and that as the present financial depression has seriously limited the possibility of meeting the existing increased demands upon it, Conference commend the Fund to the Church as being of paramount importance. The Conference requests every Circuit and Home Mission Station to give close attention to the organisation of the Home Mission Anniversary services and meetings, and to arrange a very thorough canvass by suitable collectors for special as well as ordinary subscriptions.

5.—Treasurers for 1932.

That the Ministerial General Treasurer be Rev. George Frost, and the Lay General Treasurer be Mr. A. Peak.

6.—Rev. George Bond Deceased.

That the Conference place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Home Mission Department by the late Rev. George Bond especially during his long term of seventeen years as Ministerial General Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund.

7.—Retirement of Mr. J. Veale.

That the retiring Lay General Treasurer, Mr. John Veale, be heartily thanked for his long and faithful service and that the Conference place on record its recognition of the great contribution he has made to the Home Mission Department in his term of twenty-two years occupancy of the office.

8. Assistant Superintendent.

That Sections 3 and 4 of Paragraph 11, page 125 of the Book of Laws be deleted.

9.—Staffing.

That the names of W. T. Hooper and J. Belshaw be added to the Retired List and that brief records of their service be included in the Minutes.

10. That Mr. W. T. Hooper be commended to the Circuits as an Evangelist.

11.—Evangelists.

That no person be engaged as an Evangelist in any of our Circuits and H.M. Stations who has not the approval of the President of the Conference for the time being.

12.—Application for Grants.

That each Circuit or Home Mission Station seeking aid from the Home Mission Fund shall supply in addition to the statement of the years Circuit Fund Income and Expenditure, previously required, a summary of the Income and Expenditure of the Trusts within the Circuit, and also a Balance Sheet which shall show clearly the Assets and Liabilities of the Circuit as a whole, including Trusts, &c. In future, the application with accompanying Statements as above, shall be sent to the District Home Mission Secretary, and shall be forwarded to the General Superintendent of Home Missions immediately after Synod.

13.—Special Week of Prayer and Sacrifice.

That Conference call upon the whole Church to join in a week of prayer and sacrifice for Home and Maori Missions, and that the week to be so observed in the South Island and North Auckland be the first week in May, and in the remainder of the North Island, the first week in September.

14.—Special Arrangements for Home Mission Appeal.

That each Minister and Home Missionary in the South Island and in North Auckland, arrange with his Circuit or local H.M. Secretary, to convene in April a meeting of all interested, in order to organise an enthusiastic campaign to reach the local quota of the amount that is needed to enable the H.M. Fund to meet payments decided upon by Conference. That each Minister in the North Island take similar action in August.

15.—Spiritual Advance.

That the Home Mission and Contingent Funds each make a grant up to £25 to the Spiritual Advance Committee if required.

16.—Retired Home Missionaries.

That Par. 28, page 131 Book of Laws be amended by the addition of the words "and that they shall retain the full status of a Home Missionary."

17.—Participation of Home Mission Stations in the Removal Expenses Fund.

Minutes of Conference 1931, page 115. No. 4. That Conference has no Recommendation to make.

18.—Senior Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund Appeal.

That the Senior Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund Appeal be finalised next year (1933).

19.—Trading in Literature.

That the Conference recognising that the provision and distribution of suitable literature is a part of the teaching function of the Church has no recommendation to make regarding any alteration of its present policy.

20. That the Home Mission Board give serious consideration to the question of communicating with Superintendents of Circuits which have not responded adequately to the fund during the year.

21.—Thanks.

That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Members of the Board and District Committees, and especially to the Officers of the Department and of the Standing Committees, and the District Secretaries.

Board for 1932.

That the members of the Board for 1932 be :—The Chairman of the District (Rev. E. D. Patchett); The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer); The Assistant Superintendent (Rev. G. I. Laurensen); The General Treasurer (Rev. George Frost) The Lay Treasurer (Mr. A. Peak); The Corresponding Secretary; The Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. R. T. Haddon); Mr. J. Veale (Life Member). With the Ministers of the Auckland City and suburban Circuits; Rev. E. Te Tuhi; Missioners C. Strand and C. G. Scrimgeour; and Messrs. W. S. Stone, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, W. S. Mackay, L. A. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert A. Trenwith, H. S. Crowe, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, J. Reed, T. W. Hemer, T. L. Hames, G. Wilson, D. H. Thomas, F. Penn, E. R. Warburton, Mrs. Stevens, Misses Mather and I. Jones (subject to renomination by Societies). Convener: The General Superintendent. Secretary: Rev. J. H. Allen.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND.—Rev. J. H. Allen.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Rev. W. H. Speer.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Rev. J. D. McArthur.

WELLINGTON.—Rev. H. Ashworth.

NELSON.—Rev. R. Richards.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Rev. W. Rowe.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Rev. H. Daniel.

Sub-District Home Mission Secretaries.

HAWKE'S BAY.—Rev. E. T. Olds.

SOUTHLAND.—Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.

District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. J. H. Allen, the Home Missionary of the Social Service Mission; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, W. S. Mackay, G. O. Blakey, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, A. Peak, J. Veale, F. W. Stone, W. S. Stone, and R. Hames. Convener: Rev. J. H. Allen.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of District, the Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu and Rotorua Circuits, Messrs. W. Harris, R. P. Kilham, J. C. Tietjens, J. T. Johnson, M. Butler. Convener: Rev. W. H. Speer.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—That the Committee be the same as last year with the exception of the name of P. J. White.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Ministers of Palmerston North, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Sanson-Rongotea, Feilding, Woodville and Pahiatua Circuits, H.M.'s of Feilding and Foxton, Messrs. G. H. Stiles, H. E. Pacey, E. G. Bennett, A. H. Fisher, W. Flatt, T. R. Hodder, E. C. Print, J. Harding, J. H. Fowler, C. E. Taylor, G. Kilvington and J. Chrystall. Convener: Rev. J. D. McArthur.

WELLINGTON.—The second Minister of the Thorndon Circuit was nominated as Convener, the District Executive to appoint other members.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits, together with Messrs. S. Gorman, A. A. Lucas, R. Marshall, C. S. Cresswell, J. Jordan, Rev. R. Richards, Convener.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in the District Executive. Rev. W. Rowe, Convener.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Oamaru, Waimate and Temuka Circuits, Messrs. A. Stead, W. G. Irwin, H. H. Brown, C. T. A. Hight, G. Hall, F. Holland, A. W. Barnett. Convener: Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive—Rev. H. Daniel, Convener.

Southland Sub-Committee: Ministers of Invercargill Central and St. Peter's, Bluff and Gore, Messrs. P. A. Pearce, A. S. Froggatt, G. R. Brown, W. Mitchell, G. A. Turney and the Home Missionary at Riverton. Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., Convener.

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

HOME MISSION BOARD'S REPORT ON MAORI WORK.

In common with almost all other organisations, we have been faced with grave and unprecedented difficulties of a practical nature during the year. Fortunately, this has led a proportion of our people to turn their thoughts more to the Great Unseen One in Whom "we live and move and have our being" and we would to-day give thanks to Him for His wonderful guidance.

Preaching and Services of Worship.

Modern developments and the search for livelihoods scatter our people more and more; thus, except at "Tangis" and other General Assemblies, our preachers have to accustom themselves to small congregations and diligent journeyings from place to place in a manner quite inconsistent with Maori custom and precedent. A much greater number of Services are being held than in earlier years and yet we are not reaching many more people. The majority of the Services held to-day in most Circuits might almost be termed "cottage meetings." We are seeking to secure a larger number of local preachers and also to arrange for the establishment of the family altar in every Maori home.

Membership.

The membership returns are not yet quite complete but so far they show slight increases for the year. This is most noticeable in Waikato. Taranaki also shows a satisfactory advance on the whole, but we have lost a little ground in one parish through the reduction of Staff.

Children's Work.

In spite of serious and innumerable difficulties, the work amongst the children has steadily extended and the Church has reason to be proud of the year's achievement in this direction. The Deaconesses are very diligent and without exception show great affection for the children and real enthusiasm for their tasks.

Wesley College.

We are finding evidence in all our Districts of the benefits derived, not only by the students themselves but also by their people, from the very practical training that is given at Wesley College. We hope in years to come, when the College Trust finances are in a better position, to see a still greater number of our boys receiving the benefits of this fine Institution. One of the Students will be presenting himself as a Candidate for the Ministry this year.

"Kurahuna" School.

The "Kurahuna" School has been doing very useful work and though, of course, it has as yet scarcely had time to get into practical working order, yet it is already more than justifying the great sacrifices made by those who established it. The girls who have been fortunate enough to enter the School as Students have greatly benefited. We look forward with every confidence to the future of this School, meeting, as it does, though in a limited degree because of its comparatively small size, one of the most urgent needs of our Mission—the training of the future wives and mothers in elementary Domestic Science and Hygiene.

College in Taranaki.

We are looking forward to the day when the new College will be established in Taranaki. Many parents are already enquiring as to the probability of their being able to enter their girls either at "Kurahuna" or Taranaki. We shall soon have quite a long waiting list.

Social Work.

This is a phase of our work that we have seldom referred to in reports because of the extreme sensitiveness of our best Maori people. But it is our duty to report that our Deaconesses are doing extensive and important social work. Not only are we caring for those who have come into our hands through the Courts and Government officials and also for others who have fallen, but we are concentrating especially upon preventative work, helping and safeguarding those who are wandering in the danger zone. During these dark days of industrial and financial depression, we are meeting an urgent need by doing a measure of Relief Work.

Finance.

The plans that we had made in the hope of securing increased financial support from our Maori Members have been frustrated by the commercial depression and consequent poverty amongst our people. For the present we cannot report any advance in income on any of the Stations, but, unfortunately, a decline in most areas, and we cannot hope for any improvement in the near future. This fact, coupled with that of the present state of the Home Mission Fund, will compel the Board to recommend a temporary reduction of expenditure on Maori Missions, in harmony with other economies. We sincerely regret this necessity for the spirit and organisation of the work has been steadily improving, and we had hoped to make further advances which now must be indefinitely postponed.

Staff.

In the near future, we shall be working with a reduced staff of full time Agents, because of the financial position, but we hope through the undoubted improvement that has taken place in the work of a number of our Agents,

and also the effective service now being secured in many districts by the use of honorary workers and part time Agents, to meet the most urgent demands of the work until such time as finances permit the engagement of additional full time Agents.

Signed on behalf of the Board :—

E. D. PATCHETT, CHAIRMAN.

J. H. ALLEN, SECRETARY.

R. T. HADDON, SENIOR MAORI SUPT.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.

2. **Thanks to Women's Missionary Union re "Kurahuna."**

That the Conference express its appreciation of the fine work done by the "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School of Domestic Science and Hygiene, and thank the Ladies' Missionary Union for its self-sacrificing efforts in connection with the establishment and maintenance of the school, and also in support of four sisters in the Maori Circuits.

3. **Sunday School Deaconess.**

That the Conference rejoices to learn that the Sunday Schools now have Sister Hobbs, a great-grand-daughter of the pioneer Missionary of the same name, as their own representative in the Maori Mission Field, and trusts that every Sunday School in the Connexion will remember her work in their prayers and gifts.

QUESTION XLV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

AUCKLAND SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION—REPORT 1931.

It is now almost five years since Conference commissioned us to organise and carry out Social Service work in the city of Auckland. During this time our organisation has suffered all the ups and downs that confront such societies in these extremely difficult times. This year has presented extremely valuable opportunities for service and it is with deep gratitude to our Great Master that we are able to report an all-round improvement in our position. We rejoice that we have received the whole-hearted co-operation of Methodist people throughout the province. The extent of their recent support may be gauged by the fact that during the past three quarters we have not only paid our way but reduced our Circuit debt by a sum approximating £400.

Social Service.

The unprecedented distress as a result of unemployment has thrown heavy burdens upon this branch of our work but the business men of the City have stood loyally behind us and with the help of large quantities of supplies sent in from the country we rejoice to say that no deserving case has been turned empty away. The long queue of people which waits daily at our Samaritan Office testifies to the great need in the work we are doing. Thousands of parcels of food and clothing have been distributed to needy families and the sum of over £1000 has been spent in alleviating the dire need of those who have asked our assistance. Through the generosity of Messrs. R. and W. Hellaby, Ltd., we were privileged to distribute over 250 gallons of soup weekly during the winter months. We wish to emphasize the fact that every case assisted through our organisation has first been carefully investigated and checked through the Central Office so that there could be no danger of over-lapping with other societies.

Since the inauguration of the Government's unemployed relief camps we have directed the major part of our work toward the rehabilitating of unemployed men. Through the operation of the Boot Pool, which was brought into being with the assistance of the Farmers' Union and the Returned Soldiers' Association, in the short space of two months approximately 3000 pairs of boots were supplied in good condition to the unemployed and their families. We recognise the great need for re-habilitation work, and when a strong committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Sir George Richardson to direct the principal effort in this direction, the Missioner was appointed Secretary and a great deal of very valuable service is being rendered to the community by this means.

Evangelistic Services.

Services at the Mission Headquarters in Airedale Street have been well maintained throughout the year and while they do not attract the large crowds that the Theatre Services did, we feel a great deal of satisfaction in the fact that the majority of those who attend are attached to us in a very definite way.

During the year the Missioner has undertaken to conduct a daily Devotional Session from IZR Broadcasting Station and by this means a very wide circle of friends has been formed throughout the whole Dominion. Scores of letters have been received, testifying to the spiritual value of this work and we rejoice that the major operation of this task has been entrusted to our care.

Deaconess Work.

Since her appointment to the Mission, Sister Rita has rendered excellent service. She soon won the hearts and confidence of those to whom she was to minister, and besides taking a fair proportion of the preaching, all branches of her work have been successfully carried on. She has carried out deputation work both in the City and in the country with a marked degree of success.

Hospital and Prison Work.

As Prison Chaplain the Missioner has kept in close touch with the work at Mt. Eden Gaol. Services have been conducted regularly throughout the year and very excellent assistance has been rendered to the Chaplain by the students of Trinity College.

We wish to acknowledge the valuable services rendered to us in the hospital by Mr. Albert Hamblin, who, in addition to this, is in charge of the meetings conducted for the "Down and Outs."

Finance.

Perhaps the greatest problem that has faced the operation of our work right from its inception is that of finance. It is, therefore, with great pleasure we report a substantial reduction in our indebtedness. In this respect we have to acknowledge the loyal support given to us by our own people throughout the Dominion. Our thanks are due to the Home Mission Dept. and the East Street Trustees for grants which have enabled us to carry on. In addition to making a grant of £100 the East Street Trustees decided to loan us the sum of £400 free of interest. Apart from this loan all our outstanding Circuit liabilities including our indebtedness to the Airedale Street Trust, have been met. Our total Circuit debt at the end of September was £428 11s. 8d.

A general survey of the whole problem of social life in the City must only emphasize the great necessity for the contribution that our Church has to make in this sphere, and while relief generally may be regarded in the light of a palliative we dare not withhold it. It seems the greatest usefulness towards which we can direct our social effort in the future will be the re-habilitation of the unemployed and their families. To successfully accomplish

this work it is not only necessary to meet the temporal needs of the people but to assure them that even though our social system can find no place for them He that bids the weary and heavy-laden to come unto Him will in no wise cast them out.

C. G. SCRIMGEOUR, Missioner.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to Missioner C. G. Scrimgeour, Sister Rita, the Board of Management, and the Voluntary Workers of the Mission Staff for splendid services rendered during the year.
3. That the following be the Board of Management for 1932 :—The General Superintendent of the H.M. Department (Chairman), the Chairman of the District, the Missioner, Revs. G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. H. Ranston; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, C. H. Virtue, A. Peak; with the Mission Representatives, and the Trustees of the Mission Properties.

DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

REPORT FOR 1931.

Two memorable periods compel increasing recognition in the life of the Dunedin Mission—One, when William Ready with flaming spiritual passion called men and women from Dunedin Streets to follow him to the Rattray Street Hall to hear the story of the Cross; the other when William Slade with spiritual genius and ecclesiastical statesmanship provided a permanent Home for the Mission.

Since those days succeeding ministries have been blessed by God. Good men and women have assumed great tasks, and built upon firm foundations, so that to-day the Mission draws probably the biggest congregation in New Zealand Methodism.

Pleasing features of the work to-day are crowded congregations, hundreds of young people attending, and the return to the Church of large numbers of people who for years have not been attached to the Christian Church. We recognise the blessing of God.

The Staff.

It is very evident that no man for long can bear the full responsibility of this work. Succeeding weeks exact added strain. An additional agent is essential. Some say the need is for a Lay-Treasurer and Organiser, others that a Probationer should be appointed. Unfortunately finances do not permit of such an appointment at present.

Deaconess Work.

During the year Sister Hazel has shared the strain and responsibility of aggressive work. Her genial personality and Christian character have commanded respect and confidence. The Spiritual issues centering in personal contact, womanly counsel, quiet ministries in homes and clubs, compelling leadership in class and youth work defy statistical tabulation. The Sister's social and spiritual work is greatly valued in the City.

During the year there has been such a marked increase in Sunday School and Bible Class membership that it has been decided to engage another deaconess. Sister Lenna Button is to commence work in April, 1932.

Social Service.

The Rev. George Hinton gave much time and thought to Social Service Work, and made it possible for the present Superintendent to extend the activities of the Benevolent Department of the Mission. This Winter over

£2000 has been expended in providing assistance to hundreds of families every week. Clothing, food, footwear, firing, etc., have been distributed to those in need, irrespective of creed. The work of Mrs. J. Grant, Mrs. W. Coulter, Mrs. McAuslan, Miss Adams, Miss L. Read and Messrs. H. H. Hinton, G. Gearl, D. Stewart and others, deserves the recognition of the whole Church. We are pleased to report that although this work was commenced with a Bank overdraft, to-day we have a small credit balance.

"Paris Home."

The officials of the Mission accepted the magnanimous offer of the Home and Grounds of Mrs. W. Paris, Clyde Street, Dunedin, for the sum of £200, which is practically a gift to the Mission. Mrs. Paris and family made this offer as a tribute to the Social Service work of the Mission, and in recognition of the need of such a type of home in connection with Otago Methodism.

It is hoped that the "Paris Home" will be the forerunner of a substantial two-storied concrete structure of three-fold division including a maternity and medical ward. One part of the building will be used as Flats for distressed families and another part for sick and-aged.

It is proposed to establish a fund immediately for this work, and to invite donations and bequests. Plans and specifications will shortly be forthcoming, but the building will not take shape until funds are available. The idea of getting plans and specifications out now is to provide something tangible and compelling to prospective donors. In the meantime under the deaconess, the work will quietly proceed apace and organisation result.

This is the first substantial available gift of recent years apart from Miss Jessie Boot's generous donations for debt reduction that has come to the Mission, and all interested in Christian work and aggressive enterprise are most grateful to Mrs. Paris and family for their practical support and encouragement. In recognition of Mrs. Paris's donation, and as a tribute to her late husband's association with, and many years of service to the Mission, it has been decided to call the present and future buildings, "The Paris Home."

Extensive Work.

In order to ensure centralisation of effort, provide for future extension, and what is more important, make possible the erection of buildings which will be revenue-producing for the Social and Religious work of the Mission, the Trustees recently acquired the Land and Buildings contiguous to the Octagon Hall at a cost of £19,500. The price first placed on the Block was £22,000, but eventually it was purchased at the above named price. The Dunedin Savings Bank has advanced the full amount at 5½% with this stipulation—that £3,000 be paid off the debt in 1932. The entire debt now stands at £23,000 and the Assets at £40,000. It is not anticipated that any financial difficulty will result in this new movement, as the income from the present rentals offset liabilities and provide a slight margin for the repayment of principal.

Gratitude.

The Superintendent, Trustees and Office-bearers of the Mission express gratitude to God for a year of wonderful progress and Spiritual blessing, and confidently face the coming days.

LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.

H. H. JOHNSON, }

WM. AITKEN. } Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference appreciates the aims and efforts of the Rev. L. B. Neale and his officials to raise funds for the Mission. It commends the same to the sympathy and consideration of our people.
3. Conference places on record its appreciation of the gift to the Mission of the home of Mrs. W. Paris and family to be used as a Home for Social Service, and learns with pleasure of the decision of the Board of Trustees to call it "The Paris Home."
4. Conference expresses its thanks and appreciation of the fine work of the Superintendent, Sister Hazel and all workers of the Mission during the year.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with Regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

REPORT FOR 1931.

The Committee has pleasure in again presenting its Annual Report. Early in the year the Committee was called upon to consider the question of the Superintendency of Deaconess House, as Mr. and Mrs. Williams desired to spend the winter in Auckland. Arrangements were made by which the Lady Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Williams, was allowed four months leave of absence, and for her place during that period to be filled by Mrs. J. A. Armitage. The Committee was exceedingly fortunate in being able to make this arrangement, as Mrs. Armitage proved herself to be a very capable and successful Acting-Lady Superintendent. All the work of the House went on smoothly and efficiently under her wise and careful direction. She has left behind her very fragrant memories of a gracious influence and effective service.

Deaconess House re-opened on February 7th, when the following students came into residence:—Misses J. McKenzie (2nd year), O. Bott, O. Holland, Ngata Mete and Josephine Muriwai. Miss Marie Ellison, a Maori Student, came at a later date.

Lectures have been given to the Students as follows:—"Old Testament" by Rev. E. Drake, "New Testament" by Rev. F. Greenwood, "Theology" by Rev. E. B. Chambers, "Church History" by Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., "Elocution" by Rev. S. Lawry, "English Literature" by Miss E. Chaplin, B.A., "Nursing" by Miss Pemberton, "Psychology" by Mr. C. H. E. Graham, F.R.G.S. All the Students also attend the Lectures given in the House in connection with the Bible Class Leadership Training Course.

Instruction in practical District nursing has been given under the direction of Nurse Maude, and in Kindergarten teaching by Miss Hull, Director of Kindergarten work, and in Girl Guide work by Sister Lenna Button. Sister Ruth and Sister Lenna assist in supervising their general visitation work.

During the year the Students have had experience in Bible Class, Sunday School and Pulpit work, also in Bible Class Camps, and in Meetings and Clubs for women and girls.

During the year, Miss Ruth Grant, a certificated School Teacher, designated for work in the Solomon Islands, was in the House for a short period. She took an intensive course at the Public Hospital and at St. Helen's, also in District nursing and general Deaconess work. She proved herself a very efficient student and worker.

Convocation was held in the House in February, with fifteen Deaconesses and Students attending. Sister Margaret Gibson from England was present at all sessions, she also gave the charge at the dedication of Sister Frances Hayman, in the Durham Street Church.

With a reduced number of Training College and University Students, we have been able to accommodate both permanent and temporary "Paying Guests." This, however, is irregular; and it is desirable that there should be an increase in the number of annual subscribers, in order to maintain a satisfactory financial position.

Including the staff, we have twenty-two in residence. The House continues to serve as a centre for many Christian activities. The Young Women's Bible Class Movement held its Annual Meeting here in January, and during the year both the N.Z. Women's Missionary Union and North Canterbury Young Women's Bible Class Union have had their Headquarters at Deaconess House.

The recommendation put forth in last year's Report, asking Conference to take steps for legislative authority to be provided whereby Women Home Missionaries might be recognised as "Officiating Ministers" under the Marriage Act, was adopted by Conference. An Amending Bill to provide for the recognition of Women as "Officiating Ministers" was introduced to Parliament, but failed to secure the support of members.

The financial statement will be presented to Conference. The Committee again asks for the following grants towards the maintenance of the Institution:—Foreign Mission Fund, £75; Home Mission Fund, £75; Contingent Fund, £75; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £100.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1932:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Rev. S. Lawry (Secretary), Superintendent Ministers of Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, together with the Ministers appointed to Linwood and Edgeware Road; Mesdames G. Bowron, Lamb, Sandford, Knight, Sister Mabel Morley, Misses Lovell-Smith and Chaplin; Messrs. C. A. Newman (Treasurer), A. Borrows, G. Bowron, H. Chapman, C. H. E. Graham, and J. E. Purchase, M.A.

A. N. SCOTTER, CHAIRMAN.

SAMUEL LAWRY, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. The Conference learns with regret that Mrs. W. J. Williams has found it necessary to resign from her position as Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House, a position which she has filled with eminent distinction during the past six years. The Conference resolves to place on record its high appreciation of her splendid work in the general management of the House, and especially in the training of the Deaconess Students. The influence of her personal character, and the exceptional ability shown in all departments of the work are known and appreciated far beyond the bounds of the Methodist Church. The residents and students of Deaconess House, and the deaconesses in both the Home work and the Foreign field have felt the helpful inspiration which has resulted from her contact with them; and the Committee has always found Mrs. Williams most ready to co-operate in promoting the best interests of the Institution. The standard of efficiency has been set so high that it creates a challenge for those who may be called to follow her, but her example of achievement will be an inspiration and a call to maintain the record so worthily made.

The Conference assures both Mr. and Mrs. Williams of its high regard and continued interest in their welfare, and prays that God's richest blessing may ever rest upon them.

3. That the Conference tenders its thanks to Mrs. J. A. Armitage for her very acceptable services as Acting-Lady Superintendent, during the absence of Mrs. Williams.

4. That the Conference is pleased to learn that the Committee has secured the services of Miss Elsie Sewell as Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House in succession to Mrs. Williams.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Secretary and to the Treasurer of the Institution.
6. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Deaconess Institute and requests the Quarterly Meetings in the cities and larger provincial towns to consider the possibility of employing trained deaconesses not only for social work, but also for the work of evangelism and the care of our Young People in the Bible Classes and Sunday Schools.
7. That the Conference authorise the following grants for 1932: Foreign Mission Fund £75, Home Mission Fund £75, Contingent Fund £75, Fire Insurance Fund £100.
8. The Conference renews its request to Parliament for an amendment of the "Marriage Act," so as to provide for the recognition of Women Home Missionaries as "Officiating Ministers."
9. That the Committee for 1932 be:—The President of the Conference (Rev. M. A. Ru by Pratt), Rev. S. Lawry (Secretary), the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, together with the ministers appointed to Linwood and Edgware Road Churches, and Rev. F. T. Read; Mesdames Bowron, Lamb, Sandford, Knight, Sister Mabel Morley, Misses C. A. Chaplin and D. Fairweather; Messrs. C. A. Newman (Treasurer), A. Borrows, G. Bowron, H. Chapman, C. H. E. Graham and J. E. Purchase, M.A., Miss Lovell Smith to be an associate member.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1932.

I.—Home Work.

- *1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, Durham Street South, Christchurch.
- 1918—Sister Hazel Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
- *1927—Sister Margaret Jeffreys, Pitt Street, Auckland.
- *1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Social Service Mission, Auckland.
- *1930—Sister Lenna Button, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- *1931—Sister Katherine Parkinson, South Island Orphanage, Papanui.
- *1932—Miss McKenzie, Awaiting appointment.

II.—Maori Work.

- *1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- 1921—Sister Nicholls, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos, "Kurahuna," Onehunga.
- 1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
- *1929—Sister Irene Hobbs, Hamilton.
- *1929—Sister Frances Hayman, Okaiawa.
- *1931—Sister Atawhai Werakaka, Te Kuiti.
- *1932—Sister Miriama Kirkwood, Ratana Pa.
- *1932—Sister Marie Ellison, Home Mission Department.

III.—Foreign Work.

- *1913—Sister May Barnett, Solomon Islands.
- *1913—Sister Elizabeth Common, Solomon Islands.
- *1914—Sister Lilian Berry, Solomon Islands.
- *1926—Sister Grace McDonald, Solomon Islands.

IV—Special Service.

- *1914.—Sister Annie Tocker, Wellington (Government Service).

V.—Retired or Resting.

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley, Retired.
*1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, Resting.
1920—Sister Bessie McFarlane, Retired.
—— Sister Alice Howell, Retired.
1918—Sister May Ralph, Retired.
*1922—Sister Jean Dalziell, Resting.
*1928—Sister Olive Coleman, Resting.
—— Mrs. W. J. Williams, Retired.

VI.—Students in Training.

- Miss Olive Bott.
Miss Olive Holland.
Miss Ngati Mete.
Miss Josephine Muriwai.
Miss Taka Ropata.

*Trained at Deaconess House.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference regarding Connexional Orphanages.

A.—AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE—MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM.

REPORT, 1931.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father we review another year of Service on behalf of the Children.

During the year some children have left, either going to work or to a parent, and others have been admitted, our present Roll being as follows:—

	Boys	Girls	Total
Wesley Home, Mt. Albert ..	22	21	43
Epworth Home, Mt. Albert ..	12	13	25
Epsom Home	26	18	44
Grand Total	60	52	112

During the year the sum of £500 has been received under the will of the late Mrs. James Trounson. We are deeply grateful for such gifts, and for the help rendered by Subscribers and Collectors, including Miss Ethel Mason, Honorary Collector by Correspondence, and Mr. J. H. Whitburn, City Collector. We regret, however, that some Circuits still confine their efforts to the Christmas Retiring Collections, which in some cases are small, and out of proportion to the merit and urgency of our appeal for orphans and needy children. Owing to unemployment and poverty, our maintenance fees have declined by £426, and to avoid a heavy overdraft we have again had recourse to Capital, of which we have used over £417.

With much regret we have found it wise during the year, on financial grounds, to restrict admissions, save in exceptional cases, to Methodist children who have lost one or both parents, but we are anxious to resume the wider policy as soon as possible. It is imperative, therefore, that we secure a larger return, especially from Circuits whose response so far has been feeble.

The Matrons, supported by their loyal Staff, continue their devoted labours on behalf of the children, and have had much to encourage them in the affection, good health and general progress of the children, also by countless gifts and kindnesses.

During the year we have lost by death two veteran members of the Board, viz :—Rev. T. G. Brooke, who passed away on August 31st, and Rev. George Bond who died on November 6th, a few days after our Annual Meeting. Both took a keen interest in the Homes, and the latter has been closely associated with the work since its commencement in 1913, and for the past 14 years has been the Chairman of the Selection Committee.

The Board gratefully acknowledge the valuable services of the Ladies Committee, Drs. Harold Pettitt and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians, Mr. Arch Peak, Solicitor, and Mr. Egerton Gill, Auditor; we also tender our thanks to Messrs. Ambury, Astley and Gillon for valuable assistance given at the grounds of each Home.

We nominate the following as the Board for 1932 :—

Board of Management.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. W. Astley, Life Members; Revs. E. D. Patchett, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, G. T. Marshall, A. McBean, J. H. Haslam, J. F. Martin, J. H. Allen, and W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., Mesdames W. R. G. Emerson, A. H. White, T. A. Joughin, T. Clark, A. Peak, F. M. Winstone, J. Armitage, E. D. Patchett; the Misses Kirk, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Ida Buttle; Messrs. J. E. Astley, A. Peak, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, Walter Ambury, D. L. Thomas, B. C. Moodie, L. F. Rudd, R. W. Gillon F. Penn, J. M. Forster and A. Williams.

Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer, A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

SAMUEL GRIFFITH, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report, Financial Statement, Revenue Account, and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference expresses its thanks to the Board of Management, and the Matrons of the three Auckland Homes and their Staffs, also its gratification at the good work being done on behalf of orphans and needy children; that the Conference records its sympathy with the Board and with the relatives of the deceased in the loss sustained by death during the year of two veteran members of the Board, the Revs. T. G. Brooke, and George Bond, the latter having rendered conspicuous service to the work since its inception in 1913.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ladies' Committee; Drs. Harold Pettitt and Cyril Griffin, honorary physicians; Mr. A. Peak, honorary solicitor; Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary; and Mr. A. L. Caughey, Lay Treasurer. The Board of Management for 1932, as recommended in the Report, was endorsed.

B.—CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

The Home was opened in October, 1921, and since then 101 children have been admitted. Sixty-one of these have gone forth to play their part as citizens in the outside world. During the last ten years we have been working at the spring of what will become a stream and it is thrilling to think of the work that will be done in the generations to come. Sir Joseph Stamp said recently: "You will only pay your debt to the past by putting the future in debt to yourself." In this spirit we work.

The Staff.

During the past year the staff has been, Miss Allan, Matron; Miss Mead, two senior girls of the Home who have become junior members of the staff and a cook. The work has made satisfactory progress and a happy united spirit has prevailed.

The Boys and Girls.

We have had about 40 children in the Home during the year. Three boys have gone out to occupations. It has been somewhat difficult to find work for them. Several children have been admitted.

The health of both the members of the staff and the boys and girls has been good, no serious sickness having been experienced. We sincerely thank Dr. Prior for his work as honorary physician, a position he has occupied for ten years.

Four of the children gained their Proficiency certificates at the School examinations.

At the music examinations Shirley Keall passed the Preliminary Grade, May Daynes passed the Preliminary Grade with honourable mention and Norman Keall passed with distinction, the highest pass obtainable, Miss Constance Donald, L.A.B. was honorary tutor.

In the Home Scripture examination the boys and girls displayed an intimate knowledge with Bible truth and gained a high percentage of marks.

The young people assisted by friends gave a very successful concert in the Masterton Schoolroom which was crowded and over £12 was taken for admission. Later the concert was repeated at Carterton.

On December 18th an enthusiastic break-up gathering was held, a tea was given to the boys and girls, the members of the committees and their wives and a number of friends including the Mayor of Masterton, Mr. T. Jordan, met for tea in the dining room of the Home. In the adjoining social hall a gathering was held when presents were made and prizes distributed, Santa Claus receiving a hearty welcome.

Finance.

During the year there has been a considerable decrease in the income, Christmas collections amounted to about £90 less than the previous years. Donations have been fewer and owing to the depression there has been a decrease in the amounts paid as maintenance fees.

Two late residents of Masterton district have left bequests to the Home during the Year. Mr. John Gray, half the residue of his estate which will amount to £750 and Mrs. Skinner left her cottage for the benefit of the Home. We thank the many friends for their donations of cash, clothing, etc., and shall greatly appreciate further help.

The following persons are nominated as members of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year. Messrs. S. J. Smith (Chairman), A. H. Daniell (Vice-Chairman), C. E. Daniell, J. A. Donald, J. H. Handyside, W. H. Judd, F. E. Wells, Rev. W. Parker, Dr. N. H. Prior (Honorary Physician), Rev. E. O. Blamires (Chaplain), Rev. J. Cocker; Mesdames J. Elliott, J. Cocker, E. O. Blamires, A. Pragnell and Miss Burton. Secretary-Manager and Treasurer, Rev. J. Cocker.

S. J. SMITH, Chairman.

J. COCKER, Secretary-Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Chairman of the Board, Mr. S. J. Smith; to the Hon. Physician, Dr. Prior; to Rev. E. O. Blamires, Hon. Chaplain; and to Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary-Manager.
3. That the Management Committee be as recommended in the Report.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

REPORT FOR 1931.

The life and work of our Home has for the past year proceeded in its usual even way, without much happening that calls for special comment. Under the capable and kindly care of the Manager and Matron, Mr. and Mrs.

Haynes, and their efficient helpers the health and discipline of the children has been well maintained. The conduct of the children in the Home, and their attendance and behaviour at Day School, Church Services, and Sunday School have been uniformly good.

Several of the children again did well in the recent Annual Scripture examination of the North Canterbury Methodist S.S. Union. One of the young men still associated with the Orphanage, Mr. Peter Johansen, having passed the required tests, is now a local preacher on the Papanui Circuit Plan, and is continuing his studies with a view to becoming a candidate for the Ministry of our Church next year.

In September of this year the number of children in the Home reached its record figure of 63.

By way of preparation for the time when the site of the proposed new Home will be built upon, a shelter belt of suitable trees has been planted along each side and across the back of the section; with a plantation of native shrubs and trees through which the main approach from Harewood Road will run to the front of the proposed new building. Careful consideration is being given by the Board to the question as to whether it would be possible and advisable to have the Foundation Stone for the new Home laid at one of the functions at the approaching Conference. The plans of the buildings have been revised to comply with the requirements of past Earthquake legislation, and once the financial position is assured the work can be authorised and proceeded with.

Legacies to the value of £2000 have been left to the Home during the past year, but the process of realization will take time to finalise.

By the good offices of the Christchurch City Council, provision has been made for the taking up annually of a Street collection on behalf of the Christchurch Orphanages. The first of these was held last July, when our Home shared to the amount of £117 4s. 9d. It is hoped for the future to have this collection made in Summer and that this advantage together with the perfecting of the organisation of the appeal will result in a substantially increased amount.

In common with all our Church organisations we lament the passing of our true friend, Rev. W. Greenslade, whose interest was most helpful during his Chairmanship of the Board. We assure Mrs. Greenslade and family of our very sincere sympathy.

We express our thanks to Dr. Orchard and Mr. G. Sevicke Jones for their continued gratuitous services; to the members of the Ladies House Committee; to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and the Staff; and to all who have forwarded gifts of various sorts during the year. We appeal to our friends in all the South Island circuits for their further generous support; and assure them of our grateful appreciation of their contributions in money and kind.

EDWARD DRAKE, CHAIRMAN.

October 13th, 1931.

ARTHUR HOPPER, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report, Financial Statement, and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the painstaking work of the Secretary, Rev. A. Hopper.
3. That Conference gratefully recognises the splendid support given to the Orphanage by districts outside North Canterbury.
4. That Conference tenders its thanks to Mr. Geo. Bowron for his untiring work on behalf of the Orphanage.
5. That the Committee for 1932 be:—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. J. Williams, W. Baumber, S. Lawry, C. E. Ward, F. T. Read and A. Peters, Mesdames W. J. Williams, G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, P. N. Knight, E.

Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, A. Hopper, W. Rowe and Sister Mabel Morley ; Messrs. E. W. Hall, G. Bowron, F. Thompson, W. T. Burley, J. Lomas, M. Kershaw, J. Gilmour, F. A. Sheat, T. J. Carr, W. Dobbs, O. M. Jones, W. S. Wonner, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., L.L.B., and J. E. Purchase, M.A., F.R.E.S. Secretary, Rev. A. Hopper, Treasurer, Mr. George Bowron; Field Organiser, Rev. F. T. Read.

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

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE. REPORT FOR 1931.

The year ended December 31st has been one of exceptional difficulty. The economic state of the country has affected the revenue from advertising and has also resulted in a substantial loss of subscribers. For a considerable part of the year the increase in postage rates to one penny per copy entailed heavy additional expense. Subscribers and advertisers have been less prompt than usual in meeting their liabilities and larger amounts than ordinary are outstanding. The net result of the year's transactions is a deficiency for the year of £43 4s. 0d. as against a profit of £157 7s. 2d. for the previous year. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet show the financial position in detail. The net amount received from subscribers is £1,129 3s. 0d. and from advertisements £225 1s. 8d. Publishing costs have amounted to £1,163 13s. 2d. There is a sum of £500 in the Contingent Reserve Account and the Accumulated Funds amount to £516 4s. 8d.

The Synods have expressed approval of the work of the Editor and Associate Editor, Editor Emeritus, LYM Editor and others who contribute the regular features of the paper. The Committee unanimously nominates the Rev. Percy R. Paris for re-appointment as Editor and on his recommendation heartily nominates the Rev. T. J. Wallis for re-appointment as Associate Editor.

The Treasurers of the Contingent Fund have notified the Committee of their intention to move that for 1932 the whole amount of the honoraria for the Editor and Associate Editor be provided by the Committee and that the Committee also meet the contingent expenses of the Editors, though not the cost of the Editor travelling to Conference. It is clear that the Committee will also be faced with a serious reduction of income through a further decline in the number of subscribers. The present is not an opportune time to initiate a campaign for new subscribers but it is hoped that ministers and circuit agents will do all that is possible to retain present subscribers and enrol as many others as possible.

The Committee places on record its appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the Editor with the business manager in effecting all possible economies throughout the year. Having given careful consideration to the whole of the circumstances set forth above, it feels that the existing situation calls for the continued exercise of the most rigid economy. With great reluctance it recommends that for the present year the honorarium of the Editor be reduced to £50 and that of the Associate Editor to £27 10s. 0d.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1932:—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), Convener, Revs. S. Lawry, A. N. Scotter, B.A., A. Hopper, T. J. Wallis, Messrs. H. Holland, M.P., G. Bowron, W. A. Bascand, W. Dobbs and D. E. Parton.

On behalf of the Committee,

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 15th January, 1932.

ADDENDUM.

The Committee directs that appreciation be expressed of the continued good work of the Business Manager (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), to whose capacity and diligent industry is attributable the general soundness of the position of the paper in these difficult times.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

Christchurch, 15th January, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Editor (Rev. P. R. Paris), the Associate Editor (Rev. T. J. Wallis), the Editor Emeritus (Rev. W. J. Williams), and the Editor of the "Lym" Page (Rev. J. E. Parsons) for the high standard of service they have rendered.
3. That the Rev. Percy R. Paris be re-appointed Editor for 1932, with the Rev. T. J. Wallis as Associate Editor.
4. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be re-appointed Business Manager.
5. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report, excepting that the name of Rev. E. Drake be substituted for that of Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.

N.B.—See Resolution 4, under Question LV (2).

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

No report.

For official list of Chaplains see Minutes of Conference, 1930, pages 133-34.

RESOLUTION.

That the Military Committee be re-appointed, with Rev. H. A. Sharp, Convener.

QUESTION L.—What is the report on Early Church Records?

The following records have been received during the year:—

1. From Rev. O. S. Pearn:
 - (a) Shirley Trust Minute Book 1870-1889.
 - (b) Shirley Trust Account Book 1882-1913.
 - (c) Shirley Diamond Jubilee Souvenir.
2. From Mrs. Garlick:

Rev. W. Kirk's copy of "The Universal Psalmist."
3. From Rev. T. A. Pybus:

Portion of Old Maori Prayer Book.
4. From Mrs. E. P. Malton:

Companion Tune Book to Wesley's Hymns.
5. From Rev. R. B. Tinsley:

South Canterbury Synod Journal 1913-1928.
6. From Mr. G. Brownson, Plymouth, England:

Sundry cuttings.
7. From Rev. T. N. Deller, Bau, Fiji:

Vernacular pamphlet, Jubilee of Methodism in Fiji 1885.
8. Rev. J. Boothroyd:
 - (a) Methodist Union Leaflet, 1884.
 - (b) "A Memorable Struggle," 1882.
 - (c) Reprint of John Wesley's "Primitive Physic."

9. Mrs. T. R. Hodder :
Pamphlet by Rev. Thomas Buddle, 1860 :
"The Maori King Movement."
10. Rev. S. Lawry :
 - (a) Reports Ecumenical Methodist Conference, 1891, 1911.
 - (b) "Principles and Polity of the Wesleyan Methodists" (Peirce).
 - (c) Dr. Morley's "History of N.Z. Methodism" (16 parts)
 - (d) Digest of Methodism (Rigg).
 - (e) Methodist Laws (5 editions 1877 to 1916).
 - (f) The Sunday Service (John Wesley's Abridgement, 1825).
This copy was signed by Elijah Hoole in September, 1839 for the Kapiti Mission Station.
11. Mrs. J. C. Prudhoe :
 - (a) Conference Minute Books.
 - (b) Framed photo Sydney General Conference, 1907.
12. Rev. S. Henderson :
"The Methodist Who's Who," 1913.
13. Mr. A. R. Cameron:
Lock from Waikouaiti Mission House door, 1840.
14. Misses Turner of St. Albans :
Large Engraving John Wesley Preaching on his Father's Tomb.
15. Miss Kirk :
Photo of Waikouaiti Mission House, 1840.
16. Mrs. Moxham :
Large engraving of Wesley and his Friends at Oxford.
17. Mrs. W. Perry :
Seven Small Wesley pictures.
18. Mrs. A. F. Hawke :
Small picture of Wesley preaching at a Market Cross.
19. Miss Alice Watkin :
Small engraving Wellington Mission House and Church, 1844-1848.
20. Mr. A. Williams, St. Albans :
Enlarged photo of Mr. J. Tippet Smith.

Christchurch,
4th January, 1932.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Custodian Early Church Records.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian for the ensuing year, with the Principal of the College as a Joint Custodian.
3. That thanks be tendered to those who have sent in various records during the past year.

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

1.—THE SIZE OF CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The special committee appointed by the last Conference to consider the practicability of reducing the size of Conference, met in the Board Room, Probert Chambers, Auckland, on Monday, June 29th, when various recommendations from corresponding members of the committee were received and discussed.

Copies of the scheme for reduction submitted in 1919 were in the hands of the committee for use as a basis of discussion, but it was pointed out that after a special committee had spent much time in preparing that scheme, the Conference had by an overwhelming majority thrown it out; and the present committee has no guarantee that another such scheme would not meet with a like fate, because any scheme for reducing the size of Conference would involve a smaller representation from Circuits, and the committee is of the opinion that this would be resented by many Circuits.

After an exhaustive discussion of the subject the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:—

“That, having considered the question from various angles, the Committee reports to the Synods that while a scheme for the reduction of the size of Conference could be framed, it is not desirable to proceed further until the Conference itself has declared its mind on the question of the reduction of its numbers.”

F. E. LEADLEY, CONVENER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
The Resolution to approve the principle of reduction of the size of Conference was defeated.
2. That a Committee be appointed to consider during the year methods by which the efficiency of the Conference may be further improved, and its time and cost reduced, the Committee to report through the Synods to Conference.
3. That the following be the Committee:—The Secretary of Conference (Convener) Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, E. P. Blamires, W. Walker, A. J. Seamer; Messrs. A. Peak, A. C. A. Sexton, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, A. J. Buttle, J. Veale, and T. L. Hames. Corresponding members, The President of Conference (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. S. Lawry, A. N. Scotter, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse, and W. A. Burley M.A.; The Vice President (Mr. J. Voss). Messrs. D. C. Cameron, J. H. Blackwell, H. de R. Flesher, M.A. LL.B., R. S. Maunder, C. E. Taylor, and F. Thompson.

2.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

(Min. Con. 1931, p. 160).

REPORT OF AUCKLAND COMMITTEE.

That an Association be formed among the men of our Churches to be called the “METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.”

CONSTITUTION.

1. Name.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

2. Objects.

The objects of the “Methodist Men's Fellowship” shall be to enlist the co-operation of Christian men in the active promotion of the work of the Church, both at home and abroad, and especially to cultivate the social aspects of Christian life.

3. Membership.

The membership shall be open to all men connected with Methodist Congregations, of not less than 18 years of age.

4. Fees.

The membership fee for each year shall be determined by the Annual Meeting, which shall also decide what proportions shall be paid to the Dominion Executive and the District Committees.

5. Officers.

The President of the Conference shall be ex-officio President of the Fellowship. The Vice-President of the Conference shall be ex-officio Vice-President of the Fellowship. There shall also be a Secretary and a Treasurer, and a Dominion Executive of five members in addition to the above officers, and three corresponding members each residing in one of the three larger cities of the Dominion other than that in which the Dominion Executive is for the time being located.

The Chairman of the District Committee set up in these centres shall be the corresponding member of the Dominion Executive: should the Vice-President be ex-officio Chairman in any such centre another member of the District Committee shall be elected.

NOTE.—In the absence of the Vice-President, the Dominion Executive shall elect a deputy Chairman from among their number.

6. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Fellowship shall be held during the Sessions of the Conference and shall consist of all members who are present at the Conference, or resident in or near the Conference town. This meeting shall receive the Annual Report and Financial Statement, elect a Secretary, a Treasurer and other members of the Dominion Executive, and transact such other business as may be necessary.

7. District Committees.

Each District Synod shall appoint a District Committee: the members of the Committee (except in the case of the Committee appointed at the 1932 Synod), shall be nominated to the succeeding Synods by the retiring committee. Each District Committee shall at its first meeting elect a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, the names of the Committee and its officers to be forwarded to the Dominion Executive and to the Annual Meeting.

The Vice-President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the District Committee of the District in which he resides.

Each District Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of organizing the Fellowship in its District, and shall keep in touch with the Dominion Executive. It shall send to the Dominion Executive, not later than December 15th, an Annual Report for the District.

8. Meetings.

Meetings of the Fellowship shall be held at regular intervals.

9. Alterations to Constitution.

The Annual Meeting shall have power to amend the Constitution, subject to confirmation by Conference.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. As the Fellowship is to be regarded as having a Spiritual basis, some portion of the time at each meeting is to be occupied with devotional exercises. Where practicable meetings for prayer and fellowship shall be arranged for.

2. Arrangements should be made for addresses and papers on various departments of Church work, Methodist History and Missions, proposals for Church extension, local or otherwise, and suggestions for avenues of Service in the work of the Church. Discussions by members of matters of interest affecting Church activities should be encouraged.

Where practicable social meetings at some suitable tea or dining rooms may be arranged, at which in addition to any of the above matters, members may take tea or dinner together, followed by Community singing or other brief musical programme, or by addresses of educational and inspirational value.

3. Where practicable an Annual District Rally should be held, when subjects such as those indicated above, or others suitable to the occasion, should be discussed, and where desirable recommendations to any appropriate Church Court or Committee might be made.

4. Circuit rallies would also be found useful in many cases, and should be of a devotional and inspirational character, as well as for the discussion of questions such as those previously referred to.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and the Constitution be adopted.
2. That the Committee be re-appointed as last year, and select its own Convener.

3.—ORDER OF REFERENCE.

(Min. Con. 1931, p. 161).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Balance Sheets.

Conference affirms that this matter is adequately met at present in Section 1 of the Law Book at the top of page 96 which provides that the Committee on Funds shall examine all balance sheets excepting those specifically referred to other Committees, such as Committee H and Committee K.

(See Law Book pages 95 and 97).

2. Departmental Representatives and Conveners.

That in every case where a Department or Institution is concerned the Convener shall, by previous arrangement with the Secretary of Conference, simply announce what question is about to be submitted to Conference and that Mr.....(the Departmental Head or the representative of the Connexional Institution or Committee) will introduce the Business.

Such Departmental Head or Representative may submit the recommendations of the Conference Committee for approval, in which case the Convener will second the motion and make any additional statement that may be required.

If the recommendations of the Conference Committee are in conflict with those of the Department, Institution or Committee affected the Head or Representative, as the case may be, shall move the proposals of his own Department or Institution, and in stating the recommendations of the Conference Committee intimate that it may be moved as an amendment by the Convener of the Conference Committee.

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

(See Book of Laws, pp. 97, 98.)

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, A. Peak, E. Dixon, C. M. Luke, E. Kellow, S. T. S. Martin, H. P. Mourant, W. E. Redstone, Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C., H. Holland, M.P., E. Rosevear, J. B. Shacklock, D. C. Cameron, and H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., 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 ?

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers of Wellington City and Suburban Circuits ; Mrs. E. C. Gamble, Miss E. Smith, Messrs. L. J. Clark, R. S. Maunder, W. Walton, T. H. Crosbie, A. H. Brooks, H. Dixon, R. Ferguson, S. T. S. Martin, F. J. W. Fear, R. Hampton, E. Masters, B. J. Lynneberg, P. G. de Ridder, W. H. Johnston, J. S. Reid, LL.B., F. Lockwood, J. Jacobson, E. Howe, J. H. Phillipps, A. E. Parker. Convener, Rev. A. E. Jefferson.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The President of Conference (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), the Vice-President (Mr. J. Voss), the Ministers and Probationers in active work in the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, Revs. S. Lawry, F. T. Read, J. Featherston, C. Strand, Messrs. D. E. Parton, J. Lomas, C. W. Barrell, W. C. Francis, A. G. Williams, G. Rickard, R. E. Holloway, E. W. Hall, R. Lainé, H. W. Heslop, A. C. Taylor, G. Hight, W. Dobbs, S. R. Evison, C. A. Comber, T. Roskruge, E. Williams, A. Williams, W. Simpson, C. C. Sandford, A. E. Haynes, F. J. Carr, J. T. Norton, W. T. Foster, A. Holden, W. A. Bascand, C. A. Newman, G. Bowron, C. Hall, F. Thompson, Mrs. G. Bowron and Miss I. K. Robinson. Convener, Rev. B. Metson.

OTAGO.SOUTHLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers, Probationers, and Home Missionaries of the Dunedin, Port Chalmers and Mosgiel Circuits, the Superintendents of the two Invercargill Circuits, Rev. G. Clement ; Messrs. E. Aslin, E. A. Rosevear, A. T. McIndoe, J. B. Shacklock, E. W. Isbister, E. Dowland, W. O. Brown, L. Wraight, R. Rae, T. Clyde, H. H. Johnston, P. Nixon, S. G. Macfarlane, M.A., T. Jory, J. Davidson, J. Trerise, together with two representatives each from the Y.M. and Y.W. B.C. Movements, and from the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. Associate member, Mr. A. H. Reed. Convener : Rev. H. Daniel.

QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church, including the Rulings of the President during the year ?

(See Minutes, 1929, pp. 144-145).

1.—The Constitution of the Conference.

A special Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Ex-President, and Secretary of Conference ; Revs. W. A. Sinclair, S. Lawry and A. N. Scotter ; Messrs. A. Peak, C. E. Taylor, H. de R. Flesher, Eric Burton were appointed to consider and report to Conference on several matters affecting the Constitution of the Conference.

RESOLUTION.

That the President's Committee of Advice take into consideration during the year, and report through the Synods upon matters affecting the Constitution of the Conference, and upon cognate matters ; and that Rev. S. Lawry be requested to bring such matters before the Committee of Advice.

2.—Presidential Rulings.

During the year the rulings of the President (Rev. E. D. Patchett), were asked on the following matters :—

(a) A Quarterly Meeting considered a question and the proposal was carried by a majority vote. A suggestion was made that the meeting should agree that the proposal should go forward as a unanimous resolution and the Chairman ruled that if a motion to re-open the question for voting purposes only were moved and seconded by persons in the minority and carried by the meeting he would put the first motion to the vote. Several persons who voted with the minority the first time did not vote the second time the motion was put.

I was asked to rule as to whether it was in order to re-introduce the matter.

REPLY : I quoted Conference procedure that a motion to upset a resolution carried by Conference must be moved by a member who voted with the majority. Book of Laws p. 232 par. 20 (The Committee added that such a motion must be carried unanimously). I also pointed out the difference between "unanimous," and "without dissent," and ruled that the circumstances did not justify a contention that the motion was carried "unanimously."

(b) An enquiry was made as to the position of a representative to Conference from a circuit presenting a memorial from the quarterly meeting, the decision to present which was made on a majority vote, who in the voting in the Quarterly Meeting voted with the minority.

REPLY : I ruled that the representative was at liberty to vote in the Conference against the proposal in the Memorial and was not in any way bound to support the Memorial.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Rulings be approved, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the Standing Orders of the Conference be the guide to procedure in all our subordinate Courts.

3.—President's Committee of Advice.

That the President's Committee of Advice consist of Revs. S. Lawry, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., W. A. Sinclair, E. Drake, A. J. Seamer, A. N. Scotter, B.A., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., and the Secretary of Conference; with the Vice-President, Messrs. A. Peak, H. de R. Flesher, G. Bowron, and F. Thompson.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on Other Questions ?

1.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes 1931, page 157).

The Continuation Committee which was appointed by the World Conference on Faith and Order that met at Lausanne in 1927 recently met in England. Representatives of forty-two churches attended from twenty-five countries.

It was decided to hold a second World Conference at Lausanne, Switzerland, in August 1937, and to enlist the active co-operation of the Churches in working out the details of a programme to be based upon the one main subject : "The Church in the Purpose of God."

The Continuation Committee is taking such steps as are deemed wise and necessary, within the purpose of the World Conference, to advance the cause of Christian unity.

The re-appointment of our own Committee is recommended but the convener desires that a new appointment to that office be made.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Convener.

Christchurch,
5th January, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., A. N. Scotter, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse, J. H. Haslam, P. R. Paris; Messrs. A. Peak, H. E. Pacey, H. P. Mourant, F. Thompson and E. A. Rosevear. Convener, Rev. P. R. Paris.

2.—PROPOSED NEW HYMN BOOK.

(See Minutes 1931, page 150).

During the year correspondence relative to the proposed new Hymn Book has been conducted with Dr. J. Alfred Sharp, the Secretary of the British Committee, and with the Rev. Eldred Dyer, the Secretary of the Australian Committee.

The British Committee has not yet completed the examination of hymns for the new book, but is meeting to make the final selection on January 5, 6 and 7 of this year. After this meeting a list of accepted hymns will be forwarded to us and to the Australian Committee. Upon receipt of this list it will be possible to proceed with the selection of hymns for our own Supplement. Our Conference should now arrange to set up a Committee to co-operate with the Committee in the Commonwealth concerning the matter. The publication of our own edition is not a matter of extreme urgency now that our right is recognised to have a similar arrangement to that operating in regard to the present hymn book.

The British selection of hymns will be submitted to the Union Conference in October, 1932, but it is probable that publication may not take place until the following Conference.

The British Tune Book Committee has begun its work and will aim at selecting tunes suitable for every type of congregation. A suggestion is under consideration to include a selection of Psalms and Canticles. No decision has yet been reached regarding the use of expression marks, but the British Committee favours placing the name of the author at the end of each hymn.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Convener.

Christchurch,

6th January, 1932.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the duties of the Committee as set forth in Minutes 1930, p. 131, be re-affirmed.
3. That the Committee be the same as last year, except that the name of Dr. Jarman be deleted, and the names of Revs. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., E. B. Chambers and Mr. W. Hutchens, be added.
4. That all business matters, including Hymn Book agencies, be referred to the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee, with power to act.

3.—EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND.

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the splendid efforts of the Rev. F. Copeland and his assistants in connection with the Earthquake Relief Fund.
3. That the Committee as last year be re-appointed.
4. That Conference rejoices in the response made to this appeal by the Methodist people of New Zealand.

4.—VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

(a) Local Preachers' Association.

That the report of the N.Z. Methodist Local Preachers' Association which has hitherto been taken under Question 55, be for the future taken under Question 32: "What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church," the Welfare of the Church Report to be designated by the letter "A," and the report of the Local Preachers' Association by the letter "B."

(b) Presidential Visit.

That in the event of the President being able to visit Australia during the year he be duly appointed as the official representative to the General Conference of Australasia, the Rev. E. P. Blamires to be associated with him. In the event of the President being unable to visit Australia, the Rev. E. P. Blamires to be the official representative.

(c) Methodist Union in Great Britain.

That the selection of a representative of our Church to the Conference of the Uniting Methodist Churches in Great Britain be referred to the President's Committee of Advice; and in the event of no representative being available that a suitable letter, signed by the President and the Secretary of the Conference, be sent.

(d) Legal Adviser.

That Mr. Archibald Peak be thanked for his services as President's Legal Adviser, and that he be re-appointed.

(e) Representation on Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meetings.

That paragraph B., page 152 Minutes Conference 1931, relating to representation on Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, be amended to read as follows:—"We recommend that each Womens' Auxiliary or Branch in a Circuit or Home Mission Station, be empowered to elect one member to the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, such representative to have been in continuous membership with the Church for twelve months; and that in cases where two or more Circuits are united in one Branch of the Womens' Auxiliary, the Auxiliary may elect one member possessing the necessary qualifications for each of the said Circuits, provided that such elected representative shall hold Church membership in the Circuit to the Quarterly Meeting of which she is elected.

(f) Church Union.

That the resolutions contained in Minutes of Conference 1931, p. 57 be reaffirmed.

That the following be the Committee to act for the Methodist Church on Church Union.—Revs. E. D. Patchett, Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, W. A. Sinclair, A. J. Seamer, E. P. Blamires, W. Walker, G. Frost, J. H. Haslam, E. S. Harkness, A. McBean, Messrs. A. Peak, W. S. Mackay, A. J. Buttle, J. E. Astley, J. P. Blair, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, S. Elcoat, G. C. Riddell, J. Maginness, with the President of the Conference as Corresponding Member. Convener, The Secretary of Conference.

g.—GIBSON BEQUEST.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Conference records its warm appreciation of the generous gift of a valuable farm together with £5,000 in cash by the late Mr. R. Gibson of Manaia, for the purposes of an orphanage and training farm for boys in South Taranaki.
2. That the Conference resolves that subject to the details as to the Constitution and powers of the Trustees being settled by the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund, the persons hereunder mentioned be appointed to act as Trustees for the Methodist Church of New Zealand under its superintendence and control of the property bequeathed by the will of the late Mr. R. Gibson upon and subject to the trusts in that respect declared by the will of the late Mr. Gibson.

3. That when he is in a position so to do and is requested in writing by the President of the Methodist Conference of New Zealand the Public Trustee be authorised to transfer the estate the subject of the bequest to the Trustees so appointed or any Board incorporated under The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act 1908 comprising such Trustees which incorporation the Conference authorises.
4. That the aforesaid Trustees be empowered to forthwith act as a Board of Management on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for consultative purposes with the Public Trustee and Advisory Trustees under the will and with power subject to the consent and approval thereto of the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
 - (a) To make decisions as to the modifications of all or any of the terms of the Lease including surrender of the same.
 - (b) To authorise the Public Trustee to make improvements to the land comprised in the bequest out of monies in hand payable to the Church and available under the terms of the will.
 - (c) To make decisions as to the setting aside of the fund for building the Orphanage or as to any other matters from time to time arising in connection with the bequest and the terms of the same and to direct the Public Trustee to act according to the decision of the Board of Management approved as aforesaid.
5. That the Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District shall be the Chairman of the Trustees while acting as a Board of Management under the provisions of clause 4.
6. That all details of Incorporation of the Board of Management and its constitution and powers be referred by the Conference to the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund on behalf of the Conference and settled by that Committee.
7. That the Secretary of the Conference be authorised to accept service on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand of any proceedings (if any) taken under the Family Protection Act, 1908.

That the following be the Trustees:—

- Mr. Owen T. Parry, Manaia.
- Mr. Stephen J. Bennett, Hawera.
- Mr. Edward Dixon, Hawera.
- Mr. Reginald R. Cook, Kaponga.
- Mr. Donald G. Sherson, B.A., Manaia.
- Mr. Jas. A. Pettigrew, Pihama.
- Mr. Chas. E. Bellringer, New Plymouth.
- Mr. Leonard M. Moss, New Plymouth.

The Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District for the time being or his successor in office.

(h)—LAYMENS' COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS.

REPORT FOR CONFERENCE, 1932.

This Committee is of opinion that no alteration be made in the existing regulations of the Church respecting minimum stipends payable to Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries, but having regard to the prevailing financial depression, seriously affecting the giving capacity of the majority of our people due principally to considerable losses of capital, diminution of income or unemployment, this Committee recommends as follows:—

1. (a) That Ministers and Home Missionaries be requested to consult with their officials at the earliest opportunity, with a view to sharing the sacrifices being made by a majority of the members of their congregations, provided, however, that in cases where the minimum stipend is now being paid such stipend be not reduced unless special local conditions render it inevitable to do so.

Provided further that in cases where the minimum stipend has already been reduced no further reduction be made.

(b) In cases of ministers holding Connexional appointments it is requested that these also consult with their Boards or Committees.

(c) This Committee learns with gratification that a number of our Ministers, Home Missionaries and Heads of Departments have already made, or offered, voluntary sacrifices in reduction of stipends.

(d) This Committee urges upon those Church members and officials who have not been so seriously affected financially as a majority of their brethren, to further share in our common responsibilities and privileges.

2. That having regard to the frequent calls made upon our Ministers and Home Missionaries for help and hospitality, and of the absolute necessity for our ministers particularly to maintain up-to-date libraries, this Committee further recommends that any reduction of stipend be regarded as temporary and that upon a return to more favourable conditions stipends be restored to normal.

3. That the whole question be further reviewed and considered at next Conference.

W. S. MACKAY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the above findings of Conference be printed for distribution and read at the March Quarterly Meetings.

QUESTION LVI.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

On Thursday, February 16th, 1933, at 7 p.m. in the Pitt Street Church, Auckland.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for his inaugural address, and for the efficient and courteous manner in which he has presided over the business sessions, and the social functions of the Conference.

Vice President.—That the Vice-President, Mr. J. Voss be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. E. D. Patchett for his valuable services during the year.

Ex-Vice President.—That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring Vice-President, Mr. W. S. Mackay, for valuable and devoted services during his term of office; that his inspiring address delivered to the Conference be published in the "Methodist Times."

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. E. D. Patchett, 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.

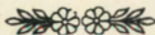
Trustees, Hosts, Etc.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Durham Street Church for the use of premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference Representatives; to the Conference Arrangements Committee; 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. Simpson, and the combined Methodist Choirs be thanked for the musical services rendered during the Conference.

Decorative Arrangements.—That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the ladies of the Durham Street Church for the beautiful internal decorations of the Church.

Conference Arrangements.—That the thanks of Conference be given to Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., and the members of the Conference Arrangements Committee, for their efficient services.



Form of Bequest

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

*I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time being of _____ the
(Here insert the name of the Institution or Fund to be benefited)
sum of _____ pounds sterling to be paid out of my personal estate, in aid of the said _____
(Name the Institution or Fund)
now carried on under the direction of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.*

Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

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

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

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

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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	Edwrad Drake
Christchurch	1919	Hraold 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. Rothwell	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, M.A., Litt; D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

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—Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)
 „ Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)
 „ Nixon, John (Sup.)
 „ Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1876—Baumber, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)
 „ Lawry, Samuel (Sup.)
 „ Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1881—Pinfold, James T., D.D., (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)
 „ Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C. (Sup.)
 „ Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Blight, Joseph (Sup.)
 „ Clement, George (Sup.)
 „ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)
 „ Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., (Sup.)
 „ Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)
 „ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A.
 „ Read, Frederick T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)
 „ Harding, Arthur (Sup.)
 „ Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A.</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)
 „ Raine, Robert (Sup.)
 „ Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward
 „ Elliott, William J.
 „ Frost, George
 „ Harrison, Colin C.</p> | <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E.
 „ Henderson, Samuel
 „ Veale, Thomas W.</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur
 „ Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)
 „ Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S.</p> <p>1897—Cossum, Percy J.
 „ Goldie, John Francis
 „ Greenwood, Fred.
 „ Pybus, T. Arthur</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.
 „ Southern, John
 „ Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H.
 „ Hunt, George P.
 „ Leadley, Frank E.
 „ Liversedge, Arthur
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel
 „ Cook, George S. (Sup.)
 „ Eaton, Clarence
 „ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)
 „ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
 „ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas
 „ Oxbrow, Walter J.
 „ Patchett, Ernest D.
 „ Pratt, M. A. Rugby</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.
 „ James, Benjamin J.
 „ Liddell, Ralph J.
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.
 „ McBean, Angus
 „ Stockwell, George F.</p> |
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| <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.
 „ Harris, John
 „ Metson, Basil
 „ Richards, Raymond</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.
 „ Daniel, Herbert
 „ Paris, Percy R.
 „ Roberts, Charles M.
 „ Ryan, Henry
 „ White, Hedley</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles
 „ Scott, W. Bramwell</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry
 „ McArthur, John D.</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
 „ Harris, Archer, O.
 „ Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 „ Richards, James
 „ Sharp, Harold A.</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 „ Fowles, Albert H.
 „ Hopper, Arthur
 „ Neale, Leslie B., F.R.G.S.
 „ Richards, H. Leslie
 „ Rowe, William</p> <p>1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
 „ Hinton, George B.
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.
 „ Parsons, J. Ernest
 „ Scrivin, Arthur H.
 „ Walker, William</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T.</p> <p>1914—Binet, Vincent le^AC.
 „ Burnet, Oswald
 „ Foston, Charles A.
 „ Harris, Francis T.
 „ Werren, Samuel J.</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 „ Olds, E. Thomas
 „ Odell, Henry J.
 „ Slade, William G., M.A.</p> | <p>1916—Brown, George E.
 „ Fordyce, Robert E.
 „ Harkness, Edwin S.
 „ Hocking, William H.
 „ Kendon, Charles H.
 „ Metcalfe, John R.
 „ Sage, Ernest E.</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
 „ Chambers, Ernest B.
 „ Dennis, John
 „ Dent, Tom
 „ Nelson, John R.
 „ Parker, Fredk. J.</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M.
 „ Neal, Wallace S.
 „ Parker, James W.
 „ Skuse, Thomas</p> <p>1919—Cuming, William B.
 „ Ford, Herbert
 „ Gatman, William
 „ Jefferson, Alfred E.</p> <p>1920—Pickering, William B.</p> <p>1921—Benny, Henry
 „ Cropp, Allan H.</p> <p>1922—Allen, J. Henry
 „ Brooks, Leslie A. G.
 „ Jack, J. Francis</p> <p>1923—Blackmore, Albert
 „ Hames, Eric W., M.A.
 „ Orchard, Hector C.
 „ Spencer, Herbert</p> <p>1924—Ayrton, Moses
 „ Bailey, John H.
 „ Bateup, Frank
 „ Brown, Hubert G.
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 „ Kings, Harry S.
 „ McGregor, Robert
 „ Pearn, Oliver S.
 „ Taylor, Cecil R.</p> <p>1925—Brown, F. Gardner
 „ Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James H.
 „ Harris, G. Raymond
 „ Voyce, Arthur H.</p> <p>1927—Hames, Bernard, R., M.A.
 „ Larsen, Norman P.
 „ Laurenson, George I.
 „ Penn, Athol R.
 „ Raynor, Ivo M.
 „ Silvester, A. Wharton E.
 „ Utting, Harry V.</p> |
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| <p>1928—Grocott, John D.
 „ Hailwood, Charlie O.
 „ Handy, Francis J.
 „ Hayman, Frank H.
 „ Jeffreys, Howard H.</p> <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 „ Horwood, Leonard C.
 „ Kent, Arthur T.
 „ Parker, Walter</p> <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 „ Court, W. John
 „ Draper, Joseph C.
 „ Leadley, E. Clarence
 „ McDowell, Matthew A.
 „ Parker, J. Wesley
 „ Parker, W. Gordon</p> | <p>1931—Bowden, G. Richard
 „ Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon
 „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
 „ Greenslade, William W. H.
 „ Moore, William E.
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O.</p> <p>1932—Alley, Donald C.
 „ Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, J. Donald
 „ Hindmarsh, Sydney
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ Robinson, Kenneth A.
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1882—Rakena, Piripi
 1896—Heretini, Te Tuhi
 1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki
 1911—Kakuere, Hori
 „ Te Tuhi, Eruera
 „ Wilcox, Davis</p> | <p>1914—Rakena, P. Rakena
 1920—Tauroa, Matarae
 1928—Keepa Matene
 1930—Gina, Belshazzar</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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 Peoples' Department. Th. C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1922	.. 3	Allen, J. Henry, 22 Station Tce., Remuera, Auckland	.. 3
1932	.. 1	Alley, Donald C., Greenmeadows, Napier	.. 52
1895	.. 3	Ashcroft, Arthur, Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 109
1906	.. 3	Avery, William W., Onewa Street, Birkenhead	.. 7
1924	.. 2	Ayrton, Moses, Kirk Street, Otaki	.. 76
1924	.. 2	Bailey, John H., Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe	.. 11
1901	.. 2	Bailey, Samuel, 22 Union Street, New Brighton	.. 85
1924	.. 4	Bateup, Frank, Paeroa	.. 25
1876	.. S	Baumber, William, 91 Hackthorne Road, Christchurch	
		(1918) .. .. .	.. 84
1894	.. 10	Bellhouse, Harold E., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin	.. 111
1921	.. 2	Benny, Henry A., Stanley Street, Eketahuna	.. 74
1913	.. 5	Bensley, Arthur A., Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	(5)
1914	.. 16	Binet, Vincent le C., Bambatana, Solomon Islands	.. (6)
1907	.. 1	Blair, Charles, 235 Main Road, Karori, Wellington	.. 65
1900	.. 11	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland	Y.P.
1904	.. 5	Blamires, Ernest O., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	.. 73
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., Merivale, Christchurch	
		(1930) .. .. .	.. 84
1923	.. 2	Blakemore, Albert, Matamata, Waikato	.. 34
1887	.. S	Blight, Joseph, Parsonage, Whangarei (1910)	.. 3
1930	.. 1	Blight, J. Montgomery, Mangonui, North Auckland	.. 21
1917	.. 2	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	Th.C.
1931	.. 2	Bowden, G. Richard, Waitoa, Waikato	.. 24
1922	.. 2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Birkett St., Temuka	.. 105
1925	.. 3	Brown, F. Gardner, Thames St., Morrinsville	.. 24
1916	.. 1	Brown, George E., 308 Macandrew Rd., South Dunedin	114
1924	.. 2	Brown, Hubert G., Paparua, North Auckland	.. 14
1910	.. 2	Burley, William A., M.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 77
1914	.. 4	Burnet, Oswald, Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 97
1871	.. S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1915)	3
1931	.. 1	Carr, Thomas H., Timaru	.. 103

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1931	.. 2	Carr, W. E. Allon, Wallace Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland	9
1917	.. 3	Chambers, Ernest B., Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch	91
1896	.. 16	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland	3
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	111
1902	.. 3	Coatsworth, Thomas, King Edward Street, Eltham	.. 43
1890	.. S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	.. 73
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., Otaki (1928)	.. 76
1915	.. 2	Cooke, Percy I., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	.. 113
1905	.. 5	Copeland, Fred., West Street, Feilding	.. 62
1897	.. 2	Cossum, Percy J., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 63
1918	.. 1	Costain, Alfred M., 18 Coronation Street, Waimate	.. 104
1909	.. 6	Cottom, Harry, Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 98
1930	.. 3	Court, W. John, Ruawai, Northern Wairoa	.. 15
1908	.. 1	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., 60 Laurence St., Morningson, Dunedin	117
1921	.. 11	Cropp, Allan H., Buka, Solomon Islands	.. (7)
1919	.. 1	Cuming, William B., Mowatt Street, Waitara	.. 40
1906	.. 4	Daniel, Herbert, 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin	.. 116
1932	.. 1	Day, Reginald, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	.. 36
1917	.. 1	Dennis, John, 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 28
1917	.. 11	Dent, Tom, Patutiva, Marovo, Solomon Islands	.. (4)
1929	.. 1	Dickens, Charles E., Ngaio, Wellington	.. 68
1893	.. 2	Drake, Edward, 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch	.. 85
1930	.. 2	Draper, Joseph C., Russell, Bay of Islands	.. 18
1898	.. 4	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Manaiia, Taranaki	.. 45
1931	.. 1	Dudley, Raymond M.A., Taihape	.. 51
1901	.. 4	Eaton, Clarence, Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 39
1893	.. 3	Elliott, William J., 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	.. 54
1903	.. 5	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., South Road, Hawera	.. 44
1911	.. 3	Enticott, Walter J., Dargaville, Northern Wairoa	.. 15
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch (1931)	.. 85
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	.. 87
1924	.. 2	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 103
1919	.. 2	Ford, Herbert, Woodend, Canterbury	.. 100
1916	.. 3	Fordyce, Robert E., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 61
1914	.. 4	Foston, Charles A., Westport	.. 83
1911	.. 1	Fowles, Albert H., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttleton	.. 93
1893	.. 3	Frost, George, 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland	.. 2
1919	.. 3	Gatman, William, Station Road, Otahuhu	.. 9
1897	.. 31	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (4)
1912	.. 5	Gosnell, Robert B., Paynter's Avenue, Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.. 39
1931	.. 2	Greenslade, William W. H., St. Clair, Dunedin	.. 114
1897	.. 3	Greenwood, Fred., 88 Linwood Avenue, Linwood, Christchurch	.. 85
1882	.. S	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1920)	.. 3
1888	.. S	Grigg, W., C/o Mrs. LeBrun, 144 Knowles St., St. Albans, (1932)	.. 84
1928	.. 2	Grocott, John D., P.O. Box 1354, Wellington	.. Y.P.
1875	.. S	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	.. 85
1928	.. 1	Hailwood, Charlie O., Hokitika	.. 80
1926	.. 2	Hall, James H., Hikurangi, North Auckland	.. 20
1927	.. 2	Hames, Bernard R., M.A., Taumarunui	.. 32
1923	.. 3	Hames, Eric W., M.A., 336 Selwyn Street, Christchurch	.. 89
1928	.. 1	Handy, Francis J., Balclutha, Otago	.. 120
1890	.. S	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington	69

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1916	.. 1	Harkness, Edwin S., 50 Grey Street, East, Onehunga	.. 8
1910	.. 1	Harris, Archer O., Franklin Street, Greymouth	.. 81
1914	.. 2	Harris Francis T., Motueka	.. 82
1926	.. 3	Harris, G. Raymond, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	.. 31
1905	.. 1	Harris, John, 46 Radley Street, Woolston	.. 87
1893	.. 8	Harrison, Colin C., 12 Melrose St., Island Bay, Wellington (resting)	.. 67
1900	.. 3	Haslam, Jonathan H., 17 Church Street, Devonport, Auckland	.. 5
1928	.. 5	Hayman, Frank H., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (4)
1894	.. 4	Henderson, Samuel, King Street, Rangiora	.. 99
1932	.. 1	Hickman, J. Donald, Whangaroa, North Auckland	.. 17
1932	.. 1	Hindmarsh, Sydney, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	.. 38
1912	.. 2	Hinton, George B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	.. 107
1916	.. 2	Hocking, William H., London Street, Hamilton	.. 27
1911	.. 5	Hopper, Arthur, 156 Matson's Rd., Papanui, Christchurch	.. 92
1928	.. 3	Horwood, Leonard C., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	.. 84
1900	.. 1	Hunt, George P., Dublin Street, Wanganui	.. 49
1922	.. 4	Jack, J. Francis, 43 Elizabeth St., Riccarton, Christchurch	.. 90
1903	.. 4	James, Benjamin J., Nelson Street, Petone	.. 70
1932	.. 1	Jamieson, V. Roy, Greendale, Canterbury	.. 101
1919	.. 5	Jefferson, Alfred E., Porirua Road, Johnsonville	.. 68
1928	.. 1	Jeffreys, Howard H., Dannevirke	.. 56
1932	.. 1	Jenkin, William C., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	.. 55
1882	.. S	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	.. 3
1908	.. 5	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden., Auckland	.. 4
1874	.. S	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland (1912)	.. 7
1887	.. S	Joughin, Thomas A., Belmont Road., Mt. Albert, Auckland (1922)	.. 1
1899	.. 1	Keall, R. Purcell, 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington	.. 64
1916	.. 2	Kendon, Charles H., Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	.. 121
1929	.. 2	Kent, Arthur T., Sumner, Christchurch	.. 87
1923	.. 3	Kings, Harry S., Tua Marina, Blenheim	.. 79
1889	.. 2	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 54 Chester Street, Christchurch	.. 84
1927	.. 2	Larsen, Norman P., Tai Tapu, Canterbury	.. 95
1927	.. 2	Laurenson, Geo. I., Te Kuiti, King Country	.. H.M.
1912	.. 1	Lawrence, Frederick B., Leeston, Canterbury	.. 96
1885	.. S	Lawry, Albert C., Geraldine, South Canterbury (1931)	.. 106
1877	.. S	Lawry, Samuel, Mt. Pleasant Road., Sumner, Christchurch (1927)	.. 84
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., 4 Aldred Road, Remuera, Auckland (1931)	.. 3
1930	.. 1	Leadley, E. Clarence, 7 Edgar's Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland	.. 2
1900	.. 1	Leadley, Frank E., 147 Hataitai Road, Wellington	.. 67
1903	.. 5	Liddell, Ralph J., Carterton	.. 72
1900	.. 2	Liversedge, Arthur, Queen Street, Thames	.. 22
1883	.. S	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Ave., Morningside, Auckland (1920)	.. 1
1908	.. 3	Martin, J. Frederick, Papakura, Auckland	.. 10
1909	.. 5	McArthur, John D., 23 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North	.. 60
1904	.. 3	McBean, Angus, 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	.. 4
1930	.. 3	McDowell, Matthew A., 67a Bridge Street, Rongotai, Wellington	.. 67
1924	.. 4	McGregor, Robert, Willowby, Canterbury	.. 108

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1916	.. 13	Metcalfe, John R., Tiop, Solomon Islands	.. (7)
1905	.. 4	Metson, Basil, 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	88
1890	.. S	Mitchell, Arthur, Orakau Ave., Greenwood's Cr., Epsom, Auckland (1930)	.. .. 3
1931	.. 2	Moore, William E., Ravensbourne, Dunedin	.. 119
1918	.. 5	Neal, Wallace S., Waiuku, Auckland	.. 12
1911	.. 2	Neale, Leslie B., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin	.. 112
1917	.. 2	Nelson, John R., Kaponga	.. 47
1875	.. S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	.. 39
1915	.. 2	Odell, Henry J., 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington	65
1910	.. 3	Olds, Charles H., B.A., Spey Street, Invercargill	.. 123
1915	.. 2	Olds, E. Thomas, Madeira Steps, Napier	.. 52
1888	.. S	Olphert, J., 35 Sentinel Road, Herne Bay, Auckland (1932)	1
1923	.. 1	Orchard, Hector C., Irk Street, Gore	.. 126
1902	.. 1	Oxbrow, Walter J., Church Street, Te Aroha	.. 23
1906	.. 2	Paris, Percy R., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	115
1917	.. 3	Parker, Frederick J., 73 Massey St., Frankton Junction	.. 27
1918	.. 1	Parker, James W., Warkworth, North Auckland	.. 13
1930	.. 1	Parker, J. Wesley, Huntly	.. 35
1929	.. 2	Parker, Walter, Kuripuni, Masterton	.. 73
1930	..	Parker, W. Gordon, Warkworth, North Auckland	.. 13
1912	.. 1	Parsons, J. Ernest, Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	.. 48
1902	.. 2	Patchett, Ernest D., Selwyn Road, Epsom, Auckland	.. 3
1931	.. 2	Payne, Herbert W., 23 Vincent Ter., Mt. Albert, Auckland	1
1924	.. 2	Pearn, Oliver S., 154 Elles Road, Invercargill	.. 124
1913	.. 5	Peat, Harold T., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	.. 103
1927	.. 2	Penn, Athol R., Bluff	.. 125
1892	.. S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Johnsonville (1928)	.. 68
1877	.. S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	.. .. 92
1925	.. 4	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Roxburgh, Otago	.. 122
1920	.. 4	Pickering, William B., Pahiatua	.. 58
1881	.. S	Pinfold, James T., D.D., "The Nook," Karori Park, Wellington (1921)	.. 65
1902	.. 6	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans Christchurch	.. .. C.S.
1897	.. 7	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	.. 119
1892	.. S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington (1932)	64
1901	.. 10	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	.. .. Th.C.
1927	.. 1	Raynor, Ivo M., Port Albert, North Auckland	.. 19
1889	.. S	Read, Frederick, T., 64 Lindsay Street, St. Albans	.. 91
1911	.. 4	Richards, H. Leslie, Takapuna, Auckland	.. 6
1910	.. 1	Richards, James, Cambridge, Waikato	.. 26
1905	.. 3	Richards, Raymond, Wesley Street, Richmond, Nelson	78
1895	.. 4	Richards, Thomas R., 38 Macfarlane St., Wellington	.. 64
1906	.. 3	Roberts, Charles M., Opunake, Taranaki	.. 46
1932	.. 1	Robinson, Kenneth A., Rakaia, South Canterbury	.. 110
1911	.. 2	Rowe, William, 3 Repton St., St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 91
1906	.. 3	Ryan, Henry, 46 Brighton Road, Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 118
1916	.. 3	Sage, Ernest E., Banks Street, Whangarei	.. 16
1907	.. 1	Scott, W. Bramwell, 24 Colombo Street, Wellington South	66
1900	.. 1	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 278 Church St., Palmerston North	.. .. 59
1903	.. 9	Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland	H.M.
1912	.. 1	Scrivin, Arthur H., Queen Street, Hastings	.. 53
1910	.. 3	Sharp, Harold A., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	.. 69
1927	.. 2	Silvester, A. Wharton, Otorohanga, King Country	.. 37

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1869	.. S	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess St., Takanini, Auckland (1923) .. .. .	.. 10
1891	.. 14	Sinclair, William A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland. Private address—16 Empire Rd., Epsom, Auckland .. .. .	.. F.M.
1918	.. 3	Skuse, Thomas, East Street, Stratford .. .. .	.. 42
1915	.. 2	Slade, William G., M.A., Cambridge Street, Levin .. .. .	.. 75
1892	.. 1	Smith, G. Knowles, 77 Grey Street, Woodville .. .. .	.. 57
1899	.. 2	Southern, John, Springston R.D., Canterbury .. .. .	.. 94
1908	.. 4	Speer, William H., Rotorua .. .. .	.. 29
1923	.. 2	Spencer, Herbert, Gonville, Wanganui .. .. .	.. 48
1875	.. S	Standage, Charles H., 18 Craigie St., Timaru (1905) .. .. .	.. 103
1904	.. 5	Stockwell, George F., High Street, Blenheim .. .. .	.. 79
1924	.. 2	Taylor, Cecil R., Tauranga .. .. .	.. 30
1908	.. 2	Tinsley, Robert B., 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Rd., Auckland .. .. .	.. 1
1927	.. 2	Utting, Harry V., Inglewood, Taranaki .. .. .	.. 41
1894	.. 1	Vealie, Thomas W., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch .. .. .	.. 86
1926	.. 7	Voyce, Arthur H., Siwai, Solomon Islands .. .. .	.. (7)
1912	.. 4	Walker, William, 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland .. .. .	.. 1
1885	.. S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 26 Hendon St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1928) M .. .. .	.. 91
1870	.. S	Ward, Charles E., Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1910) .. .. .	.. 86
1914	.. 3	Werren, Samuel J., 12 East Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland .. .. .	.. 3
1906	.. 1	White, Hedley, Greytown, Wairarapa .. .. .	.. 71
1931	.. 2	Williams, David O., Hutt .. .. .	.. 69
1870	.. S	Williams, W. J., Lake Road, Takapuna, Auckland (1914) .. .. .	.. 84
1932	.. 1	Williamson, Ivan S., Gisborne .. .. .	.. 54
1899	.. 4	Wills, William, Te Awamutu .. .. .	.. 33
1901	.. 6	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland .. .. .	.. 1
1887	.. S	Wrigley, James, Rawene Road, Birkenhead, Auckland (1924) .. .. .	.. 7

MAORI MINISTERS.

1900	.. 24	Haddon, Robt. Tahupotiki, Ngaruawahia .. .. .	.. (2)
1896	.. 36	Heretini, Te Tuhi, Whirinaki, Hokianga .. .. .	.. (1)
1911	.. 3	Kirkwood, Hori, Pukekohe .. .. .	.. (1)
1928	.. 2	Keepa, Matene, Kawhia, Waikato .. .. .	.. (2)
1882	.. 2	Rakena, Piripi, Mangamuka, Auckland .. .. .	.. (1)
1914	.. 5	Rakena, Rakena P., Okaiawa, Taranaki .. .. .	.. (3)
1920	.. 5	Tau oa, Matarae, Waima, Hokianga .. .. .	.. (1)
1911	.. 2	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Tuakau, Auckland .. .. .	.. (1)
1911	.. 3	Wilcox, Davis, Waikare, Bay of Islands .. .. .	.. (1)

MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

Dr. E. G. Sayers, Bilua, Valla Lavella, via Solomon Islands.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1904—C. Aker, Patea, Norsewood ; 1.
 1904—W. T. Hooper, (retired) ; 1.
 1907—S. Keen, Island Bay, Wellington ; 1.
 1908—G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired) ; 6.
 1908—G. W. Brown, 138 Somme Parade, Wanganui ; 2.
 1909—T. W. Featherstone, Putaruru, Waikato ; 1.
 1910—C. Duncan, Reefton ; 1.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1911		C. Strand (retired), Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead ; 2.	
1913		J. Common, Patea ; 1.	
1914		F. E. Foote, North East Valley, Dunedin ; 2.	
1915		J. H. Edmondson, Kaukapakapa ; 1.	
1917		A. L. Witheford, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty ; 2.	
1919		J. W. Bayliss, Halcombe ; 1.	
1919		J. Belshaw, (retired), New Lynn ; 1.	
1921		J. Thomas, Waikouaiti, Otago ; 3.	
1922		H. Ashworth, Porirua ; 1.	
1922		G. H. Marr, Ngaruawahia ; 1.	
1922		C. Robinson, Waddington ; 1.	
1923		C. G. Scrimgeour, Probert Chambers, Auckland ; 6.	
1924		R. T. Alexander, Helensville, Auckland ; 2.	
1924		J. G. W. Grindlay, Hawarden, Canterbury ; 2.	
1924		G. Hall, Waihi ; 1.	
1924		B. H. N. Teague, Cromwell ; 1.	
1924		W. H. Wilson, Paraparaumu, Wellington ; 4.	
1924		H. Dyson, Waipawa ; 2.	
1925		W. J. Henderson, St. Aubyns, New Plymouth ; 2.	
1925		H. J. Malcolm, Oxford, Canterbury ; 3.	
1925		A. R. Thomas, Apiti, Feilding ; 3.	
1925		W. Wilson, Okato, Taranaki ; 3.	
1926		F. O. Prosser, Riverton, Southland ; 7.	
1926		W. Sussex, Te Kuiti ; 2.	
1926		R. Tapp, C/o. Probert Chambers, Auckland ; 2.	
1927		R. Grice, Rawene ; 1.	
1927		J. L. Mitchell, Marton ; 3.	
1928		R. Coombridge, Granity ; 1.	
1929		N. Challenger, Otautau, Southland ; 3.	

HON. HOME MISSIONARY.

Sister Rita, Methodist Mission, Airedale Street, Auckland.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

A.—Exempted from written Examination Work.
1930, E. J. Clarke, Bombay ; 1.

B.—Due to take Examination Work.

- 1928—O. P. Liddell, Foxton ; 2.
- 1929—L. C. Emsley, Wakefield ; 1.
- 1929—F. Sanderson, Coromandel ; 2.
- 1930—G. C. R. Ashworth, Nightcaps, Southland ; 2.
- 1930—G. S. B. White, Havelock ; 1.
- 1930—J. L. Woodhouse, Ohura ; 2.
- 1931—O. B. Fawcett, Lawrence, Otago ; 2.
- 1931—W. Long, Edendale ; 1.
- 1931—Vernon Thomas, Ohaeawai ; 1.
- 1931—A. E. Waite, Abbotsford, Otago ; 2.
- 1931—H. Whitefield, Kohukohu, Hokianga ; 2.
- 1932—H. C. Bennett, Kaihu, Northern Wairoa ; 1.
- 1932—J. Churchill, Mayfield, Canterbury ; 1.
- 1932—H. A. Cochrane, Upper Hutt ; 1.
- 1932—G. D. McRae, Murchison ; 1.
- 1932—J. Sands, Kamo, Whangarei ; 1.
- 1932—Geo. Skuse, Uruti, Waitara ; 1.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

- 1918—Hone Tamati, Te Kuiti ; 3.
1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan ; 3.
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country ; 12.
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland ; 5.
1924—Hone Taotahi, Purerua, Bay of Islands ; 3.
1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Aotearoa, King Country ; 6.
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands ; 4.
1930—Wetini, Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country ; 3.
1930—Paahi Moke, New Plymouth ; 2.
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki ; 3.
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki ; 4.
1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Kai Iwi, Taranaki ; 3.
1931—Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland ; 2.
1931—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe, North Auckland ; 2.
1931—Henare Iti Rangitawa, Waiharakeke, Kawhia ; 2.
1932—Hoani Hakaraia, Kai Iwi, Taranaki ; 2.
1932—Hoani, Waata, Aratapu ; 1.
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga ; 1.
1932—Te Uira Tuteao, Raglan ; 1.
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Taiporokenui, Hawera ; 1.

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
Sister Nicholls, Hamilton.
Sister Hobbs, Hamilton.
Sister Frances Hayman, Hawera.
Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
Sister Atawhai, Te Kuiti.
Sister Marie, c/o. Home Mission Department.
Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, via Tulagi, Solomon Islands.
Sister Grace McDonald, Bambatana, Choiseul, via Tulagi. Solomon Islands.
Sister Lillian Berry, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Sister Edna White, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Bougainville, Solomon Islands.
Sister May Barnett, care of Rev. A. Bensley, Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands.
Sister Muriel Stewart, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
Sister Miriana Kirkwood, Ratana Pa.

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1931.
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	Communi-cants	
Auckland Central	6	4	3	9	1	16	724	216	219	570	2100				
Auckland West	5	6	2	12	5	319	166	76	200	900					
Auckland East	6	1	6	3	13	803	273	97	652	2210					
Auckland, Avondale	7	3	3	3	12	428	85	25	350	1440					
Auckland, Devonport	3	2	1	1	1	170	50	20	115	550					
Auckland, Takapuna	1	1	1	1	2	183	60	..	125	300					
Auckland, Birkenhead	4	2	4	1	2	272	43	35	230	670					
Onehunga	4	1	2	1	1	241	105	113	222	615					
Otahuhu	6	1	1	1	2	206	150	96	150	560					
Papakura	2	3	3	1	3	135	50	45	110	475					
Pukekohe	8	5	2	2	1	193	57	53	228	636					
Waiuku	1	8	1	1	1	70	45	32	54	325					
Mahurangi	3	7	1	1	1	64	..	9	35	300					
Paparoa	5	8	1	1	1	66	24	32	50	195					
Northern Wairoa	6	32	2	2	1	242	60	46	225	997					
Whangarei	2	9	1	1	1	155	29	30	100	450					
Whangaroa	1	7	1	1	1	40	6	21	24	216					
Bay of Islands	2	4	..	1	..	33	..	..	45	226			
Port Albert	3	3	2	1	1	57	39	57	25	131					
Kikurangi	1	6	..	1	..	57	27	41	45	240					
Mangonui	3	7	..	1	..	72	12	6	32	210					
Auck Soc. Service Mis.	2	2	1	1	1	33	..	..	60	100			
Kaukapakapa	3	5	1	2	1	42	6	18	35	220					
Helensville	1	6	..	1	..	37	10	..	38	160					
Hokianga (Rawene)	2	9	..	1	..	51	10	26	103	230					
Hokianga (Kohukohu)	1	13	..	1	..	54	12	25	57	40					
Ohaeawai	1	12	..	1	..	45	14	18	18	292					
Colporteur Work	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Totals	89	152	43	31	46	13	2	163	14	4792	28	1577	1151	3881	15028

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	2	1	2	1	1	4	128	8	32	21	90	290			
Te Aroha	4	4	1	1	1	8	205	..	52	28	121	635			
Morrinsville	3	5	1	1	2	6	200	..	31	93	223	481			
Paeroa	1	3	1	1	1	4	54	..	10	40	68	315			
Cambridge	3	1	1	1	2	5	138	..	54	43	131	350			
Hamilton	4	4	2	1	2	14	406	..	61	46	348	1043			
Hamilton East	3	3	2	1	1	3	120	..	37	49	125	485			
Rotorua	2	3	1	1	1	..	70	..	21	10	50	200			
Tauranga	1	10	1	1	1	1	109	..	40	27	35	240			
Opotiki	2	3	1	1	1	4	70	..	25	..	30	220			
Taumarunui	1	7	1	1	1	5	70	..	27	13	78	290			
Te Awamutu	2	8	1	1	1	8	135	..	81	13	85	578			
Matamata	3	3	1	1	1	2	125	..	50	30	90	330			
Huntly	1	7	..	1	..	2	78	..	18	23	39	215			
Whakatane	2	5	1	1	1	4	62	..	36	22	43	112			
Otorohanga	1	4	1	1	1	1	44	..	29	22	40	250			
Home Mission Stations—															
Ngaruawahia	3	2	1	1	1	3	76	..	33	48	78	170			
Waihi	1	1	1	1	1	4	86	..	10	..	67	225			
Te Puke	1	5	1	1	1	1	51	..	9	7	40	210			
Te Kuiti	1	6	1	1	1	1	70	..	45	35	30	120			
Ohura	2	7	..	1	..	..	40	..	17	30	15	183	
Putaruru	1	5	1	1	1	7	96	..	11	31	72	157			
Coromandel	1	7	..	1	..	2	36	3	5	..	16	212			
Hauraki Plains	2	4	..	1	..	..	48	..	16	30	72	78	
Grand Totals	47	107	17	20	19	8	2	89	7	2517	11	750	661	1986	7389

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1931.

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	4	2	3	1	..	13	..	476	..	113	97	325	1520
Waitara ..	3	12	1	1	1	1	..	4	..	143	..	42	67	85	360
Inglewood ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	81	..	13	7	60	170
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	194	..	55	..	150	325
Eltham ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	110	..	23	16	70	450
Hawera ..	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	9	..	200	..	35	..	160	420
Mania ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	101	6	44	53	100	280
Opunake ..	6	8	2	3	1	1	..	7	..	134	40	59	10	94	520
Kaponga ..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	46	..	10	25	35	205
Wanganui ..	4	1	2	2	2	..	..	9	..	442	..	136	85	350	1015
Wanganui North	3	1	3	2	1	1	..	4	5	143	..	75	50	120	460
Marton ..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	85	..	43	42	44	160
Taihape ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	42	..	7	6	25	85
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	8	20	15	50
Patea (inc. Douglas)	4	8	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	40	..	2	..	38	240
Grand Totals ..	53	50	23	21	15	7	0	71	5	2267	46	665	478	1671	6260

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	5	..	2	1	1	..	..	16	..	274	1	51	69	260	739
Hastings ..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	338	..	130	50	250	725
Gisborne ..	4	4	1	1	2	..	..	7	..	223	..	69	32	205	620
Wairoa ..	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	24	..	6	17	28	60
Dannevirke ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	120	..	54	55	50	236
Woodville ..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	70	..	10	16	40	250
Pahiatua ..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	78	..	50	20	55	200
Palmerston North—															
St. Paul's ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	280	..	151	..	270	660
Cuba Street	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	264	..	91	111	270	725
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	113	..	..	32	65	230
Feilding ..	6	3	2	2	1	1	..	11	..	269	..	101	27	176	725
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	117	..	23	22	80	290
H.M. Stations—															
Waipawa ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	57	..	21	16	35	130
Foxton-Shannon	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	5	4	77	..	21	14	20	90
Apiti ..	4	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	63	..	26	17	48	100
Norsewood ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	48	..	21	12	30	130
Grand Totals ..	40	26	11	16	13	5	0	81	4	2415	1	825	510	1882	5970

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Taranaki Street ..	4	1	4	2	3	..	..	15	..	600	20	194	129	290	1030
Thorndon ..	4	..	4	4	3	..	..	8	..	256	..	125	72	195	850
Wellington South	2	1	2	1	1	1	..	10	..	282	..	64	..	120	700
Wellington East	4	..	1	1	3	..	..	6	..	256	..	42	24	232	872
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	1	2	2	3	1	..	7	..	238	3	84	59	200	562
Hutt ..	4	..	2	1	3	..	..	12	..	340	..	74	50	150	600
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	5	231	..	39	36	192	635
Greytown-Featherston	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	62	..	26	..	61	174
Carterton ..	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	142	..	30	10	105	375
Masterton ..	3	3	2	2	3	..	..	10	..	280	..	137	120	225	835
Eketahuna ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	80	..	30	31	45	200
Levin ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	138	..	66	8	100	350
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	75	..	8	..	60	230
Paraparaumu, H.M. Stn.	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	74	2	51	14	50	176
Upper Hutt, H.M. Stn.	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	6	22	21	100
Grand Totals ..	44	16	24	21	26	4	0	88	6	3084	25	976	567	2046	7689

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1931.

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	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	259	..	35	41	170	650
Richmond	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	150	..	40	..	134	290
Blenheim	6	7	4	3	2	1	..	10	..	410	..	137	75	375	1250
Hokitika	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	72	..	20	3	50	260
Greymouth	3	5	1	2	1	..	..	8	..	195	..	33	..	130	600
Motueka	1	5	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	111	..	20	19	95	325
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	77	..	35	20	50	200
Home Mission Stations—															
Reefton	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	77	..	22	9	44	240
Havelock	4	8	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	48	..	20	9	25	150
Murchison	1	9	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	17	..	17	8	25	205
Granity	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	28	..	34	..	16	166
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	2	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	86	..	..	3	67	185
Grand Totals	33	42	16	13	8	6	0	50	0	1530	0	413	187	1181	4511

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	2	1	7	..	..	10	..	308	..	40	39	225	630
Christchurch East	6	1	5	3	5	1	..	15	11	656	6	308	6	480	1980
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	3	..	1	7	..	175	..	48	..	118	400
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	7	..	278	..	83	..	228	750
Sydenham	2	1	3	1	1	..	..	2	..	191	..	87	85	130	650
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	9	..	238	10	125	57	253	555
Riccarton	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	4	130	..	33	..	125	330
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	1	6	..	388	..	81	34	305	963
Papanui	3	..	1	2	2	..	..	6	..	190	1	117	..	170	520
Lytelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	79	..	20	12	70	300
Springton	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	115	..	5	..	115	420
Tai Tapu	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	143	..	37	12	75	180
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	160	..	67	25	126	400
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	133	9	37	33	60	230
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	2	80	..	30	32	65	200
Rangiora	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	175	..	25	..	90	350
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	90	..	16	23	71	282
Greendale	2	5	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	75	..	13	22	60	200
Hawarden	1	3	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	53	2	13	28	30	96
Oxford, H.M.	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	93	..	35	23	60	93
Waddington, H.M.	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	52	..	6	14	40	140
	67	16	31	26	35	5	3	105	17	3802	28	1226	445	2896	9669

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1931.

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	5	3	2	4	..	..	..	14	..	455	..	136	70	390	1550
Waimate	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	162	..	50	27	100	500
Temuka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	108	4	29	26	65	186
Geraldine	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	89	..	12	17	80	195
Ashburton	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	13	..	307	..	161	45	188	750
Willowby	5	2	3	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	131	..	60	13	93	360
Oamaru	4	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	171	..	45	..	100	510
Rakaia-Methven, H.M. ..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	33	..	15	..	25	98
Mayfield, H.M. ..	1	4	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	24	..	6	..	24	90
Grand Totals ..	25	24	14	9	10	3	1	..	51	..	1480	4	514	198	1065	4239

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin—	Trinity	Central Mission	Dundas Street	Cargill Road	St. Kilda	Caversham	Mornington	Roslyn	Port Chalmers	Milton	Balclutha	Roxburgh	Invercargill, Central	St. Peter's	Bluff	Gore	Maori Hill, H.M.	Waikouaiti, H.M.	Lawrence, H.M.	Cromwell, H.M.	Edendale, H.M.	Otautau, H.M.	Riverton, H.M.	Nightcaps-Tuatapere, H.M.	Grand Totals ..	
	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	..	6	..	239	..	73	40	169	455										
	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	1	180	..	10	..	110	1450										
	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	5	..	130	..	31	28	110	275										
	2	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	7	..	213	..	52	32	160	600										
	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	175	..	37	23	130	450										
	4	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	254	..	94	..	140	600										
	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	153	..	110	86	140	350										
	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	112	..	32	..	45	190										
	5	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	98	..	46	2	50	256										
	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	100	..	23	21	34	170										
	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	105	..	64	53	50	310										
	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	67	..	29	19	64	224										
	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	276	..	110	61	160	600										
	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	7	..	144	..	89	21	165	500										
	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	85	6	36	20	50	290										
	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	87	..	18	21	50	180										
	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	41	..	17	18	18	67										
	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	8	22	105										
	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	24	..	9	..	18	65										
	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	44	..	29	18	15	170										
	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	38	..	6	14	40	180										
	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	50	..	22	13	30	80										
	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	64	..	38	7	60	110										
	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	49	13	43	36	20	90										
Grand Totals ..	50	20	20	25	19	10	1	..	54	6	2764	19	1018	541	1850	7767										

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, September 30, 1931.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools	SCHOLARS, INCLUDING B.C. MEMBERS							Teachers, Officers and B.C. Teachers.				SOCIETIES (enrolment Totals)			Church Members, SENIOR				JUNIOR		INFANT	
		Primary	Junior & Intermediate	Young Women's B.C.	Young Men's B.C.	GRAND TOTAL	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	Scholars 13-15 ceased to attend	No. on Roll	Average Attendance	In Training Classes	No. on Cradle Roll	Children's Sunday	Children's Weekdays	Young People's	Teachers &c. Church Roll	Received during Year	B.C. Members on Church Roll	Received during Year	No. on Church Roll	Received during Year	No. on Church Roll	Received during Year
Auckland	94	1986	2945	937	807	6675	4672	153	756	669	71	888	1194	1453	1493	618	40	664	95	1169	204	854	133
South Auckland ..	40	903	1197	369	270	2782	2073	25	293	265	17	266	439	185	412	246	17	288	77	619	104	448	66
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	52	867	1274	397	290	2828	2060	48	289	261	15	264	625	314	300	233	12	224	44	533	79	330	75
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	40	705	1174	404	331	2614	1845	32	274	248	31	338	599	210	450	242	15	283	40	786	130	548	96
Wellington	42	1322	1889	540	479	4230	2982	69	428	381	26	529	1147	871	723	382	52	407	109	756	66	506	92
Nelson	33	530	724	281	292	1995	1468	25	208	187	..	264	276	171	327	160	14	214	34	388	46	269	33
North Canterbury ..	62	1315	2058	548	508	4498	3361	93	547	485	..	486	1226	1162	853	476	24	361	81	1173	138	458	85
South Canterbury ..	23	355	647	208	193	1403	1128	24	171	152	6	187	505	413	217	156	2	130	40	378	25	223	50
Otago-Southland ..	43	931	1427	475	374	3206	1871	64	381	323	64	416	797	341	432	335	33	312	83	965	151	520	75
Totals	429	8914	13335	4159	3544	30231	21460	533	3347	2971	230	3638	6808	5120	5207	2848	209	2883	603	6767	943	4156	705
Increase	10	182	10	200	137	808	130	..	149	141	34	..	690	1023	..	158	79	323	98	299	48	420	..
Decrease .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	163	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	181

Correspondence Sunday Schools : 42 Scholars. 27 Teachers.
 Increase : 10 ,, 10 ,

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1931.

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		Communi-cants
Auckland	89	152	43	31	46	13	2	163	14	4792	28	1577	151	3881	15028
South Auckland	47	107	17	20	19	8	2	89	7	2517	11	750	661	1986	7389
Taranaki-Wanganui	53	50	23	21	15	7	..	71	5	2267	46	665	478	1671	6260
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	40	26	11	16	13	5	..	81	4	2415	1	825	510	1882	5970
Wellington	44	16	24	21	26	4	..	88	6	3084	25	976	567	2046	7689
Nelson	33	42	16	13	8	6	..	50	..	1530	..	413	187	1181	4511
North Canterbury	67	16	31	26	35	5	3	105	17	3802	28	1226	445	2896	9669
South Canterbury	25	24	14	9	10	3	1	51	..	1480	4	514	198	1065	4239
Otago-Southland	50	20	20	25	19	10	1	54	6	2764	19	1018	541	1850	7767
Totals, 1931	448	453	199	182	191	61	9	752	59	24651	162	7964	4738	18458	68522
Totals, 1930	448	457	199	183	188	58	11	747	41	24629	121	7724	4539	17971	68570
Increases .. ..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	5	18	22	41	240	199	487	..
Decreases .. ..	..	4	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	18	Deaconesses .. ..	..	8
Other Preaching Places .. ..	..	116	Local Preachers .. ..	..	104
Ministers .. ..	..	9	Members .. ..	..	3682
Home Missionaries .. ..	..	20	Attendants at Public Worship .. ..	..	7120

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1931.

	Roviana	Vella Lavella	Choiseul	Bougain- ville	Total
Churches	33	19	35	35	122
Other Preaching Places	9	..	2	22	33
European Missionaries	3	1	1	3	8
Missionary Sisters ..	3	1	1	1	6
Native Ministers ..	0	0	0	0	0
Native Ministers on Trial	3	0	0	0	3
Catechists and Native Teachers	45	27	40	62	174
Local Preachers ..	67	20	27	26	140
Class Leaders ..	54	20	38	0	112
European Members ..	10	3	8	11	32
Native Members ..	2925	1465	1617	127	6134
Native Members on Trial	163	0	119	0	282
Deaths	21	25	44	3	93
Removals	29	0	11	6	46
Sunday Schools ..	10	1	2	13	26
Sunday School Scholars	350	100	120	343	913
Day Schools	31	22	35	54	142
Day School Teachers	47	19	40	63	169
Day School Scholars	1014	353	726	1075	3167
Attendants at Public Worship	3422	1516	2500	4372	11810
Medical Work :					
Medical Missionaries ..	..	..	..	..	2
Nursing Sisters .. ..	..	..	..	..	4

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments—January 1st, 1931 to December 31st, 1931.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Council of Religious Education .. ..	..	80	0 0	By Balance Brought Forward .. ..	..	174	2 7
„ Grant from Connexional Fire Ins. Fund ..	..	50	0 0	„ General Secretary Stipend and House Allce.	..	450	0 0
„ North Canterbury S.S. Union .. ..	..	14	3 3	„ General Secretary Travelling Expenses ..	..	138	7 9
„ Y.W.B.C. Movement .. ..	..	10	0 0	„ General Secretary, Phone Account .. ..	..	4	5 0
„ Commission on Hymn Books .. ..	..	13	1 6	„ Connexional Charges .. ..	..	56	10 0
„ Circuit Contributions .. ..	..	454	0 2	„ Interest, Exchanges, etc. .. ..	..	17	19 6
„ Literature Department .. ..	..	150	0 0	„ Examinations .. ..	..	49	18 6
„ Balance .. ..	..	278	6 4	„ Youth Office Furniture .. ..	..	25	0 0
				„ Share of Youth Office Expenses .. ..	..	62	10 0
				„ General Exp., Printing, Postages, etc. ..	..	70	18 4
		£1,049	11 8			£1,049	11 8

I have audited the accounts of the Young People's Department including the Literature Branch, and certify that the accounts as submitted, are in order. The Bank Overdraft of £258 11s. 2d. is represented by the balance as shown on the

Receipts and Payments Account	£278 6 4
Less Cash Balance in Balance Sheet of Literature Branch	19 15 2
	£258 11 2

P. E. PATTRICK, Auditor.

Wellington, February 12th, 1932.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1931.

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 30/9/30	20,341	2	5				
Less Runanga Church Loan					21,659	5	2
Written off	82	9	6	Outstanding Loans			
			20,258	12	17	0	
				Less Working Expenses	867	17	0
Trust Accounts (Properties Sold)	1,222	8	5	Less Interest	257	3	9
Less Rates	8	8	11		1,125	0	9
							20,534
							4
							5
Plus Huntly Trust Account ..	1,213	19	6	Church Sites Fund—			
				Mortgage Investments ..	1,000	0	0
			1,276	Interest in Arrears ..	19	10	0
				Interest Accrued ..	10	14	0
Church Sites Fund as at 30/9/30	1,512	7	7				1,030
Trust Accounts Investments ..	1,000	0	0				4
				Deposits : P.O. Savings Bank ..	153	18	11
				Supernumerary Fund ..	273	11	5
							427
							10
Decrease for 1931	512	7	7				4
				Deposits—			
			457	P.O. Savings Bank ..	102	9	7
Reserve Appropriation Account				Bank of New Zealand ..	52	9	7
30/9/30	173	18	6				154
Decrease for 1931	20	0	1				19
							2
			153				
			£22,146				£22,146
			17				17
			11				11

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
H. de. R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 6th October, 1931

Audited and found correct.
ARTHUR C. REED }
A. K. ENGLAND } Auditors

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th September, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Transfer to Trust Accounts			62 12 9	Huntly Trust Account			62 12 9
Church Sites Fund—				Church Sites Fund—			
Grants: Miramar	25	0	0	Grants: Fire Insurance Fund ..	50	0	0
Dovedale	12	10	0	Home Mission Fund	50	0	0
Broadwood	36	0	0	Interest: Mortgages	65	0	0
Homai	75	0	0	Deposits	26	6	9
Kaitaia	30	0	0				191 6 9
Riverton	37	10	0	Grants exceeding current Revenue ..			54 13 3
Motukaraka	30	0	0	Office Expenses—			
			246 0 0	Working Expenses Repaid	123	10	3
Office Expenses—				Trust Contributions	49	15	0
Authorised Appropriation	211	5	0	Interest on Arrears	14	2	4
Stationery and General Expenses ..	36	9	0	Interest on Deposits	24	11	6
Grant: Epworth Chambers Furnish-				Hymn Book Commission	45	14	10
ing Account	30	0	0				257 13 11
			277 14 0	Deficit for 1931			20 0 1
			<u>£586 6 9</u>				<u>£586 6 9</u>

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1931.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of Loans at 30/9/30	19,472	15	6	By Loans Repaid			2,915 13 3
To New Loans Advanced	4,060	0	0	Loans Written off: Runanga ..	82	9	6
Rates on Trust Properties		5	1 8				82 9 6
				Rents from Trust Properties ..			5 10 0
				Amount of Loans at 30/9/31 ..			20,534 4 5
			<u>£23,537 17 2</u>				<u>£23,537 17 2</u>
To Balance	£20,534	4	5				

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 6th October, 1931

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR C. REED }
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**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Balance-Sheet, 31st October, 1931.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Capital Account			
Balance as at 31st October, 1931	36,565	4	6
Income Account			
Balance as at 31st October, 1931	6,446	10	7
Auckland Sinking Fund Commsr.			
Balance of loan	33,000	0	0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account			
At call	1,400	0	0
Emsly Trust			
Balance at 31st October, 1931	7	19	9
Bank of New Zealand			
Balance at 31st October, 1931	2,312	17	5
	<u>£79,732</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Great North Road	55,220	7	3			
Queen Street	24,312	5	0			
	<u>79,532</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>			
Balance Purchase						
Avondale property				200	0	0
				<u>£79,732</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>

MEMO.—Liability—Rates for year ending 31st May, 1932, £848 16s. 10d.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1931 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 the 31st October, 1931 as shown by the books.

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., } Auditors.

Auckland, 14th November, 1931.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1931.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1931, October, 31st—			
To Revenue Account			
Rents and Interest collected	5,049	16	2
„ Emsly Trust			
Receipts	120	5	0
„ Bank of New Zealand			
Balance due	2,312	17	5
	<u>£7,482</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>

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

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st
October, 1831.**

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1930, October, 31st—						
By Balance Due Bank of New Zealand ..				1,553	4	5
1931, October 31st—						
By Theological College						
Paid to Trustees				1,550	0	0
General Expenses						
Repairs and Maintenance	606	6	1			
Insurance Premiums	139	16	7			
Rates	962	14	11			
Interest	2,198	5	0			
Land Tax	114	12	1			
Secretary's Salary	100	0	0			
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected	126	4	11			
Audit Fee	8	8	0			
Sundries	2	0	0			
				<hr/>	4,258	7 7
Emsly Trust						
Disbursements					121	6 7
					<hr/>	£7,482 18 7

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., } Auditors.

Auckland, 14th November, 1931.

Revenue Account for the year ending 31st October, 1931.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1930, October 31st—						
To Balance	279	6	6			
1931, October 31st—						
To Rents accrued	5,122	16	8			
Interest accrued	12	0	0			
By Rents received				5,037	16	2
Interest received				12	0	0
Rents written off				44	0	0
Balance						
Rents	317	7	0			
Interest	3	0	0			
				<hr/>	320	7 0
	<hr/>	£5,414	3 2	<hr/>	£5,414	3 2

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., } Auditors.

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer

Auckland, 14th November, 1931.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st October, 1931.

	£	s.	d.
1930, October 31st—			
To Balance	9	1	4
1931, October 31st—			
To Interest from Mortgages	29	5	0
To Interest from Deposit	91	0	0
	<u>£129</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
		£	s. d.
1931, October 31st—			
By Theological College	115	0	0
„ Management to 31st October, 1930	6	6	7
„ Balance	7	19	9
	<u>£129</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
1931, October 31st—			
To Capital	1,900	0	0
	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		£	s. d.
1931, October 31st—			
By Freehold Mortgages	500	0	0
„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board	1,400	0	0
	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

J. VEALE, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

Auckland, 23rd December, 1931.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending
October 31, 1931.

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

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1930				33	2	8
To Rents—						
Kaeo	63	15	0			
Mt. Wesley	36	2	7			
Mangungu	0	10	0			
				100	7	7
To Interest—						
From Loan on Mortgage	617	10	0			
Fixed Deposit W.T.C.	18	0	0			
				635	10	0
To Donation	1	0	0			
					1	0
To Auckland Savings Bank	0	9	5	0	9	5
				£770	9	8

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d. ²
By Payments to H.M. Fund	620	0	0			
Office Rent	10	10	0			
Newark Water Rates	14	0	0			
Management	20	0	0			
Rates	5	17	4			
Repairs—Mt. Wesley	23	6	0			
Stamps, Telegrams, etc.	0	11	6			
Bank Commission	1	0	0			
Legal Expenses	4	14	8			
				699	19	6
Credit Balance Bank of N.Z.				70	10	2
				£770	9	8

Balance Sheet for the Year ended October 31, 1931.

LIABILITIES.

Nil.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Mortgage	11,500	0	0			
Properties	4,500	0	0			
Fixed Deposit W.T.C. Board	300	0	0			
Credit Auckland Savings Bank	10	0	0			
Credit Bank of New Zealand	70	10	2			
				£16,380	10	2

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 31st December, 1931.

Treasurers: C. H. LAWS, D.D. and ARCH. PEAK.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.										
				£	s.	d.								
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Balance	176	3	9	Cheque Book	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Interest Savings Bank	13	18	9	Stamps, etc.	..	..	..	..	2	10	0
Inscribed Stock Dividend	647	15	10	Bank Commission	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
							Interest	..	..	..	..	0	15	6
							Secretary's Salary	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
							Rent	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
							Gratuities	..	..	..	..	458	13	10
							Balance in Bank N.Z. and Auckland Savings Bank	..	..	..	..	343	19	0
				<u>£837</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>						<u>£837</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

To Cash	..	..	..	..	11,000	0	0	By Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	11,000	0	0
					<u>£11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					<u>£11,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and found correct,
 F. E. SUTHERLAND.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended
30th September, 1931.**

Chairman: REV. C. EATON.

Secretary and Treasurer: R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.)

RECEIPTS.

					£	s.	d.
To	Balance 30th September, 1930	40	2	6
"	Rents	812	0	0
"	Interest on Mortgages	30	1	0
					<hr/>		
					£882	3	6
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EXPENDITURE.

					£	s.	d.
By	Salary	50	0	0
"	Remitted to Home Mission Fund	650	0	0
"	Repairs to Mission Property	2	7	3
"	Printing Stationery, Bank Charges Stamps and exchanges	3	16	9
"	Rates and Taxes	101	13	9
"	Balance Bank of New South Wales	74	5	9
					<hr/>		
					£882	3	6
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I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th September, 1931. 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 in mortgage.

VAL. DUFF, (Public Accountant),

Auditor.

New Plymouth,

4th November, 1931.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE ACCOUNT.
Cash Statement to September 30th, 1931.

RECEIPTS.

						£	s.	d.
Rent, October, 1930	113	2	0
Rent, April, 1931	113	2	0
Balance	2	8	4
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						£228	12	4
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EXPENDITURE

Balance	0	5	6
October, 1930, Remit Treasurer	105	0	0
April, 1931—Remit Treasurer	110	0	0
Land Tax	..	..	..	..	..	7	6	11
Land Tax, Surcharge	1	11	11
Bank Charge	1	0	0
Cheque Book	:	0	5	0
Disbursements	3	3	0
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						£228	12	4
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Audited and found correct.

LEN H. BASSETT.

C. J. SHARPE.

2nd November, 1931.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended
September 30, 1931.**

Treasurers : JOSEPH STANTON and JOHN W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
October 1st, 1930—			
Balance Auckland Savings Bank	18	16	8
Rent, Newcomb	696	0	0
Interest A.S. Bank	2	10	8
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	£717	7	4
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EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Interest on Mortgage	145	1	8
Paid off Mortgage	350	0	0
Trinity College	50	0	0
Trinity College, Special	100	0	0
Land Tax	51	16	6
Commission and Stamps	9	16	4
Balance A.S. Bank	10	12	10
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	£717	7	4
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MORTGAGE ACCOUNT AUCKLAND SAVINGS BANK.

	£	s.	d.
October 1st, 1930—			
Balance due Auckland Savings Bank	2550	0	0
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	£2,550	0	0
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		£	s.
			d.
Paid A.S. Bank	350	0	0
Balance September, 1931	2200	0	0
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	£2,550	0	0
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JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

Audited and Found Correct.

J. MAGINNESS }
JAS. P. BLAIR } Auditors

October 21st, 1931.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st December, 1931.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1931, Jan. 1st—				1931, Dec. 31st—						
To Balance Brought forward	20,376	19	8	By Amount remitted to Masterton						
Dec. 31—				towards upkeep of Home				500	0	0
„ Interest Account	300	0	2	„ Depreciation written off Home						
„ Rent Account	336	11	0	Buildings, etc.				279	12	4
				„ General Expenses				191	7	5
				Travelling Expenses	19	13	2			
				Printing and Stationery	1	17	6			
				P.O. Box Rental	1	10	0			
				Fire Premium, Commercial						
				Office	4	19	5			
				Bank Fee, Cheque Book	1	5	0			
				Rates on Properties	49	11	5			
				Land Tax	39	12	11			
				Bonus to Matron and Asst.						
				Matron	10	10	0			
				Legal Costs, Fees, etc.	60	18	0			
				Postages, Exchange, Duty	1	10	0			
				„ Balance carried forward				20,042	10	9
								21,013	10	10
	£21,013	10	10					21,013	10	10

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1931.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance of Funds as per Revenue Account ..	20,042 10 9	Loans on Mortgage	3,750 0 0
		Freehold land and Home at Masterton (less * depreciation)	12,000 0 0
		Freehold Property, Wellington and Foxton (2) ..	2,557 0 0
		Fixed Deposit Bank Australasia	900 0 0
		Balance Post Office Savings Bank	648 18 8
		Interest Accrued to 31st December	20 5 0
		Rents Accrued to 31st December	75 6 0
		Interest and other items unpaid	65 8 4
		Balance Bank Australasia	25 12 9
	<u>£20,042 10 9</u>		<u>£20,042 10 9</u>

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Audited and found correct.

C. McDONALD }
F. TURNER, } Auditors,

18th January, 1932,

T. R. RICHARDS, Chairman of Board.

W. C. HEMERY, Hon. Treasurer.

Wellington, 12th January, 1932.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.
Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st October, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Re-Insurance—									
Church Risks	.. ..	864	6	3	By Levies—Church Risks	.. ..	2,029	19	10
Ministers' Risks	.. ..	100	2	7	Premiums—Ministers Risks	.. ..	101	5	8
Mortgage Risks	.. ..	9	19	1	Mortgage Risks	.. ..	9	19	1
									2,141 4 7
				974 7 11	Mortgage Interest	.. ..	464	8	6
Office Expenses—					Mortgage Interest Accrued	.. ..	141	10	5
Authorised Appropriation	.. ..	320	0	0					605 18 11
Stationery and General Exps.	.. ..	27	1	2	Debenture Interest	.. ..	683	4	0
				347 1 2	Debenture Interest Accrued	.. ..	232	11	0
Fire Losses	.. ..	6	0	0					915 15 0
Less Re-Insurance Cover	.. ..	6	0	0	Interest—				
					P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	.. ..	16	11	1
Interest on Fire Claims Trust Acs.				2 5 9	Supernumery Fund Deposit	.. ..	5	15	0
Balance to Accumulated Funds				2,612 13 4					22 6 1
					Sundries	.. ..			251 3 7
									£3,936 8 2
				£3,936 8 2					£3,936 8 2

GEORGE J. SMITH }
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 5th November, 1931

Audited and found correct.
 C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A.N.Z. }
 W. L. THOMAS } Auditors

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1931.

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LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds as at 31/10/30	25,394	12 11	Mortgage Investments	9,450	0 0
Less Appropriations Voted—			Interest Due	23	17 6
Deaconess House	100	0 0	Interest Accrued	141	10 5
Epworth Chambers					9,615 7 11
Furnishing	50	0 0	Debenture Investments	16,881	0 0
Foreign Mission			Interest Accrued	232	11 0
Fund	100	0 0			17,113 11 0
Home Acquirement			Deposits—		
Fund	283	10 0	Bank of New Zealand	111	5 1
Home Mission Fund	100	0 0	P.O. Savings Bank	12	8 0
Benevolent Branch					123 13 1
Supernumerary			Levies in Arrears		15 16 1
Fund	75	0 0			
Church Sites Fund	50	0 0			
Young People's					
Department	50	0 0			
Hawke's Bay					
Earthquake Fund	500	0 0			
	1,308	10 0			
	24,086	2 11			
Add Balance from					
Revenue Ac. ..	2,612	13 4			
Levies Prepaid					
		26,698 16 3			
		169 11 10			
		£26,868 8 1			
					£26,868 8 1

GEORGE J. SMITH }
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 5th November, 1931.

Audited and found correct.
 C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A.N.Z., }
 W. L. THOMAS } Auditors

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, 1931.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—Bank of N.Z.	.. ..				4	17	3
To Appropriations—							
Church Building and Loan Fund	.. ..	210	0	0			
Fire Insurance Fund	.. ..	320	0	0			
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	.. ..	380	0	0			
Contingent Fund	.. ..	195	0	0			
'Methodist Times' Fund	.. ..	170	0	0			
					1275	0	0
.. Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)					23	2	6
.. Appropriations for Furnishing	.. ..				150	0	0
					£1,452	19	9

PAYMENTS.								
By Stipend					375	0	0
.. House Allowance	175	0	0				
Less Charges	8	2	6				
						166	17	6
.. Connexional Charges					67	15	0
.. Clerks' Salaries					466	10	0
.. Office Rent	150	0	0				
Less Lettings	6	17	6				
						143	2	6
.. Cleaning Charges					6	0	0
.. Imprest Account—Additional Advance					2	0	0
.. Telephone and P.O. Box					18	15	0
.. Bank Charges					1	0	0
.. Stationery, etc.	6	12	0				
Less Typing Refunds	2	4	8				
						4	7	4
.. Petty Cash and Sundries					16	10	3
.. Office Equipment Reserve					20	0	0
.. Office Equipment	12	0	8				
Less Duplicator Sold	2	10	0				
						9	10	8
.. Furnishings	136	10	2				
.. Signwriting Suspense Account	13	1	0				
						149	11	2
.. Balance at Bank of New Zealand					6	0	4
						£1,452	19	9

Audited and found correct.

Christchurch, 16th January, 1932.

A. A. SANDFORD

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND HOSTEL.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended

October 31st, 1931.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st November, 1930	54	11	8
Probert Trust Board	1150	0	0
Probert Trust Rent of site	400	0	0
Emsly Trust Board	115	0	0
Prince Albert College	200	0	0
Contingent Fund	840	0	0
Home Mission Fund	101	5	0
Trinity College Church	104	8	1
Congregational Church—Fees for Students	83	6	8
Trinity Hostel Fees	549	15	4
Students' Contributions	141	10	1
Tuition	4	4	0
Rent—Moehau Street	121	17	6
Interest—New House Fund	66	9	4
Refund, Edson Trust	29	15	0
Sales of Stationery and Badges	5	8	4
Amounts received under Students' Bonds	36	19	6
	£4,004	10	6

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
House and Service	1190	6	5
Stipends	1004	3	4
Tutors' Fees	88	18	0
Rates	471	8	10
Insurance	28	1	5
Rent	339	0	4
Telephones	39	3	0
Quarterages	138	13	8
Recreation	9	19	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	8	5	0
University Fees	54	2	0
Connexional Charges	168	7	0
Interest—Moehau Street	130	0	0
Furnishing	19	6	8
Repairs	34	19	1
Garden	2	0	4
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Advertising Hostel	5	2	0
Bank Interest and Charges	6	15	3
Postage, Printing and Stationery	12	12	6
Sundries	52	3	0
Transfer to Reserve Fund	36	19	6
Balance in Bank, 31st October, 1931	156	4	2
	£4,004	10	6

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND HOSTEL.
COLLEGE RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Credit in Bank, 1st November, 1930	98	4	8
Add amounts received under Students' Bonds	36	19	6
Add Bank Interest	5	2	4
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Credit in Bank, 31st October, 1931	£140	6	6

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Theological College Council and compared same with Bank Books, and are of the opinion that they are a true and correct Statement at 31st October, 1931.

ANDREW MESSER, F.R.A.N.Z. }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Auditors.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Treasurers: REV. H. RANSTON, Litt. D. and ARCH. PEAK.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending
30th September, 1931.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	78	17	10
„ Collection	1	7	9
„ Debenture Interest	42	0	0
„ Savings Bank Interest	3	3	11
„ Refund over Payment	6	2	0
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	£131	11	6

	£	s.	d.
To Prizes	6	6	0
„ Books, Periodicals &c.	59	1	11
„ Balance	66	3	7
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	£131	11	6

Capital Account.

	£	s.	d.
1930, September 30th—			
To Cash	800	0	0
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	£800	0	0

	£	s.	d.
1930, September 30th—			
By Auckland Council Debenture	798	0	0
„ Savings Bank	2	0	0
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	£800	0	0

Audited and found correct.

F. E. SUTHERLAND.

METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
NEW BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Treasurers : REV. T. A. JOUGHIN and A PEAK, Esq. .

Summary of Receipts and Payments for the period 1st January, 1913 to 31st January, 1932.

		RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	1913, Jan. 1st—						
	To Bank Balance			30	3 8		
	1932, Jan. 31st—						
	To Rents			600	15 0		
	„ Interest			4,046	2 8		
	„ Sale of Land, Park View Estate	10,118	18 1				
	„ Less Cost Subdivision	2,023	13 5				
				8,095	4 8		
	„ Sale Material and Parsonage			83	13 6		
	„ Donations			38,588	18 1		
	„ Legacies and Bequests—						
	W. H. Scott			175	10 10		
	Wagstaff Bequest	2,000	0 0				
	Less Prize Fund	100	0 0				
				1,900	0 0		
	Edson Bequest	1,692	5 8				
	Less Trustees' Com.	29	15 0				
				1,662	10 8		
	„ Loans, Deposits and Repayments			47,542	2 11		
				£102,725	2 0		
	1932, Jan. 31st—						
	By Interest					1,784	19 5
	„ Expenses			1,942	3 5		
	„ Less Refunds, etc.			284	17 6		
						1,657	5 11
	„ Section from Richards					363	0 0
	„ Erection Building of College and Residences			39,431	11 0		
	„ Tennis Courts			324	18 8		
	„ Laying out of Grounds			437	13 10		
						40,194	3 6
	„ Church Removal and Renovations					3,232	1 3
	„ Furnishings—						
	College and Residences			2,892	12 6		
	Church			61	17 3		
						2,954	9 9
	„ Organ					620	0 0
	„ Shares—South British Ins. Co.					1,487	10 0
	„ War Bond					192	17 6
	„ Loans, Deposits and Repayments					50,196	2 11
	„ Bank Balance					23	14 3
	„ Cash Balance					18	17 6
						£102,725	2 0

METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
NEW BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1932.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.								
			£	s.	d.							
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Wagstaff Bequest	..	..	1,900	0	0					
Accumulated Funds	..	..	47,823	13	9					
			£49,723 13 9									
						Building of College and Resi-						
						dences	39,431	11 0				
						Tennis Courts	324	18 8				
						Laying out of Grounds	437	13 10				
						Total Property Account	40,194	3 6				
						Church Removal and Renova-						
						tions	3,232	1 3				
						Furnishings—						
						College and Residences	2,892	12 6				
						Church	61	17 3				
						2,954	9 9					
						Organ	620	0 0				
						Deposit—						
						Wesley Training College	1,000	0 0				
						War Bond	192	17 6				
						500 Shares, South British Ins.						
						Co. at £2 19s. 6d., now value						
						£2 13s. 3d. (£300 of this to						
						be set aside for new Organ						
						Fund)	1,487	10 0				
						Bank of New Zealand	23	14 3				
						Cash in Hand	18	17 6				
									£49,723	13 9		

New Building Fund—Promises outstanding as at 31st January, 1932:—

Promises out standing for Collection, 31st Jan.,							
1931 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	£3,337	15 3
Less Cash Received .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7	10 0
						£3,330	5 3

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1931.

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		LIABILITIES.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Loan at Call	1,000	0 0		
Plus Accrued Interest	15	0 0		
				1,015	0 0
Loans on Fixed Deposit	5,900	0 0		
Plus Accrued Interest ..	..	87	13 9		
				5,987	13 9
Sundry Creditors .. ..	..			414	14 0
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan ..	..	17,967	10 0		
Plus Accrued Interest ..	..	359	6 10		
(Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties)				18,326	16 10
Bank of New Zealand, Overdraft	..	34,978	3 11		
Plus Accrued Interest ..	..	580	0 0		
(Secured over Three Kings and Mt. Albert Properties)				35,558	3 11
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	..	159	19 5		
Plus Accrued Interest ..	..	9	15 0		
				169	14 5
Capital Account—					
Balance at 1/1/31 .. ..	..	130,158	17 3		
Less Decrease in Government Valuation—Mt. Albert and Waikowhai Properties ..	..	1,630	0 0		
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	..	3,222	11 8		
		4,852	11 8		
				125,306	5 7

		ASSETS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Paerata Land at cost ..	..	15,832	12 0				
College Buildings at Cost ..	..	43,694	3 0				
Improvements to Paerata Property .. ..	..	8,085	0 6			67,611	15 6
City and Suburban Property at Government Valuation							
Grafton Road .. ..	..	27,259	0 0				
Three Kings .. ..	..	26,465	0 0				
Mt. Albert .. ..	..	29,745	0 0				
Dominion Road .. ..	..	5,785	0 0				
Waikowhai .. ..	..	12,792	0 0				
						102,046	0 0
Improvements to Properties—							
Three Kings .. ..	..	33	5 0				
Mt. Albert .. ..	..	40	17 5				
Dominion Road .. ..	..	129	10 3				
						203	12 8
Plant and Machinery—Paerata	..	1,363	2 9				
Less Depreciation .. ..	..	170	0 1				
						1,193	2 8
Motor Vehicles—							
Paerata .. ..	..	703	5 0				
Less Depreciation .. ..	..	184	1 0				
						519	4 0
Furniture and Fittings—College	..	682	8 10				
Equipment—Collgee .. ..	..	1,989	4 6				
		2,671	13 4				
Less Depreciation .. ..	..	234	1 8				
						2,437	11 8

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET—continued

	Stock on Hand—Paerata :		
	Live Stock at valuation ..	7,417	8 0
	Produce and Sundry Stocks	1,202	10 0
		<hr/>	
			8,619 18 0
	Loan on Mortgage ..	270	0 0
	Plus Accrued Interest ..	16	17 6
		<hr/>	
			286 17 6
	Mt. Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers :		
	Principal Outstanding ..	1,479	10 3
	Plus Accrued Interest ..	40	8 1
		<hr/>	
			1,519 18 4
	Sundry Debtors :		
	For Rent	633	8 8
	For Fees	821	3 1
	For Sundries	451	3 10
		<hr/>	
		1,905	15 7
	Less Reserve for Bad Debts	275	0 0
		<hr/>	
			1,630 15 7
	Payments in Advance ..		681 10 4
	Cash in Hand :		
	Paerata and Office ..		28 2 3
		<hr/>	
			£186,778 8 6
		<hr/>	
	£186,778 8 6		£186,778 8 6

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc.,
General 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, 1931, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and 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.

Auckland, 21st January, 1932,

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE and CAMERON, Auditors,

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

College Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1931.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To	Advertising				99	9	9	
	„ Bad Debts Written off				2	5	3	
	„ Beneficiary Work : European ..	74	1	0				
	„ „ „ Island	30	0	0				
	„ „ „ Maori	699	19	11				
		<hr/>			804	0	11	
	„ Depreciation				294	1	8	
	„ Fuel and Light				321	0	4	
	„ Insurance				66	8	10	
	„ Provisions :							
	Bread	282	11	0				
	Dairy Produce	408	2	8				
	Groceries	305	6	3				
	Meat	280	15	7				
	Sundries	122	13	7				
		<hr/>			1,399	9	1	
	„ Rates				61	17	0	
	„ Repairs and Maintenance				186	16	8	
	„ Reserve for Bad Debts				65	0	0	
	„ Salaries				1,767	2	0	
	„ Sports				38	2	10	
	„ Boys' Stationery—Expenditure ..	49	8	10				
	Less Income	38	4	2				
		<hr/>			11	4	8	
	„ Stationery and Books				19	13	8	
	„ Sundry Expenses				244	12	0	
	„ Wages				777	16	9	
		<hr/>			£6,159	1	5	
	By School Fees							4,575 16 2
	„ Laboratory Expenses :							
	Income				45	2	6	
	Less Expenditure				19	2	10	
					<hr/>			25 19 8
	„ Piano Fees :							
	Income				13	18	0	
	Less Expenditure				0	12	6	
					<hr/>			13 5 6
	„ Net Loss transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..							1,544 0 1
								<hr/>
								£6,159 1 5

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1931.

PAYMENTS.				RECEIPTS.			
				By Departmental Profits as under:			
				£	s.	d.	
To Departmental Losses as under:							
Beef Cattle	80	16	11	Bees	127	18	8
Garden and Orchard ..	44	11	1	Cattle and Dairy	244	12	5
Stud Sheep	13	6	8	Pigs	119	1	5
				Poultry	27	5	6
				Flock Sheep	99	13	10
.. Net Profit transferred to Income			138				618
and Expenditure Account ..			14				11
			8				10
			479				
			17				
			2				
			£618				£618
			11				11
			10				10

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1931.

				£	s.	d.							
To Audit Fees				26	5	0	By Reduction of Bad Debts Reserve ..				65	0	0
.. Insurance				12	5	10	.. Balance transferred to Income and Expendi-				2,094	7	0
.. Legal Expenses				62	18	9	ture Account						
.. Office Expenses				30	17	11							
.. Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..				21	1	0							
.. Rates				1374	14	0							
.. Rent—Board Room				26	10	0							
.. Repairs and Maintenance				4	1	11							
.. Salary—Secretary				323	15	0							
.. Sundry Expenses				2	19	4							
.. Survey Fees				12	0	0							
.. Valuation Fees				22	8	3							
.. Wages Maintaining Properties				239	10	0							
				£2,159	7	0					£2,159	7	0

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1931.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account				3,569	6	10	By Rents received from :						
							Grafton Road Property			1,392	14	5	
							Three Kings Property			1,082	5	8	
							Mt. Albert Property			627	6	8	
							Dominion Road Property			55	5	0	
							Waikowhai Property			411	15	1	
				<u>£3,569</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>				<u>£3,569</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	

Interest Account for the year Ended the 31st December, 1931.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft				2,167	18	9	By Interest from :						
„ Interest on Loans at Call and Fixed Deposits				465	0	7	Mt. Albert Estate			57	8	0	
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan				1,092	6	7	Three Kings Estate			15	3	0	
							Sundry Mortgages			19	6	4	
							„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account			3,633	8	7	
				<u>£3,725</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>				<u>£3,725</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.	INCOME.				£	s.	d.
To Interest				3,633	8	7	By Rents			3,569	6	10	
„ Loss on College				1,544	0	1	„ Profit on Farm			479	17	2	
„ General Expenses				2,094	7	0	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account			3,222	11	8	
				<u>£7,271</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>				<u>£7,271</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>	

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1931.

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				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To	Wages and Salaries	853 14 6	By	Gross Profits on:			
„	Seeds and Manure	552 3 11		Cattle and Dairy	1180 0 7
„	Sundry Expenses	..	..	491 10 8		Flock Sheep	..	..	713 3 8
„	Depreciation written off	..	..	229 4 1		Pigs	..	..	517 0 9
„	Horse and Tractor Expenses	..	..	175 15 0		Stud Sheep	..	..	295 12 1
„	Lorry Expenses	..	..	167 4 1		Bees	..	..	185 7 10
„	Rates and Insurance	..	..	60 6 9		Garden and Orchard	..	..	131 6 2
„	Repairs and Maintenance	..	..	55 2 0		Poultry	..	..	125 4 0
„	Net Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	..	..	479 17 2					3147 15 1
				<u>£3,064 18 2</u>	„	Less Gross Loss on Beef Cattle	..	..	82 16 11
									<u>£3,064 18 2</u>

We have compared the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify that it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE AND CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities				By Amount of Funds 30/11/30	142,048	2	9
Furniture Grants				Less Written off (resignations)	20	1	6
Office Expenses—							
Authorised Appropriation ..	380	0	0	Personal Subscriptions ..			142,028 1 3
Less Received from Allied Funds ..	79	0	0	Circuit Levies			1,625 12 0
				Interest—			2,442 12 0
				Investments	7,923	15	4
	301	0	0	Deposits	27	3	11
Less Charges : Creditor Deposits ..	44	12	8	Arrears Personal Subscriptions	37	4	3
				Arrears Purchase of Benefits	13	1	2
	256	7	4				
Stationery and General Expenses	96	12	5		8,001	4	8
Auditors' Fees	25	4	0	Less Overdraft			
				Interest	4	13	6
			378	Int. Allied Fds.	784	11	1
Doubtful Debts Provision Reserve				Depositor Acs.	1,147	9	8
Account			300				
Amount of Funds as at 30/11/30					1,936	14	3
Less Adjustments ..	142,028	1	3	Plus Office			
Increase of Funds as at 30/11/31	3,694	15	3	Charges	44	12	8
			145,722				1,981 6 11
							6,019 17 9
				Freehold Revenue—			
				Epworth Chambers :Rents	3,261	12	9
				Less Expenses ..	701	16	0
							2,559 16 9
				Less Worcester St.			
				Expenses	83	2	11
				Less Rents Recd.	78	1	3
							5 1 8
							2,554 15 1

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—Revenue Account—continued.

	Fire Insurance Premiums ..		16 13 8
£154,687 11 9		£154,687 11 9	

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. BOWRON } Treasurers.

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E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors

Christchurch, 17th December, 1931.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1931.

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds as per							
Revenue Account ..				Investments—			
Benevolent Branch : Capital Ac.	400	0	0	Mortgages	102,950	0	0
Revenue Account ..	367	12	11	Debentures	29,000	0	0
							131,950 0 0
				Freehold Properties—			
				Epworth Chambers ..	48,007	13	4
Deaconess' Retiring Fund ..	4,135	9	5	Worcester Street ..	4,118	15	8
Home Acquisition Fund ..	4,015	18	2				52,126 9 0
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund	8,875	17	1	Deposits—			
				Bank of New Zealand ..	72	17	6
				P.O. Savings Bank ..	559	14	11
							632 12 5
				Interest : Mortgages—Accrued	1,571	16	1
Church Building and Loan Fund	350	2	10	Mortgages—Due ..	3,114	7	7
Church Sites Fund ..	271	18	7	Debentures—Accrued	490	3	6
Connexional Fire Ins. Fund ..	400	3	3				5,176 7 2
H.M.R.F. Appeal Fund ..	265	17	1				
Methodist Deaconess Institution	444	6	10				
Orphanage and Children's Home	11,662	17	0				
"Methodist Times"	1,065	9	5				
			17,794 17 7				

Meth. Women's Mis. Union ..	562 16 1		Purchase of Benefits— ..			
Removal Expenses Fund ..	430 10 8		Balance Due	259 17 5		
Church Trusts Deposits (9) ..	1,323 15 8		Interest Due	1 1 2		
Personal Deposit Accounts (27)	7,518 14 4					260 18 7
		24,296 11 9	Circuit Levies : Arrears ..	18 15 0		
Investment Fluctuation Reserve			Accrued	414 13 0		433 8 0
Fund	2,601 14 11					
Doubtful Debts Provision Res-			Personal Subscriptions : Arrears	572 7 1		
erve Account	300 0 0		Interest Due	71 19 10		644 6 11
Freehold Properties—Rates Ac-						
crued	249 5 2		Freehold Properties : Rents Due	286 14 6		
Epworth Chambers Contractors'			Accrued, Less Prepaid ..	216 3 11		502 18 5
Suspense Account	761 14 7					
		<u>£191,727 0 6</u>				<u>£191,727 0 6</u>

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund and Certify to the correctness of the same. We 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 30th November 1931.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. BOWRON } 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, 17th December, 1931

SUPERNUMERARY FUND (BENEVOLENT BRANCH).

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grants	.. ..	159	15 0	By Balance 30/11/30	.. ..	
Exchanges	.. ..	0	6 6	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	.. ..	756	3 1
				Donations—			
Authorised Appropriation	.. ..		160 1 6	Fire Insurance Fund	.. ..	75	0 0
Balance—			3 0 0	Special	.. ..	10	0 0
Deposit : Supernumerary Fund							85 0 0
Capital Account	.. ..	400	0 0	Interest—			
Revenue Account	.. ..	367	12 11	Debenture Investments	.. ..	53	9 9
			767 12 11	Supernumerary Fund Deposits	.. ..	36	1 7
							89 11 4
							£930 14 5
			£930 14 5				£930 14 5

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. BOWRON } 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, 16th December, 1931.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND (BENEVOLENT BRANCH).

Balance-Sheet as at 30th November, 1931.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.			
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Capital Account		1,400 0 0	Plampin Bequest—			
Balance Revenue Account		367 12 11	Ch'ch. City Council Debenture ..	500 0 0		
			Ch'ch. Drainage Board Debenture	500 0 0		1,000 0 0
			Penrose Bequest—			
			Capital Account			
			Deposit Supernumerary Fund ..			400 0 0
			Revenue Account—			
			Deposit Supernumerary Fund ..			367 12 11
		£1,767 12 11				£1,767 12 11

We have examined the above Revenue Account and Balance-sheet, and have compared them with the books of the Fund, and we certify to their correctness. We have had the Securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1931.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. BOWRON } Treasurers.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors

Christchurch, 16th December, 1931.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

**Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending
31st December, 1931.**

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance 1st January, 1931				278	6	11
Circuit Levies—						
Auckland	399	0	0			
South Auckland	180	9	0			
Taranaki, Wanganui	163	17	6			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	163	10	0			
Wellington	245	5	0			
Nelson	102	7	6			
North Canterbury	285	18	9			
South Canterbury	96	18	9			
Otago-Southland	202	11	6			
				1839	18	0
Refund Otago-Southland				13	10	0
				<u>£2,131</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Payments as per Warrant—							
Auckland	459	0	0				
South Auckland	184	10	0				
Taranaki-Wanganui	157	10	0				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	209	5	0				
Wellington	175	10	0				
Nelson	81	0	0				
North Canterbury	209	5	0				
South Canterbury	74	5	0				
Otago-Southland	234	0	0				
				1784	5	0	
Sundry Payments—							
Exchange on Cheques	4	3	2				
Bank Charge Keeping Account	1	0	0				
Stamps and Stationery	0	10	0				
					5	13	2
Credit at Bank of New South Wales				341	16	9	
				<u>£2,131</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	

E. W. A. KELLOW }
E. S. HARKNESS } Treasurers.

Audited and found Correct.

J. M. DALE }
ERNEST HOBBS } Auditors.

Wellington, 5th February, 1932.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 31st December, 1931.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st Jan.—							
To	.. .. .				1549	11	1
..	Circuit Levies—						
	District—Auckland	693	2	6			
	South Auckland	332	15	0			
	Taranaki-Wanganui	321	1	3			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	275	0	0			
	Wellington	427	2	6			
	Nelson	190	17	6			
	North Canterbury	487	12	6			
	South Canterbury	170	11	3			
	Otago-Southland	378	2	0			
					3276	4	6
..	Sales of Agenda				17	12	0
..	Sales of Minutes—						
	District—Auckland	0	17	0			
	South Auckland	0	3	0			
	Taranaki-Wanganui	0	12	0			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	0	3	0			
	Wellington	1	7	0			
	Nelson	0	10	0			
	North Canterbury	1	6	0			
	South Canterbury	0	8	0			
	Otago-Southland						
					5	6	0
..	Synod Collections—						
	District—Auckland	6	5	1			
	South Auckland	5	18	7			
	Taranaki-Wanganui						
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	3	5	3			
	Wellington	5	18	7			
	Nelson	3	14	0			
	North Canterbury	3	13	11			
	South Canterbury						
	Otago-Southland						
					28	15	5
..	Sale of Literature				47	16	6
..	Refund Equalisation Fund				2	2	2
..	Interest on Deposits, Bank New Zealand				5	12	5
					<u>£4,933</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 31st December, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Cost of Dunedin Conference—							
(a) Travelling Equalisation Fund	392	5	10				
Travelling Official Representatives	356	8	5				
					748	14	3
(b) Printing Agenda	133	19	0				
Minutes	141	16	4				
Other	28	0	9				
Stationery, Bibles, etc.	20	4	4				
					324	0	5
„ District Expenses—Chairmen's Travelling and other Expenses—							
District—Auckland	39	7	1				
South Auckland	30	11	0				
Taranaki-Wanganui	45	8	5				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	33	15	6				
Wellington	21	6	2				
Nelson	25	4	0				
North Canterbury	20	13	0				
South Canterbury	28	18	2				
Otago-Southland	28	10	6				
					273	13	10
„ Synod Expenses—							
District—Auckland	64	10	6				
South Auckland	22	9	8				
Taranaki-Wanganui	17	13	5				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	19	0	0				
Wellington	16	5	4				
Nelson	38	11	6				
North Canterbury	11	18	2				
South Canterbury	11	1	0				
Otago-Southland	21	2	10				
					222	12	5
„ Ministerial Supply—							
District—Auckland	4	1	0				
North Canterbury	17	0	0				
South Canterbury	1	10	0				
Otago-Southland	26	0	0				
					48	11	0
„ Connexional Payments—							
President's Travelling	37	10	0				
President's Postages, etc.	12	10	0				
President's Supply, 1930	3	0	0				
Secretary of Conference : Postage, etc.	12	10	0				
Board of Examiners' Expenses	16	14	8				
"Methodist Times" Honoraria (2 years)	80	0	0				
"Methodist Times" Incidentals (2 years)	8	12	3				
Printing	80	14	9				
Book of Offices—final payment	266	4	6				
					517	16	2
„ Grants—							
Theological College	740	0	0				
Connexional Secretary's Dept.	195	0	0				
For Affliction	150	0	0				
Deaconess Fund	75	0	0				

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 31st December, 1931.

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

University Fees	30	0	0	
Council Religious Education	25	0	0	
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0	
World Conference of Faith and Order (2 yrs.)	20	0	0	
Exchange on	2	5	0	
				1262 5 0
Hon. Treasurers—				
Postages, Stationery, etc.	3	0	0	
Bank Exchange, Charges, etc.	7	2	8	
				10 2 8
Balances Due by Chairmen—				
District—Auckland	157	18	10	
South Auckland	33	6	0	
Taranaki-Wanganui	60	0	0	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	35	0	0	
Wellington	39	0	0	
Nelson	20	0	0	
North Canterbury	20	0	0	
South Canterbury	20	0	0	
Otago-Southland	50	11	9	
				1525 4 4
„ Total Balances held by Chairmen	435	16	7	
„ Balance Bank of N.Z. in Kaiapoi	1089	7	9	
				<u>£4,933 0 1</u>

J. H. BLACKWELL }
O. BURNET } Hon Treasurers.

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, and compared same with the Books and vouchers produced to me and I hereby Certify that in my opinion the Statement is correctly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Fund during the Year ended 31st December, 1931.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B. Com., A.P.A.N.Z
Hon. Auditor.

Christchurch, N.Z., February 10th, 1932.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ending 31st December, 1931.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand, 1/1/1931				Removal Expenses			1,224 15 4
Supernumerary Fund ..	418	7	10	Sundry Expenses			9 2 3
P.O. Savings Bank ..	5	17	6	Balance Expenses, 1930 ..			0 4 7
Bank of New Zealand ..	64	19	7	Cash in Hand 31/12/1931—			
			489 4 11	Supernumerary Fund	432	6	6
Circuit Levies Paid			1,177 3 10	P.O. Savings Bank	6	10	2
Interest Received			12 19 2	Bank of New Zealand	6	9	1
							445 5 9
			<u>£1,679 7 11</u>				<u>£1,679 7 11</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT—Year Ending December 31st, 1931.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Circuit Levies	1,169	14	7	By Removal Expenses	1,224	15	4
„ Interest	12	19	2	„ Exchange, Stamps, Stationery, etc. ..	9	2	3
„ Capital Account Transfer	51	3	10				
			<u>£1,233 17 7</u>				<u>£1,233 17 7</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1931.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 31st December, 1930 ..	822	11	5	Outstanding Levies	326	1	10
Less Balance as per Revenue Account ..	51	3	10	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	432	6	6
				Balance P.O. Savings Bank	6	10	2
				Bank of New Zealand	6	9	1
			<u>£771 7 7</u>				<u>£771 7 7</u>

Audited and found correct—
 W. L. THOMAS, Auditor.
 23rd December, 1931.

H. CHAPMAN }
 A. N. SCOTTER } Hon. Treasurers.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1931.

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EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Retiring Allowances			390 8 0	Contributions—			
Interest Credited Personal Accounts ..			394 7 0	Personal	468	0	0
Office Expenses—				Circuit	316	10	0
Authorised Appropriation ..	45	0	0	Home Mission Board ..	322	10	0
Stationery and General Expenses	5	9	1	Foreign Mission Board ..	40	0	0
			50 9 1				1,147 0 0
Balance—To Personal Accounts Less				Interest—			
Charges			729 16 11	Debentures	22	15	2
				Debentures Accrued ..	3	17	6
				Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..	391	8	4
							418 1 0
							£1,565 1 0
			£1,565 1 0				

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND
Balance-Sheet as at 30th November, 1931.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	..			8,731	5			6
Reserve Fund	..			303	14			1
Accumulated Funds—								
Centenary Gift	..	100	0	0				303 17 6
Inscribed Stock Profit	..	44	15	0				8,875 17 1
				144	15			0
				£9,179	14			7
								£9,179 14 7

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund. 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 30th November, 1931.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 G. BOWRON } 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, 16th December, 1931.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.							
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
Withdrawals				58	1	8	Personal Subscriptions		651	18	9
Net Interest Credited Personal Accounts				151	3	6	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy		283	10	0
Office Expenses—							Interest—Supernumerary Fund Deposit		171	1	10
Authorised Appropriation	20	0	0								
Stationery and General Expenses	4	3	9								
				24	3	9					
Balance—To Personal Accounts				873	1	8					
				£1,106	10	7			£1,106	10	7

Balance-Sheet as at 30th November, 1931.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts		4,015	6	6	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund		4,015	18	2
Reserve Fund				11					
				£4,015			£4,015	18	2

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. 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 November 30th, 1931.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 GEORGE BOWRON } Treasurers.

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Christchurch, 14th December, 1931.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1931, (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Islands—							
Circuit Balances	417	5	11				
Wages Outstanding	164	3	0				
Personal Balances	1000	6	5				
Sundry Trade Creditors ..	288	7	7				
				1870	2	11	
Overdraft at Bank N.Z., Auckland—							
(Plus Accrued Interest and secured over Working Capital and Medical Mission Fund Assets)				10,028	5	1	
Loans—							
Tunnicliffe, H. A.	500	0	0				
Herner, T. W.	1,000	0	0				
Smith, J. C.	200	0	0				
				1700	0	0	
Proceeds of Debentures issued by Methodist F.M. Society Trust Association				3,600	0	0	
Special Funds—							
Medical Mission ("Helena Goldie" Hospital Fund)	2440	14	11				
Medical Mission Investment Fund	575	0	0				
Insurance and Replacement Fund	918	16	0				
Equipment Fund	58	7	2				
				3992	18	1	

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand				105	7	6
Banga Plantation Deficit—						
Balance at 1/1/31	3370	18	9			
Deficits in 1929/30 reimbursed to Solomon Islands	342	12	9			
				3713	11	6
Stock on Hand—Solomon Is.				1596	19	10
Advance Payments (1932)				1690	6	7
Medical Mission Fund Assets—						
10 Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Shares of £50 each				500	0	0
Equipment Fund Assets—						
Methodist F.M. Society Trust Association Debentures 5½%				200	0	0
Working Capital Assets—						
£200 Mt. Eden Borough 5% Debentures	200	0	0			
£1700 Auckland City Council 5½% Debentures	1667	10	0			
£600 Soldiers' Loan 5½% Ins. Stock	531	0	0			
£100 N.Z. Govt. 5½% Debentures	100	0	0			
£1000 N.Z. Govt. 5½% Inscribed Stock	1000	0	0			
Fixed Deposit Bank of N.Z. 4½%	4000	0	0			
Fuller & Sons Debentures 6½%	500	0	0			
Methodist F.M. Society Trust Association Debentures 5½%	50	0	0			
Palmerston North Co-op. Dairy Co., Shares	7	10	0			
Loans on Mortgage	3200	0	0			
				11,256	0	0

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1931—continued.

	Capital Account Overdrawn—	
	Balance brought forward 1/1/31	1009 19 1
	Plus Excess of Expenditure over	
	Income for year	1376 11 7
		<u>2386 10 8</u>
	Less Gifts received	257 10 0
		<u>2129 0 8</u>
		<u>£21,191 6 1</u>
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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

Treasurers: REV. G. T. MARSHALL and MR. A. J. BUTTLE.

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EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward from		By New Zealand Contributions—	
1930	6164 14 1	General Fund 1930 Ac. ..	203 9 10
„ Solomon Islands District—		1931 Ac. ..	9097 17 6
Stipends and Allowances ..	6917 3 7	(including £180/4/11 from	
Boats and Travel ..	2249 0 6	Y.W.B.C. Union) ..	9301 7 4
Freights, Customs, etc. ..	1161 18 9	„ Women's Auxiliaries ..	1268 9 2
Schools and Colleges ..	1284 18 7	„ Young Men's B.C. Movement	374 14 4
Properties, Current Exp. ..	838 16 5	„ Native Teachers and Students	156 10 0
General Exp. Medical, etc. ..	662 11 11	„ Orphans	33 5 0
Industrial Undertakings ..	1070 7 11	„ Interest	753 19 3
	<u>14,184 17 8</u>	„ Medical Mission Work ..	8 10 0
„ Interest on Overdrafts and		„ Debt Reduction Fund ..	304 7 11
Loans	1254 16 8	„ S.O.S. Appeal	796 2 7
		„ Publications Account net ..	60 15 6
			<u>13,058 1 1</u>

Income and Expenditure Account—continued.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1931.

General Treasurers.—Ministerial: ———

Lay: MR. J. VEALE.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	203	1	2			
Ditto, 1930 ..	13	12	9			
Auckland West ..	50	0	0			
Auckland East ..	264	1	1			
Ditto, 1930 ..	33	6	6			
Auck., Avondale	109	1	3			
Auck., Devonport	18	12	2			
Auck., Takapuna	14	1	3			
Ditto, 1930 ..	2	6	4			
Auck., Birkenhead	49	7	2			
Onehunga ..	45	16	11			
Otahuhu ..	37	18	3			
Ditto, 1930 ..	1	6	6			
Papakura ..	13	2	5			
Ditto, 1930 ..	10	6	9			
Pukekohe ..	17	1	5			
Ditto, 1930 ..	13	10	6			
Waiuku ..	12	7	2			
Mahurangi ..	6	7	6			
Paparoa ..	17	3	1			
Ditto, 1930 ..	2	0	6			
Northern Wairoa	40	10	5			
Ditto, 1930 ..	6	1	6			
Whangarei ..	48	6	4			
Whangaroa ..	22	17	8			
Bay of Islands ..	33	4	8			
Port Albert ..	52	0	3			
Hikurangi ..	24	16	10			
Mangonui ..	23	18	0			
Maori Missions ..	51	12	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Auckland Social Service Mission	1	2	1			
Kaukapakapa ..	13	6	6			
Helensville ..	10	6	3			
Hokianga South	23	5	10			
Hokianga North	21	9	4			
Ohaeawai ..	13	2	2			

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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames ..	65	1	10
Te Aroha ..	65	2	10
Morrinsville ..	52	0	7
Paeroa ..	9	14	9
Cambridge ..	61	7	10
Hamilton ..	96	8	3
Ditto, 1930 ..	0	1	0
Hamilton East ..	0	0	0
Rotorua ..	35	13	0
Tauranga ..	25	0	0
Opotiki ..	8	13	8
Taumarunui ..	18	9	3
Te Awamutu ..	54	16	6
Matamata ..	26	19	5
Huntly ..	8	3	0
Whakatane ..	6	5	1
Otorohanga ..	23	3	9
Maori Missions ..	47	8	6

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1,744	18	2			
Waikato - King Country	1,590	5	0			
Taranaki-						
Waimarino	1,333	0	0			
South Island ..	50	0	0			
As Rent, Mission Parsonages (3)	80	0	0			
				4,798	3	2

Special.

Deaconess Retirement Fund ..	29	0	0
Removal Expenses	71	6	6
Theological Student ..	19	13	2
Compassionate	30	0	0
S.S. Materials ..	40	0	0
Printing Leaflets	50	0	0
Special Missions and Workers' Conferences	100	0	0
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0
T.K. Maori Girls' School (1 gr.)	25	0	0
Deaconess Students	25	0	0
Improvements, Ngaruawahia Parsonage ..	64	4	5
Horse and Saddle	16	0	0
Deaconess Students' Travelling Expenses ..	19	0	0

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AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa ..	31	5	0
Ohaeawai ..	18	0	0
Ditto, Special	25	10	0
Social Service Mission ..	125	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Northern Wairoa	40	0	0
Whangarei (Port-land)	46	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Otahuhu ..	28	15	0
Paparoa ..	35	0	0
Hikurangi ..	42	10	0
Whangaroa ..	15	0	0
Mahurangi ..	6	15	0
Devonport, Special	25	0	0

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1931—Continued.

RECEIPTS.						EXPENDITURE.							
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.		
Home Mission Stations.						SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.							
Ngaruawahia ..	13	4	3							Home Mission Stations.			
Waihi ..	21	10	8							£	s.	d.	
Te Puke ..	8	0	0							Te Puke ..	18	10	0
Te Kuiti ..	21	19	11							Te Kuiti ..	56	5	0
Ohura ..	17	13	9							Ohura ..	18	10	0
Putaruru ..	20	18	4							Coromandel (1 qr.)	7	10	0
Ditto, 1930 ..	4	18	0							Hauraki Plains	42	10	0
Coromandel ..	17	10	8							Ngaruawahia,			
Ditto, 1930 ..	7	8	7							Special ..	20	0	0
Hauraki Plains ..	0	10	9	736		1	2						
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.						Aided Circuits.							
Circuits.						Whakatane ..	52	10	0				
New Plymouth ..	25	16	6	Paeroa ..	35	0	0						
Ditto, 1930 ..	15	7	3	Rotorua ..	23	15	0						
Waitara ..	36	16	3	Tauranga ..	32	10	0						
Ditto, 1930 ..	4	15	0	Opotiki ..	61	5	0						
Inglewood ..	14	9	9	Taumarunui ..	96	5	0						
Stratford ..	37	19	7	Huntly ..	15	0	0						
Eltham ..	5	4	0	Otorohanga ..	62	10	0	542 0 0					
Hawera ..	27	17	9	TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.									
Ditto, 1930 ..	16	18	9	Home Mission Stations.									
Manaia ..	19	10	2	Raetihi ..	25	0	0						
Ditto, 1930 ..	3	10	9	Patea ..	51	5	0						
Opunake ..	71	6	3	Circuits with Home Missionaries.									
Kaponga ..	17	0	0	Waitara ..	100	0	0						
Wanganui ..	45	7	8	Aided Circuits.									
Ditto, 1930 ..	1	9	0	Wanganui-Gonville	15	0	0						
Wanganui North ..	24	10	6	Inglewood ..	41	5	0						
Ditto, 1930 ..	17	4	3	Kaponga ..	71	5	0						
Ditto, 1930 ..	1	3	0	Marton ..	27	10	0						
Maori Missions ..	40	2	6	Taihape ..	30	0	0						
Home Mission Stations.						Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0				
Raetihi ..	12	11	1	Wanganui North ..	38	15	0						
Patea ..	11	9	6	Manaia (1 qr.) ..	7	10	0	417 10 0					
Ditto, 1930 ..	5	16	6	HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.									
Home Mission Stations.						Home Mission Stations.							
458 10 8						Waipawa ..	33	15	0				
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.						Apti ..	15	0	0				
Circuits.						Norsewood ..	31	5	0				
Napier ..	30	0	0	Aided Circuits.									
Ditto, 1930 ..	6	3	6	Ashhurst-				Bunnythorpe ..	10	0	0		
Hastings ..	87	5	10	Dannevirke ..	18	15	0						
Gisborne ..	19	0	1	Pahiatua ..	20	0	0						
Waeroa ..	3	1	3	Gisborne ..	56	5	0						
Dannevirke ..	8	3	8	Wairoa ..	80	0	0	265 0 0					
Woodville ..	15	9	9	WELLINGTON DISTRICT.									
Ditto, 1930 ..	2	5	6	Home Mission Stations.									
Pahiatua ..	23	7	11	Paraparumu ..	56	5	0						
Palmerston North				Upper Hutt ..	50	0	0						
(St. Paul's) ..	88	3	5	Aided Circuits.									
Palmerston North	60	3	3	Johnsonville ..	77	10	0						
(Cuba Street) ..				Thorndon ..	37	10	0						
Ashhurst-Bunny-	27	6	3	Eketahuna ..	36	5	0						
thorpe ..				Otaki ..	50	0	0						
Feilding ..	134	7	8	Greytown-				Featherston ..	56	5	0		
Ditto, 1930 ..	1	17	6	Wellington South	6	13	4						
Sanson-Rongotea ..	16	11	0	Carterton ..	2	10	0	372 18 4					
Ditto, 1930 ..	1	19	0										
Waipawa ..	14	7	9										
Foxton ..	16	3	2										

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1931—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Apiti ..	19	4	5			
Norsewood ..	5	18	3			
				580	19	2

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Taranaki Street	128	2	0			
Ditto, 1930 ..	2	10	0			
Thorndon ..	88	14	0			
Wellington South	41	4	11			
Ditto, 1930 ..	5	5	0			
Wellington East	61	3	6			
Johnsonville-Ngalo	71	6	1			
Ditto, 1930 ..	4	14	6			
Hutt ..	63	5	10			
Ditto, 1930 ..	0	5	0			
Petone ..	17	7	3			
Greytown-						
Featherston ..	16	1	9			
Carterton ..	27	6	5			
Masterton ..	97	1	11			
Eketahuna ..	11	3	0			
Ditto, 1930 ..	7	13	6			
Levin ..	31	4	0			
Otaki ..	17	2	0			
Ditto, 1930 ..	9	11	3			

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	4	9	0			
Upper Hutt ..	8	15	9			
				714	7	5

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	111	6	8			
Ditto, 1930 ..	10	18	10			
Richmond ..	17	19	4			
Blenheim ..	120	11	8			
Hokitika ..	20	1	3			
Greymouth ..	17	18	0			
Motueka ..	20	19	5			
Westport ..	12	9	1			

Home Mission Stations.

Reefton ..	20	15	8			
Havelock ..	3	15	2			
Murchison ..	7	0	0			
Granity ..	10	5	0			
Wakefield ..	7	5	6			
				381	5	7

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Christchurch—						
Durham St. ..	86	14	3			
East ..	132	13	9			
Cambridge Ter.	35	0	0			
Woolston ..	62	11	5			
Ditto, 1930 ..	10	1	0			
Sydenham ..	35	18	0			
Addington ..	58	10	6			
Riccarton ..	28	4	4			
St. Albans ..	55	4	10			
Papanui ..	38	18	10			
Ditto, 1930 ..	0	10	0			

EXPENDITURE.

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Reefton (1 qr.)	2	10	0			
Havelock ..	28	15	0			
Ditto, Special	10	0	0			
Murchison ..	27	10	0			
Granity ..	50	0	0			

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Blenheim ..	16	5	0			
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Aided Circuits.

Motueka ..	16	5	0			
Hokitika ..	50	0	0			
Westport ..	23	15	0			
Greymouth ..	11	5	0			
				236	5	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waddington ..	18	15	0			
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Aided Circuits.

Cambridge Terrace	30	0	0			
Riccarton ..	12	10	0			
St. Albans ..	47	10	0			
Sydenham ..	26	5	0			
Hawarden ..	82	10	0			
Tai Tapu ..	33	15	0			
				251	5	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Rakaia-Methven	7	10	0			
Mayfield ..	17	10	0			

Aided Circuits.

Temuka (Maori)	10	0	0			
Temuka ..	13	15	0			
Geraldine (1 qr.)	5	0	0			
				53	15	0

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti ..	11	5	0			
Edendale ..	22	10	0			
Riverton ..	20	0	0			
Nightcaps ..	25	0	0			
Ditto, Special	20	0	0			
Lawrence ..	7	10	0			
Mosgiel (1 qr.) ..	8	15	0			
Ditto, Special	50	0	0			
Cromwell (1 qr.)	16	5	0			

Aided Circuits.

Cargill Road (St. Clair)	47	10	0			
Caversham ..	62	10	0			
Ravensbourne ..	56	5	0			
Balclutha ..	30	0	0			
Roxburgh ..	15	0	0			
Bluff ..	55	0	0			
Otautau ..	13	15	0			
Roslyn ..	32	10	0			
Port Chalmers	53	15	0			
Ditto (Maori)	7	10	0			
				555	0	0

Total Grants to Circuits ..

£3,132 13 4

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RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Lyttelton ..	29	11	11						
Springston ..	35	9	10						
Tai Tapu ..	23	3	0						
Leeston ..	50	10	0						
Kalapoi ..	40	0	0						
Ohoka ..	26	1	3						
Rangiora ..	32	0	0						
Woodend-Sefton ..	23	4	3						
Greendale ..	22	12	6						
Hawarden ..	5	10	0						
Home Mission Stations.									
Oxford ..	12	0	4						
Waddington ..	11	1	3						
Ditto, 1930 ..	1	0	6						
				856	11	9			
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.									
Circuits.									
Timaru ..	67	9	10						
Waimate ..	40	16	1						
Temuka ..	17	7	2						
Geraldine ..	20	3	6						
Ashburton ..	92	9	9						
Willowby ..	26	10	0						
Oamaru ..	24	9	5						
Home Mission Stations.									
Rakala-Methven ..	2	15	11						
Mayfield ..	2	5	0						
				294	6	8			
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.									
Circuits.									
Dunedin—									
Trinity ..	62	18	10						
Central Mission ..	27	19	6						
Dundas Street ..	27	11	6						
Cargill Road ..	25	12	8						
St. Kilda ..	24	8	3						
Caversham ..	30	14	6						
Mornington ..	27	5	0						
Roslyn ..	22	4	7						
Port Chalmers ..	25	0	0						
Balclutha ..	10	13	1						
Milton ..	11	1	7						
Roxburgh ..	9	14	0						
Invercargill—									
Central ..	79	10	7						
St. Peter's ..	32	7	6						
Bluff ..	12	14	4						
Gore ..	12	17	1						
Home Mission Stations.									
Otautau ..	10	5	8						
Maori Hill ..	8	8	8						
Waikouaiti ..	12	0	0						
Mosgiel ..	0	0	0						
Edendale ..	6	5	3						
Lawrence ..	0	10	0						
Cromwell ..	5	9	4						
Riverton ..	7	5	0						
Nightcaps-									
Tuatapere ..	7	15	3						
				500	12	2			
Total from Circuits ..	£5,843	5	1						
GENERAL.									
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General Superin-									
tendent—									
Stipend ..	325	0	0						
Rent ..	150	0	0						
Travelling Ex-									
penses ..	142	10	0				617	10	0
Assistant Superin-									
tendent—									
Stipend ..	241	15	0						
As Rent (Te									
Kuiti Mission									
House) ..	80	0	0						
Travelling Ex-									
penses ..	100	0	0						
Colporteurs ..							421	15	0
Connexional Charges							257	10	0
							87	10	0
Office Staff.									
General Treasurer	50	0	0						
General Treasurer,									
travelling to									
Conference ..	6	18	0						
Book-keeping									
(Treasurer's)	135	0	0						
Secretarial Work									
(General H.M.									
Office) ..	143	0	0				334	18	0
Office Expenses.									
Office Rent ..	78	18	0						
Telephones ..	37	0	5						
Postage and Tele-									
grams ..	84	0	0						
Stamps and Ex-									
change ..	16	0	0						
Electric Power ..	15	1	7				231	0	0
Printing and Stationery.									
Balance Sheets,									
Estimates, and									
Annual Reports	128	6	3						
H.M. Appeal, Leaf-									
lets, Promise									
Cards, Deputa-									
tion, Advertis-									
ing, etc. ..	162	14	5						
Other Printing &									
Stationery ..	43	11	4				334	12	0
C.B. and L. Fund									
in respect of									
Opotiki ..							9	0	6
Rates and Insurance.									
Rates ..	11	2	3						
Insurance ..	21	9	7						
							32	11	10
Interest, etc.,									
B.N.Z. ..							81	17	3
Cheque Book ..	2	0	0						
Commission ..	1	0	0						
							3	0	0

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RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
GENERAL.				Miscellaneous.			
Connexional Properties.				£ s. d. £ s. d.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	725	0	0	Theological College ..	135	0	0
Grey Institute, New Plymouth	500	0	0	Deaconess' Institute ..	75	0	0
Kai Iwi, Wanganui	210	0	0	"Methodist Times" Church Sites ..	12	10	0
				Spiritual Advance Motor Registration, Insurance and Repairs ..	50	0	0
			1,435 0 0	H.M. Compassionate Allowance	35	12	6
Interest from Investments.				Ministerial Supplies ..	10	0	0
Auckland ..	738	7	3	H.M. Advisory Committee Expenses	56	0	10
Canterbury ..	58	10	0	District Secretaries' Expenses	3	10	0
			796 17 3	H.M. Deputation Expenses ..	2	18	3
Estate of late Geo. P. Wake ..	253	4	6	Removal Expenses ..	91	9	0
H.M. Parsonages, as rent ..	160	0	0	Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	32	19	0
			413 4 6	H.M. Retiring Fund ..	56	0	0
Memorial.				H.M. Retiring Allowance ..	336	0	0
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	Code, P. and T. Repairs, Te Kuiti H.M. House ..	30	0	0
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	Bible H.M. Dedication ..	2	0	0
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	H.M. Boxes ..	7	15	0
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	6	10	0	Office Furniture, etc. ..	0	15	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	6	10	0	Te Kuiti Parsonage, Furniture	3	0	3
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina ..	6	10	0	Transfer, Waitara Sub. to F.M. Department ..	3	2	6
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim ..	6	10	0	L. and C. Subs. ..	60	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere ..	6	10	0		11	11	9
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim ..	6	10	0		2	14	0
Mr. Frank O. White, Blenheim	6	10	0				
Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim ..	6	10	0				
			71 10 0				
Miscellaneous.							1,067 18 1
Proportion of Telephone and other charges from F.M. Board	15	5	6				
Literature and Colporteur Soc.	5	0	6				
Subsidy from Geraldine ..	45	0	0				
Rent, Spring Creek	3	0	0				
			68 6 0				
Refunds.							
From Caversham	12	10	0				
From Rebate on Insurance ..	0	18	3				
Conference Collections ..	15	0	6				
Fire Insurance ..	100	0	0				

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1931—Continued.

RECEIPTS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
N.Z.Y.W.B.C. Union for Deaconess	160	0	0				
N.Z.M.W.M. Union for Deaconesses	650	0	0				
				938	8	9	
Sundry Donations.							
E.M.B.	60	0	0				
"Auckland Methodist"	27	10	0				
Rev. and Mrs. G. I. Laurenson	8	0	0				
"One Interested" Rev. A. J. Seamer	25	0	0				
				130	10	0	
On Account Literature and Colporteur Subs.				2	14	0	
				9,699	15	7	
Dr. Balance, 1931				2,347	3	3	
				£12,046	18	10	
							11,904 3 3
							142 15 7
							£12,046 18 10

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined cash and bank books, and all vouchers, and in our opinion the true position as on the 21st of January, 1932, is shown in these accounts.

ARCH. PEAK.

J. G. HENDERSON.

Dated at Auckland this 2nd February, 1932.

HOME MISSION CAPITAL FUND, 1931.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Legacies and Memorial Gifts to 16/1/31				19,021	7	8	By Loans on Mortgage	11,475	0	0		
.. Legacy—Mrs. Eastabrook ..	150	0	0				.. Debentures	1,525	0	0		
.. Instalment Legacy — A. McKenzie	100	0	0				.. Government Inscribed Stock	1,000	0	0		
.. Repayment Mortgages	300	0	0				.. Properties	3,746	2	4		
				550	0	0	.. Lodged with W.T.C. Board	350	0	0		
				£19,571	7	8	.. Lodged in H.M. Current Account	1,475	0	0		
										£19,571	7	8

Audited and found correct,

2nd February, 1932.

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

TE KUITI MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Interest from Capital	54	10	6				Housekeeping Expenses	20	2	8		
Board	4	3	0				Miscellaneous	17	13	5		
Balance from 1929				58	15	6	Bank Commission	0	10	0		
				34	16	7	Capital Account (to complete £3,000)	39	9	5		
							Balance Transferred to Onehunga School Account	15	16	7		
				£93	12	1				£93	12	1

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2nd February, 1932.

 ARCH. PEAK.
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METHODIST MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.—GENERAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Brought Forward				3,951	3	1	Grant to Maori Girls' School, Onehunga	1,000	0	0		
To Interest (Auckland Savings Bank) ..	9	7	6				Balance (Fixed Deposit, W.T.C. Board)	3,000	0	0		
.. Balance from Te Kuiti School Account	39	9	5									
				48	16	11						
				£4,000	0	0				£4,000	0	0

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FOREIGN MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS, 1931.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	..	From 1930		43	14	9
Auckland Central	..	.. ..		414	18	3
Auckland West ..	..	.. ..		130	0	0
Auckland East	..	From 1930		35	1	0
Auckland East	..	.. ..		772	8	6
Avondale	..	From 1930		1	6	6
Avondale	..	.. ..		310	2	6
Devonport	..	.. ..		32	18	0
Takapuna	..	.. ..		38	7	1
Birkenhead	..	.. ..		112	11	5
Onehunga	..	.. ..		100	11	8
Otahuhu	..	.. ..		67	10	5
Papakura	..	.. ..		44	17	11
Pukekohe	..	.. ..		51	16	7
Waiuku	..	.. ..		23	7	7
Mahurangi	..	.. ..		7	10	0
Paparoa	..	From 1930		9	6	0
Paparoa	..	.. ..		27	15	4
Northern Wairoa	..	From 1930		14	13	7
Northern Wairoa	..	.. ..		17	5	9
Whangarei	..	.. ..		23	11	2
Port Albert	..	.. ..		122	8	1
Helensville	..	.. ..		4	10	0
Kaukapakapa	..	.. ..		20	16	6
Bay of Islands	..	.. ..		21	6	10
Hokianga	..	.. ..		19	19	4
Whangaroa	..	.. ..		3	16	10
Mangonui	..	.. ..		6	9	5
Hikurangi	..	.. ..		6	3	9
Ohaeawai	..	.. ..		3	5	0
				£2,488	9	9

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES :—Auckland, £235 ; Ruawai £3 ;
Whangarei £2.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT. £ s. d.

Thames	..	..	..	97	7	5
Te Aroha	..	..	From 1930	2	0	0
Te Aroha	..	..	..	125	15	8
Morrinsville	..	..	..	70	3	0
Waihi	..	..	..	35	0	0
Paeroa	..	..	..	11	4	6
Cambridge	..	..	..	143	16	3
Hamilton	..	..	From 1930	1	8	6
Hamilton	..	..	..	108	6	6
Hamilton East	..	..	..	53	7	0
Rotorua	..	..	..	67	2	4
Tauranga	..	..	..	39	15	6
Opotiki	..	..	..	10	15	2
Taumarunui	..	..	..	11	18	7
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	64	15	0
Whakatane	..	..	..	11	17	6
Matamata	..	..	..	35	11	6
Te Puke	..	..	From 1930	1	10	0
Te Puke	..	..	..	15	11	0
Ngaruawahia	..	..	..	17	5	8
Huntly	..	..	..	18	10	10
Te Kuiti	..	..	..	23	2	8
Ohura	..	..	..	9	5	6
Putaruru	..	..	..	5	0	2
Coromandel	..	..	..	23	5	5
Hauraki Plains	..	..	..	7	17	9
Otorohanga	..	..	..	22	2	1

£1,033 15 6

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES:—Thames £12/10/-; Te Aroha £6/16/-, Morrinsville, £2/5/8; Cambridge £1; Hamilton, £11; Hamilton East, £3/7/6; Te Awamutu, £3/16/-; Matamata, £1/17/2.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT. £ s. d.

New Plymouth	..	..	From 1930	1	0	0
New Plymouth	..	..	..	140	12	0
Waitara	..	..	From 1930	2	8	1
Waitara	..	..	..	20	14	9
Inglewood	..	..	..	20	11	9
Stratford	..	..	..	65	2	7
Eltham	..	..	..	23	15	0
Hawera	..	..	From 1930	20	0	0
Hawera	..	..	..	110	12	11
Manaia	..	..	..	36	18	11
Opunake	..	..	..	98	13	0
Kaponga	..	..	..	19	5	4
Wanganui	..	..	..	91	1	5
Wanganui North	..	..	..	69	5	11
Marton	..	..	..	18	10	6
Taihape	..	..	..	1	0	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	..	..	..	Nil		
Patea	..	..	..	2	10	0

£742 2 2

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES:—New Plymouth, £20; Waitara, £4/3/4; Stratford, £8/10/-; Eltham, £5/10/-; Hawera, £30; Manaia; £4, Kaponga, 14/6; Wanganui, £16/6/-; Wanganui North, £7/9/4; Marton, £1.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	57	14	0
Hastings	93	17	9
Gisborne	34	18	8
Waipawa	13	4	4
Dannevirke	11	14	3
Woodville	31	19	11
Pahiatua	43	11	7
Palmerston North:			
St. Paul's	152	11	2
Cuba Street, 1930	8	12	1
Cuba Street	159	2	9
Feilding	339	1	4
Sanson-Rongotea	32	1	4
Foxton-Shannon	4	12	3
Apiti	3	13	0
Norsewood	6	16	2
Wairoa	2	10	1
Ashhurst-Bunynthorpe	69	16	7
	<u>£1,065</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES :—Napier, £20 ; Hastings, £30 ;
 Gisborne, £9/12/6 ; Dannevirke, £3/10/- ; Woodville,
 £10 ; Palmerston North (St. Paul's), £20/5/- ;
 Palmerston North (Cuba Street), £20/5/- ; Feilding,
 £15/10/-.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Taranaki Street	2	10	0
Taranaki Street	268	0	4
Thorndon	149	3	5
Wellington South	9	18	6
Wellington South	36	3	2
Wellington East	112	10	1
Johnsonville-Ngaio	238	8	0
Hutt	148	2	3
Petone	24	15	5
Greytown-Featherston	10	13	10
Carterton	32	14	0
Masterton	148	5	0
Eketahuna	18	11	0
Levin	118	11	6
Otaki	13	2	0
Paraparaumu	3	9	7
Paraparaumu	2	19	1
Upper Hutt	5	5	3
	<u>£1,343</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES :—Wellington, £135 ; Hutt, £7/4/- ;
 Petone, £5/7/6 ; Masterton, £23.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Nelson	..	..	..	174	12	7
Richmond	..	..	..	24	12	11
Blenheim	..	..	..	177	13	4
Hokitika	..	..	..	21	9	0
Greymouth	..	..	..	29	12	0
Motueka	..	..	..	32	9	7
Reefton	..	..	..	22	15	9
Westport	..	..	..	21	0	0
Havelock	..	..	..	2	13	10
Murchison	5	15	0
Granity	From 1930	2	11	2
Granity	10	0	0
Wakefield-Dovedale	11	1	0
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				£536	6	2
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES :—Nelson, £30 ; Blenheim, £20 ; Greymouth, £6.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Christchurch (Durham Street)	..	..	..	93	4	11
Christchurch East	..	..	1930	0	7	7
Christchurch East	..	..	..	330	3	4
Cambridge Terrace	..	..	..	50	3	6
Woolston	..	..	..	89	15	9
Sydenham	..	..	From 1930	3	0	0
Sydenham	..	..	..	64	6	7
Addington	..	..	From 1930	1	15	0
Addington	..	..	..	76	19	0
Riccarton	..	..	..	35	14	11
St. Albans	..	..	From 1930	0	10	0
St. Albans	..	..	..	95	10	3
Papanui	..	..	..	120	14	6
Lyttelton	..	..	..	25	8	6
Springston	..	..	..	38	2	4
Tai Tapu	..	..	..	53	11	9
Leeston	..	..	..	30	18	0
Kaiapoi	..	..	..	58	10	9
Ohoka	..	..	..	35	0	5
Rangiora	..	..	..	52	11	7
Woodend	..	..	..	52	1	4
Greendale	29	0	9
Hawarden	3	3	0
Oxford	From 1930	0	13	3
Oxford	25	6	0
Waddington	11	4	0
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				£1,377	7	0
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES :—Christchurch, £215 ; Rangiora, £18/16/-.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru	135	2	11
Waimate	40	9	2
Temuka	35	9	4
Geraldine	45	8	4
Ashburton	154	12	1
Willowby	23	17	0
Oamaru	41	10	0
Rakaia-Methven	2	0	0
	<u>£478</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES:—Timaru, £30/13/4; Waimate, £3/9/9; Ashburton, £20; Willowby, £2/15/-; Oamaru, £7/10/.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity) .. From 1930	1	10	5
Dunedin (Trinity)	89	14	7
Dunedin (Central Mission)	52	5	5
Dunedin (Dundas Street) From 1930	1	2	1
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	16	13	4
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	81	16	7
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	53	6	5
Dunedin (Caversham)	43	6	1
Dunedin (Mornington) .. From 1930	0	5	0
Dunedin (Mornington)	47	6	10
Dunedin (Roslyn)	44	0	9
Dunedin (Mosgiel)	Nil		
Port Chalmers	23	5	7
Balclutha From 1930	2	1	3
Balclutha	15	4	11
Milton	10	10	0
Roxburgh	12	7	2
Invercargill Central .. From 1930	19	5	6
Invercargill Central	86	19	6
Invercargill (St. Peter's) From 1930	2	15	0
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	45	15	5
Bluff	9	1	0
Gore	16	5	7
Otautau	13	15	8
Waikouaiti	10	0	0
Edendale	12	12	9
Lawrence	2	7	6
Cromwell	10	7	5
Riverton From 1930	2	12	6
Riverton	8	1	10
Nightcaps	11	12	8
	<u>£746</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES:—Dunedin, £145; Roxburgh, £5; Otago Y.W.M.M., £60; Invercargill Central, £12/10/-; Invercargill (St. Peter's), £12/10/-; Cromwell, 7/6.

SUMMARY.

DISTRICTS :—	£	s.	d.
Auckland	2,488	9	9
South Auckland	1,033	15	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	742	2	2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	1,065	17	3
Wellington	1,343	2	5
Nelson	536	6	2
North Canterbury	1,377	17	0
South Canterbury	478	8	10
Otago-Southland	746	8	9
Women's Auxiliaries	1,270	9	2
Interest, General	675	19	3

INTEREST ON MEMORIAL GIFTS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. D. McCallum, Blenheim	6	10	0
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. E. H. Penney, Blenheim	6	10	0
Mr. Frank V. White, Tua Marina	6	10	0
Treasurer's List	1,160	9	4
Publications	60	15	6
	£13,058	1	1

ESTIMATES.

HOME MISSION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1932.

INCOME.

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

Auckland District	£1450
South Auckland District	700
Taranaki-Wanganui District	460
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	650
Wellington District	740
Nelson District	420
North Canterbury District	1000
South Canterbury District	360
Otago-Southland District	590
	6370
Properties	1525
Investments	825. 10
Memorial	71. 10
Miscellaneous	1233
	£10,025

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work—	
Minister : Stipend	190
Travelling	50
Rent	50
Minister : Stipend	130
Travelling	20
Rent	20
Minister (Grant)	60
Minister (Grant)	60
Travelling	10
Minister (Grant)	60
Minister (Grant)	60
Home Missionary (Grant)	60
8 H.M. Agents	80
Deaconess : Stipend	135
Travelling	50
Deaconess : Stipend	140
Travelling	40
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40
	1430

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—continued

H.M. Stations—				
Kaukapakapa	..	..	..	£20
Ohaeawai	..	..	..	10
Auckland S.S. Mission	..	..	..	70
Circuits With Home Missions—				
Northern Wairoa :				
(Ruawai)	..	..	..	25
(Kaihu)	..	..	..	30
Whangarei	..	..	..	12
Aided Circuits—				
Paparoa	..	..	..	20
Hikurangi	..	..	..	40
Port Albert	..	..	..	45
Mahurangi	..	..	..	60
Devonport	..	..	..	15

£347

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work—				
Senior Supt. : Stipend	..	..	..	£225
Travelling	..	..	..	50
Rent	..	..	..	40
Minister : Stipend	..	..	..	180
Travelling	..	..	..	20
Rent ..	..	..	..	50
Home Missionary : Stipend	..	..	..	100
Travelling	..	..	..	20
Home Missionary : Stipend	..	..	..	72
Travelling	..	..	..	20
Rent	..	..	..	20
Home Missionary	..	..	..	60
Home Missionary	..	..	..	60
5 H.M. Agents	..	..	..	50
Deaconess : Stipend	..	..	..	125
Travelling	..	..	..	40
Deaconess Assistant	..	..	..	26
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40

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H.M. Stations—				
Te Puke	30
Te Kuiti	40
Ngaruawahia	25
Hauraki Plains (Probationer)	50
Aided Circuits—				
Paeroa	..	..	..	30
Rotorua	..	..	..	12
Tauranga	..	..	..	20
Opotiki	..	..	..	50
Taumarunui	..	..	..	80
Huntly	..	..	..	10
Whakatane	..	..	..	30
Otorohanga	..	..	..	40

£417

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work—

Minister : Stipend	..	..	..	180
Travelling	..	..	..	40
Rent ..	..	..	..	40
Home Missionary : Stipend	..	..	..	160
Travelling	..	..	..	20
Rent	..	..	..	40
Home Missionary	..	..	..	72
Home Missionary	..	..	..	72
5 H.M. Agents	..	..	..	50
Deaconess : Stipend	..	..	..	125
Travelling	..	..	..	20
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40

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H.M. Stations—

Raetihi-Ohakune	20
Patea	40

Circuits With Home Missions—

Waitara	80
Wanganui North	..	..	..	20

Aided Circuits—

Wanganui (Gonville)	..	..	..	45
Inglewood	..	..	..	35
Kaponga	..	..	..	60
Marton	..	..	..	15
Taihape	..	..	..	15
Eltham	..	..	..	30

£345

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

H.M. Stations—

Waipawa	..	..	..	£35
Apiti ..	..	..	..	30
Norsewood	..	..	..	20

Aided Circuits—

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	..	..	..	10
Dannevirke	..	..	..	35
Pahiatua	..	..	..	25
Gisborne	..	..	..	40
Wairoa	..	..	..	60
Napier (Greenmeadows)	..	..	..	60

£315

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

H.M. Stations—				
Island Bay (If separated)	..	..	..	£30
Paraparaumu	..	..	..	35
Upper Hutt	..	..	..	30
Aided Circuits—				
Johnsonville-Ngaio	20
Eketahuna	25
Otaki	35
Greytown-Featherston	75
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				£250
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NELSON DISTRICT.

H.M. Stations—				
Havelock	£10
Murchison	20
Granity	50
Aided Circuits—				
Motueka	10
Hokitika	30
Westport	15
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				£135
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NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

H.M. Station—				
Waddington	20
Aided Circuits—				
Cambridge Terrace (Durham Street South)	..			40
St. Albans	30
Sydenham	20
Hawarden	65
Tai Tapu	25
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				£200
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SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

H.M. Station—				
Mayfield	£20
Aided Circuits—				
Temuka	15
Temuka (Maori)	10
Rakaia-Methven (Probationer)	25
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				£70
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OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

H.M. Stations—

Waikouaiti	10
Riverton	10
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	15
Cromwell	15

Circuits with Home Missions.

Caversham	65
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Aided Circuits—

Cargill Road (St. Clair)	20
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne)	110
Port Chalmers (Maori Work)	10
Balclutha-Kaitangata	25
Roxburgh	30
Bluff	40
Otautau	15
Roslyn	15
Milton	30

£410

GENERAL.

Maori Work—

S.S. Material	20
Printing Leaflets	40
Evangelistic Missions and Workers Conference	80
Special Travelling South Island	50
Deaconess Students	60
Methodist Times	5
Contingencies	50

£305

MISCELLANEOUS.

H.M. Retiring Allowance	175
H.M. Retiring Fund	280
Deaconess Retiring Fund	100
H.M. Deputation Expenses	100
Removal Expenses	150
Ministerial Supplies	200
Theological Institution	135
Deaconess House	75
Rates and Insurance	10
Interest	250
Church Sites Fund	50
Printing	250
Advertising Space "Methodist Times"	12/10
Spiritual Advance	25
Colporteur Stipend and Rent	250
Contingencies	300

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General Superintendent—

Stipend	300
House Allowance	125
Travelling	100
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	£525

Assistant Superintendent—

Stipend	250
Rent (H.M. Dept. Parsonage)	100
Travelling	100
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	£450

Connexional Charges (approx.) £100

General Treasurer—

Honorarium	25
Clerical Assistance	120
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	£145

Office Expenses—

Secretarial Work	128
Rent	100
Telephones	28
Lighting and Heating	10
Postage, Telegrams, &c.	40
Bank Commission, Cheque Book, Exchange	10
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	£316

INCOME.

Circuits	£6,370 0 0
Properties	1,525 0 0
Investments	825 10 0
Miscellaneous	1,304 10 0
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	10,025 0 0
Dr. 1932	3,531 13 3
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	£13,556 13 3

EXPENDITURE.

Maori	£4,372 0 0
General	6,387 10 0
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	10,759 10 0
Additional, 1st Oct. (1931 scale)	450 0 0
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	11,209 10 0
Dr. 1931	2,347 3 3
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	£13,556 13 3

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st July, 1931.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—				Sundry Debtors ..	212	7	1
Overdraft at Commercial Bank				<i>Less Reserve for Bad Debts</i> ..	10	0	0
<i>(Plus Interest)</i>	516	2	10				202 7 1
Trade Creditors	355	10	6	Stock on Hand—			
			871 13 4	Book Room	840	15	4
Departmental Payments received				Van	55	18	0
in advance			52 3 4				896 13 4
Capital Account—				Dodge Motor Van Equipped ..			595 0 0
Balance at 1/2/1931	528	3	2	Office and Book Room Equipment ..	168	0	0
<i>Plus Grant towards new Van by</i>				<i>Less Depreciation</i>	8	0	0
Home Mission Department ..	520	0	0				160 0 0
				Lantern and Slides	25	0	0
	1048	3	2	<i>Less Depreciation</i>	1	5	0
<i>Less Net Loss for six months</i> ..	94	4	5				23 15 0
			953 18 9				
			<u>£1,877 15 5</u>				<u>£1,877 15 5</u>

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I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society, and that 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 at the 31st July, 1931. I have accepted the certificate of Mr. T. W. Hemer as to the value of the Stock on Hand.

Auckland,
August 13th, 1931

LEONARD KNIGHT,
F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.

Trading and Profit and Loss Accounts for the six months ended the 31st July, 1931.

	Book Room			Van			Total				Book Room			Van			Total				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Stock, 1/2/1931 ..	1044	10	0	72	0	0	1116	10	0	By Sales	757	8	1	101	11	8	858	19	9		
„ Purchase	330	10	5	86	16	10	417	7	3	„ Stock on Hand ..	840	15	4	55	18	0	896	13	4		
„ <i>Gross Profit</i> to Profit and Loss Account ..	223	3	0				223	3	0	„ <i>Gross Loss</i> to Profit and Loss Account ..				1	7	2	1	7	2		
	<u>£1598</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£158</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>£1757</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£1598</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£158</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>£1757</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To <i>Gross Loss</i> from Trading Ac.				1	7	2	1	7	2	By <i>Gross Profit</i> from Trading Account	223	3	0				223	3	0		
„ Salaries	324	10	0				324	10	0	„ Payments from other Departments for work done:											
„ Stamps	36	0	5				36	0	5	H.M. Treas. 45	0	0									
„ Depreciation	9	5	0	25	0	0	34	5	0	H.M. Dept. 47	13	4									
„ Rent	33	15	0				33	15	0	F.M. Dept. 46	13	4									
„ Van Repairs				33	6	8	33	6	8	Trounson Trust 25	0	0									
„ Accountancy and Auditing Fees	27	10	0				27	10	0					164	6	8			164	6	8
„ Printing and Stationery ..	13	11	6				13	11	6	„ Subscriptions	23	4	6						23	4	6
„ Van Insurance				9	18	2	9	18	2	„ Typing	17	1	8						17	1	8
„ Interest	9	1	0				9	1	0	„ Gift of Equipment ..	18	0	0						18	0	0
„ General Expenses	4	6	0				4	6	0	„ <i>Net Loss</i> for 6 months to Capital Account ..	20	19	11	73	4	6	94	4	5		
„ Advertising	3	15	6				3	15	6												
„ Van License				3	12	6	3	12	6												
„ Freight	3	2	4				3	2	4												
„ Insurance	1	19	0				1	19	0												
	<u>£466</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>£73</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>£540</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£466</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>£73</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>£540</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>		

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1931.

				RECEIPTS.			
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance forward 1st January, 1931	..	..	..			765	4 0
Conference Grants:							
Home Mission Board	..	..	..	75	0 0		
Foreign Mission Board	..	..	..	
Contingent Fund	..	..	..	75	0 0		
Connexional Insurance Fund	..	..	..	100	0 0		
						250	0 0
Donations	..	..	..	27	9 0		
Associate Subscriptions	..	..	..	36	14 0		
						64	3 0
Rents	..	..	..	71	0 0		
Interest	..	..	..	52	0 2		
						123	0 2
Deaconess Dedication Collection	..	..	..	3	12 3		
						3	12 3
Discounts and Refunds	..	..	..	9	14 3		
						9	14 3
Raised for New Carpet	..	..	..	10	0 0		
						10	0 0
Miscellaneous	..	..	..			0	16 7
Hostel Receipts	..	..	..			589	11 11
						<u>£1,816</u>	<u>2 2</u>

				PAYMENTS.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			
House Accounts	592	4	3						
Salaries	322	8	4						
Students Uniform Account	42	2	7						
Drapery	22	0	0						
Furnishings	33	4	4						
Household Goods	7	3	5						
Period cals, etc.	7	6	10						
								<hr/>			1,026	9	9
Interest S.I. Orphanage	110	0	0						
Rates	45	1	4						
Insurances	29	10	6						
Telephone	10	10	0						
Bank Charges, Stamps, etc.	4	5	8						
								<hr/>			199	7	6
Maintenance, Repairs, etc.	35	6	9						
								<hr/>			35	6	9
Grants to Cambridge Terrace and St. Albans	19	10	0						
Deaconess Funds									
								<hr/>			19	10	0
Travelling Expenses Sister Francis	4	7	4						
Travelling Expenses, Acting-Superintendent	9	0	0						
								<hr/>			13	7	4
Miscellaneous	3	4	0						
								<hr/>			3	4	0
Amount at Cr. of Supernumerary Fund 31/12/31									
as per Certificate									
								<hr/>			446	3	10
Balance at Bank of N.Z., £87/2/4, less cheques									
unpresented, £14/9/8									
								<hr/>			72	13	0
								<hr/>			£1,816	2	2

Audited and found correct,

H. W. HESLOP.

January 8th, 1932.

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer.

Methodist Deaconess Institution, 5th January, 1932.

NOTE.—Grant from Foreign Mission Board £75 outstanding on 31st December, 1931.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets, 31st December, 1931.

LIABILITIES.

				£ s. d.								
Due South Island Orphanage	2,000	0	0					
Depreciation Account	600	0	0					
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	4,178	16	10					
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								£6,778			16	10
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ASSETS.

				£ s. d.								
Deaconess House Property	5,760	0	0					
Furnishings	500	0	0					
At Credit Supernumerary Fund	446	3	1					
Balance at Bank of New Zealand	72	13	0					
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								£6,778			16	10
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C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer,

5th January, 1932.

Methodist Deaconess Institution.

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Retiring Allowances				59	15	2	Contributions—			
Interest Credited Personal Accounts ..				181	3	3	Personal	224	0	0
Office Expenses							Circuit	54	0	0
Authorised Appropriation	11	0	0				Home Mission Board	55	0	0
Stationery and General Expenses	2	13	6				Foreign Mission Board	180	0	0
				13	13	6	Interest—			
Balance—To Personal Accounts							Supernumerary Fund Deposit	185	19	4
Less Charges				444	7	5				
				£698	19	4		£698	19	4

Balance-Sheet as at 30th November, 1931.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Personal Accounts				3,974	2	11	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	4,135	9	5
Reserve Fund				161	6	6				
				£4,135	9	5		£4,135	9	5

We have examined the above Balance-sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund. 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 November 30th, 1931.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 G. BOWRON } Treasurers.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
 HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors

Christchurch, 16th December, 1931.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers: REV. S. GRIFFITH and MR. A. LEN CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year ended 15th October, 1931.

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		1930, October 16th—		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
1931, October 15th—						By Balance Overdraft Bank N.Z.				67 12 8		
Revenue—						DISBURSEMENTS.						
Circuit Collections	297 0 6					1931, October 15th—						
Circuit Subs. and Donations ..	400 9 11					Revenue—						
	697 10 5					Salaries and Wages	1599 8 5					
Sunday Schools and Y.P. Socs. ..	47 2 0					Commission	26 0 6					
General Donations	36 16 0					Provision	1037 15 2					
City Collections	126 10 0					Furnishings	38 3 3					
City Collections, Goods	71 4 10					Drapery and Boot Repairs ..	75 13 9					
	979 3 3					Fuel and Light	204 12 11					
Maintenance Fees	1620 10 1					Garden Seeds	4 16 7					
Discounts and Exchange	20 3 3					Printing, Stationery and Advt. ..	82 18 8					
Interest	132 8 11					Medical and Dental	29 13 10					
Rebate	2 15 8					Stamps, Telegrams and Telephone ..	36 16 3					
Sale—Calf	0 10 0					Travelling Expenses	18 1 2					
Winstone Bequest Income	606 0 5					Interest	198 10 4					
Serre Bequest Income	93 14 10					Repairs	68 4 3					
	3455 6 5					Insurance	40 14 9					
Capital—							Bank Charges and Exchange ..	3 4 6				
Hughes on Account Loan			14 10 0				Matrons' Petty Expenses	57 10 10				
Winstone Estate Mortgage Repaid ..			25 0 0				Audit Fees	8 8 0				
Winstone Ltd. Deposit withdrawn ..			500 0 0				Office Rent	24 3 0				
							Water Rates	46 13 4				
							Cattle Purchased	26 5 0				
							Sundry Expenses	26 19 11				
							Serre Bequest Expd.	76 10 2				
								3731 4 7				

Capital—

Reduction Mortgage Bank N.Z. ..	112 11 8
Balance Bank N.Z.	83 7 6

£3,994 16 5

£3,994 16 5

Revenue Account.

1931, October, 15th	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per above Statement ..	3731	4	7
„ Depreciation—Furniture	142	0	0
	<u>£3,873</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

1931—October, 15th—	£	s.	d.
By Receipts as per above Statement ..	3455	6	5
„ Capital Account, Deficiency	417	18	2
	<u>£3,873</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

Balance-Sheet as at 15th October, 1931.

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mortgages	3,499	14	7	Properties			21,202 7 6
Less Repaid	112	11	8	Furnishings	1,424	0	0
				Less Depreciation	142	0	0
			3,387 2 11				1,282 0 0
Capital	32,828	6	3	Farm Stock			40 0 0
Less Deficiency	417	18	2	Winstone Trust	11,255	9	0
			32,410 8 1	Less Paid in	25	0	0
							11,230 9 0
				N.Z. Inscribed Stock			1,000 0 0
				Hughes Loan	39	17	0
				Less Repaid	14	10	0
							25 7 0
				Deposit Bank of N.Z.			434 0 0
				Smith and Caughey Ltd.			500 0 0
				Bank			83 7 6
			<u>£35,797 11 0</u>				<u>£35,797 11 0</u>

I have examined the Books and Vouchers relating to the above Accounts and Balance Sheet of Mount Albert and Epsom Methodist Orphanages, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust at the 15th of October, 1931, as shown by the Books of the Trust.

28th October, 1931.

EGERTON GILL, F.P.A.N.Z.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st December, 1931.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward :						
P.O. Savings Bank	60	0	0
Bank of New Zealand	34	11	2
				94 11 2		
Maintenance :						
Donations	39	6	0
Collections	322	15	11
Maintenance Fees	344	7	2
Interest P.O.S. Bank	6	11	3
Interest Inscribed Debentures	55	0	0
Interest Newcomb Trust	2	13	3
Proceeds Concert	14	13	7
Grants—Wellington Board	507	15	0
				1293 2 2		
				£1,387 13 4		

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Staff Salaries and Wages	442	3	4
General House Supplies	438	17	6
Lighting and Heating	103	4	1
Drapery, Clothing and Boots	140	1	0
Hospital Fees and Medicine	9	10	10
Printing, Advertising and Telephones	33	0	1
Stamps, Stationery, etc.	13	3	5
Repairs and Renewals	44	0	0
Accident Insurance	1	10	11
Travelling Expenses and Sundries	16	6	4
				799 14 2		
Total Maintenance	1,241	17	6
Prizes Newcombe Trust	5	5	6
Investments and Deposits—						
Cash P.O. Savings Bank	66	11	3
Cash Bank of N.Z.	73	19	1
				140 10 4		
				£1,387 13 4		

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1931.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors				57	4	6
Newcomb Trust Endowment 31/12/30	64	5	10			
Add Interest collected	2	13	3			
				66	19	1
Less Prizes Awarded	5	5	6			
				61	13	7
Accumulated Funds :						
Wm. McKenzie Trust Fund	500	0	0			
General Funds—Being excess of Assets over Liabilities	1545	13	9			
				2045	13	9
				<u>£2,164</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash P.O. Savings Bank	66	11	3			
Cash Bank of N.Z.	73	19	1			
				140	10	4
P.O. Savings Bank Certificates at cost	475	1	6			
N.Z. Govt. 5½% Debentures at cost 550 0 0						
N.Z. Govt. 5½% Debentures Wm. McKenzie Estate	500	0	0			
				1050	0	0
				1525	1	6
Furnishings, etc., 31/12/1930	554	0	0			
Less Depreciation	55	0	0			
				499	0	0
				<u>£2,164</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

We certify that we have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, with the books and vouchers, and are of the opinion that same are drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton, on December, 1931 31st.

J. COCKER, Treasurer

ARCH. H. DANIELL }
F. E. WELLS, } Auditors.

Masterton, 31st December, 1931.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1931.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st January, 1931—							
Bank of New Zealand ..	122	4	0				
Cash in Hand ..	42	16	4				
				165	0	4	
„ Maintenance Account—							
Donations and Collections ..	715	9	9				
Maintenance Fees ..	677	19	4				
Interest ..	159	4	6				
				1552	13	7	
„ (Interest accrued on Deposits amounting to £640 9s. 11d. has been added to the Deposit Accounts)							
„ Endowment Account—							
A. T. Cuming Estate ..	15	0	0				
Mrs. Easterbrook Estate ..	250	0	0				
Jas. Livingstone Estate ..	28	11	8				
Mrs. Jordan Estate ..	365	2	7				
Mrs. Richter Estate ..	55	0	0				
Mrs. T. Whisker Estate ..	155	0	0				
Mrs. Davis Estate ..	100	0	0				
D. McKenzie Estate ..	100	0	0				
W. H. Duke Estate ..	50	0	0				
A. Cowie Estate ..	50	0	0				
(per Mr. H. de Rie Fleisher)				1168	14	3	
„ Rent ..					53	9	0
„ Clothing Fund ..					3	0	0
„ Sundries ..					0	2	6
„ Due to Treasurer ..					3	13	1
				£2,946	12	9	

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Maintenance Account—							
Salaries & Wages—Home Staff ..	565	15	2				
Salaries & Wages—Garden ..	102	13	4				
General House Supplies ..	468	0	6				
Lighting and Heating ..	92	11	6				
Drapery, Clothing and Boots ..					148	8	11
Less Refunds ..					37	6	6
				111	2	5	
Printing, Stationery, Stamps, Telephone, Advertising, Bank Exchange and Charges, Technical College, etc. ..		60	13	7			
Fire and Accident Insurance ..		15	13	4			
Renewals and Repairs ..		44	7	4			
Sundries ..		38	3	0			
				1499	0	2	
„ Maintenance of Senior Boys in Private Homes ..					67	17	8
„ Rates and Taxes ..					45	11	0
„ Planting, etc., on New Home Site ..					57	10	0
„ Organising Secretary—Rev. F. T. Read—							
Expenses ..		15	10	0			
Honorarium ..		15	0	0			
				30	10	0	
„ Deposits made during year ..	1200	0	0				
Less Withdrawals ..	260	0	0				
				940	0	0	
„ Papanui Sunday School ..					10	0	0
„ Clothing Fund ..					3	0	0
„ Bank of New Zealand ..					293	3	11
				£2,946	12	9	

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1931.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Endowment Account			21,002 17 0	Freehold Property—			
Maintenance Reserve Account ..			150 0 0	Present Home and 5 ac. Land	5572	17	5
Property Reserve Account ..			1500 0 0	Bungalow	1143	18	5
G. H. Jones' Children's Trust ..	114	17	6	New Home Site—12 acres ..	2962	11	7
Interest to date	7	3	9				
			122 1 3	Furnishings in Home	324	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..			4030 1 3	Furnishings in Bungalow ..	116	0	0
Balance Due to Treasurer			3 13 1		440	0	0
			£26,808 12 7	Less Depreciation	40	0	0
							400 0 0
				Live Stock : Cows and Poultry ..			16 0 0
				Investments—			
				Loan—Deaconess House Com-			
				mittee	2,000	0	0
				Loan—Edgeware Rd. Church	400	0	0
				Deposits	13,636	1	3
				Interest accrued on Loan ..	34	0	0
				N.Z. Farmers' Association—			
				Secured Deposit Stock ..	350	0	0
							16,420 1 3
				Cash Balance—			
				Bank of New Zealand			293 3 11
							£26,808 12 7

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the year ended 31st December, 1931. The furnishings have been included in the Balance Sheet at the same figure as at last balancing date less the usual depreciation, and the Cows and Poultry have been included at last year's balance. With the exception of these two items, we have verified the existence of all the Assets shown on the Balance Sheet. We have vouched all receipts and payments with the exception of those made by Petty Cash. In our opinion, the above statement correctly exhibits the Orphanage's position according to the information and explanations given to us. We have accepted the analysis of the Maintenance portion of the receipts and payments account as supplied by the Treasurer.

Christchurch, 11th February, 1932.

p.p. HICKS, AINGER & TWYFORD,
 F. E. TWYFORD, F.P.A., N.Z., A.I.A., N.Z.

"METHODIST TIMES"—Revenue Account for Year ended 31st December, 1931.

EXPENDITURE.				RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing			1163 13 2	Subscriptions	1193	17	3
Editors' Honoraria			47 10 0	Less Agents' Commission	64	14	3
Office Expenses—							1129 3 0
Authorized Appropriation	170	0	0	Advertisements			225 1 8
Stationery and General Expenses	33	9	1	Interest			52 3 7
Epworth Chambers Furnishing	15	0	0	Deficiency for Year			43 4 0
			218 9 1				
Bad Debts			20 0 0				
			<u>£1,449 12 3</u>				<u>£1,449 12 3</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1931.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Unexpired Values—				Subscriptions Outstanding	357	5	10
Subscriptions	379	10	0	Less Prepaid	5	10	0
Advertisements	80	8	1				351 15 10
			459 18 1	Less Provision for Agents Com-			
Contingent Reserve Account			500 0 0	mission	24	13	0
Accumulated Funds 31/12/30	559	8	8				327 2 10
Deficiency for 1931	43	4	0	Advertisement Accounts Outstanding	109	3	9
			516 4 8	Less Bad Debt provision	20	0	0
							89 3 9
				Deposits—			
				Bank of New Zealand	129	15	5
				P.O. Savings Bank	60	9	2
				Supernumerary Fund	869	11	7
							1059 16 2
			<u>£1,476 2 9</u>				<u>£1,476 2 9</u>

H. HOLLAND }
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 18th January, 1932.

Audited and found correct.
 C. F. EDGAR, F.R.A.N.Z. }
 A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' TRUSTEES.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 31st October, 1931.

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	INCOME			
EXPENDITURE.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nil.	By Interest—			
	.. Debenture Eastbourne Boro. Councils			
	(6½%)—			
	Received .. ..	..	4 6 8	
	Accrued .. ..	..	2 3 4	
				6 10 0
	.. N.Z. Inscribed Stock (5½%)—			
	Received .. ..	..	4 11 8	
	Accrued .. ..	..	0 18 4	
				5 10 0
	.. Post Office Savings Bank—			
	Received .. ..	..	2 15 7	
	Accrued .. ..	..	1 0 3	
				3 15 10
Balance—To Accumulated Fund			15 15 10	
			£15 15 10	£15 15 10

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1931.

	ASSETS.			
LIABILITIES.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nil.				
Accumulated Fund—				
Balance at 31st October, 1930 ..	236	8	4	
Add excess of income over expenditure				
or year ended 31st Oct., 1931 ..	15	15	10	
				252 4 2
			£252 4 2	
	N.Z. Inscribed Stock at 5½% p.a. ..	..	100 0 0	
	Eastbourne Borough Council Debenture at 6½%			
	per annum .. ..	..	100 0 0	
	Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	..	48 2 3	
				248 2 3
	Accrued Interest .. ..	..	4 1 11	
				4 1 11
			£252 4 2	£252 4 2

Audited and found correct.

W. H. JONES, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

H. F. MOURANT, Treasurer.

W. H. CLARK, Secretary.

B. J. JAMES, Chairman of Trust.

N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Accounts to 31st January, 1932.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.		
1931—							1931—								
July 21—	To	Cash for	Repairs and Maintenance	4	6	4	By Balance last Statement—								
Aug. 8—	To	Drainage	.. .. .	25	10	0	Feb. 9th as follows:—							
Oct. 5	„	Rates	.. .. .	10	1	7	1st Mortgage, Miss D. Shaw				700	0	0	
Oct. 5	„	Repairs	.. .. .	1	13	0	Loan with W. H. and S. Ltd.				169	6	2	
	„	Repairs	.. .. .	0	15	6	Interest added to 19th March, 1931				10	13	9	
Dec. 18	„	Insurance	.. .. .	2	16	8	By Rents Received (less Commission):—							
Dec. 31	„	Balance Cd.—					1931—								
		1st Mortgage	.. .. .	700	0	0	March 7th				4	5	6	
		Loan Account	.. .. .	175	16	4	April 2nd				4	15	0	
							May 6th				4	15	0		
							June 6th				4	15	0		
							July 14th				5	19	0		
							September 7th				8	6	0		
							October 9th				4	15	0		
							January 13th, 1932				3	9	0		
													40	19	6
													£920	19	5

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Jan. 31st—	By Balance B/d.			
	1st Mortgage, Miss D. Shaw	700	0	0
	Loan with W. H. and S. Ltd.	175	16	4

NOTE.—Interest on Loan account with W. Holdsworth and Son Ltd., to be credited 19th March, 1932.
Interest accrued due on same to 31st January, 1932, £9 4s. 0d.

Auckland,

1st February, 1932.

Audited and found correct,

F. W. EDWARDS, Accountant,

**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1932.**

NOTE.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 3 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS
ALTERED, THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS SHOULD
BE CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	1140	0	0	68	8	0	780	0	0	58	10	0
Foreign Mission Dept.	325	0	0	19	10	0	225	0	0	16	17	6
Home Mission Dept.	450	0	0	27	0	0	250	0	0	18	15	0
H.M. (2)				8	0	0						
Auckland West	460	0	0	27	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	0
" East	800	0	0	48	0	0	500	0	0	37	10	0
" Theo. Col	925	0	0	55	10	0	725	0	0	54	7	6
" Avondale	550	0	0	33	0	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
" Devonport	256	0	0	15	7	0	156	0	0	11	14	0
" Takapuna	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
" Birkenhead	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Onehunga	260	0	0	15	10	0	160	0	0	12	0	0
Otahuhu	410	0	0	24	11	8	250	0	0	18	15	0
Papakura	243	0	0	14	10	2	143	0	0	10	14	6
Pukekohe	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Waiuku	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Mahurangi	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Paparoa	243	0	0	14	10	2	143	0	0	10	14	6
Northern Wairoa	410	0	0	24	11	8	250	0	0	18	15	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Whangarei	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Whangaroa	180	0	0	10	13	4	120	0	0	9	0	0
Bay of Islands	160	0	0	9	10	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Port Albert	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Hikurangi	160	0	0	9	10	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Mangonui	170	0	0	10	1	4	110	0	0	8	5	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Auckland Mission				4	0	0						
Helensville				4	0	0						
Kaukapakapa				4	0	0						
Hokianga (2)				8	0	0						
Ohaeawai				4	0	0						
	8772	0	0	574	13	4	5612	0	0	420	18	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund			After Exemption.			Children's Fund		
				Levy 6%			Levy 7½%					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames	277	0	0	16	9	10	177	0	0	13	5	6
Te Aroha	280	0	0	16	13	4	180	0	0	13	10	0
Morrinsville	403	0	0	24	3	6	243	0	0	18	4	6
Paeroa	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Cambridge	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Hamilton	550	0	0	33	0	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
Hamilton East	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Rotorua	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Tauranga	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Opotiki	241	0	0	14	8	0	141	0	0	10	11	6
Taumarunui	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Te Awamutu	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Matamata	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Huntly	160	0	0	9	10	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Whakatane	160	0	0	9	10	0	100	0	0	7	10	0
Otorohanga	100	0	0	6	0	0						
Hauraki Plains												
H.M. Stations:—												
Waihi				4	0	0						
Te Kuiti				4	0	0						
Putaruru				4	0	0						
Te Puke				4	0	0						
Ngaruawahia				4	0	0						
Ohura				4	0	0						
Coromandel				4	0	0						
	4171	0	0	277	14	8	2491	0	0	186	16	6

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund			After Exemption.			Children's Fund		
				Levy 6%			Levy 7½%					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	725	0	0	43	10	0	525	0	0	39	7	6
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Waitara	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Inglewood	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Stratford	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Eltham	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Hawera	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Manaia	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Opunake	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Kaponga	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Wanganui	550	0	0	33	0	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
" North	450	0	0	27	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Marton	200	0	0	12	0	0						
Taihape	176	0	0	10	8	4	116	0	0	8	14	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Patea				4	0	0						
Raetihi-Ohakune				4	0	0						
	4151	0	0	268	18	4	2391	0	0	179	6	6

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund			After Exemption.			Children's Fund		
				Levy 6%			Levy 7½%					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Napier	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Hastings	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Gisborne	460	0	0	27	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	0
Wairoa	136	0	0	8	2	0	76	0	0	5	15	0
Dannevirke	237	0	0	14	3	2	137	0	0	10	5	6
Woodville	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Pahiatua	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	9	7	6
Palmerston North, (St. Paul's)	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Palmerston North, (Cuba St.)	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Ashhurst- Bunynthorpe	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Feilding	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Sanson-Rongotea	260	0	0	15	10	0	160	0	0	12	0	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Foxton-Shannon				4	0	0						
Apiti				4	0	0						
Norsewood				4	0	0						
Waipawa				4	0	0						
	3318	0	0	218	15	2	2098	0	0	157	8	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund			After Exemption.			Children's Fund		
				Levy 6%			Levy 7½%					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wellington												
Taranaki St.	645	0	0	38	12	6	445	0	0	33	7	6
S.S. & Y.P. Dept.	480	0	0	28	13	4	320	0	0	24	0	0
Wellington-Thorndon	550	0	0	33	0	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
" South	500	0	0	30	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
" East	435	0	0	26	1	0	275	0	0	20	12	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	460	0	0	27	10	0	300	0	0	22	10	0
" H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Hutt	390	0	0	25	5	0	230	0	0	17	5	0
Petone	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Greytown-Featherston	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Carterton	230	0	0	13	15	0	130	0	0	9	15	0
Masterton	500	0	0	30	0	0	340	0	0	25	10	0
Eketahuna	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Levin	275	0	0	16	7	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Otaki	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Paraparaumu				4	0	0						
Upper Hutt				4	0	0						
Island Bay				4	0	0						
	5465	0	0	345	0	0	3365	0	0	252	7	6

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson	337	0	0	20	3	2	237	0	0	17	15	6
Richmond	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Blenheim	550	0	0	33	0	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
Hokitika	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Greymouth	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Motueka	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Westport	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Reefton				4	0	0						
Havelock				4	0	0						
Murchison				4	0	0						
Granity				4	0	0						
Wakefield-Dovedale				4	0	0						
	2137	0	0	148	3	2	1337	0	0	100	5	6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption.			Children's Fund Levy 7½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—												
Durham Street	530	0	0	31	16	0	370	0	0	27	15	0
Connexional Sec.	375	0	0	22	7	6	275	0	0	20	12	6
East	800	0	0	48	0	0	500	0	0	37	10	0
Cambridge Ter.	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Woolston	425	0	0	25	10	0	265	0	0	19	17	6
Sydenham	258	0	0	15	9	4	158	0	0	11	17	0
Addington	275	0	0	16	7	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Riccarton	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
St. Albans	550	0	0	33	0	0	350	0	0	26	5	0
Papanui	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Lyttelton	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Springston	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Tai Tapu	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Leeston	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Kaipoi	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Ohoka	241	0	0	14	8	0	141	0	0	10	11	6
Rangiora	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Woodend-Sefton	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Greendale	225	0	0	13	10	0	165	0	0	12	7	6
Hawarden	200	0	0	12	0	0						
H.M. Stations:—												
Waddington				4	0	0						
Oxford				4	0	0						
	6379	0	0	390	8	4	3899	0	0	292	8	6

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund			After Exemption.			Children's Fund		
				Levy 6%			Levy 7½%					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru	730	0	0	43	15	0	530	0	0	39	15	0
Waimate	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Temuka	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Geraldine	185	0	0	10	19	0						
Ashburton	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Willowby	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Oamaru	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Methven-Rakaia												
H.M. Stations:—												
Mayfield				4	0	0						
	2265	0	0	139	14	0	1380	0	0	103	10	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS.	Stipends.			Contingent Fund			After Exemption.			Children's Fund		
				Levy 6%			Levy 7½%					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dunedin—												
Trinity	453	0	0	27	2	0	193	0	0	14	9	6
Central Mission	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Dundas Street	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
Cargill Road	410	0	0	24	11	8	250	0	0	18	15	0
St. Kilda	275	0	0	16	7	6	175	0	0	13	2	6
Caversham	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
„ H.M. (1)				4	0	0						
Mornington	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Roslyn	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Port Chalmers	320	0	0	19	3	4	160	0	0	12	0	0
Balclutha	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Milton	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Roxburgh	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	9	7	6
Invercargill Central	300	0	0	18	0	0	200	0	0	15	0	0
„ St. Peter's	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Bluff	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
Gore	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	11	5	0
H.M. Stations:—												
Otautau				4	0	0						
Maori Hill				4	0	0						
Edendale				4	0	0						
Lawrence				4	0	0						
Cromwell				4	0	0						
Riverton				4	0	0						
Nightcaps-Tuatapere				4	0	0						
Waikouaiti-												
Palmerston				4	0	0						
	4583	0	0	310	14	6	2703	0	0	202	14	6

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