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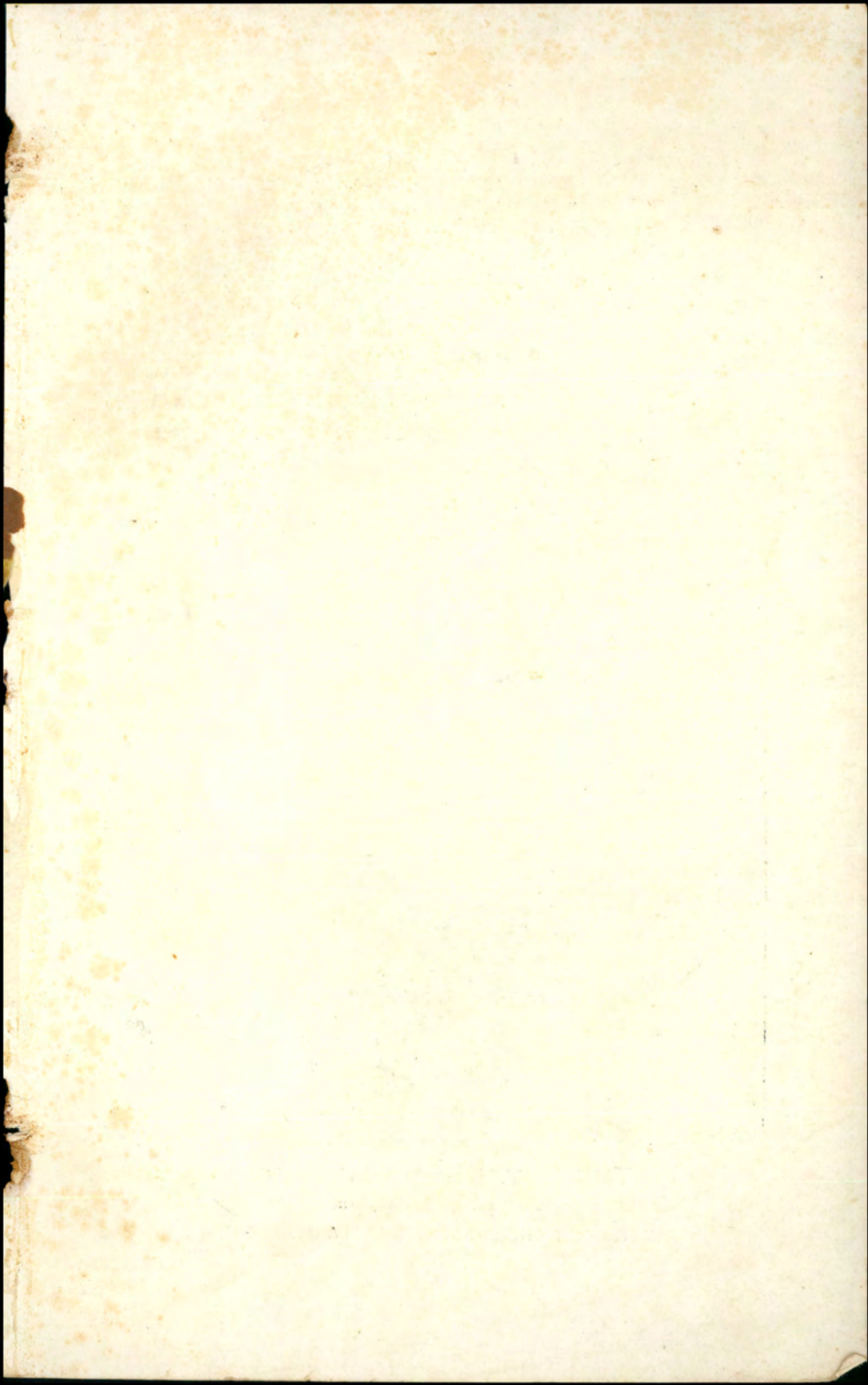
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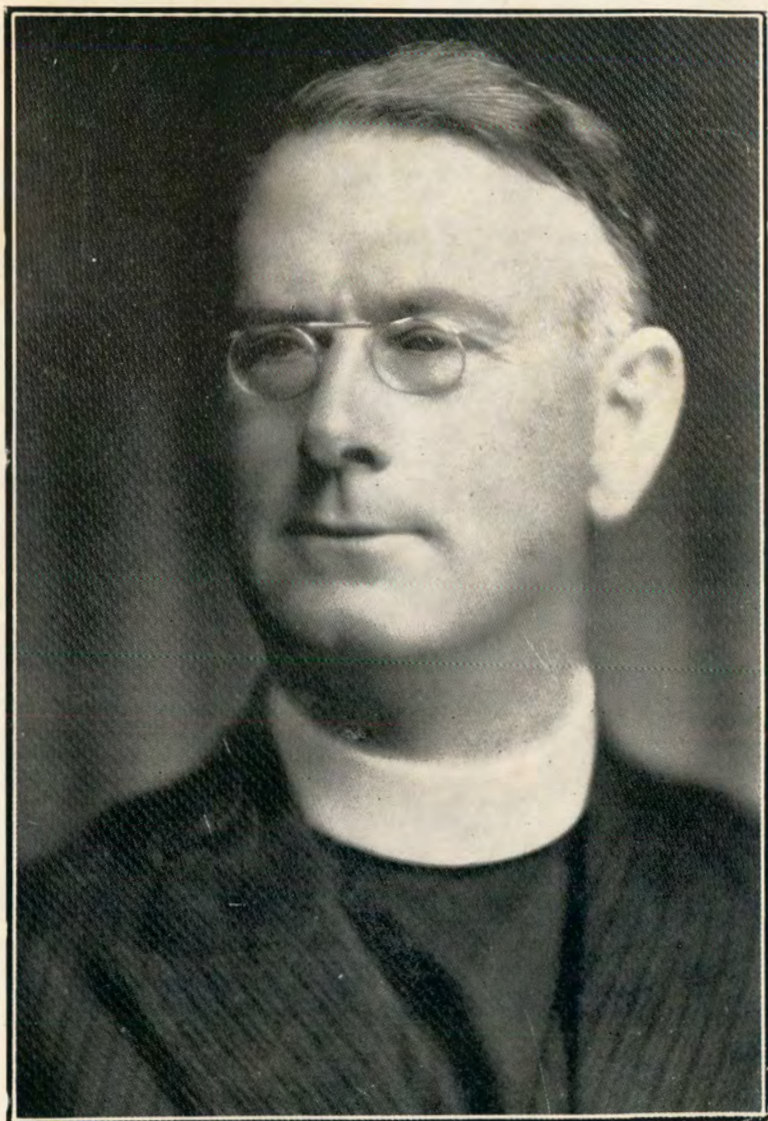
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“The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen’s Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee” were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 “a distinct Connexion, to be denominated ‘The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,’ with an Annual Conference, affiliated to the Parent English Conference.”—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1854).

First Australasian Conference was held in Sydney in the year 1855.

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THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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The Session was opened by the Rev. A. J. Seamer, Retiring President, after which the Rev. C. Eaton was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. J. T. Johnson was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. W. S. Mackay.

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"	G. M. White
Waitara	F. R. Silby*
Inglewood	
Stratford	
Eltham	J. Cocker
Hawera	Miss Pearl Bates
Manaia	..	..	..	D. Blair
Opunake	..	..	..	T. P. Hughson
Kaponga	..	..	..	R. G. Cook*
Wanganui	..	..	..	F. Webb-Jones
"	..	..	..	E. V. Laws
Wanganui North	F. J. Whitlock
Marton	
Taihape	
Maori Mission	Wakanui

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

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Hastings	H. R. French
"	"
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Wairoa	G. Malmquist
Dannevirke	F. Jackson
Woodville	R. Richards
Pahiatua	O. Johnson*
Palmerston North, St. Paul's	W. H. J. Watson
Palmerston North, Cuba Street	T. R. Hodder
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	W. N. Brewer
Feilding	Miss Shannon
Sanson-Rongotea	Mrs. Smith

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"	W. A. G. Skinner
Wellington (Thorndon)	C. McAllister
"	Mrs. C. Blair
Wellington South	H. W. S. Smith
Wellington East	R. Hampton
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Hutt	J. M. Thompson
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Bluff	
Gore	

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

J. Montgomery Blight
 Charles E. Dickens
 Joseph C. Draper
 E. Clarence Leadley
 Matthew A. McDowell
 Wesley Parker, M.A.

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Thomas H. Carr
 W. E. Allon Carr
 Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S.
 William W. H. Greenslade
 William E. Moore
 Herbert W. Payne
 David O. Williams, M.A.

Who have travelled three years.

Donald C. Alley
 Reginald Day
 J. Donald Hickman
 Sydney Hindmarsh
 V. Roy Jamieson
 William C. Jenkin
 Gordon Parker
 Ivan S. Williamson

Who have travelled two years.

Bernard M. Chrystall
 J. Ainsley Daghish
 John L. Mitchell
 A. Everil Orr
 Ralph E. Patchett
 Alfred E. Waite

Who have travelled one year.

Passed with Honours.—William C. Jenkin

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

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

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

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

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

George E. Beckingsale
H. Ian K. Hopper
Peter C. Johansen
Bert M. Tasker
James S. Willoughby

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

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

John Churchill
William R. Francis
Robert W. Mayson
Leslie T. Norwell
Alfred Sanft

On Presidents List of Reserve :— Ernest S. Hoddinott, Ashleigh K. Petch.

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

None.

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Preachers on Probation

Belshazzar Gina
Who has travelled three years.
Usaia Sotutu
Eroni Kotosoma
Nathan Kera

Who have travelled one year.

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?

O. B. Fawcett and W. Long, who have completed their third year.

H. A. Cochrane and J. Sands, who have completed their second year. The cases of V. C. Thomas and H. Whitfield are referred to the Home Mission Board.

C. H. Bell and H. R. Wright, who have completed their first year. E. H. Dalley, D. Haylock and A. O. Jones are passed in their first year subject to completing in one subject. George Skuse is permitted to sit for first and second year's examination this year.

Passed with honours:—W. Long.

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

Samuel Lawry
James T. Pinfold, D.D.
Joseph Blight
Percy J. Cossum
John Southern
Francis T. Harris
Te Tuhi Heretini

Samuel Lawry was born at St. Mabyn, Cornwall in 1854, of Cornish stock. He came to New Zealand in 1862 and settled in Canterbury. He began to preach when in his teens and, at 22 years of age was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. He was one of the first company of students to be sent for training to the Three Kings' College. On entering Circuit work he was appointed to Rangitikei, and altogether spent 34 years in Circuit work. In 1911 Mr. Lawry was appointed Connexional Secretary and in that office he continued for 16 years, completing 50 years of active service in the Church. Few men have played a more conspicuous part in the official life of New Zealand Methodism. For seven years he filled the Secretarial Chair and on two occasions he was elected President of the Conference. On the second occasion he was President of the first United Conference—a tribute to the outstanding service rendered by him to the cause of Methodism and in helping to secure the independence of the New Zealand Conference.

For a generation he held a foremost place in the Leadership of the Church, his commanding personality making itself felt in all the crises of her history. Of sturdy Methodist stock, steeped in Methodist tradition, thoroughly versed in Methodist policy and procedure, he wielded a unique influence in the courts of the Church. As a circuit minister and a pastor, he displayed the same qualities of capacity and fidelity that distinguished his character and work in all spheres.

In the midst of circuit and official duties he found time to give vigorous support to all philanthropic and social movements for the common weal.

In 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Janet McHardie, who predeceased him in 1920. The passing of this distinguished leader of the Church on July 26th, 1933, breaks another link with the past and robs the Church of one of her wisest and ablest statesmen.

James T. Pinfold was born in Manchester and educated at Wesley College, Auckland. He spent forty years in the active work of the ministry. He was a faithful and painstaking pastor and an excellent expository

preacher. By dint of hard study he graduated Master of Arts, then gained the B.D. degree and in after years received his Doctorate from the McGill University.

He greatly loved the work of the C. E. Society and did much to increase its usefulness, and at one time was President of the N.Z.C.E. Union.

Young men seeking to qualify as local preachers found in him a wise counsellor, a sympathetic and understanding friend. Many of these men, to-day, speak with gratitude of the encouragement they received from him. In addition to his work in the Church he was a member of various philosophical and scientific societies and did much to promote their interests. He was a skilled penman and frequently contributed to English magazines. Among his published works are:—"Songs of the Jewish Church," "St. Luke and his Gospel," "Fifty years in Maoriland" and a Methodist Index. At the time of his death he had almost completed a commentary on the Gospel of St. Mark.

In 1921 he became a Supernumerary and took up his residence at Karori, where he helped considerably to develop Methodism in that district. He was a foundation member of the Wellington Ministers' Association and for nearly thirteen years served as its Secretary. He worked until the last hour of his life. "God giveth unto His beloved sleep,"—it was thus the call came and in the morning of July 30th, 1933 it was found that he was not.

Joseph Blight was born in South Australia in 1858, and was of Cornish descent. He was converted under the preaching of California Taylor. He early became a devoted worker in the Church and an acceptable local preacher. He came to New Zealand in 1883 and, after a short time in Home Mission work, was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry in 1887 and appointed to a circuit. He served in various Districts in the North and South Islands and everywhere with success and acceptance among the people. His preaching was marked by a quiet forcefulness which arrested and retained attention; he excelled in pastoral gifts and bore the cares and griefs of many; he sought the souls of men as one who must give account. In the Northern Wairoa Circuit, his own heart having been greatly warmed during the Thomas Cook Mission in Auckland, he led a remarkable work in which, in the ordinary services of the Church, over 80 people were converted to God. Unhappily his health broke down in his mid-ministry, but for six important years thereafter he served in orphanage work and, later, as Chaplain to the Auckland Hospital and Infirmary, rendering some of his best service in these spheres. In the brotherhood of the ministry no man held a more secure place. His life was fretted by no inward disloyalties and contentions; his vineyard was faithfully kept and he knew no slothful hours, no self-seeking thought ever dwelt in his mind, his heart was generous, kindly, rich in sympathy. He passed away on 24th October, 1933. His name will long be held in affectionate remembrance among us, and his works do follow him.

Percy J. Cossum.—In the 42nd year of his active ministry, Percy J. Cossum received the call to the higher life. Mr. Cossum was born at Seven Oaks, Kent, England in 1869. He became a Local Preacher at the early age of 16 years and afterwards gave loyal service especially delighting in open air evangelism. For five years prior to coming to New Zealand he served the Primitive Methodist Church as a Hired Local Preacher, a position somewhat similar to that of a Home Missionary in New Zealand. At the call of the N.Z. Primitive Methodist Church Mr. Cossum came to this country thirty-seven years ago, and ministered in a number of important circuits, in all of which he left a fragrant memory.

Very early in his ministry the Church recognised his scholarly and secretarial abilities and placed him on the Examination Committee. He was for a number of years Secretary of the P.M. Conference and a Chairman of District and rendered conspicuous service in those offices. Always a faithful Pastor and a preacher who was well abreast of modern thought, he yet found time and opportunity to render service to wider humanitarian movements. Although of a quiet and somewhat retiring disposition once known he became a very staunch friend and wise counsellor.

His call came on September 9th. 1933, as he would have wished, in the midst of his labours. Of him it may truly be said that he is of the company who "Walk with Him in white."

John Southern was born at Oldham, England, and was left an orphan at the early age of nine years. He received his education at Blackburn and later served his apprenticeship as a hand engraver. Soon afterwards he felt the call to the Christian ministry and became a hired local preacher. He spent a year in this work and was then accepted as a candidate for the Primitive Methodist ministry, and entered Hartley College, Manchester, for training. The New Zealand Primitive Methodist Church sent a request to England for young ministers to come to this Dominion and Mr. Southern answered the call.

He came to this Country in 1900 and served the Church faithfully for thirty-five years. He was a thoughtful and earnest preacher, a good administrator and helpful pastor. He was ever friendly to the friendless, an adviser to the perplexed and a herald of hope to the despondent. He was of a retiring disposition and never sought office, but the Church recognised his ability and for five years he filled the position of secretary of the Primitive Methodist Conference.

During his last illness, Mr. Southern manifested great patience and courage and his spirit was buoyant to the end, which came on December 23rd, 1933.

Francis T. Harris, was born at Christchurch on October 27th, 1888. His first connection with our Church was at Addington. He was converted early in life and bore his first witness for Christ among his fellow workmen in a large engineering firm in Christchurch. Then he felt the call to preach and offered himself as a candidate for the ministry. He entered the Theological College in Auckland in 1911, and had just begun his active ministry in New Brighton when war broke out. In 1915 he commenced three years strenuous war service, during which time he had several periods of severe illness and was dangerously wounded in the head. Since then he did not know what robust health was. An inflexible will, however, kept this from others and drove him to his labours.

While in the Motueka Circuit the breaking point came, and about the middle of 1932 there commenced the long and distressing illness which ended in his call to higher service on April 19th, 1933. To know him was to appreciate something of the power of his brain and the virility of his thinking. Moreover, God made him an eloquent man, and many look back to his sermons of rare power and originality. In the passing of Brother Harris the New Zealand Church has lost an of choice gifts and unique personality.

Te Tuhi Heretini was born at Whirinaki, North Auckland, in 1857, and during his long and useful life saw great changes in his tribal district and in the lives of his people. As a child he showed great interest in religious questions and in early manhood became a very devoted Christian. Experiencing the power of the Spirit himself he soon commenced to take

part in the services and after the usual lengthy probation of those days was received as a local preacher. Gradually he became recognised as the religious leader in his district. At the age of 39 he was received into the ministry and laboured amongst the people of his own tribe until his death on 9th October, 1933.

A wise counsellor and a lover of peace he proved himself a strong man amongst his people and his influence will long be felt by them.

Largely owing to his own efforts and gifts a very fine church was built at Whirinaki in 1907, on the site he himself had donated previously for that purpose.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

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

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Samuel Henderson
 Thomas W. Vealie
 Fred Greenwood
 Harold E. Bellhouse (for one year).
 Arthur Liversedge (for one year).

Samuel Henderson.—In reluctantly granting the application of the Rev. Samuel Henderson for superannuation, Conference pays its tribute to a faithful ministry carried on for forty years. Our brother was born in Ireland in 1865, and spent his boyhood in the City of Belfast, where, in the Primitive Methodist Church, he was converted and gave his life to God. At eighteen he was engaging in Sunday School work and in Open-air preaching. For two years he was employed as a Hired Local Preacher, first at Pembroke, in South Wales, and then at the Clapton Mission.

Offering for work in New Zealand he was accepted, and with the late Rev. G. H. Mann, arrived here in 1894. Out of his ministry of forty years, twenty-two have been spent on four Circuits. That fact speaks for itself. He became President of the Primitive Methodist Conference in 1910 and, at a period when it was a particularly difficult task, he was Chairman of the South Auckland District for three years, diligently seeking to strengthen that widely scattered district so bristling with problems. All through his arduous ministry, he has been reliable and diligent, a sympathetic pastor, a practical preacher, a careful administrator and above all a Man of God. He has ever been a loyal friend, winning affection and admiration. All his circuits have been the better for his

labours and there have been many seals to his ministry. We pray that for him there may be a long eventide of blessed service and sweet fellowship with God and with the Church he so much loves.

Thomas W. Vealie.—The retirement of the Rev. T. W. Vealie marks the close of an active ministry that has been characterised by loyal allegiance to the high calls of the Kingdom of God. Designated for the teaching profession and while pursuing his studies at Westminster Training College, he heard the call to preach. He was preparing himself for the ministry of the British Conference when a breakdown in health necessitated his removal to America. There his preaching gifts were recognised and in 1889 he entered the ministry of the New York Conference and in due course was ordained a Minister in full connexion with the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. In 1894, he was received by the New Zealand Church and then began at Mount Albert a ministry, which for forty years, has proved an enrichment to many lives and a benefit to the whole Church. Probably no minister in our ranks so well merits the title of Church Builder. Largely through his efforts new churches were erected at Kingsland, Cheltenham, Reefiton, Runanga and Ashburton and funds were raised for the subsequent erection of a new church at Greymouth.

The pulpit work of Mr. Vealie has always borne evidence of diligent preparation, clear thinking and precise utterance. In the exercise of his pastoral office he has brought enrichment to many lives as a counsellor to the perplexed, an encourager of the faint-hearted and a tender comforter to the bereaved. As Secretary of Synods, of the Public Questions Committee and of the South Island Orphanage Board, and as District Chairman for South Canterbury he has served with great acceptance.

He carries into his retirement the esteem of the Church and our hope that his eventide may be rich with the blessing of God.

Fred. Greenwood.—Conference, in acceding to the request of the Rev. Fred. Greenwood to become a supernumerary, acknowledges with thankfulness the service he has rendered to the cause of Christ. Trained as an engineer, he early joined the Wesleyan Church, and at the age of eighteen began to preach in association with a Mission Band. After a somewhat adventurous career he reached Queensland in 1890 and obtained a situation as an engineer. Under the guidance of the Rev. S. Larkin, our brother engaged in Mission work among the Kanakas, and then became a Circuit Missionary under the Queensland Conference. He was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry at the Rockhampton Synod in 1897 and placed on probation, labouring in what was known as the Isis Scrub. After three years, he obtained permission to spend a year at Queen's College Melbourne, a privilege which he has always highly esteemed, and which left its mark on all his ministry. In 1900 he resumed his probation at Howard, Queensland. For a time he laboured in the Northern Territory. During the War he visited England and was accepted as a Wesleyan Chaplain in the Dover Patrol. In 1918 he returned to Australia and acting on the advice of the Rev. J. H. Simmonds he applied for a transfer to the New Zealand Conference.

During his ministry in the Dominion he has done good work, always leaving his circuits stronger than he found them. In Morrinsville and Otahuhu he did particularly fine work in straightening out financial tangles, while in Christchurch East, the beautiful Church at Linwood has been built during his ministry. He has always been forward to relieve distress and to help men into living relations with our Lord. We pray that a season of good health may be his, and that he may enjoy years of quieter service.

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

None.

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

None.

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

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

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

E. Clarence Leadley.

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

None.

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

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.

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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Hebrew (1st and 2nd years) and Elementary
Hebrew	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.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. B. R. Hames, M.A.

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. B. Metson
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.
The Christian Doctrine of the Godhead (Garvie)	Rev. G. Frost
Wesley's Sermons	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
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. G. F. Stockwell
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. H. L. Richards
The Methodist Law Book	Rev. A. McBean
Anthropology (Marett), and Comparative Religion (Carpenter)	Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.
Ethnology (Haberlandt)	Rev. F. Copeland

(B) Examiners for Students.

Systematic Theology	Rev. C. Blair
Biblical Theology—	
Old Testament	Rev. E. Drake
New Testament	Rev. F. E. Leadley
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	Rev. H. A. Sharp
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., & Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.
Child Psychology, Pedagogy, Leadership etc.	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.
Elocution and Public Speaking	Revs. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., T.R.B., Woolloxall and W. Dennis Johns

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge	Rev. J. Richards
Theology	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	Rev. B. R. Hames, M.A.
Geography and History	Rev. J. D. McArthur
Arithmetic	Rev. J. H. Bailey

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	..	..	..	..	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
Theology	..	..	..	..	Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall
Bible Knowledge	..	..	..	..	Rev. H. T. Peat
Church History and Homiletics	..	..	..	..	Rev. R. P. Keall

(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 and amendments and additions to Laws, pages 1-6.

The first section of the Probationers' Examination shall, this year, commence on Tuesday, July 24, and the second section on Tuesday, December 4. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 18, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 4.

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 (1935 Kennedy's Theology of the Epistles).
7. Church History: Walker, pages 1-194.
8. Methodist Law Book, Parts I, 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. (1935—Cave's The Doctrine of the person of Christ).
7. Church History: 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 : 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, pp. 484-664.
8. Lindsay's The Church and the Ministry in the Early Centuries.
9. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters X-XVI.

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 12 (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, 13-20, 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 class 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.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND THEOLOGY.

1. General Bible Knowledge, Old and New Testaments. Text Books: Maclear's Primers.
2. A detailed Knowledge of the following books of the Bible:—I and II Kings, Hosea, Malachi, Luke, Acts of the Apostles, Galatians. (No questions on Introduction to be set).
3. Theology.—Text Book: Christian Foundations, Maldwyn Hughes (English Edition).

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.

1. English—(a) Grammar and Composition, Olifant's "Matriculation and General English Course," (Gregg Publishing Company). (b) An essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner. (A guide to the principles of Essay writing will be found in "English for Pleasure and Profit," Clark's College).
2. Greek.—Initia Graeca, Sections I-XIV, with exercises I-XXVIII (Greek into English).

N.B.—The Conference urges all Candidates to take Greek.

3. Geography.—C. B. Thurston's, "A Progressive Geography, Book V, The World." (a) Part I, The World, General. (b) Sections on the British Empire.
4. History and Current Events.—History of England, 1714-1921. (Warner and Martin, Part III); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
5. 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).

All the above subjects are compulsory to non-matriculated Candidates, except Greek: Matriculated Candidates are to present themselves for examination in Section A only. All Candidates are strongly urged to take Greek.

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

1. General Bible Knowledge (Native).
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 New Catechism with Lesson Helps (Hunter).
Church History—Workman's "Methodism."
Old Testament—McLear's Primer.
New Testament—McLear's Primer.
English—Essay on selected subject, with Caddick's English Course for Junior and Middle Forms.

STUDENTS.

FIRST YEAR.

Theology—"What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Hunter) p.p. 1-152.
Church History—"The Story of Christianity." (Kinloch), pp. 1-78, and Lectures.
Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Healing) First Half.
New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Hunter), pp. 1-110.
English—A year's work in English (Marriott). Classical and Modern Literature.
Elocution and Voice Production—"Speak Out" (Watson), and Lectures.
Psychology—"The Control of the Mind" (Thouless), and Lectures.
Nursing—St. John Ambulance Course; First Aid for the Injured, and Lectures.

SECOND YEAR.

Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why." (Hunter) pp. 153-309.
Church History—"The Story of Christianity." (Kinloch), pp. 79-110, and Lectures.
Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Healing) Second half.
New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and Their Messages" (Hunter), pp. 111-303.
English—A Year's Work in English (Marriott), Classical and Modern Literature.
Homiletics—Lectures.
Psychology—"The Control of the Mind" (Thouless), and Lectures.
Nursing—Home Nursing and Hygiene, Lectures.

LIST OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO PROBATIONERS.

Advice respecting Dictionaries of the Bible, and Commentaries should be sought from the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

I.—THEOLOGY.

Section I.—Biblical Introduction.

(a) General—

- Barton, G. A.—Archaeology and the Bible (American S.S. Union).
Charles—"Between the Testaments."
Deissman, G. A.—Light from the Ancient East.
*Moulton, R. G.—Literary Study of the Bible (Pitman).
Peake, A. S.—The Bible: Its Origin, Nature and Significance (Hodder).
Smith, G. A.—Historical Geography of the Holy Land (Hodder): Jerusalem.

(b) Old Testament—

- *Baynes, N.—Israel Among the Nations (S.C.M.).
Davidson, A. B.—Old Testament Prophecy: Theology of the Old Testament (Clark).
Driver, S. R.—Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament.
Gray, G. B.—Critical Introduction to the Old Testament.
Knudson—Religious Teaching of the Old Testament.
Peake, A. S. (Ed.)—The People and the Book.
Peake, A. S.—Servant of Yahweh (Manchester University Press).
Ranston, H.—Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (Sharp).
Robinson, H. W.—Religious Ideas of the Old Testament (Duckworth).
Robinson, T. H.—Prophecy and the Prophets (Duckworth).
Ryle, J. C.—History of the Canon of the O.T. (Macmillan).
Skinner, J.—Prophecy and Religion (Cambridge).
*Wade, C. W.—O. T. History (Methuen).
Welch, A. C.—Religion of Israel Under the Kingdom (Clark).

(c) New Testament—

- Clements, J. S.—Primitive Christianity and its Non-Jewish Sources.
Dalman, G.—The Words of Jesus (for students of Greek).
*Deissman, G. A.—Bible Studies (for students of Greek) (Clark):
St. Paul.
Fairweather, W.—The Background of the Gospels (Clark).
Findlay, J. A.—Jesus As They Saw Him (Sharp).
Glover, T. R.—The Jesus of History (S.C.M.): Jesus in the
Experience of Men.
Halliday—Pagan Background of Early Christianity (University of
Liverpool Press).
Headlam, A. C.—The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ (Murray).
Howard, W. F.—The Fourth Gospel in Recent Research (Sharp).
James, M. R.—The Apocryphal N.T.
Kennedy, H. A. A.—The Theology of the Epistles (Duckworth).
*Moffatt, J.—Introduction to the Literature of the N.T.: Grace in
the New Testament.
Nairne, A.—The Faith of the N.T. (Longman).
Peake, A. S.—Critical Introduction to the N.T.
Ramsay, W. M.—St. Paul the Traveller (Hodder and Stoughton).
Rashdall, H.—Conscience and Christ (Duckworth).
Scott, C. A.—Christianity According to St. Paul (Cambridge
University Press).
Streeter, B. H.—The Four Gospels. A Study in Origins.
Wade, G. W.—N. T. History.
Walker, T.—The Teaching of Jesus and the Jewish Teaching of
His Age.

Section II.—Dogmatics. etc.:

(a) Christian Doctrine—

- Ballard, F.—The True God.
Brown, W. A.—Christian Theology in Outline (Clark): The Christian
Hope (Duckworth).
*Caird, J.—Fundamental Ideas of Christianity.
Davison, W. T.—The Indwelling Spirit (H. and S.)
Denny, J.—Christian Doctrine of Reconciliation (Hodder): Jesus
and the Gospel (Hodder):
Dickie.—The Organism of Truth.
*Fairbairn—Philosophy of the Christian Religion (Hodder).
Gore, C.—The Reconstruction of Belief (Murray).
*Griffith-Jones, E.—The Ascent Through Christ (Hodder).

Herrmann—Communion with God.
 Hoyle, R. B.—The Holy Spirit in Paul (Hodder).
 Illingworth, J. R.—Personality. Human and Divine (Macmillan).
 Inge, W. R.—Faith and Its Psychology (Duckworth).
 Knudson—The Doctrine of God (Abingdon Press).
 Long, L. W.—Conversion.
 Lidgett, J. S.—The Fatherhood of God (Sharp): The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Sharp).
 *Mackintosh, H. R.—The Originality of the Christian Message (Duckworth); The Christian Experience of Forgiveness (Nisbet); The Christian Apprehension of God (S.C.M.); The Person of Christ (Clark).
 Matthews, W. R.—God in Christian Thought and Experience (Nisbet).
 Oman, J.—Vision and Authority (Hodder and Stoughton).
 Ottley, R. L.—The Doctrine of the Incarnation (Methuen).
 Pringle-Pattison, A. S.—The Idea of God (Milford): The Idea of Immortality (Milford).
 Robinson, H. W.—Christian Doctrine of Man (Clark); The Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit (Nisbet).
 Salmond, S. D. F.—Christian Doctrine of Immortality (Clark).
 Simpson, J. Y.—The Spiritual Interpretation of Nature (Hodder).
 Stevens, G. B.—The Christian Doctrine of Salvation.
 Streeter, B. H. (Ed.)—Reality: Concerning Prayer (Macmillan).
 Swete, H. B.—The Holy Spirit in the N.T. (Macmillan).
 Tennant, F. R.—The Concept of Sin (Cambridge).

(b) Apologetics—

*Ballard, F.—Miracles of Unbelief (Sharp).
 Brown, W. A.—The Life of Prayer in a World of Science (Hodder and Stoughton).
 *Garvie, A. E.—Christian Apologetics (Duckworth).
 Gwatkin, H. M.—The Knowledge of God (Clark).
 Illingworth, J. R.—Reason and Revelation (Macmillan).
 Peake, A. S.—Christianity, Its Nature and Truth (Duckworth).
 Taylor, V.—The Historical Evidence for the Virgin Birth
 Ward, J.—Naturalism and Agnosticism (Black).

(c) Comparative Religion:

Carpenter, J. E.—Comparative Religion (Williams and Norgate).
 Buddhism and Christianity (Hodder).
 Cave, S.—An Introduction to the Study of Some Living Religions of the East.
 Farquhar, J. N.—Modern Religious Movements in India.
 Farnell, L. R.—Higher Aspects of Greek Religion.
 Gairdner, W. H. T.—The Rebuke of Islam (S.C.M.).
 Glover, T. R.—Progress in Religion.
 Hume, R. E.—The World's Living Religions.
 James, E. O.—Introduction to Anthropology.
 Menzies, A.—The History of Religions (Murray).
 Otto, R.—The Idea of the Holy (Milford).
 Osborn—Our Debt to Greece and Rome (Hodder and Stoughton)
 Oxford Press—Legacy of Greece.
 Rhys-Davids, T. W.—Buddhism (Putnams).
 Smith, Robertson—Religion of the Semites.
 Waterhouse, E. S.—Modern Theories of Religion (Sharp).

(d) Pastoral Theology—

Archibald, H.—The Modern Sunday School.

- Arthur, W.—The Tongue of Fire (Sharp).
 *Brooks, Phillips—Lectures on Preaching (Allenson).
 *Bruce, A. B.—The Training of the Twelve (Clark).
 Coe, C. A.—Education in Religion and Morals.
 *Dale, R. W.—Lectures on Preaching (Hodder).
 *Garvie, A. E.—The Christian Preacher (Clark).
 Gladden, W.—The Christian Pastor (Clark).
 Jacks, L. P.—The Education of the Whole Man.
 Jackson, G.—The Fact of Conversion. The Preacher and the Modern Mind.
 *James, W.—Varieties of Religious Experience.
 Jowett, J. H.—The Preacher: His Life and Work (Hodder).
 Lawrence—How to Conduct a Sunday School.
 Raven, C. E.—Christ and Modern Education.
 Wesley, J.—Address to the Clergy.
 Yeaxlee, Basil—The Approach to Religious Education.

(e) Devotional Works—

- Bodington's Books of Devotion.
 Andrewes Launcelot—Devotions (Allenson).
 Augustine Confessions (S.S.U.)
 Barnes, E. W.—Early Christians at Prayer (Methuen).
 Edwards, Jonathan—Religious Affections.
 Fosdick, H. E.—The Manhood of the Master (S.C.M.) The Meaning of Prayer (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Faith (S.C.M.). The Meaning of Service (S.C.M.).
 Horton, R. F.—The Open Secret.
 Inge, W. R.—Speculum Animae (Longmans).
 Law, W.—Serious Call (Library of Ancient and Modern Theology).
 Matheson, G.—Devotional Volumes.
 Orchard, W. E.—The Temple Book of Prayers (Dent).
 Pascal, B.—Thoughts (Scott).
 Stoddart, Jane T.—Private Prayer in Christian Story.
 Taylor, J.—Holy Living and Holy Dying (Longmans).
 *Welsh, R. E.—Classics of the Soul's Quest.

II.—SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY.

(a) Psychology, Ethics, etc.—

- Bergson—Creative Evolution.
 Baudouin—Studies in Psycho-Analysis.
 Caird—Hegel.
 Dix—Child Study.
 Drever—Psychology of Everyday Life.
 Eucken—Truth of Religion.
 Finlay—The School. (H.U.L.)
 Green—The Problem of Right Conduct.
 *Hadfield—Psychology and Morals.
 Hutton—The Lesson of Evolution.
 *Inge, W. R.—Christian Mysticism.
 Jones, Henry—Rudolf Eucken.
 Jones, Rufus—Studies in Mystical Religion.
 Kirkpatrick—Fundamentals of Child Study.
 Lodge, O.—Man and the Universe.
 MacKenzie—Outline of Metaphysics.
 Maeterlinck—Life of the Bee.
 *M'Dougall—Social Psychology.
 *Muirhead—Elements of Ethics.
 Myers—Industrial Psychology (H.U.L.).

Soddy—Matter and Energy. (H.U.L.).
 Thomson—The Atom (H.U.L.).
 Thomson and Geddes—Evolution.
 Wallace—Darwinism: Kant.
 *Wardell—Contemporary Philosophy: First Lessons in Philosophy.
 Welton—The Psychology of Education.
 Webb—History of Philosophy (H.U.L.).

(b) Social Questions and Economics:

*Clay, H.—Economics for the General Reader (Macmillan).
 Cunningham, W. and M'Arthur, E. A.—Industrial History (Cambridge).
 Eaton—The Fight Against Drink.
 Evans—Aspects of the Study of Society (Hodder).
 *Garvie—The Christian Ideal for Human Society.
 Hadow, W. H.—Citizenship (Milford).
 Horsley, V., and Sturge, M.—Alcohol and the Human Body (Macmillan).
 Keeble, S. E. (Ed.)—Social Teaching of the Bible (Sharp).
 *Kidd—The Science of Power.
 Laski, H. J.—Communism (H.U.L.).
 Lofthouse, W. F. (Ed.)—Christian Use of Money (Sharp).
 Peabody, F. G.—Jesus Christ and the Social Question (Macmillan).
 Perkins, E. B.—Problem of Gambling (Sharp).
 Pigou—Unemployment (H.U.L.).
 Rae—Contemporary Socialism.
 Smith, C. R.—Bible Doctrine of Society (Clark).
 Spencer, M.—The Social Function of the Church (S.C.M.).
 Tawney, R. H.—The Acquisitive Society (Bell).
 Withers, H.—The Case for Capitalism (Murray).

III.—HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY.

(a) History—

Angus—Early Environments of Christianity: *Christianity and the Mystery Religions: The Religions of the Graeco-Roman World.
 Bartlet, J. V.—The Apostolic Age.
 Bevan, E.—Hellenism and Christianity (Allen and Unwin).
 Foakes-Jackson, F. J.—History of the Church to A.D. 451 (Hall).
 *Glover, T. R.—The Conflict of Religions in the Roman Empire (Methuen).
 Gwatkin, H. M.—Early Church History (2 vols.) (Macmillan).
 Harnack, A.—Mission and Expansion of Early Christianity. (Williams and N.).
 Lambeth Joint Report on Church Union.
 M'Giffert, A. C.—History of Christianity in the Apostolic Church
 Lindsay, T. M.—History of the Reformation (2 vols.).
 Ramsay, W. M.—The Church in the Roman Empire (Hodder.).
 Workman, H. B.—The Church of the West in the Middle Ages: Evolution of the Monastic Ideal.

(b) Doctrine of Church and Ministry—

Cohn, J.—The Evolution of the Christian Ministry.
 *Headlam, A. C.—The Doctrine of the Church and Christian Reunion (Murray).
 Hort, F. J. A.—The Christian Ecclesia (Macmillan).
 Simpson, P. C.—Church Principles (Hodder).
 Wright, C. H. H.—The Roman Catholic Controversy (Primer of Catholicism) (R.T.S.).

(c) Methodist History and Polity—

- *Fitchett, W. H.—Wesley and his Century (Smith Elder and Co.).
New History of Methodism.
Simon—The Revival of Religion in England in the 18th Century
(Sharp).
Telford, J.—Life of John Wesley (Sharp): Life of Charles Wesley
(Sharp): Lives of Early Methodist Preachers.
Wesley—Journals.
Workman, H. B.—Place of Methodism in the Catholic Church.

(d) Biography :

- Brown, Dr. Geo., Autobiography.
Bunyan, John, by J. A. Froude.
Cromwell, Oliver, Letters and Speeches, T. Carlyle.
Dale, R. W.—Life of, by his son.
*Drummond, H., Life of, by G. A. Smith (Hodder).
Early Methodist Preachers. Library of Methodist Biographies.
Hughes, Hugh Price, Life of, by his Daughter.
Johnson, Samuel, Life of, by Boswell.
*Kingsley, Chas., Life and Letters of, by his Son.
Luther, Martin, by T. Lindsay.
Martyn, Henry, by Constance Padwick (S.C.M.).
Matheson, George, Life of, by Macmillan.
Plutarch, Lives.
Robertson, F. W., Stopford Brooke.
St Francis of Assisi, by Sabatier.
*Savonarola by Villari.
Stevenson, Robert Louis, Faith of, by J. Kelman.

(e) World Evangelisation :

- Dennis—Social Progress and Christian Missions.
Edinburgh Missionary Conference Reports.
Finlay, G. G.—Wesley's World Parish (Sharp).
Findlay, W. H., and Holdsworth, W. W.—History of Wesleyan
Methodist Mission Soc. (4 vols.) (Sharp).
Oldham, J. H.—Christianity and the Race Problem.
Robinson, C. H.—History of Christian Missions (Clark).
Schweitzer, A.—On the Edge of the Primeval Forest.
Shillito, E.—Francis Coillard (S.C.M.).
Smith, E. W.—Robert Moffatt.
Temple, W.—The University of Christ (.C.M.).
Welch, R. E.—Challenge to Christian Missions.

IV.—POETRY.

- Sir Edwin Arnold's "Light of the World."
Matthew Arnold.
Bridges.
Browning.
Byron.
Clough.
Emerson.
Keats.
Longfellow.
Russell Lowell.
Masfield.
Milton.
Myer's "St. Paul."

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

V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Essays and Belles Lettres—

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

Also, standard authors of Fiction.

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. (Clapperton).
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 Foundations 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, DD.).
"Brooks by the Traveller's Way" (J. H. Jowett, D.D.).
"The Epistle 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)

"Camel'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 thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., for his distinguished services as Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners for the past four years. The Conference sincerely appreciates the ability, devotion, and success with which Mr. Burley has fulfilled the duties attaching to this office.
2. That the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., be appointed Secretary and Convener of the Board of Examiners.
3. That the Oral Examiner for 1935 be the Rev. J. H. Haslam.
4. That Conference learns with pleasure that the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt has been made a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and that the Rev. L. B. Neale has gained the B.A. Degree of the University of New Zealand, and grants permission for these honours to be printed in the Minutes of Conference.
5. That the following be appointed tutors in New Testament Greek for Probationers.—First Year: Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.; Second Year: Rev. B. R. Hames, M.A.; Third Year: Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.; Fourth Year: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
6. That Resolution 8, Minutes of Conference, 1930, be reaffirmed.
7. That the Paragraph in the Amendments and additions to the Laws, page 4, entitled "Course of Study for Probationers," be rescinded.
8. That the District Ministerial Committees make a more thorough investigation into the qualifications of Candidates for the Ministry.
9. That a questionnaire be drawn up by the Board of Studies, the answers to furnish not only the usual formal information concerning the Candidates, but also concerning other necessary qualifications; such answers to be before the Recommending Quarterly Meetings, the candidate's District Ministerial Committee and the Examination Committee.
10. That a committee consisting of the Revs. Drs. Laws and Ranston, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., G. T. Marshall, H. E. Bellhouse, J. H. Haslam, W. A. Burley, M.A., and W. G. Slade, M.A. (Convener), consider the whole question of the method of testing candidates and report to the Examination Committee of next Conference.
11. That the Board of Studies, together with the General Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions, and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, consider the whole course for Home Missionary Probationers and provide for a Four Years Course and report to the Board of Examiners.

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

AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND WEST.—That the proposal to transfer the Franklin Road cause to the Auckland Social Service Mission be referred back to the organisations concerned for further consideration and report to next Conference through the Synod.

AUCKLAND EAST.—That Panmure and Pakuranga be retransferred to the Auckland East Circuit.

PUKEKOHE.—That the Circuit be divided in 1935 ; and that for this year it be worked in two sections in harmony with the recommendations of the Commission, and that prior to the Synod of 1934 the Commission shall finally review the basis of division.

MAHURANGI.—That the staffing be an ordained Minister and a Home Missionary, the Home Missionary to reside at Pakiri.

BAY OF ISLANDS.—That Kawakawa and settlements adjoining (Moerewa and Taumarere) be attached to the Ohaeawai H.M. Station, to be called the Kawakawa—Ohaeawai H.M. Station.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

ELTHAM-KAPONGA.—That the Eltham and Kaponga circuits be amalgamated, with an ordained minister, to reside at Eltham, the Circuit to be known as Eltham-Kaponga.

WANGANUI.—That Gonville and Westmere be constituted a separate Home Mission Station with a suitable grant.

DOUGLAS.—That the Douglas Home Mission Station be placed under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Stratford Circuit.

TAIHAPE.—That Taihape be reduced in status to a Home Mission Station.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

GISBORNE.—That the staffing of the Circuit be a Minister and a Home Missionary.

NELSON.

BLLENHEIM.—That the agreement between the Blenheim Circuit and the Havelock Home Mission Station for the working of the Sounds be approved, for the time being.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

KAITANGATA.—That Kaitangata with Paretai and Matau be worked as a separate H.M. Station by a Home Missionary, with a suitable grant.

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

AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL.—That a Probationer be appointed to Auckland Central Circuit as Assistant to the Rev. W. Walker, with no claim on Conference funds.

OTAHUHU.—That the status of the Circuit be not altered but that the staffing for this year be one minister and "one wanted."

NORTHERN WAIROA.—That the second agent be withdrawn.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

WAITARA.—That the second agent be withdrawn.

WELLINGTON.

MASTERTON.—That the present staffing be maintained for this year with a suitable grant.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

GERALDINE.—That the present arrangement be continued for another year but that the amount to be paid to the Home Mission Fund be £70.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

TRINITY.—That the entry "One Wanted" be altered to "A Home Missionary."

CAVERSHAM.—That Mosgiel be separated from Caversham and constituted a Home Mission Station with a suitable grant.

PORT CHALMERS.—That the Probationer be withdrawn and a Home Missionary be appointed as second agent.

MILTON.—That the present status of the Circuit be not altered but that a suitable grant be made.

QUESTION XXV.—What New Stations are now Constituted ?

NELSON.

Wakefield-Dovedale.—That the Wakefield-Dovedale H.M. Station be constituted a circuit, and a probationer appointed.

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

Auckland Central (4th) is due, but is relieved for a third and final year.

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

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

Bay of Islands is due, but is relieved for a third year.

Ruawai is due but is relieved for one year.

Whangaroa is due but is relieved for one year.

Mangonui is due but is relieved for one year.

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

Huntly is due, but is relieved for a second year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION.

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

1. Riverton.
2. Reefton.
3. Wellington East (2nd).
4. Auckland Central (4th).
5. Durham Street (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. CLARENCE EATON.

Vice-President : MR. J. T. JOHNSON.

Secretary : REV. WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1934.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 129 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).

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **Auckland Central.**—William Walker, Assistant—George H. Goodman, Robert B. Tinsley, Samuel J. Werren, Thomas H. Carr; William J. Williams, George T. Marshall, Thomas A. Joughin (Supernumeraries).
A Deaconess.

THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur H. Scrivin, General Secretary.

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

George I. Laurenson, Assistant Superintendent.

2. **Auckland Social Service Mission.**—General Superintendent Home Missions, A. Everil Orr.
3. **Auckland West.**—George I. Laurenson, Gordon Parker.

4. **Auckland East.**—Ernest D. Patchett, Frederick J. Parker, (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, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., (Fellow of Trinity College), John Olphert, Arthur Mitchell, William A. Sinclair, George Frost, (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.

5. **Auckland (Avondale).**—Angus McBean, Vincent le C. Binet (Glen Eden); a Home Missionary (New Lynn).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain.—Angus McBean.
6. **Auckland (Devonport).**—Percy N. Knight, B.A.; William J. Elliott (Supernumerary).

7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.
8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—William Gatman ; John D. Jory, Jas. Wrigley (Supernumeraries).
9. **Onehunga**.—Edwin S. Harkness.
10. **Otahuhu**.—Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, One Wanted.
11. **Papakura**.—Walter Parker ; Joseph H. Simmonds (Supernumerary).
12. **Pukekohe**.—John H. Bailey ; a Home Missionary (Bombay).
Wesley Training College, Paerata.—John H. Bailey, Chaplain.
13. **Waiuku**.—William H. Speer.
14. **Mahurangi**.—James W. Parker (Warkworth) ; A Home Missionary.
15. **Paparoa**.—Hubert G. Brown.
16. **Northern Wairoa**.—Wallace S. Neal.
17. **Ruawai**.—Henry J. Tozer, M.A.
18. **Whangarei**.—Ernest E. Sage ; a Home Missionary.
19. **Whangaroa**.—J. Donald Hickman. (Kaeo), (who shall supervise the Hokianga and Ohaeawai-Kawakawa H.M. Stations and act as adviser to the Maori workers throughout the Whangaroa, Mangonui Bay of Islands and Hokianga Counties).
20. **Bay of Islands**.—Herbert W. Payne.
21. **Port Albert**.—Ivo M. Raynor.
22. **Hikurangi**.—One wanted.
23. **Mangonui**.—Andrew J. Johnston.

Maori Mission.—Home Mission Department : R. Tahupotiki Haddon, Senior Maori Superintendent.

(1) **Auckland**—

Eruera Te Tuhi (Waima).
Piripi Rakena (Mangamuka).
Davis Wilcox (Opua).
Hori Kirkwood (Pukekohe).
12 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses

KAUKAPAKAPA.—A Home Missionary (Kaukapakapa).
A Home Missionary (Silverdale).

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
A Home Missionary (Kohukohu).

OHAEAWAI-KAWAKAWA.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
ANGUS McBEAN, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

24. **Thames.**—Tom Dent (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station). Arthur Liversedge (Supernumerary).
25. **Te Aroha.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
26. **Morrinsville.**—F. Gardner Brown, Bernard M. Chrystall (Waitoa).
27. **Paeroa.**—G. Raymond Harris.
28. **Cambridge.**—James Richards.
29. **Hamilton.**—Harold T. Peat, Jonathan H. Haslam (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station).
30. **Hamilton East.**—John Dennis.
31. **Rotorua.**—Frank Bateup.
32. **Tauranga.**—Cecil R. Taylor.
33. **Opotiki.**—Gordon R. H. Peterson (who shall supervise Whakatane Circuit).
34. **Taumarunui.**—Bernard R. Hames, M.A. (who shall supervise Ohura H.M. Station).
35. **Te Awamutu.**—Alfred E. Jefferson.
36. **Matamata.**—Albert Blakemore.
37. **Huntly.**—Reginald Day.
38. **Whakatane.**—John John.
39. **Otorohanga.**—A. Wharton E. Silvester.
40. **Hauraki Plains.**—One Wanted.
41. **Te Kuiti.**—John L. Mitchell.

(2) **Waikato-King Country**—

Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).

Matarae Tauroa (Kawhia).

13 Home Missionaries.

3 Deaconesses.

NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.

WAIHI.—A Home Missionary.

TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

PUTARURU.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

WALTER J. OXBROW, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

42. **New Plymouth.**—Fred. Copeland, John D. Grocott ; A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
43. **Waitara.**—William B. Cuming.
44. **Inglewood.**—J. Montgomery Blight.
45. **Stratford.**—Thomas Skuse.
46. **Eltham-Kaponga.**—Herbert Spencer.
47. **Hawera.**—Basil Metson.
48. **Manaia.**—Harry Cottom.
49. **Opunake.**—Athol R. Penn, A Home Missionary.

50. **Wanganui**.—Chairman of District; Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S. (supply).

51. **Wanganui North**.—George P. Hunt; a Home Missionary.

52. **Marton**.—James H. Hall.

(3) **Taranaki-Waimarino**—

Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).

8 Home Missionaries.

3 Deaconesses.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A. Home Missionary.

TAIHAPE.—A Home Missionary.

GONVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY- MANAWATU DISTRICT.

53. **Napier**.—E. Thomas Olds (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit); J. Ainsley Daglish (Greenmeadows).

54. **Hastings**.—Robert B. Gosnell.

55. **Gisborne**.—Herbert Daniel; a Home Missionary.

56. **Wairoa**.—Donald C. Alley.

57. **Dannevirke**.—Howard H. Jeffreys.

58. **Woodville**.—G. Knowles Smith.

59. **Pahiatua**.—Charles M. Roberts.

60. **Palmerston North** (St. Paul's).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

61. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—H. Leslie Richards.

62. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**.—Charles A. Foston.

63. **Feilding**.—Ernest O. Blamires; a Home Missionary.

64. **Sanson-Rongotea**.—Robert E. Fordyce.

WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.

FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

ADOLPHUS N. SCOTTER, B.A., Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

65. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Thomas R. Richards, R. Purcell Keall; Robert Raine, Thomas W. Vealie, Fred. Greenwood, George S. Cook (Supernumeraries).

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, Y.P. Director.

66. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—Henry J. Odell, Charles Blair (Karori); William W. H. Greenslade (Northland).

67. **Wellington South**.—W. Bramwell Scott.

68. **Wellington East**.—Frank E. Leadley, Howard C. Matthews; Colin C. Harrison (Supernumerary).

69. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—J. Frederick Martin, Charles E. Dickens (Ngaio), a Home Missionary (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).

70. **Hutt.**—Harold A. Sharp, David O. Williams, M.A.; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).
 71. **Petone.**—Leonard C. Horwood.
 72. **Greytown-Featherston.**—Hedley White.
 73. **Carterton.**—Ralph J. Liddell.
 74. **Masterton.**—George F. Stockwell, V. Roy Jamieson; James Cocker. (Supernumerary).
 Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, George F. Stockwell.
 75. **Eketahuna.**—Henry Benny.
 76. **Levin.**—William G. Slade, M.A.
 77. **Otaki.**—John R. Nelson.
 ISLAND BAY.—A Home Missionary.
 PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
 UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS, Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

78. **Nelson.**—William A. Burley, M.A.
 79. **Richmond.**—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
 80. **Wakfield-Dovedale.**—Sydney J. Hindmarsh.
 81. **Blenheim.**—William Wills (who shall supervise Havelock H.M. Station) Harry V. Utting (Tua Marina).
 82. **Motueka.**—Frank H. Hayman.
 83. **Hokitika.**—Charlie O. Hailwood.
 84. **Greymouth.**—Archer O. Harris (who shall supervise Reefton H.M. Station).
 85. **Westport.**—Norman P. Larsen.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
 MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
 REEFTON.—A Home Missionary.
 GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

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

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

86. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Clarence Eaton (President of the Conference), W. E. Allon Carr (Cashmere Hills); William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires (Supernumeraries).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R. Hist. S.
 87. **Christchurch East.**—Edward Drake, Samuel Bailey, Joseph C. Draper; James Guy, Jacob Featherston (Supernumeraries).
 88. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—William B. Pickering; Charles E. Ward (Supernumerary).
 89. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—John Harris, Ralph E. Patchett (Sumner); Thomas Fee (Supernumerary).
 90. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Raymond Richards.
 91. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.F.S.
 92. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Henry Ryan.

93. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William Rowe, Harry S. Kings ; T. Jackson Wallis, Frederick T. Read (Supernumeraries).
94. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Arthur Hopper ; A Home Missionary (Belfast) ; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPL IN.—Arthur Hopper.
95. **Lyttelton**.—Albert H. Fowles.
96. **Springston**.—Charles H. Kendon.
97. **Tai Tapu**.—Moses Ayrton.
98. **Leeston**.—Frederick B. Lawrence.
99. **Kaiapoi**.—Oswald Burnet.
100. **Ohoka**.—Walter J. Enticott.
101. **Rangiora**.—Thomas Coatsworth.
102. **Woodend-Sefton**.—Herbert Ford.
103. **Greendale**.—Arthur T. Kent.
104. **Oxford**.—Arthur Ashcroft.
HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

CLARENCE EATON, President of the Conference,
Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

105. **Timaru**.—John D. McArthur, Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., William C. Jenkin.
106. **Waimate**.—Alfred M. Costain.
107. **Temuka**.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
108. **Geraldine**.—One wanted ; Albert C. Lawry (Supernumerary).
109. **Ashburton**.—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Rakaia-Methven Circuit) ; A Deaconess.
110. **Willowby**.—Robert McGregor (who shall supervise Mayfield Home Mission Station).
111. **Oamaru**.—J. Francis Jack.
112. **Rakaia-Methven**.—William E. Moore.
MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN D. McARTHUR, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

113. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Charles H. Olds, B.A. ; A Home Missionary ; Charles H. Standage, George Clement, Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumeraries)
114. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S. ; Two Deaconesses.
115. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Percy I. Cooke.
116. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—George E. Brown, Ivan S. Williamson (St. Clair).
117. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Percy R. Paris.
118. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Benjamin J. James.
119. **Dunedin** (Morningside).—Edwin T. Cox, M.A.

120. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—William W. Avery.
121. **Port Chalmers**.—T. Arthur Pybus, A. Home Missionary (Ravensbourne).
122. **Balclutha**.—Francis J. Handy.
123. **Milton**.—Matthew A. McDowell (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
124. **Roxburgh**.—Eric W. Hames, M.A., (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
125. **Invercargill** (Central).—Ernest B. Chambers.
126. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's).—Oliver S. Pearn (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit and the Edendale H.M. Station).
127. **Bluff**.—Alfred E. Waite.
128. **Gore**.—Hector C. Orchard.
129. **Riverton**.—Wesley Parker, M.A. (who shall supervise the Otautau and Nightcaps-Tuatapere H.M. Stations).
- MAORI HILL.—A Home Missionary.
- WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.
- MOSGIEL.—A Home Missionary.
- EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.
- KAITANGATA.—A Home Missionary.
- LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
- CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
- OTAUTAU.—A Home Missionary.
- NIGHTCAPS-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.

CHARLES H. OLDS, B.A., Chairman of the District.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (4) **Roviana**.—John Francis Goldie (Roviana); E. Clarence Leadley; One Wanted. Belshazzar Gina, Nathan Kera (Native Probationers) under direction of Chairman of District; One Tongan Probationer (Simbo).
- Sisters' Home.—Two Missionary Sisters; One Nursing Sister wanted.
- District Training College.—John F. Goldie, Principal; E. Clarence Leadley, Vice-Principal.
- Seven Native Catechists.
- Thirty-seven Native Teachers.
- (5) **Vella Lavella**.—Arthur A. Bensley (Bilua).
- Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister, Two Native Catechists, Nineteen Native Teachers.
- Helena Goldie Hospital.—Medical Missionary Wanted, Two Nursing Sisters, 5 Native Orderlies, 3 Native Nurses.
- (6) **Choiseul**.—John R. Metcalfe (Sasamuqa).
- Sisters' Home.—One Missionary Sister, Two Native Catechists, Thirty-Eight Native Teachers.
- (7) **Bougainville and Buka**.—Allan H. Cropp (Buka), A. Harry Voyce (Siwai).
- One Missionary Sister, Two Fijian Probationers, Ninety-seven Native Teachers.

JOHN F. GOLDIE, Chairman of the District.

N.B.—The Bougainville-Buka Circuit shall be under the Superintendency of the 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, 1934.

Auckland District—

- * Avondale (3rd).—Supply. (J. Belshaw).
- Otahuhu (2nd).—Vacant.
- Pukekohe (Bombay).—E. J. Clarke.
- Helensville.—J. L. Woodhouse.
- Kaukapakapa.—R. S. Johnson (Silverdale), Supply.
- Mahurangi (2nd) (Pakiri).—D. Haylock.
- Whangarel (2nd).—J. Sands.
- Hikurangi.—J. C. A. Williams.
- Kawakawa-Ohaeawai.—C. H. Bell.
- Hokianga (Rawene).—R. Grice.
- Hokianga (Kohukohu).—E. S. Hoddinott.

Home Mission Department—

Colporteur Work (Vacant).

Maori Mission—

- Matauri Bay, Kaeo.—Hone Taotahi.
- Batly.—Paikea H. Toka.
- Kawakawa.—Te Riri Kawiti.
- Taumarere.—Hone Tamati.
- Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.
- Taheke.—Hamiora Kingi.
- Te Karae.—Rameka Eru.
- Horeke.—Huru Wiperi.
- Kaikohe.—Wi Heemi Hongi.
- Whananaki.—Tami Tuari.
- Aratapu.—Hoani Waata.
- Rewiti.—Ruihi Netana.

South Auckland District.—

- Ngaruawahia.—Supply (F. Attwood).
- Hauraki Plains.—W. J. Henderson.
- Putaruru.—W. Sussex.
- Waihi.—G. Hall.
- Te Puke.—A. L. Witheford.
- Coromandel.—R. Tapp.
- Ohura.—R. T. Alexander.

Maori Mission—

- Te Kuiti.—John Nicholls.
- Mokau.—Supply.
- Raglan.—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama.

Maori Mission—continued.

Pukeatua.—Hauotu Hapimana.
Marakopa.—Aihe Huirama.
Otorohanga.—Supply.
Whatawhata.—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa.—Supply.
Huntly.—Heemi Rihimona.
Tuakau.—Erueti Matete.
Te Kohanga.—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai.
Cambridge.—Supply.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns).—T. W. Featherstone.
Opunake (Okato).—J. G. W. Grindlay.
Patea.—W. H. Wilson.
Wanganui North.—C. W. Brown.
Gonville.—H. Ashworth.
Taihape.—Supply. (J. A. Hope Haynes).
Raetihi-Ohakune.—George Skuse.

Maori Mission—

New Plymouth.—Paahi Moki.
Rahotu.—Te Uira Tuteao.
Pariroa Pa.—Tupito Maruera.
Nukumaru.—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
Whenuakura.—Rangiira Tumakuki.
Kai Iwi.—Hoani Hakaraia.
Urenui.—Supply.
Raetihi.—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Feilding (Halcombe).—J. W. Bayliss.
Foxton-Shannon.—Supply (W. McDonald).
Apiti.—Ray C. Patchett.
Norsewood.—C. Aker.
Waipawa.—A. O. Jones.
Gisborne (2nd).—Vacant.

Wellington District—

Island Bay.—F. O. Prosser.
Upper Hutt.—H. A. Cochrane.
Johnsonville (Porirua).—S. Keen.
Paraparaumu.—J. Common.

Nelson District—

Havelock.—F. Sanderson.
Murchison.—H. R. Wright.
Reefton.—Supply.
Granity.—R. Coombridge.

North Canterbury District—

Papanui (Belfast).—E. H. Dalley.
Waddington.—C. Robinson.
Hawarden.—H. Whitfield.

South Canterbury District—

Mayfield.—Vacant.
Geraldine.—Supply.

Otago-Southland District.—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—J. Thomas.
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne).—O. B. Fawcett.
Dunedin (N.E. Valley).—F. E. Foot.
Maori Hill.—C. Duncan.
Mosgiel.—Supply.
Lawrence.—L. C. Clements.
Cromwell.—B. H. N. Teague.
Kaitangata.—V. C. Thomas.
Edendale.—W. Long.
Otautau.—H. J. Malcolm.
Nightsaps-Tuatapere.—J. C. R. Ashworth.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS FOR 1934.**I.—Home Work.**

Miss E. Sewell, Lady Superintendent, Deaconess House, 25
Latimer Square, 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.
*1933—Sister Jessie 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 Airini Hobbs, Ratana Pa.
*1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, Okaiawa.
*1932—Sister Miriama Kirkwood, Te Kuiti.
*1932—Sister Rangimarie Ellison, New Plymouth.
*1933—Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.
*1934—Sister Marama Muriwai, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.

III.—Foreign Work.

*1920—Sister Elizabeth Common, Solomon Islands.
*1926—Sister Grace McDonald, Solomon Islands.

IV.—Special Service.

*1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, B. and F. Bible Society, Palmerston N.
*1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Government Service, Wellington.

V.—Retired or Resting.

1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
— Mrs. W. J. Williams, retired.
*1913—Sister May Barnett, resting.
*1914—Sister Lilian Berry, Retired.
*1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired.
1918—Sister May Ralph, retired.
1928—Sister Olive Coleman, resting.

VI.—Extra-Mural Students.

- *Sister Olive Holland, St. Helen's Hospital, Invercargill.
- *Sister Awhina Ngati Mete, Public Hospital, Christchurch.
- *Trained at Deaconess House.

VII.—Students in Training.

1. Miss Lilian S. L. Davidson.
2. Miss Constance L. Osborne.
3. Miss Eileen E. Taylor.
4. Miss Heeni Te Teira.
5. Miss Edith K. Beer.
6. Miss Irene M. Hitchcock.
7. Miss Margaret J. Kippenberger.

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—Walter J. Oxbrow.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Fred. Copeland.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
- Wellington—Thomas R. Richards.
- Nelson—William A. Burley, M.A.
- North Canterbury—Clarence Eaton (President of Conference).
- South Canterbury—John D. McArthur.
- Otago-Southland—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
- Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

- General Statistical Secretary—George E. Brown.
- Auckland—Robert B. Tinsley.
- South Auckland—John Dennis.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Basil Metson.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—E. Thomas Olds.
- Wellington—Henry J. Odell.
- Nelson—Charlie O. Hailwood.
- North Canterbury—Henry Ryan.
- South Canterbury—Herbert. L. Fiebig, B.A.
- Otago-Southland—George E. Brown.

QUESTION XXX.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1935?

- President—Rev. Jonathan H. Haslam.
- Secretary—Rev. William A. Burley, M.A.

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

REPORT FOR 1933.

General Returns.

This year's statistics vary only slightly from those of last year. Most columns show increases some of which are decidedly cheering.

Membership.

The Senior membership numbers 25,401, an increase of 11. Some Circuits report considerable decreases owing to a thorough purging of the rolls. The Junior membership stands at 8,064, an increase of 31. The increase is really greater than appears, for at least in one instance an incoming minister, failing to find a Junior roll returned no Junior members, though 94 were returned last year. Similar situations have been reported in previous years. Evidently in some Circuits no proper record of Infant and Junior members is kept. This is an important matter calling for faithful attention. Over 400 additional Infant members are recorded, the total being now 5,588. Ten years ago there were none; 5 years ago, 3,111. There are still a number of Circuits and H.M. Stations, however, that do not observe the law of the Church regarding Infant members and a few still have no Junior membership. Communicants number, 19,212, an increase of 280. Although encouraging, this represents less than 76% of our Senior membership and should not be regarded as satisfactory.

Churches, Etc.

An additional Church is reported in the Otahuhu Circuit, but two Churches in the Apiti H.M. Station have, with the necessary sanction, been sold and Kaponga returns 1 as against 2 last year. There is a nett increase of 5 in the number of Other Preaching Places. As usual, a number of preaching places have been dropped, Synods in most cases reporting thorough investigation and satisfactory explanation. By direction of Conference (1924) "no preaching place in either a Circuit or a Home Mission Station shall be abandoned nor the services therein discontinued without the consent of the District Home Mission Committee after investigation by the Chairman or his deputy. This rule is honoured more in the breach than the observance. One Synod draws attention to the fact that some Circuits return as Preaching Places, Public Institutions, such as Sanitoria, Hospitals and Prisons, and asks direction as to the advisability of the practice. I do not think the practice is general, and it scarcely seems fitting that such places should be reported in this column. In many instances other Denominations share in conducting such services, and sometimes the same Institution could be returned as a Preaching Place by two or more Circuits. Uniformity is desirable. If Conference approves the practice I would suggest that only the Circuit in which such an Institution is situated or which is most directly in touch with it should report it as a Preaching Place.

There seems to be some confusion still regarding Schoolrooms. In four instances where one was reported last year none appears this year; in two instances the reverse is the case. Are Sunday Schools still being confused with Schoolrooms? One building equipped as both Church and Schoolroom and previously returned only as a Church rightly appears this year in both columns.

Preachers, Etc.

Our preaching staff steadily increases. Ten years ago with 435 Churches and 437 Other Preaching Places we had 179 Ministers and Probationers and 55 Home Missionaries; to-day, with 441 Churches (an increase of 6) and 453 Other Preaching Places (an increase of 16) we have 198 Ministers and Probationers (incr. 19) and 52 Home Missionaries (decr. 3). The Senior membership during the period has increased from 23,491 to 25,401. It will thus be seen that the staffing has been well maintained; the ratio of Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries to Church members (approx. 1 to 100) is practically the same. We have 10 Deaconesses, an increase of 1, but 1 fewer than ten years ago; 776 Local Preachers, a decrease of 10, and only 19 more than ten years ago; 57 Class Leaders, an increase of 15.

A definition of "Class Leader" is still sought. The recommendation of the Welfare of the Church Committee seems scarcely satisfactory and simply relegates responsibility to the various Leaders' Meetings. The phrase "any religious group" is too indefinite, and might readily be interpreted to include Bible Classes, the leaders of which are already provided for in the Statistical Returns. If the column is still to be of any real value, spiritual culture and fellowship should be essential features of the Class, though Senior membership need not be essential. Such Classes could be associated with Bible Class activity, but in that case should be returned as Y.P. Societies and not as Bible Classes, and their Leaders should be approved by the Leaders' Meeting.

Maori Returns.

We have one fewer Maori Ministers, but 5 more Home Missionaries, two more Local Preachers and 57 more Church Members than last year. We rejoice in these signs of continued progress.

Youth Returns.

I am again unable, through lack of complete figures, to discuss these Returns.

C. H. OLDS,

General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Public Institutions, such as Sanatoria, Hospitals and Prisons, in which Services are conducted, shall not be returned as Methodist Preaching Places unless such Services are conducted solely under the auspices of the Methodist Church.
3. That being concerned at the slow rate of increase in our Church membership, the Conference calls upon our people throughout the Dominion to give themselves to earnest prayer and devoted service, and suggests that the Spiritual Advance Programme include in its activities the holding of a definite campaign for Membership enlistment, in which every church member be invited to pledged endeavour to win at least one person for Christ and the Church.
4. That greater care be exercised in the matter of Junior and Infant membership, and that the Regulations in the Book of Laws be adhered to faithfully.
5. That the Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., be thanked for his efficient services as General Statistical Secretary and that the Rev. G. E. Brown be appointed to the Office.

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

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1933.

The following are the Recommendations of the Committee:—

1. Rules of Membership. (Minutes Conference 1933, p. 53).

That par. 1 Book of Laws, which gives an account of the origin of Membership in the Methodist Church and is of historical value, be removed to the appendix at the end of the Law Book.

That par. 2 be made par. 1 as an adequate definition of Membership in the Methodist Church.

2. Class Leaders.

That the term be retained and expanded to mean "the Leader of any religious group who has been duly recognised by the Leaders' Meeting as a Leader."

3. Choir Masters.

That Choir Masters who are also members of the Methodist Church have a seat in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

If the Choirmaster be a member of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting by virtue of some other office he holds in the Church, his place as a representative to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall be filled by the Choir appointing another of their members with the required qualification of Church Membership.

4. Church Membership.

That steps be taken to revitalise the membership of our Church. (a) It should be a condition of membership in the Church to partake of the Communion at least twice a year. (b) Greater use should be made of the Lay Pastorate in the Church. Work of great value could be done by such agents.

5. Social Service Association.

By the decision of last Conference the Welfare of the Church Committee was constituted the Social Service Committee for the ensuing connexional year. Through the Press Association publicity was given to this matter, and the names of the officers made known, viz., Rev. H. E. Bellhouse (Chairman), Rev. B. J. James (Secretary), and Mr. G. Gapper (Treasurer). It is the intention of the Committee to further use the Press to make known throughout the Dominion the aims and purposes of the Methodist Social Service Association, in the expectation that the work of the Association will be remembered by those making benevolent bequests.

B. J. JAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the matter of combining the two paragraphs in Section 1, be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee.
2. That the term Class Leader shall include the Leader of any religious body formed within the Church for spiritual fellowship and culture, provided that the Leader is a Church member and is appointed by the Leaders' Meeting.
3. That the Lay Pastorate be commended particularly to the Ladies' Guild and Methodist Men's Fellowships, as offering scope for their sympathetic co-operation.
4. That Section 5 be approved and reaffirmed.
5. Committee for 1934 :—The Superintendents of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, together with the following laymen : Messrs. D. C. Cameron, L. Wraight, R. Rae, A. T. McIndoe, A. H. Reed, J. Davidson, W. O. Brown, H. H. Johnson, W. J. Bryant, E. J. King, and L. Fox, Mrs. W. Duke and Sister Lenna. Convener, Rev. B. J. James.
6. That the letter from the World's Evangelical Alliance re a week of prayer be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee.
7. That the letter from the Ecumenical Conference re war and peace be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee.
8. That the Conference urges upon Boards of Trustees and Choirmasters, to make every effort to secure funds so that they may be in a position to purchase the New Hymn and Tune Books immediately they are in circulation ; also that Choirmasters be requested to familiarise themselves with the Tunes so that the book may commend itself to our people.

B.—N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION. REPORT FOR 1933.

Executive.

The end of this Conference year completes the fourth year of office of the present Executive, after which Auckland becomes the headquarters of the Association.

Bros. A. H. Brooks and H. Patrick joined the membership of the Executive during the year and the secretaryship was taken over by Bro. J. W. Buchanan. The hearty thanks of the Association were conveyed to Bro. Stock for his work in this connection. He has carried out his duties with enthusiasm and ability, and it was with regret that the Annual Meeting accepted his resignation.

Vice-Presidency of Conference.

Once again a member of the Local Preacher ranks is filling the office of Vice-President of the Conference, and we offer our congratulations to Bro. S. T. S. Martin on his election to this high place.

"Local Preachers' Pulpit."

This column in our "Methodist Times" is so well known to our people that comment is unnecessary. Our sincere thanks are due to our Bro. H. N. Vivian for his devoted and able service as editor. The column fulfils its purpose of keeping in frequent touch with our members.

Book Scheme and Efficiency Course.

Advantage has been taken by numbers of brethren of obtaining books under this scheme, and about 16 copies of Whitcombe's excellent "Efficiency Course" have been supplied during the past year.

Benevolence.

A grant of £20 was made under this heading to aid a worthy brother in difficult circumstances.

Constitution.

During the year the amended Constitution having been finalised at the last Annual Meeting was printed and forwarded—with a message from the President and Secretary—to the brethren throughout the Dominion. Opportunity was also taken to obtain an additional supply in the form of a folding card, and these are available when required.

Conference Resolutions.

We are glad to learn with regard to the question of direct representation of Local Preachers to the Conference there is a probability of this being granted at the forthcoming Conference.

Resolution 5 on page 61 of Conference Minutes, 1933, concerning the supply of Local Preachers and their work has received the serious consideration of the Executive, and has been referred to the various branches of the Association for their views thereon. It is intended that a report upon this important question shall be presented to Conference.

Register of Service.

A handsome leather-bound book has been prepared, and the names and particulars of service of all those brethren who have received "Long Service Diplomas" have been inscribed therein. They now number 108—a goodly company.

Personal.

During the year our veteran Brother HENRY FIELD, who had passed through much trouble, was lovingly farewelled by our Auckland brethren, ere he left to reside in Gisborne where he is near his own folk. Though well advanced in years our friend, in spite of failing health, maintains unabated his keen interest in the affairs of our Association, of which he is virtually the founder.

We desire to congratulate our Brother PETER CHU on his becoming a fully accredited Local Preacher in the Hastings Circuit. We believe he is the first representative of the Chinese nation to attain this honour in our Dominion. May God abundantly bless and use him.

Conclusion.

We are thankful to God for the opportunity of another year of service, and pray that the future will find us with a stronger determination to proclaim the Evangel of a never-changing Christ, one Who has never failed, Who is adequate under all circumstances, and Who is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

(Sgd.) H. P. MOURANT, President.

(Sgd.) J. W. BUCHANAN, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

The Report was adopted together with a further report from the President, Mr. H. P. Mourant.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

Since the first Annual Meeting of our Movement held on 19th February last, Branches have been formed as follows :—Remuera, Kingsland, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Epsom, Birkenhead, Papatoetoe, Pitt Street, Pukekohe, Waiuku, St. John's, Devonport, Te Aroha, Tauranga, Cambridge, Thames, Hawera, New Plymouth, Gisborne, Trinity South, Karori, Lower Hutt, Taranaki Street, Ngaio, Petone, Island Bay, Kuripuni, Masterton, Blenheim, Nelson, St. Albans, Linwood, Addington, Timaru, Ashburton, Oamaru, Caversham, Cargill Road, Dundas Street, St. Peter's and Central Invercargill, Gore.

A total of 42 branches since last Conference, making a full total of 51.

A Men's Meeting at Maranui, a Men's Club in Wanganui, and a Brotherhood in Napier are functioning successfully.

In accordance with Conference Resolution, District Committees were set up at the following Synods :—Auckland, South Auckland, Taranaki-Wanganui, Nelson, North Canterbury, Otago-Southland.

At the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu and South Canterbury Synods this matter did not receive attention, but subsequently Committees were suggested. The Wellington Synod decided that the District Executive act as the District Committee of the Fellowship : it is to be hoped that all these Committees may effectively extend and consolidate the Movement.

Good progress has been made in the Auckland and Wellington City and Suburban areas, but in Christchurch and Dunedin the results have not been so satisfactory : the strong Committees set up in these latter centres should result in the formation of many new branches.

We desire to thank the ministers who have so enthusiastically worked for the establishment of the Movement in their Churches and Circuits and for the help and guidance given by them to the Branch Officials.

It is significant that those who have entered heartily into the Movement have most vividly realised the need for it and the value of it. The Ministers who have helped the Fellowship have themselves been helped by it: letters which have been received during the year tell of more regular attendance at the means of Grace, enriched spiritual experience, and a quickened interest in the work of the Church, leading to more devoted and consecrated service, as a result of our men, as men, meeting together for spiritual fellowship.

According to our Constitution, the Men's Fellowship "is to be regarded as having a spiritual basis," and its primary object is "to enlist the co-operation of Christian men in the active promotion of the Church both at home and abroad"; reports received from Ministers and Branch Officials indicate clearly that the objects and aims of our Movement are being carried out in many churches.

In November last the Presidents and Secretaries of all the Auckland city and suburban area Branches were called together for a Conference. Suggestions for the better working of the Branches were received and discussed. As a result of one suggestion the Ministers of the Auckland and Suburban area were written to recommending that at some date early in the year the Officials of all departments of Church work, including Ladies Guilds, should be called together to map out a programme for the year's activities including Debt reduction schemes, Home and Foreign Mission Appeals, Harvest Festivals, Anniversary Services and Evangelistic Mission. The Ministers have been advised that the members of the Branches pledge themselves to co-operate in all the work of the Church.

Unless our Men's Fellowship functions on such lines it cannot meet with success but there are many indications that the Movement meets a long-felt want and that it can be used as a means of promoting the work of God.

We commend the Fellowship to the practical sympathy and co-operation of all our Ministers, Home Missionaries, Church Officials and men of the Church, and trust that this year our Movement may become increasingly influential.

W. S. MACKAY, President.

A. D. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. The Conference calls upon the members of the Men's Fellowship to co-operate more closely with the minister in carrying out all church activities, including Sunday School and Bible Class work: it invites them to take a more active and practical interest in all the Departmental work of our Connexion; to organise, or to take some part in the organisation of the Annual efforts on behalf of Home and Foreign Missions; and it suggests they could help these funds greatly by participating in a personal canvass of the Church members and by taking over the organisation of, and sharing in the proceedings of, the Annual Meetings.
3. The Conference requests the members of our Fellowship in the larger centres and elsewhere to organise combined meetings of men to welcome the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the occasion of their official visits and to do their utmost to make the meetings successful.
4. That the thanks and appreciation of Conference be accorded the Chairman (Mr. W. S. Mackay) and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Whitehead) of the Movement, and the local branches throughout the Dominion.
5. That the following be the Dominion Executive: Secretary—A. D. Whitehead; Treasurer—T. W. Hemer; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, T. L. Hames, A. J. Buttle, L. E. Rhodes, E. H. Burton; Corresponding Members—The Conveners of the Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin District Committees.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES FOR 1934.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendent ministers of the Auckland and suburban circuits, and Messrs. W. S. Mackay, E. J. Hutson, A. D. Whitehead, H. Bartlett, T. L. Hames, J. P. Blair, R. Thomas, E. O. Chivers, E. Wiseman, J. W. Cocks, J. Harris, E. H. Burton, S. Evans.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East circuits, Messrs. J. T. Bryant, H. Beebe, A. Gordon, J. C. Tietjens, L. Money, J. R. Webster and R. P. Kilham (Convener).

HAWKE'S-BAY-MANAWATU.—Messrs. T. R. Hodder, A. H. Fisher, G. H. Bennett, C. E. Taylor and G. Kilvington.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COMMITTEE.—Messrs. W. G. Venables, J. S. West and D. B. Clough.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Messrs. T. Hurrell, G. C. Harris (Convener), A. H. Cannan, W. Hutchens with power to add.

WELLINGTON.—The District Executive.

NELSON.—Messrs. H. Oldham, F. H. Southgate, H. Rose, V. Smart, E. Smith, W. S. Harris, E. G. Burrough, H. W. Powell, J. S. White (Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The President of the Conference, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Rowe; Messrs. C. C. Sandford (Convener), H. W. Heslop, W. C. Francis, with power to add.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers of the Timaru Circuit, Revs. A. M. Costain and L. A. G. Brooks; Messrs. H. H. Brown, J. C. Butcher, H. Hocking, W. Tonkin with the ministers of the Oamaru and Ashburton Circuits as Corresponding Members.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Messrs. J. P. K. Roxburgh, E. J. King, E. Manly, F. G. Marshall, J. D. Brown and C. F. Roberts.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT'S REPORT FOR 1933.

General Administration.

The re-organisation of the Department is of the greatest importance for the Church as well as for its Youth Life. The new constitution which appeared to some to be a mass of new machinery is creating a fresh outlook on its youth work throughout the church.

As a symbol of this new spirit all sections of the Department are for the first time included in our report to the Conference, each section while specialising in its own sphere, gladly co-operating in and supporting the work and welfare of the whole.

It is desired to remind the Church that the Department embraces the youth life of each local Church, and that every organisation within the Department is seeking above everything else to bring the whole of our Youth life into vital knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of Life. In this greatest of all tasks and opportunities it is fully appreciated that the main responsibility rests on the local Minister, church officers and local Youth Leaders, and that this responsibility is being more fully realised.

Local Youth Committees.

The establishment during the year of Local Youth Committees has been very gratifying, and the appreciation expressed, where the new methods are understood, proves this development to possess great possibilities as a

centre for spiritual awakening and power. Many Sunday Schools are welcoming the closer relationship with the Bible Classes, realising not only that their scholars gradually grow into Bible Class membership, but that increasingly the S.S. Teachers are being found among the experienced members of the senior Bible Classes.

District Youth Committees.

For this year the Committees were appointed on the old basis, but many have done good service, the Secretaries especially finding much added work. Next year the committees will all be working on the new basis and this will be a great move forward in bringing together the key Youth Workers in each District so that each section is co-ordinated, not only in district affairs, but also in the local Youth Committees. The Chairmen of Districts, have, as Chairmen of District Youth Committees, a unique opportunity of giving special leadership and inspiration to the whole Youth life of their district.

YOUTH BOARD.

At the first meeting of the new Board held on March 30th, 1933, special appreciation was expressed of the work of the old Y.P. Board, and especially of the splendid contribution made during the Board's regime in Christchurch. The basis of the new Board is that it has equal representation from the Ministry, Laffy, Y.M. and Y.W.B.C. Executive Councils, and the new S.S. Executive Council. The function of the Board, is the development of a Youth policy, the co-ordination of the whole Youth life, and the bringing before the Church the claims of Youth. The early portion of the year was occupied with working out the new organisation—partly revealed in the Youth Workers' Manuals, bi-monthly reports, and in the new Youth page in the "Methodist Times"—Recently several meetings were devoted principally to the study of spiritual problems.

Our Task.

The following questions relating to Youth life have been discussed by the Board and are presented for the consideration of the Church and of all Youth Committees:—

(1). LEADERSHIP :

- (a) The need for rethinking theology in the light of modern knowledge.
- (b) The strategic importance of early childhood and of training youth for parenthood.
- (c) The need for daily Christian training of children by people spiritually and educationally qualified for the task.
- (d) The call to co-operation is more than a Methodist task, it is an urgent challenge to the whole Christian Church.

(2). WORSHIP :

- (a) The need for greater reality and purpose in worship.
- (b) In some cases the lack of order, reverence and beauty.
- (c) The coldness and formality in the conduct of some Communion Services.
- (d) The slackness in regard to church membership.

(3). EVANGELISM :

- (a) The spiritual hunger of the day.
- (b) The need of Evangelism, avoiding the dangers and weaknesses of some types; and the need for personal work and group fellowship through lives that are radiant with God.
- (c) The challenge to live supremely for the Glory of God, by fellowship with Jesus Christ.

Y.P. Director.

The Church is fortunate in having Rev. E. P. Blamires as its Y.P. Director, for each year he brings to his task, a gifted and consecrated leadership. Under the new policy of the Youth Board he is devoting about eight months of the year to intensive S.S. work, Teacher Training classes, and the establishment of Youth Committees. The balance of the year is given to Conferences, general Youth Work, study, and S.S. Literature preparation. To the development of this policy the Director has given his whole hearted and loyal support, and the Board is deeply conscious of the value of his labours and guidance.

Youth Office.

This Office is now a part of the Board's activities, and the office, under the inspiring direction of Miss Hodder has been a centre of creative as well as administrative activity. The services rendered to the Church cannot be tabulated, and it is sufficient to say that without the Office our present work could not be carried on. The Taranaki Street Church Trustees continue to provide free premises, and in addition have made a grant of £25 during the year for necessary extensions. This practical support is greatly appreciated.

Finance.

Summarised financial statements, for each section of the Department are attached to this report, and it should be clearly understood that the Youth Board's Accounts only include the Youth Office, and that the Church's financial responsibility is revealed in the accounts of the S.S. Executive Council.

Council of Religious Education.

The Annual Report of the Council has been referred to by His Excellency the Governor-General as "distinctly encouraging." National tasks are being undertaken. The churches are challenged by the fact that approximately 70,000 children are receiving no religious training. Four years ago the estimate was 100,000. The improvement in the situation is chiefly due to an extension of Bible lessons in State Schools. A group of State Teachers in training at the Normal School in Auckland is voluntarily participating in training for Bible Teaching. Sunday School teachers of several denominations are now studying in connection with the Council's Teacher-training Course.

Rural problems are receiving special attention. A proposal is now before the Council to consider the formation of a Religious Association of Professional Teachers, similar to one recently formed in England under the presidency of Sir Henry Hadow. Arrangements are proceeding for this Council to be recognised as a National unit in the World's Sunday School Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Sunday School Executive Council desires to express its appreciation of the opportunity of serving in this section of youth work, and is keenly aware of the responsibility. The Rev. F. E. Leadley is Chairman, and has given wise and virile leadership throughout the year. Monthly meetings have been held at which a good average attendance of members has been maintained.

Committee Work.

In addition to the regular meetings of the Council the following sub-committees have been at work during the year:—

- (1) Emergency Committee.
- (2) Finance Committee.

- (3) Literature Committee.
- (4) Itinerary Committee.
- (5) Committee on co-ordination of S.S. Examinations.
- (6) Committee on Children's Attendance at Church Services.

Partnership and Progress.

The scheme of practical service to our Schools has been continued this year, and has been much appreciated by those schools that have availed themselves of it. An invitation was issued through the "Bulletin" to all Schools desirous of coming within its scope to make application to the Council. We are sure that it is assisting schools to the attainment of a higher standard.

Teacher Training.

The National Council of Religious Education's Teacher Training Scheme has been adopted as the basis for our Methodist Teacher Training, and it is hoped from that to develop a really effective Dominion wide Training scheme. During the year Teacher Training Classes have been conducted in various centres by Rev. E. P. Blamires, and have been a very valuable portion of his work.

Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand.

The large circulation of these Lessons, particularly in regard to the monthly "Teacher," the "Scholar" and the "Young People's Text Book" has been maintained, and our Schools continue to express their appreciation of them. While there is no Lesson System that can be said to measure up to the highest standard in every respect, we confidently state that the Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand are the most suitable for our New Zealand Schools. The Lesson material supplied is of a high standard, and the grading, seasons, and special days are in line with our local conditions. We are grateful to our Schools for their continued loyal support and co-operation. The Council has given consideration to future policy in connection with the Lesson Literature and is in communication with the Presbyterian Youth Committee on the matter.

Children's Attendance at Church.

As instructed by the last Conference the Council has given consideration to this matter and at present has a committee working on it. An interim report has been received by the Council but it is felt that more time is necessary to consider the matter fully and to prepare a report that will be of value. We therefore request that the matter be referred back to the Board for report to Synods and Conference in 1935.

Correspondence Sunday Schools.

Mr. J. Voss, who has been superintendent of this section of S.S. work has resigned. We desire to express appreciation of his loyal service. Mrs. H. P. Berry has been appointed as his successor.

Maori Sunday Schools.

With a view to finding out the manner in which this work can be most effectively assisted, the Council has issued a Questionnaire to all Deaconesses in Maori Work, and the replies make most interesting reading. Magnificent service is being rendered and through the consecrated efforts of the Deaconesses some hundreds of Maori children are receiving Christian Teaching.

Sunday School Examinations.

As a matter of policy the Council has decided not to conduct separate Methodist Sunday School Examinations, but seeks to co-ordinate the existing Examinations, so that the one set of questions will be used throughout, and the whole of the Dominion be covered by them. A committee is collecting the necessary information.

Social Programmes for Children.

The Council is alive to the need of raising the standard of Social Programmes for Schools and has taken the preliminary steps necessary to the establishment of a Committee similar to that of the B.C. Movements.

Sunday School Teachers' Sections in Bible Class Camps and Summer Schools.

This year for the first time a special section for Sunday School Teachers was provided in some Camps. This was in the nature of an experiment, and reports are being considered by the Council. They indicate that there were many good points in the experiment and that the idea merits development. Provision is also to be made in the forthcoming Bible Class Summer Schools for a Teachers' Session, the study to be used being "How to Teach." These steps represent further advance in the field of co-operation, and the Council is grateful for the willingness of the B.C. Movement to do all within their power to assist Sunday School work.

Co-operation of Parents.

The Brooklyn School has pioneered with a Parents' Association, which is bringing parents and teachers together with mutual benefit. During the year we have circularised the Ladies' Guilds of the Dominion about service to young Mothers in helping to create Christian homes.

Y.P. Director.

The Youth Board has adopted a policy of intensive itinerating on the part of the Y.P. Director, and his co-operation and loyalty has resulted in splendid contacts in the districts visited. While it has not been possible to visit every part of the Dominion, the Council is satisfied that the intensive work will be appreciated and its value fully recognised.

Finance.

The Council regrets to report that the financial position again indicates clearly that many Circuits do not yet realise their responsibility to the S.S. Work of the Church. It has been definitely proved that where the appeal has been adequately organised, and in particular where the circuit or Local Youth organisations have been used, the full allocation can be realised.

The assessment of **ninence per church member per annum** is surely the lightest of all connexional claims, and should be within the reach of every Church.

YOUNG WOMEN'S B.C. MOVEMENT.

In reviewing the activities of the Young Women's Bible Class Movement we become aware of a steady growth being maintained by District Unions throughout the Dominion. Of these there are nine coinciding in most Districts with Synodal Boundaries. To attempt to estimate the activities of Union Executives can at best record no more than a fragment of the whole. The loyal co-operation and faithfulness of Union Officers to the Movement policy, and this year to the inauguration of the Youth Board constitution as it affects the District and local Church indicates untiring effort. To District Unions we owe much of the growth of Movement idealism and efficiency.

Annual Convention.

Annual Convention, comprising some forty delegates, is the legislative body of the Movement. There existing policy is reviewed and new policy formulated. The value of this "Living together" of the leaders of the Movement for four days is evidenced by the spirit of fellowship which permeates the sessions and which in turn is transmitted through the Unions to the individual class. Study groups, quiet times, and a special service of worship and dedication are integral parts of Convention life.

Executive Council.

The Executive Council meets fortnightly to administer Movement Policies and give general leadership. In addition to this, numerous combined committees meet to promote joint activities between the Young Men's and Young Women's Movements.

The enforced resignation of the Movement President through ill-health, is deeply regretted. Miss Tocker has given to the Movement a wise leadership and a spiritual perception that is greatly missed. We give thanks to the Great Giver of Life for such leadership.

Finance.

Thanksgiving Services are the medium through which the individual class presents its offering to the Movement Budget. Throughout the Dominion fifteen such services were held this year, three of these combining with the Young Men's Unions. It is with humble thanks we record that Budget monies, for year October, 1933—September, 1934, are complete.

Easter Camps.

To know the meaning of "The Light Eternal" was the quest of some 1134 B.C. girls and young women who gathered in the twenty-four camps arranged throughout New Zealand during Easter days. Statistical returns reveal record numbers. This breaking of all previous records is not surprising when we know that for months prior to Easter, Unions and Camp Committees were planning and praying that, in these days of chaos, camps might give purpose and meaning to life.

Missionary.

There is a growing interest and enthusiasm in Missions throughout this Movement. Reports from Sister Nicholls on the Maori Field and Sister Ruth Grant in the Solomon Islands make real the value of such work. The ready response from classes to the needs of these people is evinced in the number of "Gift Boxes" forwarded for distribution among the people in both fields.

Direct representation on the Home and Foreign Mission Boards contributes in no small degree to our knowledge of the work of these departments of the Church. The Movement is appreciative of the contact being maintained with the Women's Missionary Union. A growing knowledge of their activities is further engendered by a common interest in Sister Ruth Grant.

Travelling Secretary.

Is it possible to estimate the value of the office of Travelling Secretary? As Miss Sheat travels from class to class, contacts with Union Executive Officers, her individual contribution to the vitality and spirit of the Movement cannot be expressed in mere words. An increasing network of classes in the more isolated Districts is very largely due to the visits of the travelling Secretary. The office has proved a missionary enterprise of great wealth not only to the B.C. Movement but to the whole Church.

Membership.

Movement membership is classified in two departments. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP which includes all affiliated classes with an approximate membership of 3,390.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP numbers about 390 and is available to all who have graduated from our classes to Sunday School Teaching, etc., or who are prevented from attending Bible Class. These retain association, receive information and contribute to Movement Finances.

Extension work includes an attempt to reach in fellowship isolated girls who are not within the Movement Life. It is of general interest that 139 B.C. members have become Sunday School Teachers during the year.

YOUNG MEN'S B.C. MOVEMENT.

Progress.—Steps in the progress of the B.C. Movement have been Annual Conventions, District Camps, Travelling Secretaries, support of Missions, Combined Executive Meetings, closer co-operation with the Y.W. and kindred Movements, the Standard Syllabus, Summer Schools and now a Winter School and a combined Sub-Union in North Auckland. We believe this year has seen a great forward move in the establishment of the Thank-offering principle in finance.

Membership.

It is too early to give the year's statistics. Total membership figures will be reduced this year owing to one Union withdrawing from affiliation for the meantime.

We need to remind ourselves frequently that as a Youth Movement we have a constant inflow of younger members. We need to go over the same ground again and again. Our aim and hopes and visions must be re-interpreted, expressed and experienced from year to year.

In some Unions the pinch of the times has served to bring forth new resources from the Master's inexhaustible stores. In a few, the weight of economic stress has filtered through and laid a constraining hand upon the work.

Finance.

A revolutionary step was taken by last Convention, when the whole financial structure was demolished and replaced by the freewill Thank-offering principle. With no arbitrary allocation, nor any compulsion save when self-imposed, Unions are now invited to bring their thank-offerings for the work to which we have been called. All arrears of budget were also cancelled.

There has already been evident an enhancement of spirit and enthusiasm, and that wider than the realm of finance. More than sufficient for our minimum requirements for the year has already been received although we shall not yet achieve our desire to have a year's funds in advance.

Study.

Classes, study groups, rallies, retreats, and special occasions have all centred in the desire to know and serve God by way of Jesus Christ. The Movement exists that N.Z. Youth may fulfil that desire.

Travelling Secretary.

This office with Mr. Bob Mayson, as Travelling Secretary, continues to prove invaluable. We were glad to have acknowledgment by the President

of Conference of the important Home Missionary aspects of the work. And we look forward to the day when extension will be possible, with maybe several "travellers," some able to stay in needy districts for much longer periods, taking the breath of national life, the larger vision of wider contacts, the grasp of leadership problems that comes from variety of experience.

Easter Camps.

Sixteen camps were held, with a total membership of 1421. This is a record, and an increase of 14% over the previous year. Camps are a joyous feature of our work, and the youngest camper to the hardy veteran all find camping time a bright spot in lives that are surely never dull. The comparative value of large and small camps is being kept under observation and the possibility of segregating seniors and juniors also deserves consideration. In some camps Sunday School teacher study groups were provided. We hope these may come into general use.

Missionary.

While it is often overlooked that our Travelling Secretary is a valuable asset on the Home Field, no one has any doubts as to the value of Dr. Ted Sayers' work on the farther field. It is a privilege for our Movement to contribute to his support.

General.

Our 1933 Convention was outstanding in many respects. Its size and spirit were both records. We were glad to receive a visit and a message from Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt as President.

During the year, our N.Z. Executive was privileged by visits from the President, Rev. A. J. Seamer; the Foreign Mission Secretary, Rev. A. H. Scrivin; and jointly with the Y.W. Executive from Rev. J. F. Goldie. Contact was also made with Rev. Harry Voyce on furlough.

Theo King, one of our Vice-Presidents, was accidentally killed recently. His gifts were great and his life a devoted one.

The B.C. Man of yesterday is to be found here and there in most walks of life. Some have lost the fire they had, but still the B.C. inauguration of life is a bulwark in its pressing tides. Others have retained the glow, and in poised lives and forcefulness have made the Spirit of the Master evident in every circle they have moved in.

That, at least, is surely our aim, that a man, having graduated in the ways of the Spirit in our ranks, shall pass on to wider spheres in the Church and world and there flame out for God. Living torches such as these are what the world has always needed to light men to God.

How much remains! We have good organization, numbers, many able leaders, strong classes, willing Unions and Executives. We have some progress, some enthusiasm. But we are over-stationary for a Movement: often we lack point and force; nor do we attempt great efforts with humility and concentration. There is much vagueness, indefiniteness.

We thank God for His unutterable goodness, and we pray that a direct vision of the Master may sear our complacency so that we can no longer offer half measures or divided allegiance. We have a work to do, a life to give. Our members can, if they will, company Him into deepest, noblest life; life that is glorious because humble, obedient, surrendered, Cross-centred, Spirit-filled, challenged.

JOINT WORK OF THE B.C. MOVEMENTS.

Youth Department.

Many of our Leaders had a share in the planning and shaping of the re-constituted Youth Department and we are experiencing the pleasure of enlarged responsibilities for the wider scope of the Department's work.

Study.

The Standard Syllabus has again been in almost universal use, the main theme being "Jesus the Saviour of Men." This year there was a separate Junior Syllabus. While there is inevitable room for improvement, this met with the success it deserved.

"B.C. Link."

The "Link" continues to improve in standard and its circulation has reached the 1,000 mark. Careful administration is putting our official journal on a sound basis.

"Methodist Times."

Here also there is change. For some years we have been privileged to have space for Movement news in the "Times." That provision is now being incorporated in the establishment of a united Youth Section—another step forward.

Trading Dept.

All sales of Syllabi, B.C. Badges and other material are arranged for by this joint committee centring at the Youth Office. The volume of business is large, and an indication of a practical service to the Movements.

Leadership Training.

This has become one of our most important tasks. It is generally recognised that many of the problems resolve into questions of devoted and trained leadership. The Dominion Committee in Auckland has performed splendid service with its separate Sub-Committees for each Movement.

A distinct achievement of the year has been the production of a new text book on Missions, written by Rev. A. B. Chappell, Chairman of the combined committee. This will meet the need for an up-to-date text book and will have a wider field than our own Movements.

Day of Prayer.

This continues to be a source of enrichment to most members. The order of service supplied this year (and in many cases carried out completely) commenced at 7 a.m. and continued throughout the day, including special Church Services. Ministers generally are most sympathetic. The greatest advantage has usually been found where many B.C. members and leaders have shared responsibility for leading the various sections of the order of service.

Combined Executive Meetings.

Most Union Executives combined to share the programme of study and worship prepared this year. The Y.M. and Y.W. Unions find much scope for joint ventures, and the combined Executive meetings help to foster the spirit of essential unity. The National Executive Councils also joined in a meeting for consideration of Summer School reports.

Combined Committee on Social Standards.

This joint venture serves a wide field. A constant stream of requests from all over New Zealand for social programmes, games, plays, sketches and general recreational and social information; bears witness to the need that is being met. We welcome the suggestion for a similar provision by the Sunday School Executive Council and our committee is willing to give every assistance.

Summer and Winter Schools.

To many of us these Leadership Schools represent one of our greatest developments. The inspiration gained by those who attend radiates over a wide field of influence. We are appreciative of the fact that a number of our ministers and probationers attend. A Winter School was held for the first time in May last. Trinity College was made available, and Dr. Ranston and his staff spared no pains in helping us to make the school a success. The total number attending the three Summer Schools and one Winter School in the year was 233.

Interdenominational.

Church Union may (in part) be seen in action in Interdenominational Youth organisation. The Youth Committee of the Council of Religious Education continues to perform fine work by its representatives from all New Zealand Protestant Youth Movements. The Standard Syllabus is a main feature of this committee's work and this year ran into an issue of 23,000 copies.

The Annual Youth Workers' Conference in January brings together in splendid fellowship leaders of all Youth Movements.

Christian Youth Councils, linked up through the Youth Committee are rendering valiant service in the main centres.

CONCLUSION.

The Board desires to express its appreciation to thousands of devoted S.S. Workers and B.C. Leaders throughout the Dominion for their loyal service and increasing support; also to the many hosts and hostesses who have so graciously received the Y.P. Director and B.C. Travelling Secretaries.

This report of the Youth Board and its three Executive Councils is submitted, and signed on their behalf by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board.

T. R. RICHARDS, CHAIRMAN.

R. S. MAUNDER, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. The Financial Statements of the Youth Board, Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C. Movements and the statistical summary were received and adopted.
3. That the following amendments to the Law Book be adopted:—
REGULATION 194.—(9) Add "Bible Class members and" after "what."
(10) Revise as follows: "What more can be done to promote the spiritual welfare of the Young People."
REGULATION 204 (5) Sub-section (2) to be deleted and substitute:—
 - (a) Are Youth Committee meetings held regularly?
 - (b) Are there suitable leaders for all Bible Classes and Sunday School Classes?
 - (c) Are all Bible Classes and Sunday School Classes graded satisfactorily?

- (d) Is the financial position of each Sunday School and of each Bible Class satisfactory ?
- (e) What is the Circuit's financial assessment for the Sunday School Council, and how much has been forwarded to the Treasurer ?
- (f) Is the interest of the Sunday School and the Bible Class members in the Missionary work of the Church being maintained ?
- (g) What Bible Class members have been received into Senior and Junior Church membership during the last twelve months ?
- (h) What Sunday School scholars have been received into Junior or Infant Church membership during the year ?
- (i) What preparation classes have been held for these purposes ?
- (j) What is being done to encourage the regular attendance of Bible Class members at both Church services ?
- (k) Do our Sunday services develop in the children the desire for worship ?
- (l) Are special Communion Services held for our young People ?

REGULATION 229. (15) sub-clause (2)

Add "Bible Classes," before "Sunday Schools."

(16) Sub-clause (2) add "Bible Classes" before "Sunday Schools, etc."
Delete sub-clause. Add a new clause 15a.

- (1) What is the Report of the Youth Department ?
- (2) What is the financial statement of the Youth Board and S.S. Executive Council ?
- (3) What is the report of the District Youth Committee ?
- (4) What amount has been raised in each circuit of the district for the S.S. Executive Council ?
- (5) Whom do we nominate to Conference for the District Youth Committee of next year ?

Page 95.—Revise "Committee on Young People's Work" to "Committee on Youth Work."

- 4. That the proposal to raise the finance for the S.S. Executive Council by a levy in place of the present voluntary system, be referred for consideration and report to the Quarterly Meetings and Synods of 1934.
- 5. The Conference urges the officials of country Circuits and Home Mission Stations to bring before their church members the advantages offered through the Correspondence S.S. Course of the Department.
- 6. That the Youth Board consider the advisability of amending the constitution of the District Youth Committees to provide for six S.S. Representatives.
- 7. That the Representations of the Orange Lodge re S.S. Lessons be referred to the Lessons Committee.
- 8. That Conference expresses its confidence in the Youth Board, Y.P. Director and B.C. Travelling Secretaries, and its appreciation of the work accomplished during the past year; and commends their activities to the whole Church.

YOUTH BOARD.

The Chairman of the Wellington District, Representatives of the Church nominated by the Wellington Synod :—

Revs. F. E. Leadley, W. B. Scott, H. J. Odell and R. P. Keall; Messrs. R. Hampton F. B. Barber E. A. Hurley and R. S. Maunder.

Representatives of the S.S. Executive Council :—Miss H. R. Ward Messrs N. R. Seddon, T. M. Pacey and W. H. Johnston.

Representatives of the Y.W. Executive Council :—Misses A. E. Firth, H. Lynneberg and W. Griffiths and the President of the Y.W. Movement.

Representatives of the Y.M. Executive Council :—Messrs. C. Russell, W. P. Carman, A. C. Barrington and S. G. Brooker.

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEES FOR 1934.

- AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. T. R. B. Woolloxall, S. J. Werren, J. H. Allen (Secretary), Mrs. H. P. M. Berry, Messrs. T. W. Hemer, A. D. Whitehead, A. Whimster, H. P. Burton, G. Higgott, L. J. Crawford, E. P. Salmon, Sister Margaret, Mrs. E. Pierce, Miss Waddingham. Representative to Synod, Mr. E. R. Warburton.
- SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits; Misses D. Child, H. Wood, E. Jebson and E. Burnett, Messrs. J. Jebson, H. Wood F. H. Mead, K. Bradley, R. P. Kilham, C. F. Primmer, J. C. Tietjens and A. Gordon. Secretary and Representative to Synod, Miss D. Child.
- TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. B. Metson, H. Cottom, A. R. Penn (Secretary) and J. D. Grocott; Mesdames L. J. Williams and J. D. Grocott; Misses D. Hogg and D. Bennett; Messrs. L. Buxton, T. Johnson, R. Lewis, D. Wills, G. W. Kirk, H. Cooper and T. Hurrell. Representative to Synod, Mr. L. Buxton.
- HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Revs. A. N. Scotter B.A., H. L. Richards and E. O. Blamires; Mesdames C. E. Taylor and R. Wilde; Misses I. A. Ellett and M. Verry; Messrs. G. G. Hancox, E. G. Bennett, N. Shelton, J. Claridge, W. H. Watson, G. H. Stiles, T. R. Hodder and C. E. Taylor. Secretary and Representative to Synod, Mr. E. G. Bennett.
- WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. H. J. Odell, F. E. Leadley and H. C. Matthews; Misses O. Wharton, N. Patrick and V. Ash; Messrs. C. Gilling, W. Hoare, R. S. Maunder, P. J. C. Clark, L. B. Denby, H. A. Smith, W. E. Howe, J. Cable and H. Sellers. Secretary and Representatives to Synod, Mr. C. Gilling.
- NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits; Messrs. S. S. Collier, A. Holdaway, J. Heath (Convener), H. R. Holdaway, J. Hurrell, J. W. Longworth, M. M. Marks, C. S. Mayson, A. Nightingale; Misses J. Bannister, W. H. Forster, and T. Phillips. Secretary and Representatives to Synod, Mr. J. Heath.
- NORTH CANTERBURY.—The President of the Conference, the Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, John Harris and H. Ryan, Misses E. Quigley, E. Sewell, E. Le Page and G. Jones; Messrs. J. H. Jones, A. Williams, W. A. Bascand, W. C. Francis, E. A. Jones, A. Holden, A. Stone and A. Dingwall.
- SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. H. L. Fiebig, L. A. G. Brooks and Wm. C. Jenkin; Misses D. Sides, M. Blanchard, W. Daniels, T. Harris and H. Lill; Messrs. J. Day, E. Hocking, G. H. B. Lill, A. G. Foster, E. Thompson, H. Henry and S. Blanchard. Secretary and Representative to Synod, Mr. A. G. Foster.
- OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. B. J. James, G. E. Brown, P. R. Paris (Secretary), Misses E. Purdie, O. McCrone, E. Nixon and Sister Lenna; Messrs. W. O. Brown, S. Prout, E. McFarlane, L. Fox, H. Pearce, W. W. Ashby, A. S. Hancock and D. Skene. Representative to Synod, Mr. D. Skene.

QUESTION XXXIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to Public Questions?

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

During the past year the Public Questions Committee has kept its finger on the pulse of the Dominion with regard to Social Questions. More than once it has made an effective protest against the encroachments made by the forces opposed to the spiritual well being of the community. Included in the report are resolutions dealing with Gaming and Dance Halls which have been sent to the proper authorities. Of course the greatest attention has been given to the Dominion wide problem of Unemployment and appended is the suggested pronouncement on the question.

Gambling.

We desire to express our deep appreciation of the stand taken by the Government towards reducing to a minimum the temptation to Gambling by means of Art Unions and by the refusal to introduce State Lotteries. We trust that the Government will decline to accept the suggested amendments to the Gaming Laws introduced to the House by Mr. Healy, M.P.

Dance Halls.

In view of the evidence revealing the conduct at certain Dance Halls and in their environs we ask that the various Hall authorities tighten up the regulations in accord with the powers granted them in Section 357B of the Municipal Corporations Act.

Bible in Schools.

There is evidence of increasing interest in the matter of Bible in Schools. The "Bible in Schools Enabling Bill" will probably come before Parliament again in 1934.

The policy pursued by the League has been to extend its organisation, and develop enlightened opinion. Behind Parliament is the influence of public opinion, and the responsibility of leading in this question rests on the Church and its ministers.

The use of the Nelson System is extending and an interesting development has been the passing of a new By-law by the Wanganui Education Board whereby 5 minutes may be devoted each school day to religious observances prior to the opening of secular instruction, in addition to a quarter of an hour on one day in each week. While the extension of the Nelson System is encouraged in the main by the League, it is under no misapprehension regarding its inadequacy as a Dominion scheme. The League regrets to report that in some centres ministers appear to be satisfied if the Nelson System is working in town schools, giving little thought to the 1550 one-teacher schools which are almost entirely neglected and are likely to be under the Nelson System.

Some centres hold regular interdenominational meetings for the purpose of discussing Bible in Schools questions. This is to be recommended.

In Wellington several School Committees have permitted for the first time the entry of those ministers and others who have been willing to conduct Bible lessons. In one case a plebescite was taken of the parents resulting in an overwhelming majority in favour of permission being granted.

The League is urging that All-day Conventions be arranged to coincide if possible with the period when special attention is given to the matter from the pulpits.

The Methodist Public Questions Committee is well represented on the Dominion Executive and there is a deepening sense of the urgency of the question among the representatives of all the churches concerned. Twenty-seven of these were present at the last meeting held in Wellington.

Temperance.

It is important for the Church to emphasise the fact that the fight against the Liquor Traffic is due to the evils created by the Trade. Adverse developments in the United States cannot improve the conditions. The effects of Alcohol remain the same.

It is significant that the Federal Council of Churches in the United States issued a manifesto in which occurred this statement: "In sorrow and humility we confess our own share of responsibility and guilt for the present unhappy situation—In our churches our zeal has slackened in the matter of Temperance preaching and teaching. . . . This failure we humbly confess, and are highly resolved by the grace of God to do better."

The Trade in New Zealand is keen to secure further advantages. Suggestions are put forward for reduced taxation of alcoholic liquors. The wine interests are asking for the privilege of selling less than two gallon lots of wine. The "N.Z. Licensee" says: "It would be more than strictly fair to increase hotel trading hours to at least 9 p.m. daily." The N.Z. Breweries Ltd. is asking "for modification of our licensing laws particularly as they apply to Licensing polls." These claims mean that the danger signal is flying at the mast head and in the interests of the community, particularly the youth of our land, we must wake up and accept the challenge implied in these demands of the Trade.

Within our church there is room for further development of educational work in the way of establishing Bands of Hope and definite Temperance teaching in the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

The N.Z. Alliance issued an appeal for help in its finance on the basis of £1 from small churches or Circuits and £2 or more from the larger congregations. This appeal was made with the idea of clearing off the remaining debt so that the Alliance may take the field again for aggressive action. At the time of writing the response has been very poor only 23 congregations responding. We have a proud record in connection with the Temperance fight. We have provided many of the leaders in the movement. Surely there is a responsibility for us to recognise in the endeavour to clear up the residue of debt contracted during the fighting years.

W. BRAMWELL SCOTT, CONVENER.

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PRONOUNCEMENT ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

To Our Members and Adherents,—

Our Conference has given much time and thought to the question of Unemployment. There is unanimity that the utmost possible should be done to relieve present distress, though there is divergence of view as to the best methods to be employed. Conference issues this statement for your consideration.

A.—Spiritual.

It is one of the hopeful signs of the times that men are looking to the Church for leadership on moral, social and international questions. Being challenged, as she is, to take the lead on important social matters, the Church must bestir herself to enter more fully this large field of moral influence.

The world needs a new spirit even more than economic guidance. It is becoming evident that the human mind alone can find no adequate solution. The Conference feels that it is only by a full surrender of the individual and the Church to God that our Dominion can be led to find a true and full life in things material as well as spiritual. It may well be that by the possession of this new spirit economic illumination will emerge.

That while it is not the duty of the Church to interfere in party politics, we firmly believe that if men are to be saved from an unsound social order, and the Kingdom of God is to become a realised ideal in the world, Christian men and women must be prepared to study and identify themselves more closely with political and social affairs.

A spiritual awakening, which expresses itself in any serious attempt to bring health, education, regular employment and social opportunity to every individual and results in the bringing to an end of all institutions and customs contrary thereto, should be eagerly and prayerfully sought. The task of Christian men and women is not only the proclamation, but also the realisation of a social order built up on the principles of Christ which will include the God-given right of men to work, and from the fruits of labour to participate in a full and spacious life.

The whole Church must give evidence that the Unemployment Problem is only part of a much larger problem—that of Christianising the nation by preaching the Gospel which stresses the necessity for a more vital sense of stewardship and the continuous operation of the law of love.

The conscience of the Church must be awakened to the fact that we are living in a new social and economic era, in which spiritual and educational activities must be undertaken to promote constructive thought and action along Christian lines.

We must therefore approach this great problem from the standpoint, not of property or economics, but of human beings, prayerfully considering the supreme value of the individual in modern industrial and commercial life.

We must take to heart the teaching of Christ concerning the sin of covetousness, the practice of justice and equity to all, and the duty of fellowship in giving and receiving.

We believe that before these principles can be made operative a radical change in the direction of economic fellowship must be brought about.

B.—Practical.

The Conference is strongly of opinion that the present system of Relief Work, however well intentioned, has resulted in a grave loss of "morale" that is, in its way, as tragic as hunger, and is fraught with the gravest peril to the individual, the family and the nation. In order that immediate alleviation may be given to the lot of the unemployed:—

- (a) We suggest that relief pay should be adequate to meet the needs of life, food, clothes and rent and, if it is found necessary, taxes should be increased on a graduated scale to meet the added expenditure.
- (b) We urge that sustenance payments be adequate to family needs.
- (c) We urge upon the Government the necessity of extending the scheme of village settlement such as is in operation at Hastings and Napier, and the extension of further land settlement wherever practicable.
- (d) That while as a Church we are opposed to the system of Compulsory Camps for married men we are of the opinion that should it be deemed necessary for married men with families to go into Camps they should be guaranteed at least a living wage regardless of weather conditions.

- (e) We consider that the levying of Taxation for the Unemployed in the case of those receiving wages under 10/- per week, if single, and £1 per week if married, should be abolished, and that the assessment of 15/- per week for Board should be reduced.
- (f) We urge that more should be done for girls, women, and youths, many of whom, while contributing to the Unemployment Fund, receive little benefit therefrom.
- (g) We recommend to the Government the introduction of Compulsory National Unemployment and Health Insurance.
- (h) We are of opinion that the time has arrived for a review of the present monetary system. An adequate system should fulfil the following conditions :—(1). It should be just to all sections of society imposing no penalties on one class in order to confer benefits on another. (2). It should be under the control of a National Authority whose responsibility shall be to the people as a whole.
- (i) We urge the Government to conduct a full enquiry with a view to ascertaining among other things, how far our purchasing power falls short of production.

In conclusion we reiterate the decision of last Conference that as representatives of the Methodist Church of New Zealand we pledge ourselves to do all that lies in our power to help the needy, to continue to assist the workless and to feed the starving, while praying that Divine Providence may guide those in authority to wise decisions in their deliberations upon this great problem that so closely touches the life and well being of the community.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That this Pronouncement be made available to our people through the "Methodist Times."

UNEMPLOYMENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

That the Committee for 1934 be the Revs. T. R. Richards, F. E. Leadley, W. Bramwell Scott (Convener), H. J. Odell with Messrs. S. T. S. Martin, B. J. Lynneberg, R. Hampton, R. S. Maunder and J. M. Thompson.

DISTRICT PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEES.

AUCKLAND.—Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., A. B. Chappell, M.A., Dip.Jour., F.R.E.S., E.D. Patchett, E. S. Emmitt, M.C., S. J. Werren, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., A. E. Orr, R. B. Tinsley; Messrs. A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed., L. E. Rhodes, D. H. Thomas, W. S. Mackay, L. J. Kendall, E. H. Burton, E. J. Hutson. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East circuits, with power to add.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The ministers and home missionaries of the Wanganui circuits, with Messrs. F. Webb-Jones, Dickson, Cannon and F. Whitlock. Convener, Rev. G. P. Hunt.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The ministers of Napier and Hastings, with Messrs. G. W. Venables, J. H. Oldham, P. E. Loach, and H. R. French; Rev. H. Daniel, corresponding member. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The President of the Conference, Revs. E. Drake, W. Rowe, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., F. T. Read, H. Ryan, A. H. Fowles; Messrs. H. Chapman, J. H. Jones, D. E. Parton, Miss Sewell; with power to add. Convener, Rev. E. Drake.

- SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. J. D. McArthur and H. L. Fiebig, B.A. (convener); Messrs. A. G. Foster, E. C. J. Foot, W. H. Hocking.
- OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. T. Cox, M.A., P. R. Paris, L. B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, R. Vanes, F. Marshall and H. H. Johnson (convener).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. **Gambling.**—That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the Government's refusal to introduce State Lotteries, but urges that the Government take the further logical step of refusing permits for Art Unions; also of rejecting the suggested amendments to the Gaming Laws, as introduced by Mr. Healy, M.P.
3. **Dance Halls.**—That in view of the evidence revealing the conduct prevailing at certain dance halls and in their environs, the Conference directs the Public Questions Committee to submit a recommendation thereon to the forthcoming Municipal Conference.
4. **Bible in Schools.**—Conference (a) Reaffirms the necessity to have the Bible brought into the schools of the Dominion as soon as possible;
(b) Recommends to the attention of Ministers and congregations the official communications of the League as pointing the way to the development of an enlightened public opinion on the question.
(c) Learns with pleasure of the increasing numbers of our ministers conducting Bible Lessons in State Schools under the Nelson System; but reaffirms its belief in the inadequacy of the Nelson System to meet the needs and urges the passing of "The Bible in Schools Enabling Bill."
(d) Urges the support of All-day Conventions in the month of May.
(e) Expresses its keen appreciation of the efficient services of Mr. L. M. Isitt and the Rev. E. O. Blamires, organising Secretary of the Bible in State Schools League.
5. **Temperance.**—The Conference, believing that the traffic in strong drink continues to be one of the most prolific causes of waste, misery and ruin, urges :—
(a) Our Churches heartily to support the activities of the New Zealand Alliance.
(b) The use of the facilities provided by the Education Department for Temperance education in our Primary and Secondary Schools.
(c) Ministers and members of the Church to combat liquor propaganda and penetration, through Bands of Hope, Branches of W.C.T.U. and other Temperance Organisations; and also by the distinctive observance of Temperance Sunday.
(d) Our people to resist any effort to increase facilities for indulgence in intoxicating liquor, particularly in areas where no License at present obtains.
(e) The need of educational work and of devoting forthwith every attention to the task of preserving all No-License areas in New Zealand.
6. **League of Nations.**—Recognising that the League of Nations is based upon the great Christian principles of the Unity of Mankind, and by its many activities is seeking to promote a growing spirit of friendliness, enquiry, toleration, and peace among peoples and nations, Conference heartily commends the League and its activities to the support and prayerful sympathy of our people.

7. **Disarmament.**—(a) Conference declares its belief that resort to war is not in harmony with the spirit of Christ and is a crime against humanity.
- (b) It expresses its abhorrence of the increasing output of armaments by such firms and corporations who create and play upon racial fears, suspicions, and jealousies to reap dividends from increasing national mistrust.
- (c) It urges all christian people and men and women of goodwill to assist in every way the efforts of those who are striving, especially among our children and young people, to maintain the ideals of peace and to achieve disarmament and fellowship among the nations.
8. **The Ministry and Civic Life.**—That no minister shall consent to nomination for Civic Office, entailing a measure of service likely to conflict with ministerial work, without the approval of his Quarterly Meeting, of the President of the Conference and of his Committee of Advice (for this purpose the Chairman of the District concerned shall be associated with the Presidents Committee of Advice).
9. **Censorship.**—That the question of the Censorship of picture films and posters be referred to the Public Questions Committee to act in conjunction with other Churches.
10. **Thanks.**—That the thanks of the Conference be rendered to the Public Questions Committee and the Convener (the Rev. W. B. Scott) and that he be re-appointed, and that the Committee be incorporated in the Wellington District Executive.

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

In presenting my annual report to Conference, I having nothing of special importance to mention. It is well known that there is little activity in connection with immigration to New Zealand. There have been a few instances where young men and young women have come to our Dominion and these have been met and advised on their arrival. During the year the Rev. J. H. Bateson wrote to me as follows:—"I have pleasure in informing you that the Rev. Dr. S. M. Berry, who represents the United Board (Baptists and Congregationalists) has suggested that you should be responsible for the pastoral care of United Board men in addition to your own." This position I accepted. H.M. warships visiting Wellington have received the attention of the Chaplain and the officers and men of the Navy have attended our services. The Chaplains at all our ports have been diligent in carrying out their duties and so our Church has been active in the interests of all these visitors. Mr. R. Denton continues to do most helpful work in meeting the boats.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS,
CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER,
WELLINGTON.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. T. R. Richards be re-appointed Chief Immigration Officer.

QUESTION XXXV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting Church and Other Properties?

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, 1933.

1. Properties Acquired.

- Otorohanga**—Parsonage and 3 roods 5 perches. Cost £600.
Wellington (Taranaki Street)—House and 10.3 perches in Webb Street. Cost £900.
Johnsonville-Ngaio—Section at Pukerua Bay, 27.7 perches with right-of-way, Value £110. No debt.
Dunedin Central Mission—Land at Company Bay 4 acres 2 roods 5.6 perches. Cost £1100. No debt.
Riverton—Section at Wild Bush. 1 rood. Cost £20.

2. Erections and Additions.

- Auckland Central**—(a) Pitt Street renovations. Cost £3,849. No debt.
(b) Roskill Church Improvements. Cost £191. No debt.
(c) Kingsland Parsonage alterations. Cost £51. No debt.
Auckland Social Service Mission—Repairs to cottages. Cost £60. No debt.
Mahurangi—Garage at Warkworth. Cost £21. No debt.
Hokianga—Waimamaku Improvements. Cost £29. Debt £2.
Thames—Bible Class Rooms. Cost £19. No debt.
Hastings—Pipe Organ. Cost £960.
Carterton—Additions, etc. Cost £205. Debt £189.
Wellington South (Trinity)—Improvements £300. No debt.
Wellington East—(a) Maranui Bible Class Rooms. Cost £350. No debt.
(b) Miramar Tennis Courts. Cost £60. No debt.
Woodend-Sefton—Improvements Sefton Church £58. No debt.
Oamaru—Additions to School. Cost £155. Debt £100.
Invercargill Central—Otatara Bible Class Room. Cost £21. No debt.
Tuatapere—Additions to Church, Cost £148. Increase in debt of £98.
Riverton—Wild Bush. Re-erection of old Drummond Church. Cost £147. No debt.

3. Sales and Extended Leases.

- Auckland Social Service Mission**—France Street Church sold for removal £113. Proceeds held in abeyance.
Dannevirke—Sale of 1 rood 39.34 perches £134. Proceeds for reduction of Loan.
Takapau—Sale of section, 2 roods £50, repayment of loan.
Kimbolton—Property sold for £75. Held by General Purposes Trust Board. Interest payable to Apiti.
Valley Road—Property sold for £35. £25 is held by General Purposes Trust Board. Interest payable to Apiti.
Norsewood—Sale of 6 acres 29 perches for £86 12s. 6d. Proceeds for parsonage debt reduction, etc.
Mornington—Belleknowes property sold for £377. Proceeds for reduction of Mornington Trust debt.
Otautau—Drummond Church removed to Wild Bush.

4. Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account ..	6,047	19	1
„ Balance from last year held for Special purposes ..	22,137	10	9
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	2,200	0	0
„ Loans from other sources	3,141	17	4
„ All other Receipts	43,164	18	2
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Total Receipts	76,692	5	4
Debit Balances	20,036	0	1
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	£96,728	5	5

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance from last year	17,991	14	5
„ Loan Fund Instalments	2,627	16	7
„ Other Loans repaid	5,978	3	7
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft ..	8,163	11	0
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	8,323	3	7
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..	26,020	1	4
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Total Expenditure ..	69,104	10	6
Credit Balances ..	4,695	6	7
Balances held for special purposes ..	22,928	8	4
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	£96,728	5	5

5. Statement of Debts.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	183,879	0	9
Add New Loans received during year	6,677	16	11
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Total ..	190,556	17	8
Deduct Loans repaid during year	8,445	7	3
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Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	182,111	10	5
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Unpaid General Accounts	1,307	18	11
Unpaid Interest	1,504	10	7

6. Fire Insurances.

Total of Fire Insurances	£662,667	15	9
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7. General.

The Trust finances continue to feel the effects of the world-wide economic unsettlement. Very little new property has been acquired and there is less activity in the erection of buildings and in additions thereto. It is gratifying to note that in most cases where progressive action has been taken no further debt has been incurred.

The aggregate income of the trusts shows a marked shrinkage and the debit balances reported show an increase of £1,972 10s. 1d. over the previous year. The aggregate expenditure also shows a large decrease and the credit balances held by trusts show a decline of £6,504 5s. 4d. on the previous year.

The amounts held in trust for special purposes show an increase of £2,004 13/1 over those reported last year. The aggregate Mortgage at the end of this year is only £1,052 11s. 8d. more than in the previous year.

The total amount of fire insurance cover reported is £102,372 less than last year. Many individual trusts have reduced their cover, both prudently and imprudently, but the accuracy of some returns may be questioned.

8. District Secretaries for Church Property.

By appointment of the last Conference Mr. G. E. Turney took up the position of District Secretary for Church Property for the Otago-Southland District in succession to Mr. A. S. Froggatt. Since Conference pressure of other duties compelled Mr. Frank Thompson to relinquish the North Canterbury appointment and the duties were capably discharged by Mr. J. W. Hillary. Through ill-health Mr. John Watson resigned his position for the South Canterbury District and the appointment was taken up by Mr. A. Langdon Hudson. To the retiring officers hearty thanks are tendered for long and faithful service and also to the incoming and continuing secretaries who have all maintained a high standard of work. The following are nominated by the Synods for appointment for 1934 :—

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.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Road, Feilding.

Wellington—Mr. S. T. S. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Wellington, S.I.

Nelson—Mr. W. D. Pike, "Honiton" Main Street, Blenheim.

North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, 13 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa, Christchurch.

South Canterbury—Mr. A. Langdon Hudson, P.O. Box 244, Timaru.

Otago-Southland—Mr. G. E. Turney, 60 Thomson Street, Invercargill.

Christchurch,

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

11th January, 1934.

General Secretary Church Property.

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 that those named in the Report be the District Secretaries for the ensuing year.
3. That the Circuit Property Schedules, with the audited Balance Sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, and that the revised Schedules with Summaries and Reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 10th.
4. That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and, after due scrutiny, sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
5. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretary, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.
6. That the attention of the Auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balance given in the preceding year's accounts.
7. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes.

8. That all moneys held in Trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trustee Act, 1908," or its amendments.

N.B.—The following is an extract from the Trustee Act 1908, No. 200, Section 95 :—

- (1) It shall be lawful for a Trustee, unless expressly forbidden by the instrument, (if any) expressly creating the Trust, to invest any Trust Funds in his hands in manner following, that is to say :—
 - (a) In any of the stocks, funds or other Government Securities of New Zealand, or of the Commonwealth of Australia, or any State thereof.
 - (b) On real securities in New Zealand.
 - (c) In the bonds, debentures, or other securities of any municipal Corporation or County Council, or Water Supply Board, or River Board or Road Board or Town Board or Electric Power Board in New Zealand having authority to borrow money.
 - (d) On deposit in any bank carrying on business in New Zealand under authority of any Act of General Assembly, or in the Post Office Savings Bank established under "The Post and Telegraph Act, 1908," or in any savings bank constituted under "The Savings Bank Act, 1908."

For further particulars consult the "Trustee Act, 1908."

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

REPORT FOR 1933.

The economic state of the country is again this year reflected in the experience of the Church Building and Loan Fund. Many trusts have found great difficulty in fulfilling their guarantees to repay instalments of current loans as they fall due. Requests for modification of the conditions on which loans were granted have been frequent and increasing appeals have been made for loans in reduction of debts to other lenders.

Finance.

The books of the Fund for the year ending 30th September have been duly audited and certified to as correct. The Loans Account shows that a sum of £2,532 19s. 4d. has been received in repayment of loans. This is £151 3s. 10d. less than last year and £1,872 19s. 5d. less than was repaid in 1930. The amount of loans current at the end of the financial year was £19,725 17s. 3d.

A reduction of 43 per cent. in income because of default in the repayment of instalments is a matter for grave concern. Such default freezes a large proportion of the capital of the Fund and limits the ability of the Committee to assist other trusts in their difficulties and to foster aggressive enterprises. It is to be feared that some bodies of trustees fail to recognise that their signed guarantees of repayment are as binding as any other legal contract. Default by self-considerate trusts lays heavier burdens on trusts that are relatively weak and are facing very acute conditions.

The Revenue Account shows that a sum of £215 18s. 2d. has been received for office expenses including a sum of £27 15s. 2d. drawn from the Reserve Account. Contributions from Trusts have declined by £10 10s. 0d., interest on deposits shows a drop of £9 0s. 2d. and no hymn book commission has been received during the period under review.

The income for the Sites Fund has been £165 3s. 6d. and grants totalling £260 have been made as follow :—Otorohanga Parsonage £100; Pukerua Bay £50; Company Bay Camp Site £100 and Wild Bush £10.

The balance-sheet shows that the assets of the Fund now stand at £23,006 10s. 8d. including £1,000 that is invested on mortgage for the Sites Fund. A balance of £317 14s. 7d. is available for grants in accordance with the relative regulations.

Loans.

During the year the following loans have been fully repaid:—Dominion Road School (Number 2 loan); Morrinsville Church; Frankton School; Picton Parsonage (2 loans); Riccarton parsonage; Roxburgh Parsonage.

New loans totalling £2,201 0s. 6d. have been advanced as follow:—Hastings Church £1,000; Ashhurst Parsonage £80; Beckenham Church £20 East Belt Church £200; Oxford Parsonage £350; Redcliffs Church £300; Somerfield Street (Spreydon) £250; and £1 0s. 6d. for Caversham parsonage deeds.

The loans current in each district on 30th September were:—Auckland 16; South Auckland 22; Taranaki-Wanganui 10; Hawke's Bay—Manawatu 9; Wellington 10; Nelson 8; North Canterbury 30; South Canterbury 4; Otago-Southland 7. Total 116.

Seventy-four trusts are in arrears with their repayments, the most serious being:—

Auckland District	..	..	Devonport, Vauxhall, Otahuhu, Kohukohu.
South Auckland District	..	..	Opotiki, Whakatane, TePuke, Putaruru, Taneatua, Ngatea.
Taranaki-Wanganui District	..	..	Wanganui East, Opunake, Taihape.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District			Palmerston North (Cuba Street), Waipukurau, Dannevirke.
Wellington District	..	..	Hataitai, Miramar, Lower Hutt, Waiwhetu, Eketahuna.
North Canterbury District	..	..	Cashmere, Edgware Road, Shirley Ch. Richmond Parsonage, Opawa.
South Canterbury District	..	..	Geraldine.
Otago-Southland District	..	..	St. Clair, Caversham.

Detailed lists showing the present position of all current loans have been supplied to the Synods which should carefully review the cases of all defaulting trusts.

A number of young or weak causes extenuate their default by urging that, in developing a circuit they have been compelled to incur the expense of providing buildings and before they could clear a reasonable proportion of trust liabilities the unexpected withdrawal of home mission grants has laid an unduly heavy burden upon them. The Home Mission Fund cannot reasonably be asked to provide buildings and its ability to assist in developing circuits overweighted with trust debts is seriously curtailed by ruling conditions. Yet the Home Mission Board is doing excellent work by co-operating with the Loan Fund Committee in assisting such distressed causes as Taumarunui, Te Kuiti and Waipukurau, to grapple with their problems.

Responsibilities of Trustees.

As directed by the Conference a circular was issued to all Trustee meetings 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.

A number of cases have come to light where moneys raised for special purposes have been used for other purposes. To do this even temporarily is altogether illegal. Permission has been given by the Conference at various times for the sale of trust properties on condition that the proceeds of such sales shall be held in trust for a specific purpose. No trustees have the power to vary the condition without the consent of the Conference or of the Loan Fund Committee acting on behalf of the Conference. Trustees are bound both by the provisions of the Model Deed and by the provisions of the Trustee Act 1908 No. 200 Section 95. This latter Act, the relative extract from which appears each year in the Minutes of Conference, sets forth the legal position of the trustees. Trustees are personally liable for funds held by them in trust for special purposes. If any loss should occur through making any unlawful investment they may be required, under existing legislation, to make good the deficiency from their own personal assets.

The Committee would again point out that trustees have no power to borrow money or to arrange a bank overdraft on the security of the Deeds for the purpose of paying circuit fund expenses. Under the provisions of the Model Deed, the trustees have power to vote surplus moneys after the payment of all lawful trust debts, costs and charges but they have no power to pledge the trust property vested in them, for the purpose of raising money to be voted either wholly or partially towards the payment of stipends and other expenses of the circuit fund.

It is necessary once again to call the attention of trustees to the regulation that plans and specifications of all erections, enlargements or structural alterations to buildings must be furnished to and sanctioned by the Loan Fund Committee before the work is begun.

Consent for Mortgages.

The Conference of 1932 considered a recommendation of the Committee that the Church Property Regulations be amended to provide for the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee being obtained before Church properties are mortgaged by trustees. The Committee was directed to bring the matter before the Synods for report to the Conference and pending the receipt of the Synod reports trustees were directed to obtain the advice of the Committee on all proposed mortgages. Such advice has been generally sought. Experience has served to confirm the wisdom of amending the Property Regulations as was recommended. By direction of the Conference of 1933 (as per Minutes Resolution 7 page 89) the matter is now presented to the Synods in a separate report attached hereto.

SALES SANCTIONED.

The following sales of property have been sanctioned:—

Auckland (France Street).—Sale of land and sale of building for removal for not less than £300. Proceeds to be used as mutually arranged between the trustees, the Loan Fund Committee and the Auckland District Property Advisory Committee.

Waiuku.—Surplus parsonage land for £80 proceeds for permanent improvements to the present property.

Wesley Training College Board.—Site of Trinity College for £7,250.

Valley Road (Oroua).—Property for £35 cash. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board, together with proceeds of sale of Kimbolton property and interest paid to Apiti Home Mission station.

Gisborne (Victoria Township).—Property for £200. Proceeds to be allocated by agreement between the Loan Fund Committee and the Trustees.

Drummond.—Section for £10. Purchaser to pay all costs. Proceeds for Otautau trust to improve the church building.

Committee for 1934.

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

W. SIMPSON, CHAIRMAN.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, SECRETARY.

Christchurch,

13th October, 1933.

CONSENT FOR MORTGAGES. SPECIAL REPORT 1933.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee has given earnest consideration to matters affecting the mortgaging of trust properties.

In support of the recommendation attached hereto, we would point out that the Committee is required by our laws to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the Connexion against permanent debt and is also charged with the responsibility of preventing rash and premature undertakings affecting our property.

In the absence of any provision for mortgaging trust property requiring the sanction of Conference, or of the Loan Fund Committee acting on its behalf, the Committee is sometimes unable fully to exercise its prescribed functions. It has no desire to trespass on the rights of trustees in the administration of their trust but would point out that already our Property Regulations provide that the sanction of the Committee shall be obtained for all purchases, sales and extended leases, as well as for all erections, enlargements and structural alterations of buildings. Often the matter of mortgaging trust property is one of far greater importance. Our properties have, in many cases, been acquired by the gifts and sacrifices of past generations, and in these properties posterity has a vested interest that should not be imperilled or sacrificed by present day trustees in order to meet emergencies that may arise in periods of unexampled stress.

Urgent and insistent applications are sometimes made for the delivery of church deeds in order that they may be lodged as security for loans for purposes which are unlawful under the provisions of the Model Deed. When the conditions governing their Trust are pointed out, Trustees invariably find other means of financing their undertakings. To mortgage the property means simply taking the easier path and storing up future trouble.

Many ministers and trustees do not possess such an intimate knowledge of our Model Deed and of our laws as is desirable, and while it is often possible for us to conserve the property interests of the Connexion when deeds are held by the Custodian, there is no adequate check upon unlawful action when, as so often happens, the deeds are privately held. Cases have recently arisen where deeds have been lodged for purposes in conflict with our own laws. By encouraging trustees to consult the Committee, whose Secretary is also Custodian of Deeds and General Secretary for Church Property, local property interests and the rights of posterity therein can properly be conserved. Moreover an official record of sanctioned mortgages would often prove advantageous by facilitating the checking of property returns.

It is very rarely necessary for the Committee to refuse a request of the trustees, but often it can give valuable counsel that will afford protection to them as well as to the Connexion. In considering trust matters the Committee has the benefit of consultation with the District Property Advisory

Committees the members of which generally are well versed in property affairs. Urgent matters can always be dealt with at short notice by the Emergency Committee and telephonic facilities now cover the whole Dominion.

To afford to the trustees and to the Connexion that measure of protection which is both desirable and necessary we do not suggest any amendment to the Model Deed. In the judgment of the Committee the whole position may be met by a small verbal alteration in the Church Property Regulations. The Committee therefore seeks the approval of the Conference to the following:—

RECOMMENDATION.

That Church Property Regulation number 6 page 188 of the Law Book be amended to read:—

“The sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall be obtained for all purchases, for all sales, all mortgages, and for leases of Church property over seven years, and for all erections, enlargements, or structural alterations of buildings; and the Committee is empowered and directed to require that plans and specifications of all buildings and alterations be furnished before the work is begun, and that no building be erected until a proper title to the land has been secured.”

Christchurch,
13th October, 1933.

W. SIMPSON, CHAIRMAN.
M. A. RUGBY PRATT, SECRETARY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported, be confirmed and ratified by the Conference.
(N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted on by March 31st, 1935).
3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
4. That the District Advisory Committees be as named below together with the respective District Chairmen and District Property Secretaries as members ex officio.
 - (a) AUCKLAND.—Revs. E. D. Patchett, G. Frost, W. Walker, Messrs. J. Tyler, S. E. Chappell.
 - (b) SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The ministers of the Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits; Messrs. E. J. Davey, W. B. L. Williams, G. Miller, J. C. Tietjens, E. J. Easter.
 - (c) TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The ministers of the New Plymouth Circuits; Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, R. Pepperill, J. T. Griffin, E. Dixon, T. P. Hughson.
 - (d) HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The ministers of the St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits; Messrs. G. H. Stiles, T. R. Hodder.
 - (e) WELLINGTON.—To be arranged by the District Executive Committee.
 - (f) NELSON.—The ministers of the Blenheim Circuit; Messrs. C. W. Parker, F. H. Southgate, J. S. White.
 - (g) SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton Circuits; Messrs. W. G. Irwin, J. W. Holdgate, A. W. Barnett.

(h) OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Rev. L. B. Neale, Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, C. F. Roberts, D. C. Cameron and as a Southland sub-committee, the Superintendent of the Invercargill Central Circuit and Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

5. That the special Report relating to "Consent for Mortgages" be adopted and that Church Property Regulation Number 6 page 188 of the Law Book be amended as recommended in the Report.

C.—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

During the year Deeds have been received for the following properties: Rotorua Church (Lease), Te Puke Church and Parsonage, Tataraimaka, Norsewood, Porirua, Wainuiomata, Pukerua Bay (Section), Picton, Company Bay (Rest Resort), Caversham (Parsonage) and Wild Bush (Section).

New Trusts have been registered for Otorohanga parsonage, Otangiwai section, Pukerua Bay section and Kingsdown.

Alterations have been made in the register of trustees affecting the following properties :—

Auckland (Pitt Street), Mission Property Trustees, Richmond Avenue, Devonport, Northcote, Otahuhu, Waiuku, Tuakau, Helensville, Waimamaku, Broadwood, Hamilton, Huntly, Tahuna, Otorohanga, New Plymouth, Hawera, Alton, Kakaramea, Waverley, Oroua Valley, Wellington (Taranaki Street), Webb Street, Newtown, Petone, Masterton, Kuripuni, Manakau, Paraparaumu, Paekakariki, Nelson, Blenheim, Springlands, Grovetown, Rapaura, Flaxbourne, Christchurch (Somerfield Street), Cambridge Terrace, Edgeware Road, Opawa, Horrelville, Swannanoa, Greendale, Ashburton, Kingsdown, Waimataitai, Methven, Rakaia, Dunedin (Central Mission), St. Clair, Caversham, and Nightcaps.

There have been changes in 56 trusts involving the removal of 201 names from the Register and the Registration of 139 new trustees. The fees received have been paid to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

The financial stringency is apparently leading many trusts to refrain either from appointing new trustees or from registering them when appointed. It should be known that no person may legally act as a Trustee until his name has been entered in the Register of Trustees and a certificate that he is entitled to act is issued by the Authorised Representative to the Superintendent minister concerned.

There has been a considerable volume of business transacted with the various Land Registry Offices and with Government Departments. The registration of 299 ministers under the Marriage Act has been attended to and the list has been kept revised throughout the year.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Christchurch,

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.

1st October, 1933.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
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 1934-35.
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?

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

Report for the Year Ending 31st October, 1933.

It is with regret that the Board has to report a further heavy decrease in Income for the year as compared with the previous year. This is largely due to the class of business carried on by the occupants of our shops for they probably have suffered more than others in our City.

Despite every effort to curtail expenses, it was found necessary to re-borrow £1000 of the £3000 repaid in 1928-29.

During the year apart from the small necessary repairs demanded by our tenants, the verandahs and shop fronts of Blocks Nos. 1 and 3 have been cleaned down and painted and this much needed work has added to the appearance of the property.

It is almost impossible to forecast for the future as until more normal times are experienced, an increased Income Account can hardly be expected.

The members of the Board are :—Messrs. Jas. Tyler (Chairman), W. Ambury, A. J. Buttle, T. L. Hames, W. E. Lewisham, A. W. Parker, J. Stanton, J. Veale, F. Winstone, Rev. Dr. Laws and Rev. Dr. Ranston.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Balance-Sheet be received and adopted.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Report for Year Ending 30th September, 1933.

Recognising the urgent need and importance of Education for their children, and those of the early Colonists, in the year 1848 a number of Wesleyan Ministers and Missionaries purchased the property in Upper Queen Street for the sum of £432, built a substantial College, and in 1849 bought an increased area of land for £520.

The earliest Minutes were lost, but at the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan College and Seminary Proprietors held October, 30th, 1850, those present were :—Rev. Walter Lawry (Chairman), Revs. James Buller, James Wallis, John Hobbs, John Whiteley, Thomas Buddle, George Buttle, G. Smailes, H. H. Lawry, J. Watsford (Fiji), Alexander Reid, and J. H. Fletcher (Principal), who was sent out by the Wesleyan Missionary Society.

The Seminary was carried on with varied success by the Ministers until 1855, when the co-operation of prominent Laymen was secured after failure to interest the Wesleyan Conference in Australia to take over the Establishment. An offer of the property to the Superintendent of the Province for a Hospital for the sum of £5,500 was withdrawn and the whole property transferred to a body of Trustees, Revs. Buddle, Harding and Fletcher, and Messrs. Williamson, Russell and Ellis for the sum of £3,720.

After conducting the College for some years, in 1864 difficulty over finance compelled the sale of several lots and in 1865 a sale by Auction made the total amount raised £9,830, which not only met all liabilities but gave a substantial surplus. However, as in 1868 the number of pupils had dwindled to 44 the Trustees closed the College and let the Building, which was used by several tenants, including the Board of Education for Higher Educational purposes.

The Trustees were enabled to make generous grants to several Church Trusts and the Three Kings College, and a grant annually of £150 enabled this College to be reopened for the training of Maori and European Students for Ministerial work, the College having been closed for several years on account of Maori War.

In 1893 Conference appointed a Higher Education Committee to consult with the Trustees, and after a number of meetings and discussions Prince Albert College was opened on February 12th, 1895, the Board of Governors being the Trustees holding office (after some resigned, not being in favour of the proposal) and appointees of the Wesleyan Conference.

The College opened with 3 Boarders and 33 Day Scholars. The Theological Students were W. S. Bowie, J. W. Burton and J. A. Hosking, with Thomas Jackson M.A., from Romford, England, as Headmaster. Transferred from Three Kings College: A. B. Chappell and T. J. Smith, Senior Students 1895, Private Student, M. K. Gilmour.

The Trustees made a grant of £1,000 towards opening expenses. At the end of 1895 the Gymnasium was erected. In January, 1896, tenders were let for the Girls' College for £1,519 and extras. In December of the same year, after considerable discussion, an enlargement of the Boys' College was considered advisable. In August, 1897, a tender was let for £2,050, and in December of the same year an extra storey was added to the Girls' Department.

The Financial Statement in March, 1898 gave Mortgage £7,000 and further indebtedness £100, so that it is seen that with the £1,000 granted by Trustees a total of £8,100 was expended in three years. In September, 1902 a further £300 was added to the Mortgage and a second Mortgage of £300 at 7% was necessary.

The financial position in 1904 caused considerable trouble, and in November, 1905 the sale of the property was suggested. The plan gave measurements—Queen Street 411 feet, Turner Street 426 feet, Lawry Street 253 feet, Liverpool Street 448 feet.

In 1906 the Auckland Savings Bank advanced a further £1,000, which enabled the discharge of the 2nd Mortgage £300 and Bank Overdraft £500.

In August, 1906, the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee was obtained for the sale of the property, which the Trustees valued at £22,000.

On December 28th, 1906 the Board of Governors informed the Trustees that they were no longer able to continue the College, the loss for the year being £500. The Board of Governors pleaded the heavy debt, the locality of College unsuitable, and the indifference of Methodists as a whole to the importance of supporting the only Methodist College in New Zealand.

Endeavours to let or lease for Educational purposes failed. The best offer for the purchase of the property was £12,500. This the Trustees refused to accept.

In 1907 the two buildings were let to Mrs. R. F. Boulton at £546 per annum and furniture at valuation on credit. In the same year a Lease was given to the Late Mr. Neville Newcombe for the whole property at £696 per annum for a term of 50 years from January 1st, 1908.

On December 31st, 1907, the Auckland Savings Bank Account was £8,400 and Bank Overdraft £343 6s. 0d.—total debt £8,743 6s. 0d. More than half the term of Lease has passed and we have reduced the indebtedness to £1,780.

In response to appeals the Trustees have to date assisted Trinity College for Building and Maintenance with the sum of £2,565, and Wesley College, Paerata, £150, a promise being made to the latter for two more years.

The Lease provides that, during the month of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, a valuation shall be made of all buildings and other improvements then upon the said land, whether erected by the Lessee or not, by two independent persons, one appointed by the Lessors and one by the Lessee or their umpire in case of disagreement, and the Lessee shall be entitled to receive the amount of such valuation less the sum of Five thousand pounds, and the amount of such valuation less the sum of Five thousand pounds shall be paid to the Lessee on or before the thirteenth day of December, 1957.

In reply to an appeal from the Treasurer of Trinity College for a grant of not less than £350 for the ensuing year, the Trustees voted a sum of £200 subject to further consideration after College Budget is prepared. The Trustees are desirous of rendering every assistance to the College, but must recognise their responsibility to extinguish the debt on the property, and make reasonable provision for a sinking fund to meet their obligation to the Lessee at the end of his term as provided in the Lease.

JOHN W. SHACKLEFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement and the Mortgage Account be received and adopted and that Mr. Shackelford be thanked for his historical summary.

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Report for Year Ending 31st December, 1933.

The Board has met regularly during the year and given careful attention to various applications for assistance which have come before it. The Statement of Income and Expenditure presented herewith shows that £637 14s. 1d. has been disbursed in grants, thus absorbing all the revenue for the year and reducing the credit balance at the Bank from £274 6s. 3d. to £72 17s. 11d.

The revenue of the Board has been seriously reduced during the past three years, owing to the heavy charge for stamp duty and the fall in interest on the Government Inscribed Stock from 5½% to 4%. The revenue, which for the year ending December 31st, 1931 was £660 14s. 7d., is estimated to fall to less than £500 during 1934. This decline of approximately 25% must entail reconsideration of existing grants and the strictest care in accepting further obligations.

The Board deeply regrets the consequent limitation in its power to give assistance in these times of grave necessity.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman,

Auckland,

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

January, 8th, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to Dr. C. H. Laws, B.A. and the Board of Trustees.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

REPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE OF 1934.

The work at our Children's Home at Masterton, continues to make satisfactory progress, and splendid work has been done by the Matron, Miss Allan, Miss F. Cameron, first Assistant, and the other members of the staff. The Masterton committee has rendered good service under the able guidance

of Rev. J. Cocker, who is untiring in his efforts and energy on behalf of the Home. The Board are unanimous in asking the Conference to appoint the Home Committee as now constituted, and the Rev. T. R. Richards as Chairman of the Board.

It has again been necessary to augment the funds of the Home for working expenses, but it is hoped that with the growing feeling of optimism existing in the Dominion the subscriptions and donations to the splendid work being carried out, will be largely augmented.

The negotiations between the Wellington City Council, Wellington Hospital Board and our Board, mentioned in our last report, have been vigorously carried on, as the necessary legislation has been passed by Parliament, it is anticipated that the work will very soon be started under the supervision of the Council in connection with the necessary widening and other work to be done before the City Council will take over the "private ways" and declare them "Public Streets."

Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, prepared by a public Accountant, and duly audited will be presented to the Conference and show a satisfactory financial state of affairs. In connection with the liquid assets, it must be remembered that a heavy expenditure will have to be faced by the Board in connection with the work to be done at our Kelburn Property.

E. W. A. KELLOW,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Wellington,

30th January, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report, Financial Statements and Balance Sheets be received and adopted.

Elmsley Trust Board, and Kai Iwi Mission Estate. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.

Grey Institute Trust—That the Statements of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1933.

The financial year ended on 31st October, 1933, and the audited statement is supplied herewith. The income from all sources amounted to £4037 10s. 1d. After meeting all working expenses and re-insurance charges and adding £100 to the Investment Contingency Reserve Account there is a surplus on the year's working of £2408 16s. 6d. The Board proposes to add £1028 1/9 to the Fire Loss Reserve Account thus increasing this Reserve to £2500, and leaving a divisible surplus of £1380 14s. 9d. The investments of the Board are all of a satisfactory nature and do not occasion anxiety.

The Fund carries 894 risks on church properties. They comprise 413 churches, 199 schools, halls, etc., 162 parsonages and 121 sundries, including colleges, etc.

The above risks are covered for a total of £664,337 of which £327,300 is reinsured. The Fire Insurance Department also arranges earthquake risks, Employer's Liability risks, the insurance of the property of ministers and the insurance of properties mortgaged to the Fire Insurance Board and the Supernumerary Fund Board. These various risks total £107,665 and no part of such risk is carried by the Fund. The insurances in which we are interested therefore, aggregate £772,002 of which sum £434,965 is re-insured.

New risks accepted during the year amount to £13,500 but trustees have reduced their insurances by £13,972: There have been no withdrawals of risks from the Connexional Office, but many transfers from other offices to our own.

Fires.

During the year several small fires have occurred. In all cases the losses were fully covered by re-insurance.

Outside Risks.

During the last seven years new risks on church properties alone have been accepted totalling £238,280. The larger proportion of this increase represents business formerly placed with outside offices. This transfer of risks to the Connexional Office has resulted from our ability to meet the requirements of mortgagees including the lending Departments of the State, banking institutions, solicitors and private lenders. This process can continue with great advantage to the Connexion. The following list shows most of the properties not yet insured with our own office.

Auckland District.—East Street Hall, Epsom, Mount Eden parsonage Glen Eden, Waterview, Takapuna, Papakura shops and parsonage, Hikurangi.

South Auckland District.—Springvale, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Claudelands, Frankton, Whakatane.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.—Fitzroy parsonage, Powderham Street Inglewood, Wanganui, Wanganui East.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.—Napier properties, Napier South, Pahiatua, Palmerston North Broad Street parsonage and cottage.

Wellington District.—Taranaki Street Properties, Molesworth Street parsonage, Lower Hutt properties.

Nelson District.—Westport parsonage.

North Canterbury District.—New Brighton, Durham Street South, Lower High Street, Addington.

Otago-Southland District.—Dunedin Central Mission, Dundas Street parsonage, St. Clair, Waikouaiti, Nightcaps.

If any of the above properties are subject to mortgage and the trust officials will advise us of the name of the office now holding the risk, the expiry date of the current premium year and of their desire to transfer the risk to our office, we are satisfied that we can, in the majority of cases, effect the necessary re-arrangement.

Grants for Connexional Purposes.

During the recent years of economic stress special grants have been made on a scale which it cannot be wise to continue. Our business is growing and we must proceed on sound lines by building up a more adequate reserve to meet possible fire losses. Throughout the history of the Fund both the Board and the Conference have laid down the principle that no grants shall be made to assist any individual church trust or any business undertaking by any body of trustees. To make grants to individual trusts which might become involved in difficulty would be to make a dangerous and indeed a disastrous departure from the wise policy hitherto pursued.

The ability of the Board to give assistance to any Connexional Funds is never known until after the date of the annual balance. Grants can only be made from profits after they have actually accrued and then only by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board. The Board hopes to be in a position to maintain its usual grants to Connexional Funds as well as to assist Trinity College. If there is any surplus thereafter the Board hopes to give effect to the recommendation of Conference relative to assistance for the Wesley Training College Board in its present difficulties.

It must not be forgotten that this year the earnings of the Board will be seriously affected by the Statutory reduction in debenture and mortgage interest. There will be a further reduction of income because of the great increase in the rebate allowed on a large proportion of insurance risks. Beyond this, a continuous reduction in the ratio of profits is inevitable year by year because of the continuous decrease in the basic premiums consequent upon the steady extension of fire-fighting facilities and the advance in the provision of water supplies to wider territories. Moreover as wooden buildings become older they present a greater fire hazard and buildings erected in more permanent materials carry a lower premium. If our Fire Insurance Fund is to be in a position to help all truly Connexional causes in perpetuity this can only be assured by building up stronger reserves, a process that has been greatly restricted during the present period of exceptional stress through our desire to aid the Connexional Earthquake Fund, to assist both the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board in their need, to foster the work of our educational institutions, and to assist other Connexional Funds and Departments to carry on their beneficent work.

Wesley Training College Trust.

The last Conference commended to the sympathetic consideration of the Board the needs of the Wesley Training College. The College Board also applied for assistance and as the case was one of urgency the Fire Insurance Board agreed to lodge with the College Board a deposit of £200 free of interest. It now asks the Conference to convert the deposit into a grant and accordingly has included the sum mentioned in the appropriations recommended for 1934.

Home Acquirement Fund Subsidy.

The period of seven years for which the Board undertook to pay a contribution for the purpose of subsidising personal subscriptions to the Home Acquirement Fund will expire on 31st March, 1935. The Board was required by resolution of Conference to review the position and now recommends a continuance of the contribution of £2 per annum for each subscribing member of the fund for a further term of seven years from the expiry of the present term.

Re-Insurance Arrangements.

During the year the Board agreed to a renewal of the agreement with the Atlas Assurance Company Ltd., for a further period of five years from 30th June, 1933.

Appropriations for 1934.

The Board recommends that from the available surplus the following grants be made:—

(1) ORDINARY—			
Home Acquirement Fund	..	..	£300
Deaconess House Fund	..	..	£100
Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	£100
Home Mission Fund	..	..	£100
Benevolent Branch Super. Fund	..	..	£75
Church Sites Fund	..	..	£50
Youth Department	..	..	£50
(2) SPECIAL—			
Trinity College Council	..	..	£200
Wesley Training College Board	..	..	£200
Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	£100
Home Mission Fund	..	..	£100
Total	..	..	<u>£1,375</u>

Personnel of Board.

During the year the Rev. Samuel Lawry, Chairman of the Board, passed away. The Rev. Edward Drake was appointed to the vacancy on the Board.

Under the regulations the senior lay member due for retirement is Mr. F. H. Christian to whom thanks are due for a long period of valuable service. The following are nominated as the Board of Management for 1934 :—

The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Revs. T. Fee, F. T. Read, E. Drake; Hon. G. J. Smith, C.B.E., M.L.C. (Lay Treasurer); Messrs. W. A. Bascand, J. W. Manchester, E. R. Caygill, A. A. Sandford and C. H. Perkins.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

G. J. SMITH, Treasurer.

Christchurch,
18th January, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That from the year's surplus £1028 ls. 9d. be added to the Fire Loss Reserve Account and that from the divisible surplus of £1380 14s. 9d. the sum of £1375 be allocated as recommended in the Report.
3. That the Conference ratifies the action of the Board in lodging the sum of £200 with the Wesley Training College Board as a deposit free of interest and hereby converts the said deposit into a grant already included in the Board's appropriations for 1934. The Conference again commends the needs of the Wesley College Board to the Connexional Fire Insurance Board for sympathetic consideration and for continued assistance as may be practicable.
4. That in all cases except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Committees in charge of Trust or Circuit Funds be urged to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Office.
5. That the Board be authorised to continue to make a contribution of £2 per annum for each subscribing member of the Minister's Home Acquisition Fund for a further period of seven years from the expiry of the present term on 31st March, 1935.
6. That the members of the Board for the ensuing year be as named in the Report with the addition of the name of C. H. Perkins.
7. The Conference expresses its great satisfaction with the assistance which it has been possible for the Fire Insurance Fund Board to give to various Funds and Institutions of the Church and, in view of the grave necessity for increased assistance to several of these, during the present distressful times, the Board be requested to consider how far and in what way such increased assistance may be given.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1933.

The Connexional Secretaryship Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of long and distinguished services rendered to the Church by the Rev. Samuel Lawry, who held the office of Connexional Secretary with distinction from 1911 to 1926. His unrivalled knowledge of our laws and procedure and his well-balanced judgment admirably fitted him for the administrative tasks of the Connexional Office, and enabled him to leave an ineffaceable mark upon the his-

tory and constitution of our Church. In the transition period following upon the formation of a separate Conference for New Zealand, Mr. Lawry rendered conspicuous service by assisting to lay the foundations of several of our Church funds and departments. Following his superannuation in 1927, after an active ministry of fifty years, Mr. Lawry continued to render devoted service on various Boards and Committees where his wide experience, his keen insight and his mature judgment proved of great advantage to the Connexion. At the time of his death Mr. Lawry was a member of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee, the Supernumerary Fund Board, the General Purposes Trust Board, the Connexional Fire Insurance Board and other organisations. His influence will long be felt in the spheres where for so long he exercised a rich and fruitful ministry.

In the Connexional Office the past year has been one of exceptional stress. Intricate and difficult problems are constantly arising in all departments. Problems affecting properties right through the Dominion have needed special attention. Matters affecting titles have necessitated much correspondence with various Government departments. The affairs of the Church Building and Loan Fund and the emergence of Trust difficulties in many circuits have created more work than usual. The Fire Insurance department has called for constant vigilance. The "Methodist Times" department this year has added greatly to the normal volume of work while the convenership of the new Hymn Book Committee and of numerous other committees has called for much effort. The administration of the Supernumerary Fund department with its allied funds, and the oversight of its properties has created an exceptional amount of additional work. Smaller departments and interests centred in the office have all made their demands.

The Board expresses its continued appreciation of the work of the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt) and of the office staff, which has loyally co-operated with him and cheerfully met every demand made. In all departments the work has been capably carried out.

Economy has been exercised throughout the year and the costs have been kept within the reduced appropriations. The amounts requested for 1934 are as follow:—

	£
Church Building and Loan Fund	195
Fire Insurance Fund	350
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	385
Contingent Fund	180
"Methodist Times" Fund	170

The following are recommended as the Committee for 1934:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Woolston, St. Albans and Papanui circuits with Mr. Frank Thompson (Lay Treasurer), the Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee; Messrs. M. Kershaw, H. W. Armitage and E. D. Sincock.

On behalf of the Committee,

Christchurch,

HENRY HOLLAND, Chairman.

26th January, 1934.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the appropriations as recommended in the Report be approved.
3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
4. That the Conference gives its hearty endorsement to the tribute paid in the Report to the work and worth of the Rev. Samuel Lawry and tenders its deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.
5. Visit of Dr. Maltby.—That the Connexional Secretaryship Committee with the Contingent Fund Treasurers be a committee to consider what steps should be taken to secure a visit from the Rev. Dr. Maltby.

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

(A)—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

(1). The College re-opened on Monday, March 13th, when seventeen men came into residence, five of whom were fresh men. Also in residence are four students in training for the ministry of the Congregational Church.

(2). Mr. George Goodman was elected Senior Student, and has proved himself a most efficient leader, and to whom the staff express their thanks. The men have done good work, matters of discipline have caused no anxiety and the general atmosphere is one of fellowship and devotion. Meetings for the cultivation of the spiritual life are held regularly, and the students realise the serious nature of their training. The health of the men has been good, save that of one student who underwent an operation during the Second term, and who has now recovered.

(3). A feature of the devotional meetings is that these are addressed not only by our own ministers, but also by prominent ministers of other denominations, including the Anglican.

(4). Twenty-one Hostel students (including the four Congregational men) have been in residence. The increase is encouraging. Members of Synods and Conference are asked to emphasise this important side of our work, and to assist in augmenting this number by calling the attention of likely young men to the advantages of residence with us.

(5). The Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and Mrs. Blight, M.A., have given their usual care to the very economical management of the domestic side of the College life.

(6). **The Tutorial Work** for the year has been as follows:—

(a). The Principal has twice a week each taught classes in New Testament Greek (Senior men), Hebrew, and Classical Greek. Twice a week lectures have been delivered in New Testament Teaching (The Pauline Epistles). Once a week classes have been conducted each in New Testament Exegesis ("Ephesians"), Old Testament Introduction (The Wisdom Literature), and Teaching (The Wisdom Literature). Each term test papers have been set in General Old Testament Knowledge. The Classical Greek Class is a preparatory course for the B.A. degree.

(b). Mr. Blight has done excellent work in teaching twice a week Systematic Theology (Sin, The Holy Spirit, Things to Come) and Junior Greek. Once a week he has taught New Testament Introduction (The Pauline Epistles and the Life and Times of the Apostle), Pastoral Theology (General special attention to Sunday School Methods and Organisation), Paedagogy with Child Psychology,

English Grammar and Composition, and a General Introduction to Psychology. Each term Test papers in General New Testament Knowledge have been set.

Both Principal and Tutor share the conduct of the Sunday and week night services at the Collegiate Church, and when not so engaged they preach in various city and Suburban Churches. Only on very rare occasions do they take less than two services each Sunday.

- (c). Dr. Laws has shown his usual excellence in teaching weekly classes in Homiletics (including preparation for work among adolescents), hearing the students preach, conducting the Sermon Criticism class, and lecturing fortnightly on English Literature.
- (d). In the Elocution and Voice Production Classes Mr. T. Harris has done valuable work. Part of the time is spent with the men individually.
- (e). Both the Rev. E. P. Blamires and the Rev. L. B. Busfield, the expert Secretary of the Auckland Sunday School Union, have delivered three lectures each on Sunday School Work and the organisation of Young People's Work. The staff greatly appreciate this gratuitous service so helpful to the students.

(7). In **Practical Work** various departments of the Collegiate Church have had the assistance of the students. Mr. Hanna has been Student-Pastor and Mr. H. Tozer, M.A., has led the Wesley Guild. Under the efficient guidance of one of our most enthusiastic Primary School Leaders detailed methods of Sunday School work have been explained in the St. John's (Ponsonby) School.

In turn students gained practical experience in the Auckland East Quarterly Meetings, and almost all took active part in various Bible Class Camps at Easter. Much preaching has been undertaken in the City and Suburban Churches. A pleasing feature is the increased interest in evangelistic work. Many of the men spent their vacations in Mission or supply work, and many conversions have been reported at both these and at their ordinary services.

(8). Special attention is called to the position of Mr. Blight at the Normal School, Epsom. He is one of a group of carefully chosen teachers conducting there weekly classes in Bible instruction. As these are also attended by student-teachers from the Training College, this is most essential Religious Education work.

(9). At the **University College** Mr. Matthews has attended classes in Philosophy II and Economics II, Mr. Thornley in Education II and Philosophy II, and Mr. Tasker in Education III and Greek I.

The principal has been appointed Lecturer in Hebrew in the Auckland University College. The importance of this is that the teaching of Hebrew within Trinity College, or of Trinity students in this subject at the University by the Principal, can now be regarded as work for the B.A. Degree, as in the College of another denomination in Dunedin. University teaching in this subject will cost us nothing as a consequence. Two students are already preparing for B.A. Hebrew.

(10). The Correspondence Classes for candidates and others have been under the charge of Mr. Blight, who will present a report to the Examination Committee of Conference.

(11). Messrs. Goodman, John, Johnston, Matthews, and Tozer are due to leave College at the end of this year, having completed three years' training.

(12). The College Staff again ask for the sympathetic support of the Church in their difficult duty of training men for a ministry to be exercised in most difficult days.

HARRY RANSTON, PRINCIPAL.

Auckland,

October, 5th, 1933.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

Students Thornley and Matthews have both passed in their sections for the B.A. Degree.

The Garland Theological, the Alexander Reid Elocution and the Wagstaff Biblical Prizes were won by Student Thornley; the Kent English Prize by Student Taylor, who also obtained a second Elocution Prize. Student Duder won the Edson Greek Prize. Progress Prizes were obtained by students John (English Literature) and Hanna (Greek). Junior Prizes were awarded to students Tasker (Theology and Biblical), Willoughby (English), and Hopper (Greek).

H. RANSTON, Principal.

February 1st, 1934.

(B).—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

During the past year the members of the Council have devoted themselves to the interests of the College with their usual faithfulness. They have given generously, both of their time and their service, in carrying out the work of the various Committees, and the Quarterly Meetings of the Council have been well attended.

The Students.

The Council has expressed its very deep gratification at the general tone of the College life. The students have co-operated splendidly with the Principal and the staff in the endeavour to win the best results from their college life, and all the reports of the working of the College have been of a most encouraging nature. Good progress has been made by the men in their studies, and wherever they have preached their services have proved truly helpful and inspiring. The Council has received with special pleasure many reports testifying to the students' successes in evangelistic efforts, both in special missions and in their ordinary Sunday services.

The Hostel.

The number of Hostel Residents this year is the highest we have yet had, and on this side also everything has worked smoothly. Many of the new Hostel Residents have come to "Trinity" on the recommendation of other resident students—a gratifying tribute to the satisfactory conditions prevailing in our Hostel.

The Council would again commend to all our ministers and people the advantages of the Hostel for any young men who may be coming to Auckland to pursue their studies.

Purchase of College Site.

The matter of the Purchase of the College Site has always been kept in view, and during the year negotiations were entered into with the Wesley Training College Board, with the result that the purchase was effected. The valuers appointed by the Board and the Council agreed upon a valuation of £7,250. Towards this sum the following amounts were raised: £1000, which was on deposit to the Wesley Training College Board, was applied to the purchase price; £1,636 18s. 1d. was obtained from dividends and from the realisation of securities; the balance (£4,613 1s. 11d.) is on overdraft from the Bank of New Zealand.

When title was being taken, it was found that there was a slight legal difficulty in the way. This was overcome; but the 1934 Conference will be asked to pass certain resolutions confirming a special declaration of trust.

Dr. Ranston.

The Council expressed its gratification at learning that Dr. Ranston had been appointed by the Auckland University, Lecturer in Hebrew. This means that Dr. Ranston's Hebrew classes become part of the University course for B.A.

Degree in Divinity.

The Board of Studies, which is the official committee of the Conference to join with other churches in negotiating with the University Senate concerning the granting of Degrees in Divinity, has appointed Dr. Ranston and the Rev. W. T. Blight, as its representatives in the preliminary discussions.

B.C. Winter School.

During the first vacation a Winter School, organised by the Bible Class Unions, was held in the College. About forty leaders and prospective leaders were in residence for five days, and unanimous and cordial appreciation was expressed concerning the facilities provided by the College. Among the factors contributing to the success of the Winter School, prominent place was ascribed to the help given by Drs. Ranston and Laws, and the Rev. W. T. Blight.

Congregational Students.

This year four students for the Congregational Ministry have been in residence. The happiest possible relationship exists between them and the other students, and they take their full part in all the activities of the College life.

Ex-Students' Bonds.

There are still two or three cases of default by ex-students in making the payments due under their bonds. In other cases men are doing their utmost to fulfil their obligations. This is a matter that adds a great deal to the work of the Treasurer. The Council appreciates very highly the thoroughness with which Mr. Winstone carries out the many varied and exacting duties of his office.

Gifts to College Library.

As in former years, many valuable gifts have been received for the College Library, and in this connection grateful acknowledgment is made to the following:—Revs. Dr. Ranston, T. G. Carr, W. J. Williams, L. B. Busfield, A. E. Orr, W. W. Avery, E. C. Leadley, and S. Griffith; Mrs. Dellow, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith; Messrs. A. Taylor, C. J. O'Keefe, G. H. Driver, H. Field, R. Clarke (Auckland); Miss L. Wilkins (Cambridge); Rev. B. Dudley (Richmond); Revs. M. A. R. Pratt and A. Hopper, Mr. H. Buttle (Christchurch); Mrs. J. H. Blackwell (Kaiapoi); Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Thorne (Sefton); Mr. W. L. Morgan (Tai Tapu); Rev. A. C. Lawry (Geraldine); Rev. T. A. Pybus (Port Chalmers); Mrs. Duke (Dunedin).

Finance.

The Budget proposals will be submitted to Conference in the Treasurer's Report. The Council is faced with serious difficulties owing to the continued inability of the Probert Trust to make any grant to the College. Every item of expenditure has been scrutinised with the utmost care, and the greatest possible economy consistent with efficiency has been exercised. Promises of support for the ensuing year have been received from the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, the Prince Albert College Trust, and the Pitt Street Church Trust.

It is hoped that other Trusts throughout the Dominion may be able to help the Council in its important work for the Connexion.

Thanks and Appreciation.

The Council again expresses its appreciation of the manner in which the control of the College is being exercised by the Principal and the Residential Tutor; and also of the efficient and careful management on the domestic side of the College and Hostel.

Supplementary.

A Supplementary Report, containing the names of the members of the Council for 1934, and any other matters yet to be considered, will be submitted to Conference.

A. J. SEAMER, CHAIRMAN.

A. C. A. SEXTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

October, 9th, 1933.

ANGUS McBEAN, SECRETARY.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year Ended October 31st, 1933.

1. Adverse financial conditions still prevail and although this year we anticipate, by exercising strictest economy, to keep our expenditure to March 31st, 1934, within the limit of the Budget, unfortunately at present we are budgeting for a deficiency of £359, for the year commencing April 1st, 1934, and this, notwithstanding, the fact that we are budgeting for £76 less expenditure than last year.

It is interesting once more to make a comparison of the budgeted expenditure for the last five years:—

1930-31	..	..	..	£4,212
1931-32	..	..	..	£3,972
1932-33	..	..	..	£3,605
1933-34	..	..	..	£3,379
1934-35	..	..	..	£3,303

It will be seen that there has been a reduction in the College expenditure each year, and when it is taken into consideration that we have increased our number of College residents (Divinity and Hostel), this performance must reflect great credit on the administration.

2. The cost of living has not fallen during the year and lately has advanced slightly. It will therefore be immediately recognized that it is impossible to economise further, and at the same time maintain the present high standard of the College.

It is with great regret, therefore that for the first time in the history of the College, we are budgeting for a deficiency.

3. It will be seen that in the Reserve Fund there is an amount of £255 in the Bank, but of this sum £215 was budgeted for at last Conference, and has still to be paid, which will leave only £40 in that fund, and we have budgeted next year for £100 from this fund, so that we are relying on an increase of the Reserve Fund from amounts to be collected from Ex-Students, of £60.

4. **College Site.**—The Council thought it wise to take advantage of the very low land values prevailing to-day and negotiated during the year for the purchase of the College Site, resulting in the purchase of same for £7,250, which the Council considered a most satisfactory price. We were able to accomplish this purchase by realizing on our assets and raising the balance on Overdraft with the Bank of New Zealand, which on balancing date stood at £4,709 6s. 11d. By making this purchase, we have saved the ground rent

of £300 per annum and all we are committed for is the interest on Overdraft which is shown in the Budget as £240.

5. **Organ Fund, £300.**—To cover this amount the Council has set aside 90 shares in the South British Insurance Co., which at that date were valued at £300, and opened an account in the Auckland Savings Bank, in which the income from this investment is to be deposited.

6. The College Council proposes that the following be the Budget recommended to Conference:—

BUDGET 1934-35.

Estimated Income and Expenditure for year commencing 1st April, 1934.

INCOME.				
Probert Trust Board	..	..	..	Nil
Emsley Trust Board	..	..	..	£110
Prince Albert College Trust Board	..	..	..	200
Pitt Street Church Trust	..	..	..	150
Connexional Fire Insurance	..	..	..	200
Contingent Fund	..	..	..	740
Home Mission Fund	..	..	..	135
Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	..	50
Divinity Students' Contributions	..	..	..	125
Congregational Church	..	..	..	130
Hostel Fees	..	..	..	800
Trinity Collegiate Church	..	..	..	110
Rent—Moehau Street	..	..	..	94
Trinity College Reserve Fund	..	..	..	100
Deficiency	..	..	..	359
				£3,303

EXPENDITURE.				
House and Service	..	..	..	£1,100
Stipends	..	..	..	765
Tutors' Fees	..	..	..	55
Connexional Charges	..	..	..	150
Quarterages	..	..	..	136
Rates	..	..	..	430
Insurance	..	..	..	28
Telephones	..	..	..	32
University Fees	..	..	..	55
Furnishings	..	..	..	75
Bible Class Camp Fees	..	..	..	5
Repairs	..	..	..	50
Advertising Church Services	..	..	..	8
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	..	..	..	30
Interest, Site Acquisition	..	..	£240	
Moehau Street	..	..	104	
				344
Rent, Board Room	..	..	..	15
Sundries	..	..	..	25
				£3,303

FRANK M. WINSTONE,

Hon. Treasurer.

N.B.—£50 has since been promised by the Trustees of Taranaki Street Church, Wellington:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

Additional Gifts.

The Council gratefully acknowledges further gifts to the College Library from the following donors: Rev. W. E. Moore, Ravensbourne; Mrs. W. S. Potter, Grey Lynn; Mrs. and Miss Joynt, Ponsonby; Mrs. Todd-Smith, St. Heliers; Mr. T. L. Hames, Remuera.

Council for 1934.

The following are recommended to Conference as the College Council for 1934:—Revs. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Principal); W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Residential Tutor), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Fellow of Trinity College); J. H. Simmonds; T. A. Joughin; W. A. Sinclair; P. N. Knight, B.A.; G. Frost; A. B. Chappell, M.A.; E. D. Patchett; E. S. Emmitt, M.C.; A. McBean; R. B. Tinsley; W. Walker and F. J. Parker; Messrs. 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; L. G. Simpson, LL.M., and G. A. White.

OFFICERS: Chairman—Mr. A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M.; Vice-Chairman—Rev. E. D. Patchett; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. M. Winstone; Hon. Secretary—Rev. A. McBean.

A. J. SEAMER, Chairman.

A. C. A. SEXTON, Vice-Chairman.

ANGUS McBEAN, Secretary.

Auckland,

17th December, 1933.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and the College Council; the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement; the Reports and Financial Statements of the College Library and Prize Funds; the Cash Statement; the Revenue Account, and the Balance Sheet of the Site Acquisition Fund be received and adopted.
2. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing April 1st, 1934, be received and adopted.
3. That the hearty thanks of Conference be extended to the Principal, Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and Mrs. Blight, M.A., to the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D. and Mr. T. Harris; to the Vice-Chairman (A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M.), the Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; to the Treasurers of the Site Acquisition Fund, the Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. F. M. Winstone; to the Secretary of the Council, the Rev. A. McBean; the Auditors, Messrs. A. Messer and F. E. Sutherland; and the various Conference Examiners; also to Mr. F. E. Sutherland, co-Treasurer, with the Principal, of the Library and Prize Funds.
4. That the Conference appreciates the many valuable gifts to the College Library and thanks the donors.
5. That thanks be tendered to the Trustees of the Pitt Street Church Trust, Auckland; the Prince Albert College Trust Board; and the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, for assisting the College with grants during the year. Also to the above mentioned Trusts and Boards and the Taranaki Street Trust, Wellington, for generous promises for the coming year.
6. That the Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. F. M. Winstone be appointed co-Treasurers of the Site Acquisition Fund, and the Principal and Mr. F. E. Sutherland co-Treasurers of the Library and Prize Funds.

7. That Messrs. A Messer and F. E. Sutherland be appointed Auditors of the College Funds and Messrs. A. J. Buttle and T. L. Hames of the Library and Prize Funds.
8. That the Methodist Theological College Council, a Body duly incorporated under the Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908, having acquired the fee simple of the site upon which stand Trinity Methodist Theological College, the Collegiate Church, and the Principal's and Tutor's residences, it is hereby confirmed that the trusts upon which the said Council holds such site are those declared by deed of trust set out in the Minutes of Conference for the year 1927 on pages 94, 95 and 96, which declaration of trust was duly made by the Trustees constituting the Methodist Theological College Council before it was incorporated and thereafter deposited in the Supreme Court Office at Auckland.
9. That Paragraph No. 3 printed on page 86 of the Minutes of Conference for the year 1928 relating to the trusts upon which the College Site was to be held, be deleted as being no longer applicable.
10. That the Conference congratulates the College Council on acquiring the freehold of the College Site.
11. That Conference requests the Trinity College Council favourably to consider foregoing the sum of £25 from the Foreign Mission Fund sanctioned last year. The Conference agrees that the application for a grant for the next Connexional year shall be reduced to £25, in view of the present circumstances of the Foreign Mission Fund.

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

REPORT TO CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1933.

As forecasted in its report to last Conference, the Board in February of last year very carefully considered the serious financial position of the Trust and decided that a determined effort must be made to put it on a sound footing. Accordingly an appeal was made at last Conference to our Methodist trusts and funds for direct financial assistance, and the Board's Bank promised substantial relief if this was forthcoming. The response from other Methodist bodies was generous and immediate, with the result that during the year a sum of £900 was paid to the Trust by the following Methodist funds and bodies:—

Pitt Street Church Trustees
 Prince Albert College Trustees
 Connexional Fire Insurance Fund
 Contingent Fund
 Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust.

As a result of these donations and of the assistance given the Trust by the Bank, coupled with the strenuous efforts of the Board and the Staff to effect economies, the Board is glad to be able to report that for the year just closed it has been almost able to balance its budget, the loss on this year's operations being only £329 19s. 0d. as against £3,572 17s. 11d. for the previous year. This is a nett improvement of £3,242 18s. 11d. and has been

achieved notwithstanding a drop of nearly £600 in the rents received by the Board. The improvement has taken place as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Grants received from Methodist Trusts	900	0	0
Increased Farm Profit	979	17	2
Decrease in Interest	1,048	12	1
Decrease in General Expenses	486	9	7
Decreased loss on College	426	11	10
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	3,841	10	8
Less decreased rents received	598	11	9
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	£3,242	18	11

The Board desires to express its gratitude for the generous contributions made to it and its hope that these contributions can be continued for the three years for which they were asked. With only a slight improvement in the price of dairy produce the Trust would be able to more than pay its way. The College farm during the year made a profit of £1,348 10s. 9d. (interest on capital not being charged) and until butter prices improve it is not possible to very greatly improve this account.

The Board decided with the aid of the contributions made to it to offer a number of scholarships and bursaries available to scholars whose parents were not able to pay full fees. These were taken advantage of but only to a limited extent owing to the fact that the moneys were not available till the year was well advanced. This year the Board hopes to make more use of these very valuable aids. With their assistance it should be possible to improve the scholastic standing of the College and give Wesley College a place among the best schools of the Dominion.

The improvement work on the Board's suburban properties referred to in its last report has continued during the year, there being an average of between 70 and 80 men working all the year. The great depression in milk and butter prices has prevented the Board from obtaining any return from this work so far but during the coming year there should be an improvement in these prices and in the circumstances of those supplying milk to the City and this should materially improve the Board's returns.

The problem of the Board's suburban properties—highly rated because of their assumed potential value as building sites but at present relatively unproductive—is a very pressing one, and the Board will have seriously to consider the question of converting them into a less onerous asset as soon as opportunity offers.

During the year the Board of Trinity Theological College intimated that it desired to complete the purchase of the freehold of its College Site from this Board. By agreement between the arbitrators representing the two Boards the price was fixed at £7,250, and this was paid in cash. Both Boards were well satisfied with the terms of the purchase and the transaction was carried through with the utmost cordiality on both sides. This Board's revenue should be improved to the extent of about £50 per annum as a result of the purchase.

While the Board has not by any means got over all its difficulties, the outlook at the present time is infinitely more encouraging than at any time during the last five years and members of the Board feel that they can work with fresh heart for the future of the College.

The Principal's report on the College and Farm is attached.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

1st February, 1934.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE AND CAMERON.

Premier Buildings, Auckland,
31st January, 1934.

The Chairman,

The Board of the Wesley Training College,
AUCKLAND,

Dear Sir,—

In accordance with our usual practice we submit herewith our report on the position of the accounts and financial statements of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

Income and Expenditure Account.

This discloses a loss of £329 19s. 0d. as compared with a loss of £3,572 17/11 for the previous year, a decrease of £3,242 18s. 11d. A comparison of the items comprising this account for the years ended 1932 and 1933 is set out below :—

EXPENDITURE—	1932	1933
Interest	£3,655 4 8	£2,606 12 7
Loss on College	1,963 12 6	637 0 8
General Expenses	1,702 1 9	1,215 12 2
INCOME—		
Rents	£3,379 7 5	£2,780 15 8
Profit on Farm	368 13 7	1,348 10 9

The lower rates of interest paid to the Bank and Depositors have resulted in a decrease under this head of £1,048 12s. 1d.

The reduced debit under the heading of "General Expenses" is mainly accounted for by the reduction in the rates account amounting to £446/0/7 and because a charge of £108/12/1 for wages in the maintenance of the Board's properties during 1932 has not recurred in the 1933 period.

Rents.

A comparison of the rentals derived from the various properties for the years ending December 31st, 1932 and 1933 as follows :—

	1932			1933		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Grafton Road Property	1,388	18	8	1,131	14	11
Three Kings Property	944	15	2	720	3	1
Mt. Albert Property	517	19	2	427	9	2
Dominion Road Property	139	12	6	133	19	11
Waikowhai Property	388	1	11	367	8	7
	<u>£3,379</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£2,780</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>

College Account.

The loss under this heading is less by £1,326/11/10. If the grant of £900 from the Methodist Funds is deducted from this, the residue £426/11/10 will represent the decrease in the loss on working as evidenced by the following comparative figures for the years ending 1932 and 1933.

REVENUE—	1932	1933
School Fees, Gross 3,193 3 9		3,312 19 11
Less Beneficiary Work .. 596 0 0		556 1 5
	2,597 3 9	2,756 18 6
Sundry	33 16 7	30 14 3
	<u>£2,631 0 4</u>	<u>£2,787 12 9</u>

EXPENDITURE—

Provisioning		1,143 17 7		1,042 15 11
Advertising ..	83 15 7		88 0 0	
Fuel & Light ..	286 13 10		281 4 0	
Insurance ..	57 14 9		50 10 3	
Rates ..	44 17 11		38 8 1	
Repairs & Mtnc.	127 1 8		213 7 10	
Sports ..	19 8 11		33 2 1	
Stationery & Books	29 12 6		43 12 3	
Sundry Expenses	215 10 4		151 14 10	
		864 15 6		899 19 4
Salaries ..		1,341 19 1		1,299 10 3
Wages ..		778 16 8		657 12 4
Bad Debts & Bad Debts Reserve		181 13 4		195 2 8
Depreciation ..		283 10 8		229 12 11
		<u>£4,594 12 10</u>		<u>£4,324 13 5</u>
			Working loss	
WORKING LOSS		<u>£1,963 12 6</u>	(excluding	<u>£1,537 0 8</u>
			Grant £900)	

It will be noted that the percentage of the provisioning cost to gross school fees is 35.82% for 1932 and 31.45% for 1933, a decrease of 4.37%.

Farm Account.

This account discloses a net profit of £1,348/10/9 compared with £368 13/7 for the previous period. Stock on Hand is valued at £8,623/16/- as compared with £8,391/19/6 at December 31st, 1932, and has been certified as correct by Messrs. R. C. Clark, J. Veale and L. Knight. In accordance with the usual custom half the cost of seeds and manure has been carried forward and forms part of the item "Payments in Advance" shown on the Balance Sheet at £548 /16/8.

Depreciation.

Depreciation has been written off at the rate of 12½% on Farm Plant and 7½% on College Equipment and Furniture. The tractor has been written down to £100, the Truck to £60 and the Car to £60.

BALANCE SHEET.**City and Suburban Properties.**

During the year the value of the Mt. Albert property has been written down by £14,771/1/6 to give effect to the reduction in the Government Valuation. As a result of the sale to the Methodist Theological College Council, the value of the Grafton Road property is less by £5,301.

Loan Moneys.

The following is a comparison of the Board's liability to the Bank and Depositors as at December 31st, 1932 and 1933.

	1932		1933	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Loans on Fixed Deposit ..	7,104	7 6	6,060	0 0
Bank of N.Z. long term Mortgage	17,969	4 8	11,579	16 8
Bank of N.Z. Overdraft ..	39,568	17 8	41,260	3 7
	<u>£64,642</u>	<u>9 10</u>	<u>£58,900</u>	<u>0 3</u>

The reduction in the Long Term Mortgage shows at £6,389/8/- of which £6,250/16/8 is accounted for by the appropriation of part of the proceeds of the sale to the Methodist Theological College Council for that specific purpose.

Capital Improvements.

During the year the sum of £1,111/18/3 has been expended on capital improvements as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Improvements at Paerata	547	4	8
Improvements at Mt. Albert Property ..	239	11	7
Improvements at Waikowhai Property ..	48	11	0
Plant and Machinery	205	17	1
Furniture, Fittings and Equipment, College ..	70	13	11
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	£1,111	18	3

Sundry Debtors.

The Debtors for Rent, Rates and Fees amount to £1672/11/11. There are many slow and doubtful debtors against the possibility of loss from which has been reserved £550. We have examined the accounts carefully and, after reference to Mr. Knight in connection with those that might be classified as doubtful, we are of the opinion that the amount of the reserve is a reasonable provision against the losses that are likely to result from this source. Included in the item "Sundries £749/5/7" are the following:—

	£	s.	d.
Sundry Debtors for Sales	79	1	1
R. C. Clark, cash account	168	10	0
N.Z. Dairy Co-op. Ltd.—December butterfat ..	129	2	1
N.Z. Dairy Co-op. Ltd.—Shares Account ..	179	18	4
N.Z. Railways	2	7	5
Peak, Kirker and Newcomb	1	4	10
Auckland Gas Co. Ltd. (to be refunded at rate of £10 per house built and connected with gas mains on Mt. Albert Estate)	110	0	0
Workers' Educational Association	79	1	10
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	£749	5	7

On January 8th, 1934, £150 was received from Mr. Clark in reduction of the amount standing to his debit.

Mt. Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers £1,558/12/4.

As mentioned in our report last year, most of the principal moneys owing under this heading are overdue. The sum of £265/7/8 has been reserved against loss from this source.

Liabilities.

We hold a certificate from Mr. Knight to the effect that all liabilities entitled to rank against the Board at 31st December, 1933 have been provided for in the books as at that date.

Capital Account.

The profit from the sale of part of the Grafton Road property, £1,949, has been credited this account, and, after debits have been made to reduce the value of the Mt. Albert property by £14,771/1/6, to make a provision of £265/7/8 against loss on the capital sums owing on the Mt. Albert Sections, and to cover the loss for the period £329/19/—, there remains in this account a credit of £85,621/4/3.

Deeds.

We hold a certificate from the Board's Solicitors, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, stating that the Title Deeds of the properties are in order and duly registered, and that the agreements and leases are in order and duly executed and stamped. They also certify that the Title Deed for the sections already surveyed in the Mt. Albert property is held in the land Registry Office at Auckland, the Certificate of Title being part cancelled and that they hold all mortgages, agreements, and leases belonging to the Board.

We also hold a certificate from the Bank of New Zealand that it holds the Certificate of Title to Grafton Road, Paerata, Mt. Albert, Three Kings and Waikowhai properties. The Title Deed of Three Kings Property, we understand, also covers the Dominion Road Property.

General.

As mentioned in our last report we were again unable to vouch satisfactorily the receipts for sales, etc., as evidenced by the College Petty Cash Book. We have therefore accepted the authority of the Finance Committee which is contained in the Petty Cash Book.

We have pleasure in reporting that we found the books and records of the Board in good order.

Yours faithfully,

For Hutchison Elliffe and Cameron,

(Sgd.) J. M. ELLIFFE.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

I have pleasure in reporting that despite difficult conditions, the roll number has increased this year and about 70 boys have been in residence, while the prospects for next year at present seem promising. We have, too, had a continuance of our good fortune in the health of the school and the hospital has been used only for two cases of measles.

Staff.

There have been very few changes. Mr. A. E. Lock, B.Sc., who has been Science Master for five years, left to take up a position in the South Island, and Mr. L. H. Lidgard, M.Sc., B.For.Sc., took over his duties in the middle of the term.

The school has received the usual inspection by the Education Department's Inspectors, who have recorded their satisfaction with the work being done and have spoken very pleasingly of the general tone of the school.

Religious instruction has been given by the Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Bailey, assisted by the staff. The Chaplain also has taken the Sunday morning service in the Chapel, while evening prayers and Sunday evening services are conducted by the Principal.

As a result of the appeal made at last Conference, a very encouraging response has been made by the Trustees of several Methodist Funds. Grants have been made available which will permit the granting of Bursaries to deserving boys, and special consideration will also be given to Maori lads of promise who would not otherwise be able to receive the training provided by the College. The Bursaries will range in value from £10 to £25 per annum. In addition to the benefits conferred upon the holders, the bursaries will prove of great help to the College, both by increasing the school roll and consequently the fees receivable, and also by causing a definite improvement in scholarship.

I would urge upon our Ministers and Laymen the desirability of stressing the value of the College. We have much to learn from the loyalty and enthusiasm of other Churches in this connection, and we must not forget that a good secondary school is a source of great strength to the Church.

A school naturally owes much to its Board of Governors, its Principal, and its Staff, but I believe it owes quite as much to the quality of the lads who come to it for training, and to the eager and enthusiastic support of its friends. Do not forget that Wesley College is the one secondary school of our Church in New Zealand. Its grounds, buildings, and staffing are on a scale of which the connexion can be proud. If Ministers have bright boys coming along who are going to boarding-schools, the best way to keep them Methodist is to send them to Wesley College. While the College specialises in agricultural education, we do not lose sight of the value of a sound general education. Boys are prepared for all the usual school examinations, and pleasing results have been obtained.

The Maoris.

Not the least valuable part of the work of the College is that in connection with Maori boys. The College receives 12 Government Scholarship boys who have been specially chosen for a secondary school course, while worthy boys are regularly sent forward by our Maori Ministers and the Deaconesses. This year we have had in residence 9 Government Scholars. There has been a total of 16 Maori boys in residence, 5 of whom are presenting themselves for the Matriculation examination at the end of the year, while two are anxious to prepare themselves for the Maori ministry.

FARM REPORT.

Although the farm is used primarily to give training to the students, the basis of management is that each department shall be at least self-supporting. A third dairy was started in April last and at the present time a total of 130 Friesians and 70 Jerseys are being milked. The average production of the Friesian herd during the past three years is over 300 lbs. of butterfat per cow. The College has gained a very favourable reputation for its pigs. At present over 250 pigs are carried, all of which are stud pigs, the four main breeds being represented. The poultry and bee departments have also been considerably increased of late, and while giving a good practical training for boys, are showing themselves of increasing financial value. Two breeds of poultry are kept, Black Orpington and White Leghorn, and also White Runner and Khaki Campbell ducks. About 200 birds of each breed are kept. In the apiary, at present we have over 200 colonies of bees, and last year produced over 4 tons of honey. During the past three years the number of sheep carried has been greatly reduced, and at present we carry about 400 stud Southdowns, 100 Stud Ryelands, and about 650 flock ewes and lambs. Space will not permit me to mention the many other branches of agricultural activity, but the aim of the school is to provide the agricultural student with a good working knowledge of every branch of agriculture under sound practical conditions.

The College farm including a small area leased from the Railways Department, consists of over 700 acres, and is at present carrying:—

200 milking cows, 25 in-calf heifers, 30 yearling heifers, 35 calves, 7 bulls, mature and yearling, 250 pigs, 1 stallion, 5 mares, 4 horses, 650 ewes, stud and flock, 100 rams, mature and hogget, 70 stud hogget ewes, 650 lambs, stud and flock.

When it is realised that over 80 acres are devoted to orchard and gardens, sports grounds and plantation, it will be seen that the farm has a good carrying capacity, while the condition of the stock will show that the limit has not yet been reached.

Nine years ago the stock carried consisted of 48 cows, 350 ewes and lambs, 8 pigs, and 5 horses, so it may be seen that the farm has great possibilities of development. While there is a ready sale for everything produced, and

the next few years promise well, I would emphasize that the chief purpose of the farm must always be as a training ground for the students, and it must never be allowed to swerve from our greater purpose, namely, the building up of a school which shall be a credit and pride to the Church.

R. C. CLARK, PRINCIPAL.

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 the Rev. J. H. Bailey for his valuable work as College Chaplain and also to the members of the Board.
3. That Conference recognises the value and excellence of the work being done at Wesley College, Paerata, and heartily commends this Institution to the loyal support of all our Churches.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the following Methodist Trusts and Funds for their generous assistance to the Wesley College Trust:—Connexional Fire Insurance Board, Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trust, Prince Albert College Trust, Pitt Street Church Trust. Conference hopes that they may be able to continue that assistance during the current year.
5. That the following be appointed additional members of the Board:—Rev. A. H. Scrivin, Messrs. P. Rushton, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., and Stuart Caughey.

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

I.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

In accordance with the Regulations of the Fund the Board presents to the Conference its report for the year ended 30th November, 1933.

Board Vacancies.

During the year there have been changes in the personnel of the Board due to the death of the Rev. Samuel Lawry, the removal of the Rev. E. W. Hames and the resignation of Mr. H. W. Heslop. The Board places on record its sense of loss at the passing of Mr. Lawry and its appreciation of the services rendered by the retiring members. With the approval of the President, the Rev. C. Eaton and Mr. M. Kershaw were appointed to the Board for the current Connexional year.

Annuitants.

The last Conference added 3 permanent supernumeraries and one temporary supernumerary to the list. The deaths reported number three supernumeraries, one temporary supernumerary, two wives of supernumerary ministers, two ministers in active work, one of whom has died since the date of the annual balance, and two wives of ministers in active work. There are now 31 supernumeraries and 49 widows on the Fund and three orphan children of deceased parents are in receipt of benefits. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants is £8450 11s. 7d. which is the largest annual payment yet made.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet duly audited are presented with the Report. The total net income for the year has been £9,800 5s. 1d. and the expenditure £8,920 3s. 9d. The Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Provision Reserves have been increased by £100 and now stand at £3101 14s. 11d. The Epworth Chambers Depreciation Reserve has been increased to £350. The sum of £880 1s. 4d. has been added to the Accumulated Fund which now amounts to £147,194 12s. 0d.

The Allied Funds administered by the Board amount to £20,323 4s. 4d. Deposits lodged by various Connexional Funds, Institutions and Boards of Trustees as well as by personal depositors amount to £23,346 9s. 9d. which is £5,323 1s. 2d. less than last year.

Included in the combined assets of the Supernumerary and Allied Fund is a sum of £52,212 18s. 1d. invested in city freehold properties; £26,000 invested in local body securities; and £102,241 0s. 7d. invested on first mortgage. Properties in possession and mortgagors' stock accounts are shown as an asset amounting to £5,688 14s. 7d.

Earnings.

Statutory enactments and other economic factors have again very substantially reduced the net income from interest and rents. The earnings have been £5670 0s. 11d., a drop of £1591 13s. 11d. on the figures for the previous year. The average interest earning rate is the lowest yet reached. Calculated on the actuarial formula formerly employed the rate of interest has been £3 18s. 9d. per cent. If the interest earned is calculated on the average capital month by month—a practice adopted by many investing bodies—the earnings would average £3 17s. 7d. per cent. With office expenses deducted the average interest works out at £3. 11s. 2d. per cent.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

Personal subscriptions in arrears on 30th November with interest thereon amounted to £920 2s. 3d., an increase of £159 4s. 8d. over the previous year. This amount is due by 46 ministers. The following table shows the District distribution of arrears.

	Subscriptions		Interest		Total	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	136	13 4	9	9 6	146	2 10
South Auckland ..	54	0 0	2	2 9	56	2 9
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	91	19 10	6	7 3	98	7 1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	251	19 11	74	8 3	326	8 2
Wellington	91	4 6	5	8 10	96	13 4
Nelson	32	2 2	2	5 5	34	7 7
North Canterbury ..	49	6 11	2	1 10	51	8 9
South Canterbury ..	53	0 0	3	4 0	56	4 0
Otago-Southland ..	51	19 1	2	8 8	54	7 9
	<u>£812</u>	<u>5 9</u>	<u>£107</u>	<u>16 6</u>	<u>£920</u>	<u>2 3</u>

There is also a sum of £104 11s. 10d. due for the purchase of benefits and interest thereon. A new feature of which the Conference should take account is that in Auckland District a sum of £99 5s. 0d. is overdue for circuit levies and a sum of £15 in the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of this Fund clearly show its position. Grants amounting to £177 have been made to 12 necessitous supernumeraries and widows of ministers.

Home Acquirement Fund.

The amount now held in the personal accounts of contributors is £5970 3/- Sums totalling £152 8s. 11d. have been paid out in respect of withdrawals from the Fund. The personal subscriptions of ministers have been supplemented with a subsidy of £299 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The printed financial statements fully disclose the position of this Fund. Retiring allowances amounting to £1080 0s. 5d. have been paid to those withdrawing from the Fund. The personal credit accounts of home missionaries aggregate £8,836 15s. 1d.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

From this fund retiring allowances amounting to £59 8s. 7d. have been paid. The personal credits of contributors now total £4159 17s. 8d.

Board for 1934.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1934 :—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. E. Drake, W. Rowe, W. Grigg, C. Eaton and H. Ryan, Messrs. G. Bowron, (Lay Treasurer), A. Borrowes, H. P. Lawry, H. Chapman, C. F. Edgar, and M. Kershaw.

Actuarial Investigation.

The Board has arranged with Mr. Percy Muter, F.I.A. for an Actuarial investigation of and report upon the Fund. All necessary information has been supplied to the Actuary.

Consultative Committee.

The Board has been in touch with the Consultative Committee and submits herewith a separate report on the points raised. It wishes to thank the Consultative Committee for its interest in the welfare of the Fund.

Exchange on Annuities.

In view of the heavy exchange charges on remittances to annuitants living in certain countries outside the Dominion, the Board recommends that in future the following regulation shall apply :—

“Annuities payable to persons residing outside New Zealand shall be paid according to the approved scale, the annuitant bearing the cost or receiving the advantage of the ruling rate of exchange.”

Purchase of Benefits by Ex-Home Missionaries.

The Board has given careful consideration to the matter of the purchase of benefits by ex-home missionaries received into the ministry and has consulted the Actuary on the matter. It has not considered the relative value of the services of home missionaries and ministers but it strongly opposes any purchase proposal as it would inevitably result in a considerable selection against the Fund itself.

Accident and Sickness Insurance.

This matter has also received the attention of the Board which is prepared to arrange such insurances for ministers, home missionaries and deaconesses according to the following table :—

	Annual Premium	
	£1 8 6	£2 19 0
1. Death by Accident	£250	£250
2. Permanent Total Disablement by Accident (loss of two limbs or two eyes or one limb and one eye)	£250	£250
3. Permanent Partial Disablement by Accident (loss of one limb or one eye)	£125	£125
4. Temporary Total Disablement by Accident (limited to 52 weeks)	£1 10 0	£4
5. Temporary Partial Disablement by Accident (limited to 52 weeks)	7/6	£1
6. Temporary Total Disablement from 30 specified Diseases (Limited to 52 weeks)	£1 10 0	£4
7. Temporary Partial Disablement by the above- mentioned Diseases (limited to 4 weeks)	7/6	£1

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

GEORGE BOWRON

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, } Treasurers.

Christchurch,

15th January, 1934.

SPECIAL REPORT ON SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

The Conference of 1933 appointed Messrs David Jones, B. J. Lynneberg and C. E. Taylor as a Committee with which the Supernumerary Fund Board might, if it so desired, consult during the year on questions of policy and other matters affecting the fund. Mr. Jones has, until recently, been absent from the Dominion but the Board has been in consultation with the other two members.

Information was sought from and suggestions offered to the Board on matters affecting the Allied Funds, Deposits, Reserve Funds and Epworth Chambers Depreciation Fund, payment of rates and taxes by mortgagors and benefits for annuitants. The suggestion was made to re-value the whole of the assets of the Supernumerary Fund and to set up a special committee to have such powers as the Conference might direct, and to co-operate with the Board in promoting the welfare of the Fund.

The Board gave very careful consideration to the representations submitted and now presents the following report on the various points raised :—

Allied Funds.

- (a) Benevolent Branch of Supernumerary Fund.
- (b) Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.
- (c) Deaconess Retiring Fund.
- (d) Home Acquirement Fund.

These Funds are all allied to the Supernumerary Fund. By direction of the Conference of 1922 they are invested with the main Fund in securities of the same class and under the same conditions as are provided in respect of the Supernumerary Fund. In 1924 Conference expressly sanctioned the investment in property for Connexional Offices and for letting purposes of moneys under the management of the Supernumerary Fund Board. The Allied funds automatically share the fortunes of the main fund. They

bear a reasonable share of the expenses, receive the same rate of interest, and, should there be any real capital losses, each would bear its proportionate share. The principle here involved was recognised by the Actuary, who, in reporting after the last valuation of the Fund wrote :—

“It is also evident that where other Funds are invested with the Supernumerary Fund they should share in the losses either directly or indirectly, by deducting the provision for such loss from the interest distributed.”

It should also be recognised that as a safeguard each allied fund has a small reserve fund and that the position of all allied Funds is strengthened by their connection with the larger Fund.

Any enquiry as to whether the Allied Funds would share in any losses of capital or income is based on the assumption of an impossibility, namely that there could, at any time, be no interest whatever. If the extreme improbability of any large loss of capital of the Allied Funds ever did eventuate, such loss could be met from current income and the reserves already provided. Such contingencies, however, are so remote that they give no ground whatever for any real concern.

Deposit Accounts.

The Supernumerary Fund is liable for the repayment in full of all personal and trust deposits both as to principal and the agreed rate of interest thereon and the Board can foresee no possibility of any capital loss. Under the borrowing powers of the Board it has full authority to accept such deposits, and took the best legal advice before so doing. On these deposits the Board has hitherto allowed a lower interest than the rate such deposits have earned.

The acceptance of deposits, however, is not in any way part of the general policy of the Board. Personal deposits and many trust deposits were accepted as a more or less temporary measure and as the least costly method of financing the purchase of and additions to our building investment. The total cost of this was some £48,000 and it is now held entirely free of any debt. By taking deposits we avoided the necessity for paying high interest on a bank overdraft, which was always readily available, and the alternative necessity for securing a mortgage loan on the property. The wiser method of taking deposits has certainly saved the Fund an average of a least from 1 per cent. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. each year on the whole amount involved.

The deposit system has also been a decided advantage to many church funds, ensuring them absolute safety, returning them a satisfactory rate of interest and affording them the certainty of being able to lift their deposit at any moment that it might be required.

The fixed policy of the Board has been and still is gradually to repay the amounts accepted on deposit as moneys become available. Despite the difficulties created by the world's economic crisis a large amount has already been paid off. It may be advisable during the coming year to accept further personal deposits but there will be a compensating and corresponding decrease in trust deposits as refunds are made during building operations at the Orphanage.

A further decided advantage resulting from the operation of the Board's policy in regard to deposits is that the repayment of such deposits will provide a definite outlet for its surplus funds for some time to come and will thus obviate all necessity for seeking fresh investments while values are so unsettled. There is little expectation of any necessity to realise on the assets of the Fund in order to repay deposits.

Reserve Fund Provisions.

The Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund and the Doubtful Debts Provision Account may be considered together. In the light of our present knowledge of financial happenings throughout the world and more especially within New Zealand during the past three or four years—happenings which nobody could foresee—it is readily recognised that it would have been better if, in the earlier and more prosperous times larger provision had been made to meet the possible losses of leaner years.

Although our reserves are small it must be remembered that, so far, each year has been made to bear its own share of revenue losses by deducting them from income. Consequently inflated figures in the nature of irrecoverable debts have not shown in the books. In last year's published accounts a large part of the interest shown as due was not overdue. There were only five really doubtful accounts aggregating £2870 not all of which is likely to be lost. Similarly most of the rent shown last year as due was not overdue. There were only three doubtful accounts totalling £155, of which a good proportion could be regarded as perfectly safe. The doubtful portion has now been written off this year's earnings. As a considerable margin of security has always been allowed when making loans, should occasion arise for realisation of any property mortgaged to the Board arrears of interest would be capitalised and recovered in that way. The persistence of depression throughout the current year, as was inevitable, shows an increased amount of overdue interest.

The Board has made a searching examination of each separate mortgage investment and after the most careful review possible is convinced that, at the worst, ultimate losses are not at all likely to exceed £3,000 which is the amount provided in our Reserve Funds for that express purpose. We do not see any probability of actual loss of capital beyond that for which provision has already been made. Nevertheless we are still pursuing our settled policy of strengthening our reserves to a reasonable extent, but we recognise that lean years are not the time for making large additions to reserves beyond the necessities of the position. If present reserves have to be largely utilized in fulfilling the purpose for which they were provided, they will be restored as wisdom and necessity may require and circumstances allow. Any suggestion to increase them "at the rate of £1,000 per annum until a reserve of £10,000 is provided" could only arise from the absence of an adequate knowledge of the true position of the Board's investments.

It should be remembered that legislative interference with existing contracts has altered the relationship between debtor and creditor in a way that none foresaw. Interest rates and rent have been reduced by Statute and provision made both for cancellation of interest and reduction of principal. The various legislative enactments designed to meet the adverse financial and economic conditions have pressed heavily upon every institution having funds invested in farming or city properties. In many cases the low price of primary produce has resulted in an incapacity of the farming industry to meet its own costs. In some instances the entire value of the produce was not equal to the amount of liability for mortgage interest alone. Money invested consequently became largely unproductive. Such conditions involved all mortgagees very closely in the concerns on which they had lent money. To protect their investments mortgagees have had to stand by clients who were suffering hardship and whose interest had fallen into arrears for reasons beyond their control. Most of our mortgages are in the Waikato where extremely low prices for butterfat have created acute conditions and in Canterbury where three successive dry seasons have had disastrous results.

In common with every responsible Board controlling investments we have, throughout the economic crisis, had to be guided by the principle that our major responsibility has been to safeguard the capital sums invested

rather than to grasp at the collection of the maximum amount of interest. The Courts and Commissions have acted on the basic principle that the first charge on farm revenue must be conservative living expenses for the farmer and reasonable outgoings such as wages, manure, seeds, etc. They have held that only the surplus remaining after such expenditure, is fairly available for distribution between the stock mortgagee, and the land mortgagee. Such an arrangement was imperative in order to retain the mortgagor on the land under conditions which would provide the farmer with the finance essential to the proper upkeep of the holding, the maintenance of production and consequently the safety of the mortgage investment. The special circumstances of every investment have been investigated and reasonable treatment accorded commensurate with the difficulties of each individual borrower. We have been reluctant to realize on any security where the mortgagor could be helped safely through days of stress.

In reply to an enquiry as to whether the Board insists on mortgagors paying rates and taxes every year we have to report that as rates, land tax and electric power board charges rank in priority to the mortgage and are consequently a charge upon the security, the Board has given attention to these matters when mortgagors have fallen into arrears. In cases worked under the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce scheme these items are budgeted for, but where no cash is available for outgoings, because the earning power of the security has fallen below the costs of production, annual payment by the mortgagor cannot always be made.

The Epworth Chambers Investment.

The Conference of 1924 affirmed the desirability of securing property in Christchurch suitable for Connexional Offices and for letting purposes and also sanctioned the investment therein of moneys under the management of the Supernumerary Fund Board which was empowered, on certain conditions, to invest up to £25,000. To enable such an investment to be made the rule relating to investment of funds was extended to cover the purchase of freehold property and (or) erection of buildings when approved by at least three fourths of the members of the Board and sanctioned by the Conference or any Committee authorised by the Conference to sanction any such purchase or erection.

In 1928 the Conference empowered the Board to erect new Connexional Offices when it deemed the time opportune provided that the proposal for such erection was approved by a 75 per cent. vote of the Board and the plans and specifications of the proposed building were submitted to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for consideration.

Acting on the authority given by Conference land was purchased in Worcester Street and the erection of buildings was determined upon as soon as conditions should be favourable. This proposal was not proceeded with as the opportunity to purchase a better property presented itself. The valuable Worcester Street property remains unsold solely through the economic depression. Its unimproved value is £4,150 and our book value, including a small brick building on the section, is slightly less than this amount. This security is at present unproductive but we are confident it can be disposed of without loss.

In connection with the purchase of, and additions to the property at the corner of Hereford and Manchester Streets, now known as Epworth Chambers, every condition imposed was fulfilled excepting that relating to the sum invested, but by the unanimous vote of the Supernumerary Fund Board, and of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee the purchase for £30,000 was approved. Subsequently the Conference of 1929 expressed its hearty approval of the action of the Board in purchasing the property

as an investment and for future Connexional purposes. It thanked the Board for its far-sighted policy and gave authority to expend up to £20,000 in developing the property when the Board deemed the time opportune so to do.

The property, which is a true trustee security, was bought well on a low market. The additions were made during the same low level period. The property occupies one of the best corners in the city of Christchurch. The building is of four storeys and a basement, the superstructure of reinforced concrete being independent of the lower brick portion and imposing no extra strain on the latter.

If the wisdom of this investment is questioned we would point out that the alternative would have been to invest available funds in Government and local body securities or in farming properties. The latter class of security is, however, far less certain than city property and is also governed by far-reaching restrictive legislation. Any preference for debenture securities ignores the fact that the drop in our average rate of interest earnings is partially accounted for by the Statutory reduction of interest on this very class of security. While mortgage interest has been reduced to a minimum of five per cent. (and only in two cases has the Board found it necessary to make temporary allowances below this rate) Government and local body securities return us as low as 4½ per cent. Moreover, to suggest that, because for a more or less short period, our freehold investment may not yield the rate of interest it should return, the capital value should be written down proportionately, is altogether unsound. Epworth Chambers retains its capital value, less reasonable wear and tear, just as do the Government and Local body debentures despite the fact that they also return a rate of interest very heavily reduced by legal enactment.

The Board last year affirmed the necessity for building up a reasonable Depreciation Reserve against this asset and such provision is already a definite annual charge. As the income increases more adequate provision will be made. In the first years of ownership depreciation was not provided because of the low purchase price and because of the prospect of further alterations to the older part of the building by converting the Manchester Street frontage into shops with a view to increasing its earning power. The value of the building has been increased by renovations and alterations to some of the older suites of offices. The cost of this work which might reasonably have been spread over a period of years has been met out of revenue and this virtually represents a depreciation provision. Each year the Revenue Account has been charged with rental losses as they occurred. Only reasonably safe amounts are shown as rent payable, consequently there is no serious accumulating doubtful asset under this heading. After writing off rent losses and the value of renewals and alterations and setting aside some provision for depreciation and doubtful debts the property last year yielded an unsatisfactory return. A still further reduced income is shown for the year just closed, mainly because Statutory reductions have applied to the full year as against eight months last year. It is admitted that the return on the investment is unsatisfactory and likely to continue so for some time, but the low earnings are attributable first to the fact that the Government compulsorily effected a reduction in rents by so large a proportion as 20 per cent. and secondly to the circumstance that for a long period two of the largest and most valuable ground floor suites have been vacant. No trustee investment, however, gives to-day the return that it did.

The unimproved value of the Epworth Chambers property is assessed at £14,850 and it is scarcely conceivable that such a central city section can depreciate. Nor is the value of improvements regarded as excessive. Enquiry was recently made with a view to appealing against the existing valuation but we were advised that any appeal would be futile because the present assessment was regarded as reasonable.

Assets and Valuations.

It has been suggested that the whole of the assets of the Fund should be revalued with a view to a drastic writing down. In our judgment there is not the slightest necessity for a general valuation, nor could the expense of such be justified. Every investment made has been carefully considered on its merits. No investment has ever been made except by the unanimous vote of the Board. In any doubtful cases check valuations have been obtained from local experts. In respect of most of the mortgages that have given concern fresh valuations were made in 1932. The Board composed of twelve members has included in its personnel seventeen laymen and twenty-eight ministers, and throughout the whole history of the fund they have been consistently conservative in respect to sound finance.

We would point out that no loan on mortgage has ever been made of more than three-fifths of the valuation of an expert. Even on a low market this gives a sufficient margin to secure the amount of the principal except in one case. This exception was a North Island property valued in 1920 by Mr. J. McCaw at £6713. On this security a loan of £3,800 was advanced. In 1929 a sum of £800 was written off the principal and £458 19s. 7d. was written off the interest account. This loss was then debited to the Investment Fluctuation Reserve Fund and a further writing down may now be necessary and is provided for.

While the economic crisis has meant large arrears of interest one or two good harvests on a rising market would clear all accounts with the exception of four or five which have been "carried" for a number of years and in which the margin of security is adequate to protect the principal. It must be remembered that it is not the capital value of the mortgaged property we show as an asset, but only the amount of our mortgage. Hence because of the margin allowed, our security remains safe.

Any suggestion to revalue real estate and to show it in the books at to-day's prices is ill-timed. It is impossible to say what is the real value of many kinds of assets at a period such as the present. To write down these assets would only have the effect of showing a nominal increase in the earnings of the Fund without actually improving the position.

We maintain that there is scarcely a financial institution in the country that can show so good a record as our own and would quote from a letter written by our Actuary on 28th March, 1930: "although losses are regrettable and disturbing, they may, to a certain extent, be justified by the higher net interest earnings."

The caution exercised and the results secured by the Board have been attested by competent outside opinion.

In August, 1932, application was made by the Board for exemption from payment of the tax on interest derived from Debentures which was imposed by the "National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932." The Treasury called for the production of records and, after careful consideration of the accounts of the Fund, the investments and the rates of interest charged, the number of present and future claimants thereon, the scale of benefits paid, the reports of the Board and the reports of the Actuary, the Acting Secretary to the Treasury wrote that the merits of the Supernumerary Fund were such that in the circumstances the concession could not be granted.

Similarly the Adjustment Commission for the Canterbury District of the Supreme Court of New Zealand recently had before it an application for relief under "The Mortgagees' Relief Act, 1931" and its Amendments in respect of one of our mortgage investments. The Commission investigated very fully the operations of the Fund in relation to its mortgage investments

and expressed surprise at the small amount of arrears in relation to the sums so invested. In its report the Adjustment Commission stated:—

“The Board is to be congratulated on the care and success with which its funds are being administered. No such record has been achieved by any of the large lending institutions and Trust Investment Companies with which the Commission has come into contact.”

The Board recognises that it must inevitably face some losses through the operation of causes beyond its control, but that such losses are not greater must be gratifying to all our ministers and to the entire Connexion. The work of administration has been vastly increased in volume and complexity by the unprecedented conditions which the Board has had to face and intricate and important issues are constantly arising calling for very careful attention.

The proposal to select independent valuers carries the implication that the Board is either incompetent or not to be trusted to appoint suitable valuers when such a step may be considered necessary; and the suggestion that Conference should appoint a special Committee “to have such powers as Conference directs” and to co-operate with the Board “in placing the Fund on a more satisfactory basis” is an indictment of the policy and actions of present and past administrators and carries the implication of such a lack of confidence as would warrant the appointment of a fresh body of administrators.

Annuities and Benefits.

The question of continuing the present scale of contributions to and benefits from the Fund has been raised. Wise consideration of such a matter involves a glance at the history of the Fund. Since 1st January, 1912, when the New Zealand Fund officially began operations the amount to its credit increased from £60,413 16s. 0d. to £138,168 1s. 9d. at 30th November, 1929, the date of the last actuarial investigation.

During the period in question annuities have been increased by additions amounting in all to 43½ per cent. In other words, ministers of 44 years' service who would have been entitled only to an annuity of £144 10s. 0d. have, for some years, received and still get £207 14s. 4d. per annum. All others have received proportionate increases. Moreover, furniture grants have been raised to a uniform sum of £75 and second wives have been admitted to benefits without any further payment. Through the whole recent period of falling prices and salary reductions, our annuitants have suffered no “cut” and benefits have been maintained at the maximum and on a higher scale than has been possible in Australia. From 1911 to 1932 we distributed annuities aggregating £125,437 3s. 0d. and during the same period increased the Accumulated Funds by no less a sum than £86,152 17s. 10d.

Writing to the Board on 28th March, 1930, concerning his investigation of the Fund our Actuary, Mr. Percy Muter, said:—

“All the increases and bonuses in the New Zealand Fund have been regarded as permanent liabilities to be paid alike to present and future annuitants, and are covered by the existing funds and future contributions.”

In his Report of the same date, Mr. Muter stated:—

“In valuing a pension scheme a rather long view has to be taken as to the future rate of interest, and theoretically it should be a compound rate that can be earned, free of all losses of capital and expenses or delays in making reinvestments, until the death of the last surviving member or his widow. If this is not possible at least a substantial margin between the high rates now obtaining, and that adopted should be allowed, and I have taken 4½ per cent.

This, I think could be earned for a long period and for the present will give some surplus to meet adverse contingencies not otherwise provided for."

Mr. Muter stated further that on this $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. valuation basis, and assuming that the present scale of annuities was continued and present bonuses regarded as a permanent addition to the scale, there was, in the Fund, a surplus of £1333. Of course this surplus could reasonably be added to our own reserves to meet any possible capital losses.

In the years subsequent to the last Actuarial investigation the net interest earning rate on the basis of computation adopted by Mr. Muter was as follows:—

1930	..	..	..	£5	17	1
1931	..	..	..	£5	18	5
1932	..	..	..	£4	19	7
1933	..	..	..	£3	18	9

These returns give an average rate of £5 3s. 5d. per cent. which shows a surplus over the minimum requirement of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The foregoing figures have no relation to the Actuary's valuation of the Fund for annuity purposes. He has adopted a more conservative basis in calculating the percentage of interest earned, having excluded income derived from legacies and from hymn book commissions and treated provision for Reserves as expenditure.

It is not to be expected that there will be any early return to the rate of interest earned prior to 1932 and the continuance or otherwise of the present scale of benefits must be determined very largely by the nature of the next Actuarial report.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

GEORGE BOWRON }

Christchurch,

20th December, 1933.

Report of the Actuary.

Immediately after the completion of the audit the Board requested Mr. Percy Muter, F.I.A. (London), who has carefully watched the affairs of the Fund since its transfer to New Zealand, to conduct the periodical investigation. All required information was furnished to the Actuary together with complete copies of the various communications from the members of the Consultative Comm.ttee setting forth their views and the comments of the Board thereon as embodied in the Special Report on the Supernumerary Fund adopted for presentation to the Conference. The letter and report of the Actuary are as follow:—

P. MUTER, F.I.A.

93 Coromandel Street,
Wellington,

2nd February, 1934.

The Secretary, Supernumerary Fund,

Methodist Church of New Zealand.

P.O. Box 931, Christchurch.

Dear Sir,—

VALUATION OF THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND

I enclose herewith my report on the above Fund which on a $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. valuation basis discloses a surplus of £3,843. Considering the legislative reduction of interest and other difficulties, I think this must be considered to be very satisfactory.

I have read with great interest the various suggestions for writing down the value of the securities, etc., held by the Fund, and think the reply is an exceedingly able one. While not advocating or defending in any way an over-valuation of the assets, there is no occasion for panic or ill-considered action; and I would like to point out that far from having to realise on securities, Pension Funds, like Life Insurance Companies, have constantly growing funds for which it is necessary to find new investments. Any such thing as forced sales therefore cannot arise.

As far as Pension Funds are concerned they also enjoy a very considerable advantage, as they escape the heavy taxation to which private individuals and companies are subject, concession which naturally increases the net rate of interest earned.

In regard to the actuarial formula for calculating the rate of interest referred to in the report of the Board for the year ended 30th November, 1931, I need hardly say that it gives the correct effective annual rate of interest.

When interest is paid more frequently than once a year there is a difference between the effective and nominal rates of interest, and 3% per half year would give a nominal annual rate of 6% and an effective rate of $[(1.03)^2 - 1] \times 100$, viz:—6.090% or £6 ls. 10d. or if paid quarterly 6.136% or £6 2s. 9d.

However, as I have said before, it is perhaps better to use a method understood by all parties, and in any division of interest, a formula giving a nominal rate would be more in favour of the Fund.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) PERCY MUTER.

The Board of Management,
Supernumerary Fund of the
Methodist Church of New Zealand.

ACTUARIAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PERIOD 30th NOVEMBER,
1929 to 30th NOVEMBER, 1933.

1. As requested, I have made an investigation into the position of the Fund, and have now the honour to submit the following report:—

2. Perhaps the most important matter affecting the Fund is the rate of interest that can be earned in the future, under normal conditions.

The effect of the financial depression and the general reduction of interest brought about by the National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932, and subsequent legislation, is shown hereunder:—

	Effective rate of Interest			Effective rate after deducting expenses		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1930	5	16	11	5	9	11
1931	5	18	6	5	12	11
1932	4	18	10	4	13	2
1933	3	17	10	3	11	2

These rates have been calculated from the interest and rent shown in the accounts, less the amounts carried to the depreciation and investment fluctuation reserves, and show an average rate of £5 3s. 0d. per cent. for the period, or deducting expenses, £4 16s. 10d. per cent.

In valuing Funds of this nature, however, it is the future, more than the present, which has to be taken into account, and I see no reason for assuming that a net rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ cannot be earned, and have therefore adhered to this rate.

3. On a $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ basis the liabilities, assuming that the increases and bonuses are permanent, amount to £143,352, *vide* Table III. compared with Funds of £147,195 as shown in the Consolidated Revenue Account, Table I, leaving a surplus of £3,843. The balance on the previous occasion was £1,333, but this was reduced by £470 through the increase in the amount granted for furniture allowances, leaving £863 to be brought forward.

That the Fund shows a substantial surplus is due to the high rate of interest received in the first two years of the period, the portion arising from this source, after deducting expenses of management, being £2,178. In view of the financial uncertainty however, any increase in the bonus is quite out of the question, and the whole amount should be left to meet any further loss of interest.

4. The original scale of benefits was increased by 15%, and the then augmented scale by a further 25%, of which 10% was given as a temporary bonus. This addition, which was made after the valuation at 31st December, 1920, was to be revised from time to time according to the earnings of the Fund in excess of 5%. As already stated, the future rate of interest assumed for the purpose of the valuation is $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and £14,729 of the liability on this basis is on account of the 10% bonus. There is no necessity to reduce the addition if $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest, clear of expenses, can be earned, but if not, the matter will have to be again reviewed.

5. In making the valuation the same rate of mortality has been used as on the previous occasion, viz:—the British Offices Life Annuity Tables, 1920, for valuing the annuities to ministers and widows and for the reversionary annuities to prospective widows.

6. **The progress of the Fund.**—Table II. shows that at the 30th November, 1933, there were 164 contributors compared with 161 at the 30th November, 1929, while the number of Ministers in receipt of pensions increased from 30 to 31.

The number of widows increased from 43 to 49, while 3 children are now receiving allowances of £10 per annum under rule 56.

7. **Furniture Grants.**—The increase in the allowances on retirement from £50, £60, or £75 according to the length of service, to a uniform grant of £75 made at the Conference of 1931, has been duly allowed for.

8. The Board of course has met with extreme difficulty in safeguarding the interests of the Fund during the present world-wide economic crisis, and nobody could have anticipated the drastic legislation affecting existing investments of all classes, Government securities, Local Bodies' Debentures, rent and mortgages, etc., etc., independent of the security and the ability of the borrowers to meet their obligations. A gradual fall in the rate of interest, however, was anticipated, and provided for by reducing the valuation basis from 5% to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ in the investigation made at 30th November, 1929. In other words, of the surplus of £11,682 that would have resulted from the adherence to a 5% interest basis, £10,349 was devoted to strengthening the reserves held against the liabilities for pensions, and reducing the net rate of interest to be earned in the future, to secure the solvency of the Fund to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd.) PERCY MUTER,

Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (London)

No. 93 Coromandel Street,

Wellington,

2nd February, 1934.

TABLE I.

Consolidated Revenue Account of the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the Four Years 1st December, 1929 to 30th November, 1933.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds at 30th November, 1929	138,168	1	9
Ministers subscriptions	6,497	10	10
Circuit Levies	9,860	10	8
Interest	22,381	2	11
Rents	7,250	16	7
Hymn Book Commission	30	10	3
Fire Insurance Premiums and Commission	80	1	10
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	£184,268	14	10
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EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Annuities	31,313	9	8
Furniture Grants	1,252	10	0
Subscriptions Refunded	312	3	2
Subscriptions Written off	40	6	5
Transfers	1,705	11	9
Expenses of Management	1,700	1	10
Carried to Depreciation Reserve	350	0	0
Carried to Investment Fluctuation Reserves, etc.	400	0	0
Funds at 30th December, 1933	147,194	12	0
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	£184,268	14	10
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TABLE II.

Progress of the Fund During the Four Years 1st December, 1929 to 30th November, 1933.

Contributors at 30th November, 1929	161
New Entrants	28
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	189
Pensioned	12
Deaths	4
Withdrawals	7
Transferred to Australia	1
Transferred to England	1
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	25
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Contributors at 30th Nov., 1933	164
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TABLE II.—Continued.
SUPERNUMERARIES.

Existing at 30th November, 1929	30
New Pensions	12
						<hr/> 42
Dead	..	..	..	..	..	11
						<hr/> 11
Existing at 30th Nov., 1933						31
						<hr/>

WIDOWS.

Number at 30th November, 1929	..	..	..	..	..	43
Granted on death of Contributors	..	..	..	..	4	
Granted on death of pensioners	..	..	..	..	7	
						<hr/> 11
						54
Died	..	..	..	..	..	5
						<hr/> 5
Number at 30th Nov., 1933						49
						<hr/>

ORPHAN CHILDREN

Number at 30th November, 1929	..	..	..	..	..	1
Death of widow (1)	..	..	..	..	..	3
						<hr/> 4
Expired	..	..	..	..	..	1
						<hr/> 1
Number at 30th Nov., 1933						3
						<hr/>

TABLE III.
Valuation at 30th November, 1933, 4½% Interest.

		Value of benefits at present scale with bonuses.
(1) Value of Annuities to 31 Supernumeraries for £4,676 8/4 per annum	..	32,159
(2) Value of Annuities to 49 Widows for £3,300/9/8 p.a.	..	28,083
(3) Value of Reversionary Annuities to wives of Supernumeraries	..	8,705
(4) Prospective Annuities to 164 Ministers	..	73,914
(5) Prospective Annuities to wives of Ministers	..	38,453
(6) Furniture Grants	..	5,719
(7) Temporary Superannuation Allowances	..	2,800
(8) Allowances for Orphans present and prospective	..	300
		<hr/> 190,113
Value of future subscriptions and levies	..	46,781
		<hr/> 143,352
Surplus	..	3,843
		<hr/> 147,195
Amount of Funds at 30th November, 1933	..	<u>£147,195</u>

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Special Report of the Board of Management and the Actuarial Valuation and Report on the Supernumerary Fund be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
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 the 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 and that satisfaction be expressed that the Board is making adequate provision for the depreciation of Epworth Chambers.
3. That the Board of Management for the ensuing year be as named in the report.
4. That annuities payable to persons residing outside New Zealand shall be paid according to the approved scale, the annuitant bearing the cost or receiving the advantage of the ruling rate of exchange.
5. That Conference does not approve of the proposal for the purchase of benefits in the Supernumerary Fund in respect of any term of service by home missionaries, prior to their reception into the ministry of the church.
6. That the Board be authorised to make arrangements for insurance against accident and sickness for such ministers, home missionaries and deaconesses as desire such service.
7. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the members of the Committee that was appointed for consultative purposes during the past year.
8. That the Conference expresses its confidence in the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Connexional Secretary and records its thanks for their efficient services.
9. That in view of the hardship imposed upon circuits by insisting upon their fulfilment of the obligation to take a married minister and the demands such fulfilment makes upon the Home Mission Fund, Conference refers this matter to the Supernumerary Fund Board with a view to allowing men, with less than 40 years service, to retire if they so desire.

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

During the year the various trusts committed to the Board have been fulfilled. The Board has also accepted the Trust of a £100 debenture maturing in 1968. This debenture of the Borough of Riverton is the gift of Mr. James Fleck and interest is payable for the general upkeep of the Riverton Methodist Sunday School Hall.

Two sums are also held in trust for Apiti Home Mission Station and several other small trusts have been accepted.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

GEORGE BOWRON

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch,

15th January, 1934.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

3.—METHODIST CHILDRENS' FUND.

We have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report to Conference of the Childrens Fund.

The following is the total of payments made during the year each of £9.

Auckland	41½
South Auckland	16
Taranaki-Wanganui	23½
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	20½
Wellington	21½
Nelson	12½
North Canterbury	23¾
South Canterbury	6
Otago-Southland	23
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	187¾

which is 9½ payments less than the previous year.

The Credit at Bank of N.S.W., Wellington is	£490 16 8
and amount outstanding against Auckland District	12 1 6

Total .. £502 18 2

In conclusion we would recommend to Conference that the levy for this year be 7%.

E. W. A. KELLOW }
FRANK E. LEADLEY } Treasurers.

Wellington, 31st January, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That Mr. E. W. A. Kellow be congratulated upon the completion of 25 years as Lay Treasurer to the Fund.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Treasurers, Rev. F. E. Leadley and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow and that they be reappointed.
4. That the Levy for 1934-35 be 7%

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the emergency regulation No. 1 in the Supplementary Law Book p. 38, be rescinded, and that the Conference revert to the former method of levying on the stipend paid at 30th September of the preceeding year.
3. That the following grants be authorised:—Theological College £740, Connexional Secretary's Dept. £180, Deaconess Institution £75, Council of Religious Education £20, Grant for Affliction £10.
4. That an emergency grant of £100 be made to Wesley College Trust Board for one year only.
5. That an emergency grant of £150 be made to the Home Mission Board, for one year only, to enable the Board to assist the Wanganui Trust in the present crisis.
6. That an emergency grant of £100 be made to the Youth Board for one year only.

7. That the Resolution of the Conference of 1933 re the Travelling Expenses of Candidates for the Ministry (see Minutes for 1933, p. 114) be re-affirmed.
8. That the levy for 1934-35 be 6%.
9. That the Committee be the same as last year with the addition of the name of Mr. H. Chapman.
10. That the Conference heartily thanks the treasurers, the Rev. O. Burnett and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, for their efficient services, and that they be re-appointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

During the financial year, expenses were paid for 59 removals, the total cost being approximately £1085, averaging £18 4s. 6d. per removal. The previous year had 49 removals costing £685, an average of only £14 each.

The heavier expense per average removal this year is due to the increased number of long distance transfers. There were 2 costing over £50 each, 3 costing between £40 and £50 each, and 8 costing between £30 and £40. These 13 removals cost the Fund £512, an average of £39 7s. 3d. each, while the remaining 46 shifts cost only about £575, or an average of £12 10/- each.

In the interests of Circuits, where in these days great difficulty is being experienced in financial matters, the Committee again strongly urges that the Conference Regulation regarding long distance, and inter-island, changes be observed.

The 3% levy for the year amounts to £1185, being £100 in excess of the cost of the removals, but as $\frac{1}{2}$ % represents about £200, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ % levy at first proposed would have been insufficient to cover the expenses.

The Committee recommends a reduction in the levy for 1934 to 2%.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, CHAIRMAN.

E. DRAKE }
H. CHAPMAN } TREASURERS.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Cash Statement, Revenue Account and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. The Conference affirms the desirability of avoiding long distance removals.
3. That the levy for 1934 be at the rate of 2%.
4. That the Committee for 1934 be:—The President of Conference (Rev. C. Eaton), the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, Wm. Rowe and J. Harris, Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, C. A. Newman, H. Chapman and J. E. Purchase, M.A. Convener: Rev. E. Drake.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1933.

Our main concern is that the people of the Western Solomons should know Jesus Christ and grow in grace and knowledge of Him. This being so, it is with humble gratitude to God that we quote the Island Synod's answer to the question "What is the spiritual state of our circuits, and can any measure be adopted to promote the work of God therein?"

"In presenting our Reports concerning the Spiritual state of our Circuits we thank God for many evidences of spiritual growth among our native christians in the older parts of the Field ; for the eagerness to hear the Gospel in the newer parts ; for the devotion and heroism of native teachers and workers ; for the great steadfastness of all our people during days of difficulty and depression. We thank God for glowing testimonies to the love and power of the Master and for their deep penitence for lapses and failures, and we humbly commend ourselves to God for further service."

Inspiring progress has been made in the great Bougainville-Buka circuit. A number of new stations have been established upon which school is conducted regularly and the Gospel preached and from which emanates a great influence upon the people. The following comparison has been drawn recently by the Rev. A. H. Voyce.

1926—	1933—
2 ministers	3 ministers.
	1 sister.
9 native teachers	90 native teachers.
	3 native medical workers
8 occupied stations (European and Native)	80 occupied stations.
1300 people (approx.)	6000 people (approx.)

Staff Changes.

It was with a distinct sense of loss that we received the medical certificate stating that the Rev. V. le C. Binet would be unable to return to the Field. Mr. Binet was appointed to the Solomons in 1917 and, with the exception of 7 months in 1931, during which he supplied for the Chairman at Roviana, all his Missionary career was spent on Choiseul. He saw the work on that large island develop in a wonderful way and he will be greatly missed. The exceedingly arduous nature of the work and the bad malarial climate are constantly exacting toll of our devoted workers. Mrs. Dent's health has been so seriously affected by many years of selfless service that the doctor insists upon her early departure from the Field. This has compelled the Rev. T. Dent to prefer a request to return to the Home work in 1934. Mr. Dent was appointed to the work in the Solomons in 1922 and has rendered very fine service. Mrs. A. A. Bensley also is feeling the strain of many years devoted service and Mr. Bensley has notified the Board of his desire to return shortly to the work in New Zealand. Mrs. Bensley was the first Missionary Sister to go to the Solomons after we took over the District. Mr. Bensley was appointed in 1921. They have rendered very able and very devoted service. We deeply regret the loss of these fine Missionaries and pray for them a very happy and fruitful ministry in New Zealand.

The Conference will be recommended to appoint the Rev. E. C. Leadley for immediate work in the Solomon Islands district.

Our Sisterhood will suffer a decided loss by the return to New Zealand next June, of Sister Ruth Grant. Sister Ruth has rendered splendid service and has fully justified the confidence and high hopes of the Young Women of our Bible Classes, when they nominated her as their special representative. In her prospective role of Lady of the Parsonage, the Board wishes her much joy.

We rejoice to learn that the Y.W.B.C. Executive has a worthy successor to Sister Ruth in view.

Missionary Sisters.

The work of the Sisterhood continues to adorn the Mission. Our teaching and nursing Sisters work with great devotion and effectiveness.

Sister Ethel McMillan's work during the year calls for special mention. She has been the only white worker on the large island of Choiseul where at one time we had two white Missionaries and three Sisters engaged. She is overdue for furlough but declines to leave her post until relieved by another white worker.

Medical.

The great Ministry of Healing has continued to win its widening way during the year and Dr. Sayers and his staff have done great work. The outstanding event of the year has been the building of the central block of the Helena Goldie Hospital at Bilua on the Island of Vella Lavella. This block comprises an operating theatre, dispensary, doctor's office, and a ward for white patients. Its completion has greatly facilitated the doctor's work. Dr. Sayers established our medical unit in the Solomons in 1927 and has built it up with conspicuous success and his name ranks high in the Solomons to-day.

Mr. A. G. Rutter, a brilliant medical student and very acceptable local preacher, has volunteered for medical work in the Solomons and it was expected that he would be appointed in time to take over from Dr. Sayers. The acute financial situation now renders that impossible but we sincerely hope that Mr. Rutter's services will be available to the Board when the position has improved sufficiently to warrant the appointment.

Nurses.

Our nurses have rendered loyal and capable co-operation in the work.

Nurse Lilian Berry returned to New Zealand in February, and, owing to ill health, was compelled to resign. For eleven years she rendered splendid service on our nursing staff. Isaac Pitakomoki, who is doing such wonderful medical work at Tonu, was partially trained by Sister Lilian and will be one of a number who will help to perpetuate her work.

Nurse Vera Cannon of Auckland had been accepted for service in the Solomons to fill the vacancy caused by Sister Lilian's retirement. Nurse Cannon is fully qualified in every way for this high service and it is profoundly disappointing that the critical financial situation has made it impossible for the time being for the Board to appoint her.

Native Medical Assistants.

A report of our medical work would be incomplete without reference to the great work carried out by the native medical assistants. At Choiseul, Tonu, Tiop, Buka, and other places these native workers, who have been trained by our doctors and nurses, are ministering in a wonderful way to the urgent needs of thousands of their fellow-countrymen.

Early in the year, the Chairman nominated Hugh Wheatley—well-known to many in New Zealand—for medical training in Fiji at the Government School of Medicine. Reports to hand, of Hugh Wheatley's progress, are very flattering and the Chairman expects shortly to nominate two more boys for the same course.

Literature.

The circulation of "The Open Door" remains at about 5,000 and that of the "Lotu" 7,000. We render sincere thanks to the Rev. E. P. Blamires for his able editorship of "The Lotu," and to the Sunday School officials for its effective distribution, also to the "Open Door" Agents for their splendid work. We solicit a yet wider circulation for these valuable missionary magazines.

The Foreign Mission page of "The Methodist Times" has served also to keep our people in touch with the work and the workers.

During the year, a copy of the Acts of the Apostles, translated into the dialect of Vella Lavella by the Rev. A. A. Bensley, has come to hand. St. Mark's Gospel has been translated into the dialect of the Marovo people by the Rev. T. Dent. The printing and publication of these translations have been carried out by the British and Foreign Bible Society who this place us under a still further debt of gratitude.

Deputation.

The Chairman spent several weeks in March in visiting a number of North Island centres and also paid a flying visit to Christchurch. These visits were much appreciated and our people gathered much valuable information. Mr. Goldie returned to the Field in April and arrived at Roviana on the 31st anniversary of his first landing. With what a full heart he must have compared the two landings. How his confidence in God must have been strengthened as he remembered the way in which he and his colleagues have been led, and all that has been accomplished during those 31 years.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce has done valuable deputation work in South Canterbury and Otago-Southland, and the Rev. E. S. Harkness and the Rev. V. le C. Binet in North Auckland.

The General Secretary has been the deputation in the Auckland, Wellington, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Taranaki-Wanganui, South Auckland, North Canterbury, and Nelson districts and has also attended the M.W.M.U. Conference in Dunedin.

Finance.

That the Society faces a grave financial crisis is beyond query. Income in 1933 both in New Zealand and the Solomon Islands was more than £1,000 below the estimate and the Island District overspent their allocation to the extent of £911. £1,000 was offset by a similar amount estimated for debt reduction, but £2,107 has been added to our accumulated deficit. As we started the year within £1,200 of the limit of our overdraft, it is very clear that our Treasurers have been placed in an impossible position. To extricate them from this position the Board makes a special appeal to those of our people whom God has blessed to contribute £100 each, over and above their usual contributions. It is hoped that those unable to contribute £100 will forward such lesser sums as they can afford. The need is so urgent that we call upon all our Methodist people to pray for and ensure an adequate response to this appeal. The Church will be shocked into some sense of the seriousness of the position upon learning that the Board has been forced to yet further retrenchment. No Missionary can be sent to replace Mr. Binet, no nurse can be sent to replace Nurse Lilian Berry, and no doctor to replace Dr. Sayers. This is too tragic for words but by withholding the means the Church has forced the hands of the Board in this matter. To go further into debt will be to compel the Treasurers to suspend payment and thus bring the Church into disrepute. The District is being asked to carry on with a seriously reduced allocation. This will mean the suspension of all extension work and will seriously affect the work already in hand. May God rouse us all to an adequate sense of stewardship.

Thanks.

The sincere thanks of the Board are tendered to District and Circuit Secretaries and Committees, and to Collectors and Subscribers, also to Women's Auxiliaries, and the Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes, for generous support and assistance.

The General Treasurers.

During a difficult year, the task of the General Treasurers, the Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle, has not been light, but it has been carried out very efficiently. The thanks of the whole Church are due to these splendid officials. The congratulations of the Board are extended to Mr. Marshall in the maintenance of his work beyond his 80th birthday. Mr. Marshall expects to retire from active work at the end of the connexional year and the Rev. W. A. Sinclair has been nominated as his successor.

Office Staff.

In accordance with the recommendation of Conference, the Board has discussed with the Home Mission Department the question of office staff. A scheme suggested by the Home Mission Committee for a year's trial has been approved.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, the Board would emphasize the urgency and extent of the work still to be done in the Solomons. As a Church we have been called to a great task. At no time has our opportunity been greater, and this opportunity and the need of the people are a challenge that should stir us to a greater spirit of prayer and sacrifice. The Board, in the following resolution, urges upon Conference and our people the need of fervent effectual prayer:—

“In view of its critical financial position, the Board of Missions requests Conference to arrange a definite time during its sessions for special prayer that all our people may be stirred to a deep sense of responsibility regarding the work in the Solomon Islands.

“That a week of special prayer for Missions be fixed with special services of intercession on the Sunday. The week in which Wesley Day, May 24th, occurs is suggested, special meetings also to be held on that day.”

In urging this request the Board would point out that, in the words of the Chairman, “it is our success that is embarrassing us.” God is owning and blessing the work in a wonderful way, and it is to maintain this work that we ask the special prayer of the whole Church.

Lest We Forget.

The great opportunities for advance that confront us to-day are a definite challenge. In spite of real difficulties, we shall be encouraged to go forward by remembering the following facts outlined, in a recent letter, by the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District:—

1. We have a very special obligation to the Solomon Islands District as we asked for it from Australia.
2. Since we have taken it over, great things have been done in spiritual, social and medical work.
3. The people are taking an ever-increasing measure of responsibility upon themselves, but must of necessity depend on us for many years to come, and we must not fail them.
4. The world depression has hit them perhaps harder than it has hit any other part of the world, and yet they are bearing bravely up against great odds.
5. Our work is really the salvation of the race. Already the people in our Mission District have taken a new lease of life, and are on the up grade in every way, and as they were the leaders in the bad old days, they realise that they must lead in the new and living way.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

Treasurers' Report for the Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

The returns now presented to the Board show an income in New Zealand of £9,485 19s. 0d. and in the Solomon Islands of £2,001 14s. 1d. The total income is £11,487 13s. 11d. The expenditure is £11,411 12s. 0d. in the Solomon Islands and £2,183 16s. 8d. in New Zealand; the total being £13,595 8s. 8d. The deficiency on the year's working is £2,107 14s. 9d.

The total deficiency is reduced by the transfer of £4,500 from the Working Capital Account to the General Account and is now £14,360 2s. 5d. The overdraft at the Bank of New Zealand is £8,106 11s. 7d. The limit allowed us, in consequence of the reduction of our capital is now £8,400. The position would have been worse but for new loans at call, amounting to £510, which have been obtained during the year. The Capital Account is overdrawn to the extent of £6,150 8s. 4d. as against £4,042 13s. 7d. at the beginning of the year.

The small amount of credit available at the Bank will make it difficult to finance the work of the Society during the next six months before the contributions from the circuits are received. The prospect at present is that it will be impossible to do this except by going into debt to the firm from which the bulk of our supplies are obtained, hoping that they will not press for payment until late in the year. The only escape from this humiliating position is in a prompt and adequate response to the General Secretary's appeal for £5,000 for reduction of debt.

A section in Atherton Road, Epsom, has been bought as a site for a house for the General Secretary at a cost of £300. Of this sum £100 has been granted from the Church Site Branch of the Church Building and Loan Fund: £151 8s. 9d. (including £93 1s. 7d. received from legacies this year) has been taken from the Equipment Fund and £48 11s. 3d. has been advanced from the General Fund. We recommend that, if the Board decides to proceed with the erection of the house, the Trustees appoint a Secretary and Treasurer and handle all money involved in the enterprise.

(Sgd.) GEO. T. MARSHALL.

A. J. BUTTLE.

ADDENDUM.

The amending of the Solomon Islands accounts mentioned by the Auditor in his note on the Balance Sheet does not affect in our opinion the Income and Expenditure account and the deficiency. It concerns the transactions between the Head Office and the Mission District. By two clerical errors the Head Office was credited with having paid, on behalf of the Mission District, £1,117 17s. 8d. more than the amount actually disbursed. Consequently the Head Office has to pay that amount and it must be owing to someone. Therefore the sum owing to Sundry Creditors has been altered from £2,763/2/8 as entered in the Mission District returns to £3,881 0s. 4d. as shown on the Balance Sheet.

G.T.M.

A.J.B.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Treasurers' Report and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. M.W.M.U.—That the thanks and congratulations of the Conference be extended to the Methodist Women's Missionary Union upon another very successful year's work. The Conference also expresses its gratitude for the generous and inspirational support given. By accepting yet further responsibility with regard to the support of Sisters and

by their splendid gift of £300 towards the Debt Reduction scheme, and still more by their deep interest and prayers our Methodist Women have rendered signal service to our cause.

3. Y.M. AND Y.W.B.C. UNIONS.—That the Conference, realizing the depth and steadfastness of the interest taken by the Young Men and Young Women of the Bible Class Movement, expresses its gratitude, particularly for definite and continued acceptance of financial responsibility for the support of special agencies on the Field. It notes and commends as of great promise the inauguration of a Foreign Mission debt reduction scheme by the Canterbury Young Men's Union.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the General Treasurers, Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle, the District-Secretaries and Committees, Circuit Secretaries and Collectors, and all who have assisted in the work of the Missionary Society at the Home Base, and especially the anonymous donor of the copies of Mr. Chappell's Manual sent to Ministers and Home Missionaries.
5. That the Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., be thanked and congratulated upon the publication of "A Manual of Missions" and that we commend it to the Bible Class Movements and our people generally.
6. That the greetings of Conference be sent to the Native Church, to all our workers on the Mission Field and on furlough, and that they be assured of the confidence, prayers, and support of the Home Church during these difficult days.
7. The Conference places on record its sincere regret at the retirement of the Rev. G. T. Marshall from the position of Clerical General Treasurer of the Methodist Missionary Society of New Zealand and its keen appreciation of the valuable and faithful services rendered by him in this Office for the lengthy period of fifteen years. On several occasions during the absence of the General Secretary from the Dominion he occupied the position of Acting General Secretary with efficiency. The Conference tenders him its hearty thanks and wishes Mrs. Marshall and himself a long and happy eventide.
8. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Editors of the "Open Door" and "Lotu" and that they be re-appointed, also that the agents of these publications be thanked.
9. That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. A. J. Buttle be appointed General Treasurers.
10. That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be appointed Business Manager of the "Open Door" and the "Lotu."
11. That the question of the status of Probationers in the Islands Synod be referred to the Islands Synod for consideration.
12. That the Board's Interim Report be printed in the Synod Agenda.
13. That the Conference agrees to the withdrawal of Dr. Sayers and that for the time being no other doctor be appointed.

In regretfully agreeing to the early return of Dr. Sayers and the maintenance for the time being of our medical work without a doctor the Board has been actuated by the following facts:—The huge and increasing debt; the impossibility of maintaining the full scope of the work on the income provided by the Church even in the most prosperous times; the unanimous recommendation of the Solomon Islands Synod; the fact that the Government can and will do a part of the work our doctor is doing; Dr. Sayers himself supports the Synod resolution.

14. The Conference places on record its high appreciation of the splendid service rendered by Dr. E. G. Sayers as superintendent of our medical unit in the Solomon Islands. The Rev. J. F. Goldie and others who are familiar with his work speak in the highest terms of his ability and devotion, and he has won a high reputation beyond the boundaries of our own Mission. It was with profound regret the Board learned that, for family reasons, Dr. Sayers would be unable to continue in the work. That regret is deepened by the fact that the grave financial situation forbids the immediate appointment of a successor.

15. That the Auckland West Circuit be thanked for releasing the Rev. E. C. Leadley in time to catch the earliest possible boat for the Solomons after his ordination.

That the Circuit to which the Rev. Tom Dent may be appointed be asked to make special arrangements for the first three months of the new connexional year in order that Mr. Dent may enjoy a short furlough before taking up work in New Zealand.

16. (a) In view of its critical financial position, the Board of Missions requests Conference to arrange a definite time during its sessions for special prayer that all our people may be stirred to a deep sense of responsibility regarding the work in the Solomon Islands.

(b) That a week of special prayer for Missions be fixed with special services of intercession on the Sunday. The week in which Wesley Day, May 24th, occurs is suggested, special meetings also to be held on that day.

(c) In urging this request the Board would point out that, in the words of the Chairman, "it is our success that is embarrassing us." God is owning and blessing the work in a wonderful way, and it is to maintain this work that we ask the special prayer of the whole Church.

17. That Conference approves the Mission Board's special scheme for debt reduction as set out in the "Methodist Times" and commends it to the earnest and immediate consideration of our people.

18. That the Estimates for 1934 be—

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
New Zealand	.. £9,350	Mission Field	.. £9,000
Mission Field	.. 1,500	Home Base	.. 1,100
		Interest	.. 750
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	£10,850		£10,850
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Board of Missions, 1934.

The President of the Conference (Rev. C. Eaton); the General Secretary, (Rev. A. H. Scrivin); the General Treasurers, (Rev. W. A. Sinclair, and Mr. A. J. Buttle); the President of the New Zealand Women's Missionary Union the President of the Auckland Women's Auxiliary, Mesdames W. H. Duke, T. R. Hodder, Misses Rishworth, Somerville and Griffith, Revs. E. D. Patchett, Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, G. T. Marshall, P. N. Knight, A. B. Chappell, W. Walker, A. McBean, R. B. Tinsley, E. P. Blamires, E. S. Harkness, V. le C. Binet, G. I. Laurenson, A. N. Scotter, F. Copeland, T. R. Richards, G. F. Stockwell, W. W. Avery, Messrs. W. S. MacKay, J. P. Blair, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, F. Penn, E. H. Burton, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, D. H. Thomas, R. Thomas, J. Maginness, B. J. Lynneberg, Frank Thompson, C. E. Taylor, C. Rayner.

District Missionary Secretaries.

AUCKLAND .. ..	..	REV. E. S. HARKNESS
SOUTH AUCKLAND ..	..	REV. F. GARDNER BROWN
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	..	REV. J. D. GROCOTT
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	..	MR. C. E. TAYLOR
WELLINGTON .. ..	..	REV. F. E. LEADLEY
NELSON .. .. .	..	REV. F. H. HAYMAN
NORTH CANTERBURY	..	MR. FRANK THOMPSON
SOUTH CANTERBURY	..	REV. H. L. FIEBIG, B.A.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND ..	..	REV. W. W. AVERY

District Missionary Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits with Revs. R. B. Tinsley and J. H. Allen; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, A. G. Harris, E. O. Chivers, The President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary; Misses Somerville and E. M. Rishworth. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of the New Plymouth, Stratford, Waitara and Inglewood Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. T. P. Hughson senr., E. Dixon, C. E. Bellringer, P. Wells, J. T. Griffin and G. W. Kirk. Convener, Rev. J. D. Grocott.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendent Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits (P.N.), Feilding and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuits; Messrs. T. R. Hodder, C. E. Taylor, G. G. Hancox, M.A., N. I. Shelton, W. B. Cameron; Mesdames C. E. Taylor, T. R. Hodder and E. G. Bennett. Convener, Mr. C. E. Taylor.

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR HAWKE'S BAY.—Superintendent Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. G. C. Laws, J. H. Oldham, J. D. Common, R. Doubleday and A. Tunnicliffe. Convener, Mr. J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Richmond and Motueka Circuits, Messrs. A. A. Lucas, J. Heath, N. H. Cozens, H. A. Holdaway, L. Wise, G. Nutall, F. F. Brooks, Mrs. Leaper, Miss R. Ching, Rev. F. H. Hayman (Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Mr. Frank Thompson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Waimate Circuits; Messrs. R. Maxwell, F. Metson, C. W. Keinan. Convener, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries of the Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits, the President and Secretary of the Womens' Missionary Auxiliary and Mr. D. C. Cameron, Rev. W. W. Avery (Convener).

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

ANNUAL REPORT, 1933.

Our objective "New Zealand for Christ" has been kept persistently in view during the year and many of our workers claim that they never knew a time when greater opportunities offered for spreading the evangel throughout the land. In effect they have been saying:—

"The time is out of joint, O rare delight
That ever we were born to set it right."

We have all been conscious that God has been with us, and we have recognised that He is speaking very urgently to our day and generation. The call of the times for spiritual advance on the one hand has been just as clamant as that for financial retrenchment on the other, and it has been our special duty and privilege this year to seek to discover and to institute ways and means of assisting our workers to make effective and harmonious responses to these seemingly conflicting demands.

The Home Mission Board.

The Board, composed of 54 members, has met four times during the year. Attendance has been good and members have shown keen interest in all phases of the work.

The Standing Committee.

Immediately after Conference, the Board appointed three strong standing committees: (1) Executive, (2) Spiritual Advance, and (3) Literature and Colporteur. These committees have met as occasion has demanded, and have reported regularly and fully to the Board.

Finance.

In common with every other similar organisation, we have shared the anxiety of decreased returns and increased appeals for help. Strong deputations have visited as many centres as possible, and two Maori Choirs are rendering valuable service in this connection. By the end of the year these Choirs expect to have conducted 273 Services and 611 week-night meetings. Without this feature of the work, our financial position would have been disastrous, as, even with this wonderful assistance, the figures so far show a return seriously short of our requirements. There is an urgent need for a more systematic organisation of our canvass for donations in many of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations, and while the financial position remains acute as it is, every effort will need to be put forward to keep our Fund buoyant. While many subscribers are giving to such causes as ours in a wonderful way, there are still many other people who need encouragement and we must still urge all of our members and adherents to put first things first in their expenditure.

Staff and Stationing.

Since Conference, several changes have taken place in our staff, and those now on our list are in most cases working valiantly in very trying circumstances. When the changes were taking place after the Conference, the Board found it necessary to send Mr. H. J. Malcolm to Otautau and Mr. N. Challenger to Caversham (Abbotsford). Owing to extreme financial difficulties, it was also found necessary to send Mr. A. O. Jones to Apiti, and Mr. R. Tapp to Coromandel. Under this arrangement, Mr. A. R. Thomas resigned from our work.

During the year, the position became difficult in the Taihape Circuit, and in the Raetihi Ohakune H. M. Station. As Mr. C. E. Roke was resigning from our work to go to Chatham Islands, and Mr. G. S. B. White had relinquished the work as supply at Taihape, it was decided that rearrangement was necessary. As Mr. W. Sussex became available for supply work, owing to the temporary withdrawal of the Colporteur Van from its rounds, he has been appointed to give oversight to both of these Stations until the end of the year. There has been a change at Gisborne also. Mr. R. S. Johnson is now acting as supply in the Sanson-Rongotea circuit.

During the year, several able married men have applied for Home Mission Work, but, owing to the difficulty of providing parsonages and suitable stipends for married ministers in circuits, the number of married Home Missionaries' appointments is steadily decreasing, and so we were compelled to decline these applications. Further, we have several single Home Missionaries who have served with a fair measure of distinction for a number of years and these should have first claim to any vacancies.

Maori Work.

A separate report will be submitted on the Maori Work.

Spiritual Advance Campaign.

In spite of the peculiar financial difficulties and other problems due to the continuance of the economic depression, our circuits have given attention to the objectives of Spiritual Advance. Reports have reached our Committee from Auckland, South Auckland, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, and Otago-Southland districts giving details of aggressive spiritual work. Other District Secretaries have failed to furnish information.

Chain Missions.

From the reports to hand we are able to supply encouraging facts. In and around Auckland upwards of thirty churches have participated in a series of "Chain Mission" Services and it can be said with confidence that marked blessing has come to the Churches participating.

In Otago-Southland similar missions have been held, conducted chiefly by the circuit ministers. In Southland most circuits have attempted special work on these lines with considerable encouragement. The sub-district report states that very real good has been done by this type of mission and it is agreed that this is a sound method of procedure for future activity.

United Missions.

Napier and Hastings report that very successful United Youth Campaigns have been held in both centres. In Napier over 300 decisions were registered and many adult members came forward for re-consecration. The Committee that organised the Campaign has been formed into a standing Inter-denominational Youth Committee. Our Minister at Gore reports that a fine United Mission has been held in that centre and a similar United Mission is contemplated for Invercargill.

Student Missions.

The students of Trinity have taken a prominent part in the Spiritual Advance activities during the year. Missions have been conducted by them at Whangarei, Waihi, Te Aroha, Ruawai, Nelson, Kaeo, Russell, and Pitt Street. Most gratifying results have been achieved and it is pleasing to note that a marked feature of the Missions has been the spirit of earnest and warm-hearted evangelism so apparent in the students. The cultivation of this spirit of evangelical earnestness is a feature of the College life that we profoundly rejoice in.

Men's Fellowship Movement.

Very striking developments in the Men's Fellowship Movement have taken place during the year. No less than 26 new branches have been formed, making a total of 33 branches to date. This gratifying extension of the Fellowship's activities must surely result in a considerable strengthening of the work of our churches. We most heartily congratulate the leaders of the Movement on the splendid progress achieved during the year.

Spiritual Advance Columns—"Methodist Times."

Our thanks are due to Rev. S. J. Werren for the able and effective manner in which he edited this column in the "Methodist Times" for the past two years. At the request of the Committee, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A. of Roxburgh, has consented to take the oversight of the column which, we believe, is a valuable means of awakening interest in Evangelism throughout the Connexion.

Suggested Spiritual Advance Programme for 1934.

1. Recognising the gratifying results which have attended the series of Chain Missions held in several Districts during the past year we recommend all our Churches to hold similar Missions during 1934, to be conducted by local Agents.

(The Principle of the Chain Mission is as follows:—A group of Churches or Circuits, organise a series of Missions to be held in rotation, all the churches being called for prayer for, and co-operation with the particular church holding its Mission at the moment. More than one Mission may be held at the same time, provided they are sufficiently distant from one another to prevent one from affecting the attendances at another).

2. In view of the present unsatisfactory condition of Church Membership as disclosed in the information obtained by the Conference Committee on this subject, we recommend that during the coming year a "Church Membership Campaign" be carried out. To achieve this object we urge all Ministers, and Home Missionaries, in co-operation with the Leaders' Meeting to devote special attention to this matter:—

- (a) By carefully revising the present Roll, deleting names where considered necessary, arranging interviews with those whose attachment has become unsatisfactory, and pressing upon all members the duties and responsibilities, as well as the privileges of membership.
- (b) By making a careful survey of the list of adherents with a view to approaching those whom it may be considered desirable to invite into membership. (This would provide the opportunity for personal evangelism).
- (c) By examining the Junior, Bible Class and other Rolls, and seeking to gather all who have reached the age of 15 years into Preparation Classes. Those satisfying the Minister and Leaders' Meeting of their allegiance to Jesus Christ to be publicly received into membership.

3. That the meaning and the value of Holy Communion be brought definitely before all members with a view to securing a greatly increased attendance at this Sacrament. We recommend Leaders' Meetings to consider the advisability of holding special Quarterly Communion Services with an appropriate address, in the place of the ordinary Service.

4. We learn with deep gratitude of the great amount of good which has come to the Christian Church through the Group Movements. Recognising that these movements emphasise many truths for which Methodism has

always stood, such as "Vital Experiences," "Inward Witness," "Sharing in Fellowship," "Testimony," "Personal Evangelism," we recommend the formation of Groups in our Churches to help resuscitate the spirit of early Methodism. We believe that providing such Groups are wisely fostered and guided they may become the means of liberating great spiritual power, and of bringing about a revival of true religion in our land.

Literature and Colporteur.

The great service that the Book Depot and the Colporteur have rendered make us increasingly glad that Conference decided in 1924 to establish this work as a branch of our Department.

Our output of helpful literature during the year has been highly satisfactory and many minds are the richer through our importation and distribution of instructive and inspiring reading matter.

The added burdens, however, of exchange and taxation have made our task well nigh impossible from the financial standpoint and we have been compelled to take the Van off the road for a limited period. To compensate for this curtailment of our organised distribution, the Committee is taking more definite action to secure a fuller recognition on the part of Home Missionaries and country Ministers in particular, of their responsibility in connection with the provision and distribution of literature which the 1932 Conference emphatically declared to be part of the teaching function of the Church. We are convinced that we are on the right lines in carrying on our Literature programme. Literature of the right type must be selected from the flood of matter coming from the press, for recommendation and distribution to our people. In areas where there is no suitable selection available from book agents, the Church must lead in making it available. Only the present financial situation has compelled us to even temporarily suspend the operations of the Van.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, we wish to re-affirm our certainty of the urgency of our work. Our Maori people are needing still the sympathetic support of the whole Church in facing their difficult period of re-adjustment. The European work is no less urgent in its claims; settlers are scattered abroad in great numbers dependent on the Home Missionary for what Christian oversight they receive; Circuits and Home Mission Stations are pleading for assistance in order to tide over the present economic crisis and much valuable work is being held together because of the help that is being given from the Home Mission Fund; centres of population are growing in many parts, making an urgent need for Church Extension for more satisfactory ministration to these increasing numbers of people. All the functions of the Department call for increased help from our people—of course, the financial means of many are greatly reduced, but we plead with all who can help to see that our work shall at least be maintained, and, if possible, extended.

Our trust is in God and in His Power to use sanctified human agencies—for this reason we take courage and proceed with our programme of necessary and urgent work.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. D. PATCHETT, ACTING CHAIRMAN.

J. H. ALLEN, SECRETARY.

A. J. SEAMER, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

HOME MISSION BOARD FOR 1934.

The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), the Assistant-Supt. and Ministerial General Treas. (Rev. G. I. Laurenson), the Lay General Treas. (Mr. F. Penn), the Senior Maori Supt. (Rev. R. T. Haddon), Mr. J. Veale (Life Member), with the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits: Rev. E. TeTuhi, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Messrs. T. Clark, J. J. Parker, W. S. Mackay, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, J. Reed, T. W. Hemer, T. L. Hames, G. Wilson, D. H. Thomas, E. R. Warburton, A. Williams, W. J. Court and R. J. Adlington; Mrs. Stevens, Miss Mather, Sister Ivy Jones (subject to re-nomination by their Societies).

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, Convener.
REV. J. H. ALLEN, Secretary.

DISTRICT HOME MISSION COMMITTEES.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. J. H. Allen.
SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. J. Richards.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. H. Spencer.
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. E. T. Olds.
WELLINGTON—Rev. C. Blair.
NELSON—Rev. A. O. Harris.
NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. W. Rowe.
SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. B. J. James.
SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT—Rev. O. S. Pearn.

District Home Mission Committees.

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SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the 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. Jas. Richards.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford, Waitara and Inglewood Circuits, The Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, G. W. Kirk, P. Wells, E. Dixon and T. P. Hughson, Convener, Rev. H. Spencer.

WANGANUI, SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits; Messrs. Bowater, Whitlock, F. Webb Jones, Newsome. Convener, Rev. G. P. Hunt.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Superintendent Ministers of the St. Paul's, Cuba Street, and Feilding Circuits, the Home Missionary at Halcombe, Miss C. Jamieson, Messrs. A. H. Fisher, E. G. Bennett, and G. Kilvington. Convener, the Chairman of the District.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. J. Wray and J. A. Bell. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. C. Blair.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Greymouth and Hokitika Circuits, with Mrs. C. O. Hailwood and Miss White; Messrs. F. W. Pullin, I. W. Nelson, F. Johnstone and T. W. Duff. Convener, Rev. A. O. Harris.

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

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

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. B. J. James.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund be received and adopted.
3. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Capital of the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board be received and adopted.
4. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Methodist Mission Properties Trust be received and adopted.
5. That the Balance Sheet and Statements of Profit and Loss and Trading Accounts of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society be received and adopted.
6. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1934 be received and adopted.
7. That the Home Mission Board co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board in calling the Church to a Week of Prayer for the Missionary enterprise of the Church, commencing on Whitsunday May 20th and with special observance of Wesley Day, May 24th.
8. That as the Home Mission Fund commences the year with a debit balance of £3,034 4s. 5d. and as the estimated expenditure for essential work this year is £529 10s. 0d. in excess of the estimated income from all sources, including £1400 from the Maori Choir effort, Conference call the Church to a sense of the Special urgency of the Home Mission Appeal, seeking at least to meet the expenditure for the year.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to all the members of the Board, and of the District Committees, and especially to the Officers of the Department and of the Standing Committees, and to the Home Mission Secretaries.
10. That the Conference express its deep appreciation of the services rendered to the Church by the General Superintendent, Rev. A. J. Seamer, during his especially onerous year of Presidential Office.
11. That the Treasurers, Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn, be thanked for their services, and re-appointed.
12. That the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be re-appointed as Honorary Assistant Superintendent of the Department.
13. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Auditors, Messrs. T. L. Hames and R. Dellow, for their services and that they be re-appointed.

14. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. W. S. Mackay for his services as Treasurer of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society.
15. That the Conference, recognising the great educational and inspirational value of the work of the General Superintendent's Maori Choir, also the outstanding contribution it has rendered to the Home and Maori Mission Fund, express its hearty thanks to the members of the Choir, and appreciation of the general methods of training, control and organisation adopted by the Superintendent, and calls upon all Circuits and Home Mission Stations to support loyally this excellent deputation.
16. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the large number of generous supporters, including many outside of our Church Circles, who, in spite of diminished incomes, recognising the fundamental importance to Church and State of our Home and Maori Missions, have continued and in some cases increased their usual contributions.
17. That the Conference record its deep appreciation of the very fine response that many of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations made to the 1933 Home Mission Appeal. It recognises that if such response were general and in keeping with the numerical and financial strength of the Circuits, our deficit would be much less than the present figure, £3,034 4s. 5d., and the Conference appeals for a levelling up in many Circuits during the present year.
18. That the Home Mission Board consider the question of requiring Circuits, due to take married ministers, to subsidise the Home Mission Fund until such times as the Circuits being relieved, shall fulfil their obligation.
19. That the question of amalgamating contiguous congregations and the adjustment of Circuit boundaries be referred to the District Executives, through the Home Mission Board.
20. That the Home Mission Board consider, in a special way, during the year, the desirability of a connexional policy of amalgamating circuits or Home Mission Stations, or both, in rural areas.
21. That both Ministers and Home Missionaries are directed to give greater attention to Section 7 of the Pastoral Resolution on page 138 of the Methodist Law Book. The policy of undue centralisation and curtailment adopted by many brethren in many places is directly opposed to the genius and history of Methodism, and it is disastrous to Church life and progress. The Conference further directs that no preaching place in either a Circuit or Home Mission Station be abandoned nor the services therein discontinued without the consent of the District Home Mission Committee, after investigation by the Chairman or his deputy.
22. That the attention of both ministers and H.M. be directed to Section 7. Pastoral Resolutions Book Laws, also 1924 Min. pa. 119.

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

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT ON MAORI WORK.

In the conscious relationship of a common brotherhood in Jesus Christ, Maori and Pakeha workers have laboured faithfully together during the year and the Almighty has richly blessed their sacrificial service.

Special Missions.

During the autumn and early winter, the Revs. R. Tahupotiki Haddon, Senior Superintendent, and Eruera Te Tuhi, conducted, with great benefit to all concerned, a long series of special Mission Services throughout the Auckland District, and many scores of the hitherto indifferent, both young and old, were led into the fold. Visitations were also made by Mr. Haddon to many King Country, Waikato, and Taranaki Villages with good results.

Young People's Work.

The Deaconesses continue to do excellent work and an increasing number of children are being taught the higher things of life. Certain of the Deaconesses are proving themselves to be very gifted as organisers and are directing the activities of many Pakeha as well as Maori volunteer workers amongst the children over large areas. In matters of health and social welfare also, the Deaconesses are wielding a very happy influence although the conditions are very difficult to-day on account of the poverty of many of the people and our own shortage in finance.

Staff and Staffing.

Through the lack of funds, we have been compelled to reduce certain of our Home Missionaries from the status of full-time Agents to that of part-time Agents and to further develop the system of appointing local H.M. Agents. There is reasonable ground for hope that this method of staffing may tide us over a few years satisfactorily, but it necessitates more vigorous detail guidance by the Superintendents. It should, moreover, be fully recognised that, as soon as finances permit, the appointment of more full-time Agents (who are now being trained) will be absolutely essential to sustained success.

Our eldest Maori Minister, Rev. Te Tuhi Heretini, after many years of faithful labour in Hokianga, passed on to higher service on October 10th. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Membership.

Membership records and standards are a great problem in the European work and, therefore, it is not surprising that we have constant difficulty in these matters in our Maori Circuits, but, on the whole, the position at present is satisfactory and membership is becoming a more vital thing to our people in most districts. During the year there have been encouraging increases in membership, particularly in North Auckland and Waikato.

Social Service.

In common with their European fellow-citizens, the Maori people as a whole are still suffering severely from the effects of the economic depression. The landless Maoris are increasing in numbers and constitute a grave problem. Our Mission is doing its utmost to encourage industry and the spirit of independence, but a measure of special relief from the Government is absolutely essential. Great opportunities offer in our Mission for rendering the highest form of Social Service, and many of our Agents, particularly the Deaconesses, are doing valuable work in this direction.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. D. PATCHETT, CHAIRMAN.

R. T. HADDON, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

A. J. SEAMER, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

MAORI GIRLS SCHOOL FUND.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

The sum of £3000 on account of the Taranaki Girls' School Fund is still deposited with the Wesley College Board. During the year the sum of £120, interest on the above capital, was transferred direct from the Wesley College Board to the Treasurer of the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School Committee in accordance with the resolution of Conference 1931.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN } General Treasurers.
F. PENN }

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers' Statement of the Maori Girls' School Fund be received and adopted.

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

AUCKLAND SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION.

REPORT 1933.

Without the help of Our Heavenly Father the progressive work at the Mission this year could not have been achieved. The past year has been one of transition—"The old order changeth, giving place to new." The lapsing of the Business Men's Relief Association necessitated a thorough reorganisation of our finances and work. Definite progress has, however, been made along the following lines:—The improvement of the properties; the inauguration of a Clinic; the co-ordinating of the Youth activities; further facilities for Christian fellowship and social intercourse, and the steady building up of the congregations along definite evangelistic lines.

During each month, hundreds of people, seeking food for body and soul, come under the influence of the Mission. Placing boys on farms, finding employment, helping men to Camp, relieving distress, bringing peace to numerous homes, facilitating matters for medical attention, have been amongst the many worth-while tasks that have claimed our attention.

One of the most encouraging signs is to find numerous people from all over New Zealand, and some from overseas, after visiting the Mission, expressing their appreciation. Methodism has rallied to our assistance, and many business and professional men have given evidence of their interest. Our buildings are in the centre of the City and are the centre of great social and religious activity. Our opportunities are exceptional. There is urgent need, however, for further reinforcement and stimulation, through the means of donations, legacies, etc., in order to maintain and extend our work. In this connection, we record our sincere appreciation of a bequest from Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, of Edendale South.

Sunday Services.

The presence of a Young Worshipers' League, taking an active part in the morning service, has made this a time of real family worship. The evening services, in which the evangelistic note is clearly sounded, are becoming increasingly popular. The inauguration of a Choir has already proved of great benefit.

Prison Work.

Monthly services are maintained, and many are interviewed individually, and we have been successful in finding positions for some discharged men. Many letters of appreciation have been received. The Students of Trinity College, many Bible Class men, and other friends, have assisted in making these services helpful to the prisoners.

"Down and Out" Work.

These meetings are definitely evangelistic, with the result that eight men have responded to the appeal. Mr. M. Souster, and Mr. R. Scelly have been stalwarts in this work.

Youth Activities.

There is reason to be grateful for the advancement in our Youth work. The Senior Girls meet on Sunday for Bible Study, and during the week for social intercourse and education. A Club of 25 Junior Girls has become one of the brightest spots in the Mission life. A group of 26 Young Men follow a varied syllabus, which caters for all-round development. The "Golden Sunbeams," under the direction of the girls of the "Adventure Group," has been the means of relieving tired and perplexed mothers on alternate Saturday afternoons. We have established also a Young Men's Adventure Group, which is steadily building up. The Christian Endeavour on Sunday mornings has proved helpful in deepening the interest of the children.

Deaconess Work.

Sister Jessie McKenzie has concentrated her energies mainly on the work among the women, young and old, and the children. The weekly Sewing Guild, and Mothers' Meetings, and other activities, have added vitality to our usefulness.

New Building Fund.

The time is fast approaching when new buildings must be erected. The Trustees, therefore, have established a New Building Fund, and will be glad to receive contributions and legacies. We have one of the finest sites in the City, and undoubtedly a building worthy of Methodism and our Mission task should be erected in the not-far-distant future.

Finance.

In financial matters much is to be desired, but we are glad to say that our Circuit Debt has been reduced. We have received valuable contributions from the "Prosperity Week" Funds. The generosity of the East Street Trustees, and the efforts of the Mission folk and other willing helpers, have lightened our burden.

The wise counsel of the Chairman of the Board, the increased interest of the members of the Board of Management, and the whole-hearted enthusiasm of the Mission folk, have created an atmosphere in which there is friendliness and Christian fellowship. Miss L. Williams has added a valuable contribution in secretarial and office work.

Realising that our work overleaps denominational barriers, we have no hesitation in appealing to our friends to use their persuasive powers with all charitably minded people in order that our work may be maintained and extended.

A. EVERIL ORR, Missioner.

FLETCHER WALLIS } Circuit
WALTER WOOD } Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the best thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Rev. A. Everil Orr for his faithful work.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR 1934.

3. The General Superintendent of the Home Mission Dept. (Chairman), Chairman of the District, Missioner, Revs. G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. Ranston, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, Mrs. T. Clark, Miss L. Williams, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, F. Penn, J. Tyler, J. J. Parker, E. J. Hutson, with the Mission officials and representatives, and the Trustees of the Mission Properties.

DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

Report for 1933.

By direct evangelism, humanitarian service, instructional clubs, studied facilities for friendship-making and balanced development, the Dunedin Methodist Central Mission has concluded another year of dynamic and far-reaching influence.

Approximately 2,000 people are connected with the seven-day weekly programme of the Mission, visiting the Mission premises in an endeavour to satisfy the great purposes of life.

The year has been one of the most critical in the recent history of the Mission. The unprecedented distress of the times, the energy involved in attending to ill-clad and short-rationed families, the times absorbed in personal interviews, the claims of aggressive movement demanding executive leadership and administrative ability, the all-engaging problem of finance, though rendering difficult the tasks of the executive officers have provided noblest opportunities for social ministries, practical issues and spiritual conquests.

Throughout the years of its existence, the Mission has suffered a dearth of lay leadership, and what is mostly needed to-day is an accession of laymen prepared sacrificially to share the responsibilities of the work and influence the various organisations by contributing creative leadership and spiritual idealism. Many of the foundational members have passed away, others are physically incapable of assuming exacting tasks, and the result is we have few outstanding laymen for the more important positions of the Mission. Our Dunedin Mission seems singular in this respect when compared with the Australian and English Methodist Missions which command the service and generosity of the foremost members of the Connexion. We would record our appreciation of the well-planned ventures and noble service of those who through the years have felt the urge of the Divine Spirit and thank God for the loyal co-operation of the present leaders.

Young People's Work.

There has been such marked progress in our youth work that the spacious building acquired a year ago is inadequate to meet present requirements. The formation of Young People's Societies, new scholars joining up with the Sunday School and club life of the Mission, have necessitated better facilities for instructional and recreational work. Every Sunday groups of scholars are forced into various parts of the Mission property in order to concentrate on the lesson theme. Our Bible Classes, six in number, have an aggregate membership of 80. Tuitional classes in craftsmanship, physical culture, debating and drama, domestic service, citizenship training, sewing and drafting have place in the weekly activities of the Mission, and groups and clubs combined in one supreme objective—to lead young people to the standards of God, to self-expression and realisation.

Club Life.

A Brownie Pack for girls between 8 and 11 meets Saturdays from 2.30 to 4 p.m. Simultaneously Sunbeams (children too young to join the Brownie Pack), meet in a separate room for nursery rhyme concerts, stories and games. Girl Guides—girls tingling with enthusiasm to learn and to do things, meet on Friday from 6 to 8.30 p.m. when character-building, health, crafts, and service find tuition and expression. A Wolf-cub pack and Boy Scout Troop meet Tuesday evenings preparing for life's emergencies and challenges. Fifty young people meet every Saturday night in an endeavour to develop art in speaking, to stimulate interest in entertaining and educational plays and for cultured development. Tuesday evenings at 7.30 a Girls' Club interests itself in nursing, weaving, knitting, basket-work, physical culture and other creative interests. A Girls' and Boys' Own meets Saturday evenings from 6 to 7 to enjoy the leadership and friendship of those interested in child-training, and the impartation of ideals of citizenship and manhood.

The Women's Guilds.

Sister Hazel's Guild meets in Slade Hall the third Tuesday in the month with an average attendance of 70. Occasionally a visitor shares thoughts and experiences of life, often members engage in rendering financial and material assistance to the Mission. Friendships are formed, confidences shared and conceptions of fellowship and friendship gained. Sister Lenna's Guild, or League of Service, meets every Friday afternoon in the Sunday School hall where mothers are taught cutting and fitting, remaking and refitting old garments under the guidance of expert needle-women. Several machines are provided for mothers who have no machines at home and where possible new materials are provided. Connected with this Guild are 50 mothers learning a great deal of practical work and sharing each other's burdens.

Company Bay Health Camp and Rest Home.

During the year the Social Service Department purchased 4½ acres of land at Company Bay, re-modelled and extended an old house and provided generally for 180 mothers and children annually to enjoy health-creating environment. Camps will be held every year under the leadership of Sister Lenna. The property has a sea frontage and is valuable asset for institutional work. The present building is only temporary. When funds permit, a modern and well-equipped rest home will be built on this property. The total cost of the venture to date has been £960, which amount has been met. Funds are required for further camps.

Proposed Homes for Aged and Indigent.

The Dunedin Methodist Central Mission Board of Trustees has approved of an institutional movement for the benefit of aged and distressed people. For some considerable time the Social Service Dept. of the Mission has ministered to several aged, lonely, and indigent people, whose physical frailty or meagre income precludes happiness and independence. Many of these people living alone in semi-furnished rooms, require a helping hand. A fund has been established and when sufficient money is available it is proposed to acquire a suitable site and erect twenty three or four-roomed brick bungalow homes. Each home will face the sun, be surrounded by gardens, and cost about £450. The entire work will involve an expenditure of £15,000. Some of the homes will house single persons, others will accommodate aged couples, many of whom are forced after years of happy comradeship to live apart in separate institutions. Two larger homes will be built, one for single aged men and the other for single aged women. Both of these homes will have a hospital ward and dispensary, and the whole settlement will be in

charge of a deaconess of the Church who is a certificated nurse. Plans of these homes are now available and legal firms have filed particulars for reference.

Social Service Department.

During the year this department has removed families, found employment, provided assistance, given counsel and brightened horizons for hundreds of people. At Christmas time 500 parcels costing 10/- each were distributed to families in need, 400 families weekly have come for help and many a distraught soul has found comfort by our ministrations. Our objective has been to make the Social Service memorable for spiritual conquests and practical issues. During the year this department has purchased clothing, footwear, food and fuel costing £2000. The income has almost equalled expenditure. Some idea of the extent of the service rendered by this department is gained by the following:—2 motor trucks in constant use; a wood-cutting plant electrically driven; 16 men and women constantly employed, including cutters, sawyers, typists, carriers, distributors—most of whom are employed by the Government under 4a Scheme; a messenger service is in daily operation for organising the reception and distribution of goods; on an average six workmen have been employed on a plantation 20 miles away cutting down manuka. All proceeds above expenses go towards the relief of distress. The Department is supported by voluntary contributions, and here we would record our heartiest appreciation of the monetary assistance rendered by generously disposed citizens, including a bequest of £350 from Mr. and Mrs. Tanner.

The Mission Property.

The Mission Property is in fairly good repair but the time is not far distant when extensive renovations must be effected. For years efforts have centred in debt reduction which have precluded the inauguration of a maintenance fund. The building was erected 23 years ago and cannot be allowed to depreciate for want of attention. The two outer walls are showing marked signs of corrosion, the roof will shortly need repairs and all the seats require re-covering. Throughout the years minor alterations and repairs have been effected, but a complete overhaul of the entire premises is necessary.

New Property Purchase.

As time goes on the wisdom of acquiring the property adjacent to the Octagon Hall will become more apparent. We are gradually overcoming the almost insuperable difficulties which beset inaugural movements, but not yet do we enjoy a sense of security. The income from rentals is below the estimates and the Depression has increased our worries. Expenditure at present is above income. Rates and Interest bills alone amount to £1,600 annually and the greatest care has been necessary, and is still necessary to guard this latest move. The main effort at present is being directed to the reduction of the mortgage so as to reduce overhead charges. Until another £5,000 is paid off the mortgage, considerable anxiety must be experienced. We are pleased to report that this year the Trustees have reduced the mortgage by £1,000. If this annual reduction can be maintained, the retention of the property will be assured. The total debt on all the Mission properties stands at £21,000, bearing interest at 5%.

Finance.

Only those engaged in the full work of the Mission realise how hampered our activities are for the need of funds. Every Department of the work has leapt forward, which has meant expenditure. In ordinary times the task would be difficult enough, but in these days of industrial and social disorder it is doubly so. We are fortunate in having a qualified accountant, Mr.

H. H. Johnson, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Mission, who is ably supported by a gifted band of Trustees. To these men the gratitude of the Methodist Connexion is due for their faithful and valuable service.

The health of the Staff has been good. The services are well attended, and a fine spirit prevails. The officials bespeak the continued interest and support of the public.

The work of the Mission is undenominational. We are persuaded that the policy of institutionalism now being pursued and the humanitarian service being rendered to all classes of the community will not only commend itself to the citizens but will inspire legacies, making possible further extension work.

(Signed) LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.
H. H. JOHNSON } Circuit
W. AITKEN } Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulates the Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A., and his Staff on the magnificent character of the work done in connection with the Central Mission during the year, particularly that on behalf of the destitute and needy of the City, the extensive youth activities and the effective Evangelistic work carried on. It trusts that in the good Providence of God, Mr. Neale may long be spared to develop the work, which it earnestly commends to the practical support of the Methodist people.

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

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION. REPORT FOR 1933.

It is with much pleasure that this report on work of the current year is presented.

The Committee desires to pay a grateful tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Samuel Lawry and to record its appreciation of his very valuable services particularly during the five years he acted as Secretary. During this time he discharged the duties of his office with that keenness and devotion that have been so characteristic of his work for the Church.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Lady Superintendent for another year's devoted service. Deaconess House has enjoyed a very happy and successful year due to the marked ability with which Miss Sewell has managed its affairs and the Committee gratefully records its appreciation of the results that have attended her efforts.

Deaconess Students.

The Sessions commenced on February 4, with the following students in residence—Misses Ngati Mete and Marama Muriwai (3rd year), Lilian S. L. Davidson, Constance L. Osborne, Eileen E. Taylor and Heeni Te Teira (1st year).

Fortnightly lectures have been given as under:—Old Testament—Rev. E. Drake; New Testament—Rev. F. Greenwood; Theology—Rev. W. Rowe; Church History—Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.; English—Miss E. Chaplin, B.A.; Psychology—Mr. C. H. E. Graham, F.R.M.S.; Voice Production and Homiletics—Rev. E. B. Chambers; Home Nursing—Nurse Pemberton; Teaching Methods—Miss D. Baster (Froebel Cert.).

We record our grateful appreciation of the service of these tutors who have regularly and faithfully conducted their classes. The revision of the curriculum this year has made the lectures much more comprehensive. One new subject has been included, that of Art of Teaching with Miss Baster as the lecturer.

In addition to the lectures students have shared in practical work at the Christchurch Hospital Out-patients' Department, Essex Maternity Hospital, Christchurch Free Kindergartens and Plunket Society, by the courtesy of those in charge to whom also our grateful thanks are due. Miss C. Osborne has been working under the direction of Nurse Maude, who each year gives a student a very thorough knowledge and experience of all branches of District nursing.

Misses L. Davidson and E. Taylor were successful in gaining St. John Ambulance Certificates for First Aid and Miss M. Muriwai for Home Nursing.

Each student is attached to a circuit for practical work such as Sunday School teaching and Bible Class leadership, Club work, district and relief visiting, etc. The aim is to give every student some experience in all branches of our Youth Work. In this connection three lectures are given annually by Rev. E. P. Blamires.

The Committee feels that the period of study from February to August, broken only by Easter week, is too long and recommends a week's holiday during the customary school vacation in May.

The House and Hostel.

Owing to the decision of the Government to close the Christchurch Training College during 1934 no students from that institution will be available for the hostel. In these circumstances the Committee has decided to make the hostel accommodation available for other church women and girls visiting or living in the city. Many hundreds of women cross the threshold of Deaconess House in the course of a year. The house is the centre of much women's work in Christchurch. Bible Class Executives and Committees, Leadership Training classes, the Evening Missionary Auxiliary Circle and many others meet regularly. The Canterbury M.W.M.U. District Convention used the House for three days in the August holidays. Several delegates to the Women's Institute Conference made this their headquarters while in the city last July. Deaconess House is fulfilling its function as a centre of training and service for women in connection with our church.

Deaconess Dedication Service.

The service held at the Church Conference in Auckland last February was conducted by the Chairman of our Committee (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt) in the absence of the President, the speaker being Dr. C. H. Laws, to whom our thanks are due for the fine charge he delivered. Sister Miriama Kirkwood who has completed her period of probation was dedicated, and is working at Ratana Pa. Experience proved again that the second Conference Sunday is entirely unsuitable for this service. A more worthy provision has been made for it at the forthcoming Conference in Wellington.

Deaconess Convocation.

The customary Convocation of the Order was unavoidably cancelled this year owing to the impossibility of the President and the Secretary attending. Plans are well in hand for a Convocation in Wellington immediately preceding next Conference. This gathering of Sisters on active service is invaluable for affording help and inspiration to those who have few opportunities for such fellowship.

The Work of Our Deaconesses.

The Conference requires all deaconesses and probationers and the circuits and institutions employing them to furnish the Committee with an annual report of their work. No reports have been supplied by the Foreign Mission Board or by the workers in the Solomon Islands but the whole church recognises the excellent service being rendered by the devoted nurses, teachers and other women workers in the foreign field. Some deaconesses in the European and Maori work have also failed to send the required reports.

There is a wide field for deaconess work in the European church and it is to be regretted that only five women are so employed in our missions and circuits. The need for such work becomes increasingly evident. There is no lack of applicants for admission to the Institution, many possessing fine qualifications. As a foundation for successful training when they are accepted, prospective trainees should be encouraged to acquire a good general background of education and experience.

Nine European and Maori deaconesses are working under the Home Mission Board. Sisters Dobby, Nicholls, Atawhai, and Kirkwood are in labours more abundant. Sisters Ropata and Ellison have done good deputation work with the Maori Party. Sister Ivy Jones holds services in native settlements from Papakura to Helensville. She also does fine work for Maori girls in Auckland city and in the Chinese gardens where some are employed. Rescue work in the dark corners of the city, and in the prisons and mental homes has been attended with gratifying success. Sister Olive Bott travels on horseback in the extensive Hokianga field, visiting the Maori kaingas, conducting Sunday Schools and holding services in the day schools. Sister Airini Hobbs labours devotedly in the Taranaki district. She supervises twenty-one Sunday Schools enrolling 194 scholars and staffed by 16 Maori and 5 European teachers. She shepherds Maori children attending six pakeha schools. Nine new schools have been commenced this year. A Maori Women's Institute with 70 members has been established at Okaiawa. Home nursing classes are widely held. Many huis and tangis have been attended for instructional purposes.

At "Kurahuna," the school for Maori girls at Onehunga, Sister Netta Gittos assisted by Sister Rita Snowden has carried on a gracious work. Maori girls are given a sound general education and trained in domestic arts, home nursing, first-aid, as well as in vegetable and flower gardening, poultry keeping, milking, butter-making, boot repairing, hair-cutting, etc. Music and games are not neglected, and the devotional life of the girls is carefully nurtured. The progress of the girls is a prophecy of their future influence in uplifting the people of their own race when they return to the life of the pah.

In the Auckland Central circuit Sister Margaret Jeffreys carries out a comprehensive programme. Needy families and many girls have been assisted. About seventy women contact with the church through a Mothers' Meeting. It is estimated that 50 per cent. of the Sunday scholars and cradle roll members are recruited through this agency.

At the Auckland Social Service Mission, Sister Jessie Mackenzie has had a busy year in the manifold activities of that organisation. A sewing circle, the members of which cannot give money, generously gives time for making garments for the poor. The Sunday School enrolment has increased, a cradle roll begun, and a "Cheer Club" and an "Adventure Group" for girls instituted.

The record of Sister Mildred West at Ashburton makes enheartening reading. It tells of a gracious ministry exercised amongst the sick and needy. Bible instruction in three schools is given, hospital work carried on and youth agencies fostered and developed. Any circuit would be richer for a similar service.

At the Dunedin Central Mission Sister Hazel Hamilton carries through an extensive programme. Bible Class girls are inspired to share in social service. A Lunch Club for business girls meets the needs of many "outside" young women. The sick and the aged are specially ministered to. Sister Lenna Button concentrates mainly on social service and work amongst the young and is the pivot of many organisations. At the Mission camp site at Company Bay, 180 mothers and children have been given a much-needed holiday. Sad and sordid problems are always flinging a challenge at these Mission Sisters.

General.

The financial year ends on 31st December. The treasurer, Mr. C. A. Newman, reports that strict economy is being exercised but the Institution needs more than ever the support of our people and a continuance of the assistance of the contributing bodies.

Consideration has been given to the recommendation of Conference relative to more adequate provision for retiring allowances for deaconesses. Improvement is imperative and the Conference has already given its sanction to an appeal to the Connexion for a sum of £4,000 to increase the capital of the Retiring Fund with a view to improving the benefits, and also to pay off the debt on the property. The present is regarded as an inopportune time for such an appeal or for increasing the retiring levies either on the deaconesses or the bodies employing them.

The Committee records its thanks to the members of the Ladies' House Committee for their invaluable services.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, CHAIRMAN.

J. E. PURCHASE, SECRETARY.

Christchurch,

13th October, 1933.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Lady Superintendent, Miss Elsie Sewell; the Secretary and Treasurer of the Institution; visiting Tutors, and members of the Committee, for their efficient services.
3. That Conference expresses appreciation of the work of the Institution and of the valuable services rendered by the Deaconesses. It urges the Quarterly Meetings of the Circuits in the cities and larger provincial towns to consider the possibility of employing trained Deaconesses, not only in social work, but also for the work of evangelism and the care of our young people in the Bible Classes and Sunday Schools.
4. That Conference re-affirms its authority for a Connexional appeal for a sum to increase the capital of the Deaconess Retiring Fund so as to provide increased benefits and also to pay off the debt on the Institution, but that such appeal be deferred pending a return to more prosperous conditions.
5. That Regulation 2 Law Book page 131 be amended by deleting the words "from year to year."
6. That Regulation 9, Law Book, page 132 be altered to provide for a week's holiday at Easter, a week in May and two weeks in August.

7. That the service for the dedication of Deaconesses be held on the afternoon of the first Conference Sunday unless otherwise arranged between the Secretary of the Conference and the Committee of the Deaconess Institution.
8. That the Conference authorises the following grants to the Institution:— Home Mission Fund £75; Contingent Fund £75; Fire Insurance Fund £100.
9. That the names of Sisters Olive Holland and Awhina Ngati Mete be placed on the List of Deaconesses as extra-mural students.
10. That the Committee for the ensuing year be:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Christchurch Circuits, the ministers appointed to Linwood, Edgeware Road and New Brighton, Rev. F. T. Read, Mesdames G. Bowron, Lamb, A. A. Sandford, C. Eaton, Sister Mabel Morley, Misses E. Chaplin, B.A., and D. Fairweather, Messrs. C. Newman, G. Bowron, H. Chapman, C. H. E. Graham, F.R.M.S., J. E. Purchase, M.A., S. H. Maddren and M. Kershaw.
11. That the Conference expresses appreciation of the devoted work of the late Sister Bessie Macfarlane and expresses deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives.

SISTER BESSIE McFARLANE.

Sister Bessie McFarlane passed away at the Christchurch Public Hospital on October 29th, 1933, after a brief illness. Dedicated as a Deaconess of our Church at the Dunedin Conference in 1918, Sister Bessie continued for 12 years in the work, labouring for 2 years at Addington, Christchurch, 8 years at Aro Street, Mission, Wellington, and 2 years at the Airedale Street Mission, Auckland. Since ill health necessitated her retirement, Sister Bessie has lived with her sister Mrs. McCaffery in Christchurch. A capable and devoted friend of the poor, Sister Bessie found a ready welcome into the homes of the people and did successful work in every sphere of labour to which she has been appointed. The large congregation assembling in the Union Church, Addington, on the occasion of her funeral service gave proof of the high esteem in which our Sister was held.

- 12.—That the Conference requests the Committee of the Deaconess Institution favourably to consider foregoing the grant from the Foreign Mission Fund sanctioned last year. The Conference regretfully agrees that the application for a grant for the next Connexional year shall be suspended in view of the present circumstances of the Foreign Mission Fund.

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

A.—THE AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE. Mt. Albert and Epsom.

REPORT 1933.

Grateful for the privilege of service on behalf of the orphans and other children needing our care, we present this, our Twentieth Report.

During the year 29 children have been admitted, six proving temporary cases, including which, removals numbered 28, making our present roll 59 boys and 43 girls; total 102.

In their arduous and responsible work the Matrons, though sometimes disappointed, have much to encourage them, in school successes, Christian decisions, the gratitude of parents; also generous gifts and many acts of kindness.

In July, after eight years as Epsom Matron, Mrs. Everiss tendered her resignation, and has since been succeeded by Miss Doris Spooner, who came to us highly recommended and with several years' experience as an Orphanage Matron. Already she has justified her appointment.

The Ladies' Committee, of which Mrs. T. Clark is President, and Mrs. A. J. Reed, Secretary, continue, with their various Sub-Committees, to render invaluable service.

At Buckland Road Home, in the interval prior to the arrival of the new Matron, the House Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank M. Winstone, and assisted by other ladies and the loyal staff, effectively carried out much-needed renovations.

On the men's side also, we are well served by the Grounds and Buildings Committees, of Mt. Albert and Epsom, the members of which give much time and skilled assistance on our properties.

Finance.

It has been a difficult year financially, and we close the year with an overdraft of nearly £600. Nevertheless, we gratefully acknowledge the help given by Christmas offerings, subscriptions and donations, and the good work of Secretaries and Collectors. Some Circuits excel in organisation and enthusiasm, and we pray that all may catch the flame.

In April last Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer, asked to be relieved of the Treasurership, and the Rev. G. Frost was appointed as Clerical Treasurer, in which office he is rendering valuable service.

Bequest. Under the will of the late Mr. John Sheat, of Mt. Eden, the sum of £1,500 has been bequeathed to us for the erection of a new wing in brick; also £100 to provide cots for the same, the latter gift being in memory of deceased's nephew, G. S. Saywell, who lost his life in the Great War. In view of our present accommodation, and prevailing economic conditions, it may be some time before this generous legacy can be utilised.

Next year, 1934, we shall "come of age" as an Institution, and it is our intention suitably to celebrate the occasion, and to establish a "Birthday Fund," on behalf of our work for the children.

Again we gratefully acknowledge the kind services of Mr. W. R. G. Emerson, of Mt. Albert, in so successfully training our children in singing; also our Honorary Physicians, Drs. Harold Pettit and Cyril Griffin; Mr. Charles Martyn, Optician; and Mr. Ken W. White, Mt. Albert, Chemist; Miss Ethel Mason and Mr. J. H. Whitburn, Official Collectors, and many other helpers too numerous to name.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

We recommend the following as the Board of Management for next year, viz:—

Mesdames Caughey-Preston and W. R. G. Emerson, and Mr. W. Astley (Life Members). Revs. E. D. Patchett, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, A. McBean, P. N. Knight, B.A., J. H. Allen, W. T. Blight, B.A.; Mesdames A. H. White, J. Armitage, T. A. Joughin, T. Clark, A. Peak, F. M. Winstone, E. D. Patchett and A. J. Reed; the Misses Kirk, A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham and Ida Buttle; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, E. O. Chivers, A. Trenwith, Walter Ambury, D. L. Thomas, B. C. Moodie, A. Williams, L. F. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, Frank Penn; Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary; Rev. G. Frost, Clerical Treasurer; Mr. A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

S. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report, Financial Statement and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Board of Management; the Ladies' Committee; Drs. Harold Pettitt and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians; to the Rev. S. Griffith, Secretary, Rev. G. Frost (Treasurer), Revs. E. D. Patchett, and A. McBean (Chaplains), and to Mr. A. Len Caughey, Lay-Treasurer.
3. That the Board be as stated in the Report.

B.—MASTERTON CHILDRENS' HOME.

We are thankful that for another year we have been able under the blessing of God to carry on our work of caring for these little ones, not only in material matters, but also to write upon their hearts the sure and abiding principles of Christianity and so forming their characters, hence our work reaches into eternity.

We are thankful because we have not had any very serious sickness among the staff and the children. There was an epidemic of measles in the district and a number of the Home children were affected and once more in no formal manner we desire to thank Dr. Prior, our honorary medical attendant, for his continued and diligent watchfulness over the health of the inmates of the Home.

During the year one boy and one girl have left the Home to enter situations and three boys have been admitted, including a Maori boy.

With a little variation we have averaged about 40 children in the Home during the year. Seventeen of them are members of the Masterton Church Sunday morning Choir.

In connection with the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music Examinations, May Daynes passed with distinction in Grade 3. Shirley Keale passed with honourable mention in the same grade, and Joan Stanley passed with distinction in grade 2. Our thanks are due to Miss Donald, L.A.B., who generously gave her services as teacher.

Twelve boys and girls from the Home sat at the Wellington Sunday School Union Examinations. They all passed, and Edith Mygend topped the Masterton Methodist Section. Fourteen sat for examination on the course of Bible training in the Home and filled up papers which revealed a close and accurate knowledge of the Scriptures.

The Staff.

Miss Allan retains the confidence of the Committee by the efficient manner in which the Home is managed. During the year, Miss Mead has returned to England and is now matron of a Children's Home at Clackton-on-Sea, and Miss Cameron of Dunedin has taken her place on the staff. Florrie Rush, one of our senior girls has been placed as a Junior assistant. We find this procedure helpful in developing our elder girls.

Support.

We thank the members of the Bible Classes, Christian Endeavourers, Sunday Schools and Choirs for their help and have decided that any of the above organizations subscribing one pound in cash or value of goods may receive on application a large photo of the Home on condition that it is framed and placed in a prominent position.

We have received notice of two bequests from recently deceased Masterton residents, Mr. J. Hessey £100 and Mr. J. M. Coradine £100.

During the last three years our income from the Circuits has steadily decreased as the following figures will show:—

1931	..	..	..	£400	18	10
1932	..	..	..	300	11	0
1933	..	..	..	272	18	5

We hope that better times will show an increase. Reviewing the year's work we thank God and take courage.

The following are our nominations for 1934:—Members of the Management Committee—Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, J. H. Handyside, H. S. Tate, and Dr. Prior, Revs. G. F. Stockwell, V. R. Jamieson and J. Cocker; Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, A. Pragnell, G. F. Stockwell and Miss Burton. Chairman—Mr. J. H. Handyside. Secretary-Manager and Treasurer—Rev. J. Cocker; Chaplain—Rev. G. F. Stockwell; Hon. Physician—Dr. Prior.

J. H. HANDYSIDE, 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 Dr. Prior (Honorary Medical Attendant) for his valuable professional services in connection with the Home during the year.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. J. Cocker for his valuable services to the Children's Home.
4. That the Management Committee be as stated in the Report.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE BOARD.

REPORT FOR 1933.

The present year so far as the ordinary life and work of our Orphanage and Children's Home is concerned, has been one of continual good health on the part of the children and the staff. The accommodation has been fully taxed and at present there are sixty-two children in residence (34 boys and 28 girls).

Under the competent care of the Manager and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Haynes, and a very efficient staff, all has gone on smoothly and happily in the routine of the Home, the pleasant atmosphere of kindness and goodwill being always in evidence.

That the higher interests of the children have not been neglected is shown by the fact that in the annual Scripture Examinations over thirty of the children secured passes—six of them gaining over 90% of marks.

Miss Flora Nyles, for seven years an inmate of the Home has been appointed to a junior position on the staff.

Valuable assistance has been given by various ladies connected with the city and suburban churches with sewing and darning for our large family, and various circuits have held special efforts in aid of our commissariat.

The Annual Street collection made in Christchurch on behalf of the Orphanages of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches realised £1,400, of which sum £418 was apportioned to the Board, a much appreciated contribution. An interim statement of Receipts and Expenditure from November 1st, 1932 to October 31st, 1933, to be presented to the North Canterbury Synod shows a sum of £4,439 18s. 9d. received from various sources—including £996 from Legacies, and a special gift of £1,500 from Mrs. Caughey Preston of Auckland, while payments to the extent of

£3,852 12s. 10d. have been made including £1,550 placed on deposit. The Audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December will be presented at the ensuing Conference.

The Board places on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the passing of Mr. J. Lomas and the Rev. Samuel Lawry, who from the earliest days of the Home, had taken the warmest interest in its welfare, and whose wise counsel and consistent support had very greatly helped in its affairs.

Our thanks are due and are hereby expressed to Dr. Orchard and Mr. G. Sevicke Jones for professional services freely given; also to the Members of the Ladies House Committee; to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and the staff of the Home, and to all who have contributed in cash or in kind to the support of the Orphanage, especially to those circuits making special efforts on its behalf.

The Board appeals to all circuits in the South Island to continue their generous assistance and support.

This Report goes to the Synods just on the eve of the Stone-laying ceremony in connection with the erection of the block of buildings soon to be the new Home of our Institution. For some years past this objective has steadily been kept in view, and the dream is now well on the way towards realization. The financial position having been greatly improved by the promise of a subsidy of £2,500 (estimated) by the Unemployment Board, and the very generous gift of £1,500 by Mrs. Caughey Preston, it was felt that the Board would be well warranted in proceeding to build—the plans having been carefully revised in conjunction with the Board's architects—Messrs. G. T. Lucas and W. Melville Lawry—to ensure the very best disposition of the means at the Board's disposal. Tenders were advertised for in September and the lowest received was accepted; work has already been commenced and should be completed by the end of September next year. The expenditure on the land, buildings and furnishings will approximate in cost to £22,000, towards this expenditure the Board has in sight the sum of £20,500. Towards the remaining indebtedness we have received the promise of £100, and we hope that ere the buildings are ready for opening (about this time next year), with the assistance of our Friends and sympathisers, the President will be able to announce that the building is free of debt.

The laying of the chief Foundation Stone by His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Bledisloe, and of the two other stones by Mrs. J. A. Flesher and the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt takes place on Friday 10th November, further reference to which, and to the progress of the building operations will be made in a Supplementary Report to be presented at the Conference.

The Board desires to place on record its deep sense of indebtedness for Divine Guidance and help in this particular event, and in all the affairs of the Home throughout its history.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

ARTHUR HOPPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That this Conference expresses its warm appreciation of the work of the Christchurch Committee for their fine organisation of the street collection by which the Board's funds benefited to the extent of £418.
3. That the Conference congratulates the South Island Methodist Orphanage Board, and especially the Treasurer, Mr. George Bowron, on the greatly improved financial position as disclosed by the statement presented, and on the action of the Board in commencing the new

buildings so long looked forward to. The Conference also expresses its gratification at the successful stone-laying function held on November 10th in connection with these new buildings.

4. That the Conference cordially appreciates the generous manner in which several of the Circuits and many individual helpers have contributed towards the funds of the Board, both for the Building scheme and for the support and maintenance of the Home.

It commends the claims of both these worthy objects to the continued generous help of all the South Island circuits and to the personal interest and assistance of all our members.

5. That we thankfully recognise the good hand of our God in the large measure of assistance that has come to the Orphanage Funds, and the help given in so many other ways, and we seek the continued loving kindness of our Lord in all its affairs and interests.
6. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered Dr. Orchard and Mr. Sevicke Jones for continued valuable services, the Secretary (Rev. A. Hopper), Mr. G. Bowron (Treasurer), and the Manager (Mr. A. Haynes).
7. Board of Management:—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. A. Peters, C. E. Ward, F. T. Read, W. Grigg and J. Featherston; Mesdames G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, C. Eaton, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Rowe, A. Hopper, Sister Mabel Morley and Miss E. Sewell; Messrs. E. W. Hall, G. Bowron, F. Thompson, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, J. Gilmour, F. A. Sheat, F. J. Carr, W. Dobbs, W. S. Worner, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., J. E. Purchase, M.A., F.R.E.S., and R. W. Hawke, M.P., Mr. G. Bowron (Treasurer).

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

A.—“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1933.

In common with all Church papers our own journal has been seriously affected by ruling economic conditions. The circuit agents have as usual done excellent service in endeavouring to retain present subscribers and to enrol new readers. From the commencement of the year the losses have exceeded the gains by 154. Since acute economic conditions began to operate in 1930 we have by zealous effort gained 574 new subscribers, but in the same period have lost 1367. While hard times explain many losses it is clear that this is not the only reason for the failure of the paper to retain the subscribers enrolled. Every year since 1924 the excess of losses over new enrolments has been consistent excepting for the year 1929 when the Committee conducted a “drive” for new subscribers and enrolled 431. Even in that year the net gain was only 143 because of offsetting losses. The present enrolment of subscribers is smaller than it has been for ten years.

The year ended 31st December has presented especial difficulties in regard to finance. The Contingent Fund has again been relieved of the necessity to make a contribution to the Connexional paper which in many ways renders gratuitous Connexional service. The Editor has in every way co-operated with the Business Manager in reducing cost of production. There has been a net loss of £52 11s. 11d. in spite of the fact that our Reserves have earned interest amounting to £30 5s. 7d. Revenue from advertisements has also declined. It is gratifying to note that in spite of the existing economic situation the amount of outstanding subscriptions is much less

than last year and that outstanding advertising accounts also are less than at the date of the previous annual balance. The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Editorial staff and by the various contributors of the regular features of the paper as well as by the printers who always co-operate cordially in matters affecting the welfare of the Paper.

In November last the Rev. Percy R. Paris, who has held the position of Editor with distinction since 1924, and was Associate Editor prior to that date, notified the Committee that he definitely desired to relinquish his position at the end of the current Connexional year. During the years he has occupied the editorial chair Mr. Paris, who has throughout the period been a busy superintendent minister, has striven to maintain the policy he enunciated upon his first appointment. He has sought to make the "Methodist Times" one of the voices and instruments through which our New Zealand Church might effectually preach Jesus Christ, and extend His Kingdom in the Dominion and in the Solomon Islands. His work in establishing the League of Young Methodists has been noteworthy. Under his direction the claims of Home and Foreign Missions, the needs of the Youth Department and all Connexional interests have been kept prominently before the Church and he has sought to inspire his readers with loyalty to Methodism and to stimulate a zeal for the extension of the Kingdom of God. Mr. Paris retires from office with the esteem and goodwill of the Committee and with the grateful regard of the whole Connexion.

With the announcement of the impending retirement of Mr. Paris, there arose a Dominion-wide demand that the Committee should seek the consent of the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D. to accept nomination as Editor. Throughout the entire Connexion the conviction became manifest that Dr. Laws possessed in an outstanding degree gifts that marked him out as singularly fitted for the editorial position. The Committee heartily and unanimously resolved to approach Dr. Laws, who, freed from the insistent demands of the active ministry, has the necessary leisure worthily to fill this post of important trust. Dr. Laws has accepted the nomination and the Committee confidently anticipates that Conference will unanimously confirm the arrangement. The Rev. T. J. Wallis is also unanimously nominated for re-appointment as Associate Editor. The Rev. W. J. Williams continues as Editor-Emeritus. The honoraria are fixed by the Committee at £75 and £30 respectively for the Editor and Associate-Editor.

The Committee places on record its thanks to the various circuit agents for the service rendered by them in retaining subscribers and in collecting subscriptions. It urges that all agents and all circuit ministers and officials make a special effort to increase the circulation of the paper and to promote its welfare in the days to come.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Convener.

Christchurch,

15th January, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That upon the retirement of the Rev. Percy R. Paris, from the position of Editor of the "Methodist Times" the Conference heartily endorses the tribute to his outstanding service embodied in the Report of the Committee. It cordially thanks him for his valuable work as Associate-Editor from 1921 to 1924 and as Editor for the past ten years and trusts that the Connexion may continue to benefit in other ways from the exercise of his literary and journalistic gifts.

3. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Associate-Editor (Rev. T. J. Wallis), the Editor Emeritus (Rev. W. J. Williams) and to the Editor of the L.Y.M. page (Rev. R. B. Gosnell), for their past services.
4. That the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., be appointed Editor for the ensuing Connexional year and that the Rev. T. J. Wallis be re-appointed Associate-Editor.
5. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be re-appointed Business Manager.
6. That the Committee for the ensuing year be Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), Convener; Revs. E. Drake, T. J. Wallis, A. Hopper, W. Rowe, W. Grigg; Messrs. H. Holland, M.P. (Lay Treasurer), G. Bowron, W. A. Bascand, W. Dobbs and D. E. Parton.
7. That whereas the publication of a Connexional paper is part of the programme of the Church and such publication opens new avenues of approach to all circuit and Connexional problems, provides new points of contact with the work of God's Kingdom, and stimulates interest that results in active support of every good cause, the Conference commends to our people the campaign shortly to be conducted to increase the circulation of the "Methodist Times."
8. The Conference directs Superintendent Ministers, Probationers in charge of circuits and Home Missionaries in charge of stations immediately after the Conference to appoint a suitable canvasser for each preaching place under their care. The names of such canvassers shall be promptly forwarded to the Business Manager, together with a list of possible subscribers. The canvasser need not be the agent for the paper but should act in conjunction with the appointed agent.
9. The Superintendent minister shall take effective action in the interests of the paper at the March Quarterly Meetings. At these meetings capable agents and sub-agents shall be appointed and urged to co-operate heartily in the special effort to increase the number of subscribers.
10. That all Ministers and Home Missionaries be requested to assure themselves that pulpit announcements relating to the campaign are made at every preaching place, that effective use is made of sample copies of the paper furnished to canvassers from the office, and that the Order Forms supplied are used to the best advantage.
11. That in every circuit and home mission station the objective shall be to place our church paper in every Methodist home and that efforts be made especially to ensure that every church officer and every local preacher is a subscriber.
12. That District Chairmen be requested to take advantage of the May Synods and other official meetings to advocate the claims of the paper.
13. That Superintendent Ministers advise the Business Manager of the action decided upon by the March Quarterly Meetings and see that he is kept posted as to the progress of the campaign in the circuit.
14. That at the June Quarterly Meetings reports upon the circuit campaign shall be considered and all further necessary steps taken to ensure a worthy response to the effort.
15. That, if possible, a succinct statement of the scope and operation of the various activities of the League of Nations be inserted in the Methodist Times.

B.—NEW CHURCH HYMN BOOK.

During the year correspondence has been maintained with the British Hymn Book Committee and also with the Australian General Conference Hymn Book Revision Committee. All developments have been regularly communicated to the members of our New Zealand Committee. Some editions of the English book have already been published. We have forwarded to Australia our own recommendations relating to hymns for inclusion in the Australian and New Zealand Supplement and we now await the decision of the Australian Committee which will meet in Sydney on February 13 and 14. It is hoped that finality may soon be reached in regard to the contents of the Supplement so that publication of our own edition may be hastened. The New Zealand Committee is satisfied that the new book will worthily meet the requirements of the Church.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Convener.

Christchurch,
15th January, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Resolutions of Conference 1933, page 147 numbered 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be re-affirmed.
3. That the Committee be re-appointed with the omission of the name of the late Rev. S. Lawry.
4. See under Question XXXII. A. Res. 8.

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

For official list of Chaplains, see Minutes of Conference 1930, pages 133-134.

REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The work of the naval and military Chaplains has been faithfully performed during the year. Our Church has been represented by Chaplains in most of the Military Camps during 1933.

We desire to draw attention to the great importance of the Chaplain's presence and work in these camps. Though compulsory training has given place to the Volunteer system there are thousands of men attending Camps and undergoing military training. It is likely that the numbers will increase. For the first time since 1914 a whole Brigade was mobilised at Waipukurau this month and there were about 900 men under canvas. Camps are being held in various parts of New Zealand over a period of six months of each year. The Military Authorities welcome the Padres and offer every facility for their work. The men too appreciate the presence of the Representatives of the Church and there are many golden opportunities for doing good and coming into touch with men who for some reason or other have been alienated from the Church.

One of our difficulties has been to keep an equal number of Chaplains in each Command. Our itinerary system tends to make it awkward to retain the same proportion all the time. Reports were received from Chaplains Walker and Bailey, the Reps. of our Church on the Chaplain's Committee of the Northern and Southern Commands.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:—

1. That Rev. W. Walker be appointed to the Chaplains Committee of the N. Command.

2. That Rev. S. Bailey be re-appointed to the Chaplains Committee of the S. Command.
3. That Rev. H. Sharp be re-appointed to the Chaplains Committee of the C. Command.
4. That the name of Rev. C. G. Scrimgeour be removed from the list of Chaplains since he is no longer a minister of our church.
5. That the Rev. L. C. Horwood be appointed a Chaplain.
6. That the following be the list of Naval Chaplains :—

Wellington : Rev. T. R. Richards	Bluff : Rev. A. E. Waite
Auckland : Rev. W. Walker	Nelson : Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.
Devonport : Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.	New Plymouth : Rev. F. Copeland
Lyttelton : Rev. A. H. Fowles	Pictou : Rev. H. V. Utting
Timaru : Rev. J. D. McArthur	Westport : Rev. N. P. Larsen
Dunedin : Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.	Greymouth : Rev. A. O. Harris
Port Chalmers : Rev. T. A. Pybus	Napier : Rev. E. T. Olds
	Tauranga : Rev. C. R. Taylor

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Recommendations be endorsed.

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

The following have been received during the year :—

A.—BY THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. From Rev. S. Griffith : Copy of Deed of Crown Grant, Wellington Native Education Trust.
2. From Rev. E. O. Blamires : (a) Pamphlet "Wesleyan Native Institution" (1906). (b) Account of Bible in Schools negotiations with Roman Catholic Church.
3. From Rev. E. P. Blamires : "The Early Story of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Victoria" (By W. L. Blamires and J. B. Smith).
4. From Rev. J. Cocker :
 - (a) Wesleyan Hymn Book 1829.
 - (b) Primitive Methodist Hymnals (4).
 - (c) Primitive Methodist Minutes Consolidated 1882.
 - (d) Primitive Methodist Special Minutes (N.Z.) 1909.
 - (e) Primitive Methodist Book of Offices.
 - (f) Sermons (John Petty) 1861.
 - (g) Reprint Photo of Union Committee 1911.
5. From Rev. J. D. Hickman : Whangaroa Circuit Minute Books 1881-1903 ; 1906-1930.
6. From Rev. O. Burnet : Tapanui Circuit Records.
7. From Dr. Pinfold : Complete set of "Methodist Magazine" 1788-1868.
8. Per Mr. Burnell : Lyttelton Quarterly Meeting Minute Book with account of introduction of Methodism to Lyttelton 1871-1886.
9. From Mr. Lancelot Watson : Picture of Dr. Bunting and 12 small Wesley engravings.

10. From Mr. H. Foston : Agreement to buy section and erect Church at Havelock, 1900.
11. From Mr. R. A. Joiner : Jubilee Souvenir, Pitt Street School, 1912.
12. From Rev. F. H. Hayman : Souvenir Brochure, Motueka 90th Anniversary 1933.
13. From Rev. L. C. Horwood : Jubilee Souvenir, Petone 1933.
14. From Miss Green per Rev. W. A. Burley : Photographs of Rev. S. and Mrs. Ironside.
15. From Mr. F. J. Denton : (a) Enlarged Photograph Manners Street Church, 1879.
(b) Photograph Wellington Conference, 1892.
16. From Mrs. West (Te Awamutu) : Some correspondence of Revs. John Waterhouse, J. H. Bumby and others.
17. From Rev. H. Ford : Jubilee Souvenir, Woodend 1933.
18. From Rev. T. A. Pybus : Small photographs of Otakou Maoris.

B.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

1. From Rev. T. A. Pybus : Old Maori Prayer Book of Otakou Wesleyan Mission.
2. From Mr. W. L. Morgan, Tai Tapu : Medallion of Birmingham Conference, 1836.
3. From Mrs. E. Wilkins, Cambridge : (a) Medallion of Birmingham Conference 1836. (b) Medallion of Centenary Conference 1839.
4. From Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mt. Albert : Bust of John Wesley.
5. From Rev. S. Griffith :
(a) Autograph Letter, Rev. Samuel Leigh 1837.
(b) Share Certificate, Auckland Wesleyan Seminary 1850.
(c) M.S.S. copy of Watkin's "Pity Poor Fiji."
(d) Centenary Documents (N.Z.).
6. From Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt :
(a) Copy of Address of N.Z. Conference to British Uniting Conference and Reply thereto.
(b) Photographic reproduction of Governor Hobson's Letter to Rev. J. H. Bumby re Wesleyan Missionaries and Treaty of Waitangi and of Lord Bledisloe's letter re same.
7. From Rev. B. Dudley :
(a) Picture old P. M. Church, New Plymouth.
(b) Ruler made of wood from first Primitive Methodist Church at New Plymouth.
(c) Voting paper on N.Z. Methodist Union.
8. From Mr. R. Clarke, Auckland : Private seal of Dr. Adam Clarke.
9. From Rev. A. C. Lawry : Rev. John Aldred's MSS. Diary 1839-1840.
10. From Mr. Henry Field : Photo of First Annual Meeting of Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association 1902.
11. From Airedale Street Mission : Minute Book of N.Z. Primitive Methodist District Committee 1888-1892.
12. From Rev. W. E. Moore : Jubilee Souvenir, Ravensbourne.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Christchurch.
H. RANSTON, Auckland.
Joint Custodians.

C.—METHODIST MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH.

During the year the following gifts have been received for the Museum at the Connexional Office, Christchurch.

1. From Rev. George Frost:
 - (a) Silver Trowel : Timaru Stonelaying 1874.
 - (b) Mallet : Tai Tapu Stonelaying 25th November, 1881.
 - (c) Silver Inkstand presented to Rev. James Buller by Durham Street Circuit in 1876.
2. From Mr. Bowron (per Rev. S. Griffith) :
 - (a) Trowel : Stonelaying U.M.F.C. Battersea 22nd Sept., 1864.
 - (b) Trowel : Stonelaying U.M.F.C. Battersea Park, 1874.
3. From Mrs. Slade (per Rev. W. G. Slade) : Trowel : Opawa Stonelaying 2nd March, 1907.
4. From Rev. Samuel Lawry : Pen used by Dr. Youngman to sign Deed of Independence for New Zealand Methodism, Adelaide 1910 and also used by all signatories to Deed of Methodist Union in New Zealand 1913.
5. From Rev. W. A. Sinclair : Several spears from Solomon Islands.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

Christchurch,

5th January, 1934.

D.—LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY N.Z. METHODIST MINISTERS.

The Library of books and pamphlets written by or about Methodist Ministers who have served in New Zealand, and kept at the Connexional Office, Christchurch, has been enriched during the year by the receipt of the Life of Nathaniel Turner, ("The Pioneer Missionary"), and also by publications by Revs. Thomas Buddle, Bull, Buller, Berry, E. P. Blamires, Burton (8), Chappell (6), Cocker (9), G. S. Cook (poems), Garland, Guy and Potter, Haslam (poems), Laws, Milne (2), Morley, Parsons (3), Peat, Pinfold (5), Pratt (4), F. W. Isitt, Ranston (4), Voyce (2), Robert Ward, W. J. Williams.

The Rev. J. H. Simmonds has promised a copy of his work, on "The Eucalypts of New Zealand." We are anxious to procure copies of the Life of Samuel Leigh (Strachan), the Life of J. H. Bumby (Barrett), "Forty Years in New Zealand" (Buller), "Life Among the Maoris" (Ward) and any other books or pamphlets by or relating to our New Zealand ministers.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Connexional Secretary.

Christchurch,

5th January, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports 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.
4. That the special thanks of the Conference be presented to the widow and family of the late Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D. for their gift to the Connexional Office of sets of the Methodist Magazine 1788-1868, for bound volumes of our New Zealand Connexional papers and for other valuable books and records.
5. That Conference reaffirms its appreciation of the foresight and labour the Connexional Secretary has given in the administration of the various Funds and Departments entrusted to his care.

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

COMMISSION ON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

REPORT FOR 1933.

During the year the Commission has circularised all ministers, asking them to bring before their Leaders' Meetings last year's Report of the Commission with a view to local application, also to communicate to the Commission any suggestions from their experience likely to help the Commission in its study of the problem of Church discipline. In reply several letters have been received, and the suggestions contained therein have been carefully considered by the Commission.

The Commission is of opinion that the purpose aimed at by some of these suggestions could be better secured by a faithful observance of the directions relating to Membership already embodied in our Book of Laws, as e.g., the suggestion that no Junior Member be transferred to the Senior Roll on the ground of age alone. We suggest that all our Ministers and Leaders' Meetings should study afresh the regulations of our Church regarding Junior Membership and the advance of Members from one grade to another. Automatic transfer is nowhere recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (1). That Ministers endeavour as far as possible to deal themselves individually with all young people seeking either Junior or Senior Membership.
- (2). That all lax Members be interviewed personally by the Minister and lay pastors with a view to their again sharing the privileges and responsibilities of Membership.
- (3). That Members needlessly absent from church for six months be exhorted and earnestly reminded of their privileges and responsibilities. If at the end of the next six months they still continue the same non-attendance without a satisfactory reason, their names then to be removed from the Membership Roll.
- (4). That attention be called to the possibilities of the Christian Endeavour movement in relation to our young people and their training for Church Membership.
- (5). That in view of the measure of haste that frequently characterises the after-church observance of the Lord's Supper, we recommend that occasional early morning celebrations be encouraged.

CLARENCE EATON, CHAIRMAN.

C. B. JORDAN, CONVENER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Recommendations 1 to 5 be referred to the Commission on Church Membership.
3. That the resolutions which passed Conference in 1933 be reaffirmed with deliberate consideration of their import, in the light of their report which accompanied them (see minutes pages 154-6).
4. That leaders meetings during the ensuing two years keep the Church Membership Commission posted with information from their experience in giving effect to the resolutions of Conference, 1933.

5. That the detailed recommendations which contain new proposals be tabulated by the Church membership Commission along with further suggestions, during the next two years, that a comprehensive statement may be presented to the Conference of 1936.
6. That the following recommendations be referred to the Commission on Church Membership for consideration.
 - (1) That the Annual Member's Ticket for 1934 be of double the present length to form a folder, on the added portion of which a statement headed "Obligations of Church Members" be printed.
 - (2) That the statement be as follows :
 - A.—Definition of Membership (as per section 2, page 2, Law Book.
 - B.—Obligations of Church Membership.

Members of the Methodist Church by virtue of their association in membership with a corporate body guided by definite principles in the christian life have obligations to Christ and their fellow members in seeking the high ideals of the Church.

The Church is insistent on the following :—

 1. Attendance at the public means of grace and participation in sacraments.
 2. Observance of the Lord's Day as sacred.
 3. The value of the christian home and of religious observances in family life.
 4. Opposition to Intemperance, to Art Unions, Raffles, and Gambling of all kinds, and to all fraudulent practices in business.
 5. The need of exercising care with respect to amusements ; recognising that such as are of questionable reputation and inconsistent with the christian life may not be indulged in.
 6. Regular support of the Church by financial contribution according to a member's ability, and in harmony with the principles of christian stewardship.

C.—Removal of Church Members.

When members remove from one circuit to another a removal certificate for introductory purposes shall be procured from the minister.

N.B.—These principles are expressed as corporate ideals and without lessening the rights of the individual conscience in determining attitude of a church member.

 - (3) That an additional printing of the statement be made for separate distribution.
 - (4) That the above statement supersede section 3, pp. 9 and 10, Law Book.
7. That the Committee be re-appointed with the Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D. as Convener.

QUESTION LII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privilege?

(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, J. Stanton, LL.B., E. W. A. Kellow, L. J. Clark, B. J. Lynneberg, R. Hampton, L. M. Isitt, H. Holland, M.P., J. B. Shacklock, F. Penn, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., and C. E. Taylor. 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, W. Walton, R. S. Maunder, C. H. Hain, T. H. Crosbie, A. H. Brooks, R. Ferguson, S. T. S. Martin, R. Hampton, B. J. Lynneberg, P. G. de Ridder, W. H. Johnston, T. W. Attwood, F. Lockwood, J. M. Thompson, H. W. Smith, W. J. Carman, V. E. Jacobson, T. S. Hinde, N. A. Hunt, C. McAllister, W. I. Clarke, A. Barrington. Convener, Rev. F. E. Leadley.

North Canterbury.—The Ministers and Probationers in the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits ; Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (Connexional Secretary), F. T. Read, J. Featherston, and W. Grigg. Messrs. J. E. Purchase, C. W. Barrell, W. C. Francis, A. G. Williams, R. E. Holloway, G. Rickard, E. W. Hall, R. Laine, H. W. Heslop, H. Burnell, A. C. Taylor, W. Dobbs, S. R. Evison, J. H. Jones, C. A. Comber, T. Roskrige, E. Williams, A. Williams, W. Simpson, C. C. Sandford, A. E. Haynes, F. J. Carr, J. T. Norton, W. T. Foster, A. Holden, C. A. Newman, G. Bowron, F. Thompson, J. W. Hillary, H. de R. Flesher, E. Angus Jones ; Mrs. G. Bowron and Miss E. Sewell.

Otago-Southland.—The Ministers of the Dunedin and Suburban Circuits, with Messrs. J. Davidson, P. Nixon, W. Aitken, H. H. Johnston, B. Pearce, L. Fox, A. C. Collins, J. H. Shilcock, J. B. Shacklock, A. Harman, G. Slater, C. F. Roberts, A. E. Hayman, R. Rac, W. T. Clyde, G. and H. Densen, E. J. King, W. Thornicroft, G. Crosbie, G. Henderson, Mrs. W. Duke, Sister Lenna, Sister Hazel, D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper, Dr. Lyth and Miss O. McCrone. Convener : Rev. B. J. James.

See Resolution 19. Question XLIII.

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 ?

1.—LAW BOOK SUPPLEMENT.

The last Conference directed that a codified statement of all amendments and additions to the book of Methodist Laws be compiled and published, and left the matter in the hands of the Rev. Samuel Lawry and the Connexional Secretary. Owing to the illness and subsequent death of Mr. Lawry the work had to be done without his co-operation. A booklet of 46 pages has been published embodying all the newer legislation.

The process of compilation has revealed the need for care on the part of Conference in adopting new legislation as contradictory results sometimes appear. Resolutions affecting, for example, the status of Native probationers in the Island Mission Synod, and the allowances for women retiring from service in the Solomon Islands, appear to need clarifying.

It is apparent that the whole Law Book needs careful revision by a capable Committee, and that a new edition will be necessary within a few years. Careful preparation for such a publication should be made well in advance and such a Committee as is suggested could work progressively through the whole Law Book. To the Conference I submit the following :—

RECOMMENDATION.

“That with a view to facilitating the publication of a new edition of the Law Book when the time is opportune, a Standing Committee of eight members be set up to consider a general revision of our Laws and Regulations, such Committee to report to Conference from year to year and to submit any recommendations which, in its judgment may be necessary or desirable.”

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY.

Christchurch,

1st October, 1933.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the above Recommendation be agreed to.
3. That the Committee be the Revs. Dr. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, E. D. Patchett, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, W. Dobbs. Joint Conveners, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Dr. Laws.
4. Marriage of Probationers.—That the regulations re the marriage of Probationers be referred to the Committee on Law Book Revision during the year, to report to next Conference.

2.—VICE-PRESIDENTS AND THE STATIONING COMMITTEE.

(See Minutes 1933, page 153).

The Conference appointed the Rev. S. Lawry and the Connexional Secretary to consider and report upon the question of the Vice-President and Ex-Vice-President being representatives of their own districts to the Stationing Committee. The matter arose from the following proposals which had been submitted to the Conference :—

1. To delete from Paragraph 154 Law Book page 38 the words “being regarded as one of the members of the District from which he comes.”
2. To delete the N.B. under Clause 1 on page 93 of the Law Book which provides that “the Vice-President shall be counted as one of the lay members of the Stationing Committee from the District to which he belongs” and to insert the following words :—

“If the membership of the Vice-President on the Committee would result in the number of laymen being in excess of the number provided for in its constitution, the Vice-President shall be regarded as one of the members of the District from which he comes.”

“If, after the operation of the preceding clause, the number of laymen on the Committee would still be in excess of the number provided for in its constitution, the Vice-President of the preceding Conference shall be regarded as one of the members of the District from which he comes.”

The matter was taken up with Mr. Lawry prior to his death, and he expressed the opinion that it was complicated both by the necessity to secure a true balance of ministerial and lay members on the Stationing Committee and by the provisions for the representation of the Solomon Islands Mission District on the Committee. In the judgment of Mr. Lawry some Conference resolutions relating to such Mission representation had been inadvertently omitted from the Minutes of Conference and hence were not embodied in the Law Book. In his view the whole question of the constitution of the Stationing Committee called for review. In these circumstances and as the only remaining member of the Committee I suggest that the matter now be referred by the Conference to the Committee that may be set up to consider the general revision of our laws and regulations.

(Signed) M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Christchurch,

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY.

1st October, 1933.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That proposals 1 and 2 be referred to the Committee on Law Book Revision.
3. That the question of the Constitution of the Conference be referred to the same Committee.

3.—REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL PREACHERS IN CONFERENCE.

As [directed by the Conference the Connexional Secretaryship Committee has given favourable consideration to the direct representation of Local Preachers in Conference, and also to the order of representation of the various Connexional Funds and Institutions, as per Minutes 1933 page 61, Resolution 4. The Committee makes the following:—

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the executive of the Local Preachers' Association be empowered to elect one lay representative to Conference, the method of election to be determined by the Association at its next annual meeting; and that such representative take precedence next after those at present named in Law Book paragraph 241 page 75 in the amended form set forth on pages 19 and 20 of the Law Book Supplement.
2. That the order of representation in Conference of the various Connexional Institutions and Funds remain as at present.

The Committee heartily endorses the recommendation attached to the Connexional Secretary's report on the Law Book Supplement, relative to the appointment of a Standing Committee to consider a general revision of the Law Book.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY.

Christchurch,
25th October, 1933.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the above Recommendations be agreed to.

4.—MINISTERS SERVING OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

RESOLUTION.

That the questions of—

- (1) Ministers permitted to serve under other organisations and
- (2) Ministers without pastoral charge be referred to the special Committee dealing with the Law Book revision for consideration and report to next Conference in the light of the rules now governing these matters in the British and Australian Conferences.

5.—CONFERENCE OFFICE.

RESOLUTION.

That the first sentence of paragraph 122 Law Book, page 30 be amended by inserting after the words "the Connexional Secretary's office" the further words "which shall be regarded as the Conference Office."

6.—HOME MISSIONARIES ON RETIRED LIST.

RESOLUTION.

That the following question be added to the Conference Agenda:—
What home missionaries are to be (a) Retained on the Retired List?
(b) Placed on the Retired List?

7.—MARRIAGE OF MINISTERS.

RESOLUTION.

That the deletion of Rule 84 page 20 of Law Book be referred to the Committee on Law Book Revision.

8.—TRIAL OF MINISTERS.

The last Conference appointed a Committee to consider the following matters :—

- (a) The trial of Ministers.
- (b) The appointment and functions of the Committee of Complaints and Appeals.

Dr. Laws submitted several valuable suggestions but the Convener was unfortunately unable through pressure of Connexional work to deal fully with the matter.

It is now recommended that the above matters be referred to the special Committee to be set up to consider the revision of our Laws and Regulations.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Convener,

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes 1932 p. 131 ; 1933 p. 153).

In London and Paris there have been several meetings of the Executive of the Continuation Committee during the year. Mr. R. W. Brown resigned the office of General Secretary. The new secretary is Canon L. Hodgson, Cheyney Court, Winchester, England.

By closing the Geneva Office considerable economies in management have been effected. Efforts are being made to unite the three ecumenical movements—"Faith and Order," "Life and Work," and "The World Alliance for Promoting International Fellowship through the Churches"—in taking concerted action in the planning of world conferences.

Preparations are in hand for a World Conference in August, 1937, at Lausanne, Switzerland. The main subject will be "The Church in the Purpose of God." The Methodist Church of New Zealand is asked to appoint a representative.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the sum of £5 be donated from the Contingent Fund to the Treasurer of the Continuation Committee.
3. That the Committee and Convener be the same as last year.
4. That no Representative to the Lausanne Conference of 1937 be appointed at present.

Representative to Australian General Conference in 1935.

RESOLUTION.

That this matter be referred to the favourable consideration of the President's Committee of Advice, on condition that the expense to the Church shall not exceed £20.

Presidents Committee of Advice.

That the Committee for 1934 be the Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, J. H. Haslam, the Secretary of Conference, the Vice-President, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, E. H. Burton and C. E. Taylor.

RESOLUTION.

That the matter of a Loyal Address to His Royal Highness Prince George be referred to the President's Committee of Advice with power to act.

Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and reappointed Legal Adviser to the President.

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

On Thursday, February 21st, 1935 at 7 p.m. in Trinity Church, Dunedin.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the President, the Rev. Clarence Eaton, 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. T. Johnson, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. A. J. Seamer 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. S. T. S. Martin, for valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. A. J. Seamer 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 the Taranaki 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.

Flower Committee.—That Mrs. W. B. Scott be heartily thanked for the floral decorations of the Conference platform.

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 Conferences of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be 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. Buttler	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brooke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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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	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
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	DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
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
PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT
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. Cooker
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.

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PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Chas. H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. 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
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.

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| <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Guy, James (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.</p> <p>„ Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A.</p> <p>„ Read, Frederick T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Harding, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Raine, Robert (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward</p> <p>„ Elliott, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Frost, George (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Harrison, Colin C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Henderson, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur</p> <p>„ Richards, Thomas R.</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
F.R.E.S.</p> <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis</p> <p>„ Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Pybus, T. Arthur</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.</p> <p>„ Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy</p> <p>„ Haslam, Jonathan H.</p> <p>„ Hunt, George P.</p> <p>„ Leadley, Frank E.</p> <p>„ Liversedge, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel</p> <p>„ Cook, George S. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Eaton, Clarence</p> <p>„ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.</p> <p>„ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas</p> <p>„ Oxbrow, Walter J.</p> <p>„ Patchett, Ernest D.</p> <p>„ Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.</p> <p>„ James, Benjamin J.</p> <p>„ Liddell, Ralph J.</p> <p>„ Seamer, Arthur J.</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.</p> <p>„ McBean, Angus</p> <p>„ Stockwell, George F.</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.</p> <p>„ Harris, John</p> <p>„ Metson, Basil</p> <p>„ Richards, Raymond</p> |
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| <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., B.A., F.R.G.S.
 „ Richards, H. Leslie
 „ Rowe, William</p> <p>1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
 „ Hinton, George B.
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.
 „ Scrivin, Arthur H.
 „ Walker, William</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T.</p> <p>1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
 „ Burnet, Oswald
 „ Foston, Charles A.
 „ 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.
 „ 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—Blakemore, 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> <p>1928—Grocott, John D.
 „ Hailwood, Charlie O.
 „ Handy, Francis J.
 „ Hayman, Frank H.
 „ Jeffreys, Howard H.</p> |
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| <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 „ Horwood, Leonard C.
 „ Kent, Arthur T.
 „ Parker, Walter</p> <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 „ Draper, Joseph C.
 „ Leadley, E. Clarence
 „ McDowell, Matthew A.
 „ Parker, S. Wesley, M.A.</p> <p>1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon
 „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
 „ Greenslade, William W. H. F.R.E.S.
 „ Moore, William E.
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O., M.A.</p> | <p>1932—Alley, Donald C.
 „ Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, J. Donald
 „ Hindmarsh, Sydney
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ Parker, Gordon
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.</p> <p>1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M.
 „ Daglish, J. Ainsley
 „ Mitchell, John L.
 „ Orr, A. Everil
 „ Patchett, Ralph E.
 „ Waite, Alfred, E.</p> <p>1934—Goodman, George H.
 „ John, John
 „ Johnston, Andrew, J.
 „ Matthews, Howard C.
 „ Tozer, Henry J., M.A.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1882—Rakena, Piripi</p> <p>1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki</p> <p>1911—Kakuere, Hori
 „ Te Tuhi, Eruera
 „ Wilcox, Davis</p> | <p>1914—Rakena, Rakena P.</p> <p>1920—Tauroa, Matarae</p> <p>1928—Keepa Matene</p> <p>1930—Gina, Belshazzar</p> <p>1933—Kera, Nathan</p> |
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1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work ; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M. = Home Missions. F.M. = Foreign Missions. M.M. = Maori Missions. C.S. = Connexional Secretary. Y.P. = Young Peoples' Department. Th.C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. 5	Allen, J. Henry, 22 Station Tce, Remuera, Auck, S.E.	2 4
1932	.. 1	Alley, Donald C., Paul St., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay ..	.. 56
1895	.. 2	Ashcroft, Arthur, Oxford, Canterbury ..	.. 104
1906	.. 2	Avery, William W., 46 Brighton Rd, Roslyn, Dunedin ..	.. 120
1924	.. 1	Ayrton, Moses, Springston Road, Tai Tapu, Canterbury ..	.. 97
1924	.. 4	Bailey, John H., Wesley Street, Pukekohe ..	.. 12
1901	.. 4	Bailey, Samuel, 22 Union Street, New Brighton ..	.. 87
1924	.. 2	Bateup, Frank, Rotorua ..	.. 31
1894	.. S	Bellhouse, Harold E., McGregor St., Opoho, Dunedin (1934)	113
1921	.. 4	Benny, Henry, Stanley Street, Eketahuna ..	.. 75
1913	.. 13	Bensley, Arthur A, Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands	(5)
1914	.. 2	Binet, Vincent le C., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1907	.. 3	Blair, Charles, 235 Main Road, Karori, Wellington, W.3. ..	.. 66
1923	.. 4	Blakemore, Albert, Tainui Street, Matamata, Waikato ..	.. 36
1900	.. 13	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland	
		N.I. ..	.. Y.P.
1904	.. 2	Blamires, Ernest O., West Street, Feilding ..	.. 63
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christ-	
		church (1930) ..	.. 86
1930	.. 1	Blight, J. Montgomery, Inglewood, Taranaki ..	.. 44
1917	.. 4	Blight, William T., B.A, B.D., Leigh House, Trinity College,	
		Grafton, Auckland, C.3 ..	.. Th.C.
1922	.. 4	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Birkett Street, Temuka ..	.. 107
1925	.. 5	Brown, F. Gardner, Thames St., Morrinsville ..	.. 26
1916	.. 3	Brown, George E., 308 Macandrew Rd., South Dunedin ..	.. 116
1924	.. 4	Brown, Hubert G., Paparua, North Auckland ..	.. 15
1910	.. 4	Burley, William A., M.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson ..	.. 78
1914	.. 6	Burnet, Oswald, Fuller Street, Kaiapoi ..	.. 99
1871	.. S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland S.I.	
		(1915) ..	.. 4
1931	.. 1	Carr, Thomas H., 23 Vincent Ter., Mt. Albert, Auckland S.3.	1
1931	.. 2	Carr, W. E. Allon, 151 Hackthorne Road, Cashmere	
		Christchurch ..	.. 86

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1917	.. 1	Chambers, Ernest B., 232 Spey Street, Invercargill	.. 125
1896	.. 18	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C.I.	.. 4
1933	.. 2	Chrystall, Bernard M. Waitoa, Waikato	.. 26
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dunedin (1923)	113
1902	.. 1	Coatsworth, Thomas, King Street, Rangiora	.. 101
1890	.. S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	.. 74
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., 38 Glen Road, Kilburn, Wellington (1928)	65
1915	.. 4	Cooke, Percy I., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin	.. 115
1905	.. 2	Copeland, Fred., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 42
1918	.. 3	Costain, Alfred M., 18 Coronation Street, Waimate	.. 106
1909	.. 2	Cotton, Harry, Hassard Street, Manaia, Taranaki	.. 48
1908	.. 3	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin	119
1921	.. 13	Cropp, Allan H., Buka, Solomon Islands	.. (7)
1919	.. 3	Cuming, William B., Mowatt Street, Waitara	.. 43
1933	.. 1	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Greenmeadows, Napier	.. 53
1906	.. 2	Daniel, Herbert, 351 Palmerston Street, Gisborne	.. 55
1932	.. 1	Day, Reginald, Huntly	.. 37
1917	.. 3	Dennis, John, 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 30
1917	.. 1	Dent, Tom, Queen Street, Thames	.. 24
1929	.. 3	Dickens, Charles E., Ngaio, Wellington	.. 69
1893	.. 4	Drake, Edward, 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch	.. 87
1930	.. 1	Draper, Joseph C., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch	.. 87
1898	.. 2	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 79
1931	.. 3	Dudley, Raymond M.A., F.R.E.S., Wicksteed St., Wanganui	50
1901	.. 2	Eaton, Clarence, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch	.. 87
1893	.. S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Avenue, Devonport, Auckland, (1933)	.. 6
1903	.. 2	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	.. 7
1911	.. 2	Enticott, Walter J., Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 100
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch (1931)	.. 87
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch (1913)	.. 89
1924	.. 4	Fiebig, Herbert, L., B.A., 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 105
1919	.. 4	Ford, Herbert, Woodend, Canterbury	.. 102
1916	.. 1	Fordyce, Robert E., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 64
1914	.. 1	Foston, Charles A., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 62
1911	.. 3	Fowles, Albert H., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	.. 95
1893	.. S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3 (1933)	.. 4
1919	.. 2	Gatman, William, Onewa Rd., Birkenhead, Auckland N5.	8
1897	.. 33	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (4)
1934	.. 1	Goodman, George H., 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland C2	.. 1
1912	.. 2	Gosnell, Robert, B., Queen Street, Hastings	.. 54
1931	.. 2	Greenslade, William W. H., Northland, Wellington	.. 66
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred., Wesley Church, Taranaki St., Wellington	65
1882	.. S	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. (1920)	.. 4
1888	.. S	Grigg, W., 144 Knowles St., St. Albans, (1932)	.. 86
1928	.. 2	Grocott, John D., Paynter's Avenue, Fitzroy, New Plymouth	42
1875	.. S	Guy, James, 124 Bealey Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1921)	.. 87
1928	.. 3	Hailwood, Charlie O., Tancred Street, Hokitika	.. 83
1926	.. 2	Hall, James H., Marton	.. 52
1927	.. 4	Hames, Bernard R., M.A., Taitua Street, Taumarunui	.. 34
1923	.. 2	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Roxburgh, Otago	.. 124
1928	.. 3	Handy, Francis J., Balclutha, Otago	.. 122
1890	.. S	Harding, Arthur, Raroa Road, Lower Hutt (1925)	.. 70

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1916	.. 3	Harkness, Edwin S., 50 Grey St., East, Onehunga S.E.5	.. 9
1910	.. 3	Harris, Archer O., Franklin Street, Greymouth	.. 84
1926	.. 2	Harris, G. Raymond, Arney Street, Paeroa	.. 27
1905	.. 3	Harris, John, 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch	.. 89
1893	.. S	Harrison, Colin C., 12 Melrose St., Island Bay, Wellington (1933)	.. 68
1900	.. 2	Haslam, Jonathan H., 38 Lake Rd., Frankton Junction	.. 29
1928	.. 2	Hayman, Frank H., Pah Road, Motueka	.. 82
1894	.. 3	Henderson, Samuel, New Plymouth	.. 42
1932	.. 3	Hickman, J. Donald, Whangaroa, North Auckland	.. 19
1932	.. 1	Hindmarsh, Sydney, Wakefield, Nelson	.. 80
1912	.. 4	Hinton, George B., Havélock Street, Ashburton	.. 109
1911	.. 7	Hopper, Arthur, 156 Matson's Rd., Papanui, Christchurch	.. 94
1929	.. 2	Horwood, Leonard C., Nelson Street, Petone	.. 71
1900	.. 3	Hunt, George P., Dublin Street, Wanganui	.. 51
1922	.. 2	Jack, J. Francis, Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 111
1903	.. 2	James, Benjamin J., 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin	.. 118
1932	.. 2	Jamieson, V. Roy, 8 South Rd., Kuripuni, Masterton	.. 74
1919	.. 2	Jefferson, Alfred E., Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.. 35
1928	.. 3	Jeffreys, Howard H., 230 High Street, Dannevirke	.. 57
1932	.. 1	Jenkin, William C., Salisbury Road, Timaru	.. 105
1934	.. 1	John, John, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	.. 38
1934	.. 1	Johnston, Andrew J., Mangonui, Nth. Auckland	.. 23
1882	.. S	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	.. 4
1908	.. 2	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch	.. 91
1874	.. S	Jory, John D., "Navatha House," Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5. (1912)	.. 8
1887	.. S	Joughin, Thomas A., 7 Belmont Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W. 2 (1922)	.. 1
1899	.. 3	Keall, R. Purcell, 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington	.. 65
1916	.. 1	Kendon, Charles H., Springston, R.D., Canterbury	.. 96
1929	.. 2	Kent, Arthur T., School Rd., Greendale, Canterbury	.. 103
1924	.. 1	Kings, Harry S., Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch	.. 93
1889	.. 2	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	.. 6
1927	.. 1	Larsen, Norman P., Westport	.. 85
1927	.. 2	Laurenson, Geo. I., 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland W.I.	.. 3
1912	.. 2	Lawrence, Frederick B., Catherine St., Leeston, Canterbury	.. 98
1885	.. S	Lawry, Albert C., Geraldine, South Canterbury (1931)	.. 108
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Aldred Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1931)	.. 4
1930	.. 1	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (4)
1900	.. 3	Leadley, Frank E., 147 Hataitai Road, Wellington, E.2	.. 68
1903	.. 7	Liddell, Ralph J., High Street, Carterton	.. 73
1900	.. S	Liversedge, Arthur, Thames (1934)	.. 24
1883	.. S	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morningside, Auckland, S.W. 1 (1920)	.. 1
1908	.. 2	Martin, J. Frederick, Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	.. 69
1934	.. 1	Matthews, Howard C., Kilbirnie, Wellington E.3.	.. 68
1909	.. 2	McArthur, John D., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	.. 105
1904	.. 5	McBean, Angus, 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W. 2	.. 5
1930	.. 1	McDowell, Matthew A., Johnson St., Milton, Otago	.. 123
1924	.. 3	McGregor, Robert, Willowby, R.D., Ashburton	.. 110
1916	.. 15	Metcalfe, John R., Tiop, Solomon Islands	.. (6)

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1905	.. 2	Metson, Basil, South Road, Hawera	47
1890	.. S	Mitchell, Arthur, Orakau Ave., Greenwood's Cr., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1930)	4
1933	.. 2	Mitchell, John L., Te Kuiti, King Country	41
1931	.. 1	Moore, William E., Rakaia, Canterbury	112
1918	.. 2	Neal, Wallace S., Normanby Street, Dargaville, Northern Wairoa	16
1911	.. 4	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin ..	114
1917	.. 1	Nelson, John R., Kirk Street, Otaki	77
1875	.. S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	42
1915	.. 4	Odell, Henry J., 93 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington ..	66
1910	.. 1	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin ..	113
1915	.. 4	Olds, E. Thomas, Madeira Steps, Napier	53
1888	.. S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1932) ..	4
1923	.. 3	Orchard, Hector C., Irk Street, Gore	128
1933	.. 2	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1 ..	2
1902	.. 3	Oxbrow, Walter J., Church Street, Te Aroha	25
1906	.. 4	Paris, Percy R., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin ..	117
1917	.. 2	Parker, Frederick J., 12 East Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland S.I.	4
1918	.. 3	Parker, James W., Warkworth, North Auckland	14
1930	.. 1	Parker, Wesley, M.A., Riverton, Southland	129
1929	.. 2	Parker, Walter, Papakura, Auckland	11
1932	.. 1	Parker, Gordon, Franklin Rd., Ponsonby, Auckland	3
1902	.. 4	Patchett, Ernest D., Selwyn Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 ..	4
1933	.. 2	Patchett, Ralph E., 23 Bury St., Sumner, Christchurch ..	89
1931	.. 1	Payne, Herbert W., Russell, Bay of Islands	20
1924	.. 4	Pearn, Oliver S., 154 Elles Road, Invercargill	126
1913	.. 2	Peat, Harold T., London Street, Hamilton	29
1927	.. 2	Penn, Athol R., 12 Dommet St., Opuake, Taranaki	49
1892	.. S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Johnsonville (1928)	69
1877	.. S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch (1920)	94
1925	.. 2	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Ford Street, Opotiki	33
1920	.. 1	Pickering, William B., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch ..	88
1902	.. 8	Pratt, M.A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles Street, St. St. Albans, Christchurch	C.S.
1897	.. 9	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	121
1892	.. S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington (1932) ..	65
1901	.. 12	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.
1927	.. 3	Raynor, Ivo M., Port Albert, North Auckland	21
1889	.. S	Read, Frederick T., 64 Lindsay Street, St. Albans (1927) ..	93
1911	.. 2	Richards, H. Leslie, 23 Waldegrave, St., Palmerston North ..	61
1910	.. 3	Richards, James, Cambridge, Waikato	28
1905	.. 2	Richards, Raymond, 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch	90
1895	.. 6	Richards, Thomas R., 38 Macfarlane St., Wellington	65
1906	.. 1	Roberts, Charles M., Pahiatua	59
1911	.. 4	Rowe, William, 3 Repton St., St. Albans, Christchurch ..	93
1906	.. 2	Ryan, Henry, 43 Elizabeth St., Riccarton, Christchurch ..	92
1916	.. 5	Sage, Ernest E., 136 Banks Street, Whangarei	18
1907	.. 3	Scott, W. Bramwell, 24 Colombo Street, Wellington, S.1 ..	67
1900	.. 3	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 278 Church St., Palmerston North	60
1912	.. 2	Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1	F.M.
1903	.. 11	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1 ..	H.M.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1910	.. 5	Sharp, Harold A., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt ..	.. 70
1927	.. 4	Silvester, A. Wharton, Otorohanga, King Country ..	.. 39
1869	.. S	Simmonds, Joseph H., Princess St., Takanini, Auckland (1923)	.. ..
1891	.. S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E. 3, (1933)	11 .. 4
1918	.. 5	Skuse, Thomas, Regent Street, East, Stratford ..	.. 45
1915	.. 4	Slade, William G., M.A., Cambridge Street, Levin ..	.. 76
1892	.. 3	Smith, G. Knowles, 77 Grey Street, Woodville ..	.. 58
1908	.. 2	Speer, William H., Queen St., Waiuku, Auckland ..	.. 13
1923	.. 1	Spencer, Herbert, King Edward St., Eltham. ..	.. 46
1875	.. S	Standage, Charles H., "Kenwood," Wallace Street, Dunnotar, Dunedin (1915)	.. .. 113
1904	.. 2	Stockwell, George F., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton ..	.. 74
1924	.. 4	Taylor, Cecil R., Devonport Road, Tauranga ..	.. 32
1908	.. 4	Tinsley, Robert B., 11 Sherwood Street, Dominion Road, S.W. 1. ..	.. .. 1
1934	.. 1	Tozer, Henry J., M.A., Ruawai, N. Wairoa ..	.. 17
1927	.. 1	Utting, Harry V., Main Road, Tua Marina, Blenheim ..	.. 81
1894	.. S	Vealie, Thomas W., Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington (1934)	.. .. 65
1926	.. 9	Voyce, Arthur H., Siwai, Solomon Islands ..	.. (7)
1933	.. 2	Waite, Alfred E., Elizabeth Street, Bluff ..	.. 127
1912	.. 6	Walker, William, 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland, C.2. ..	.. 1
1885	.. S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 26 Hendon St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1928)	.. .. 93
1870	.. S	Ward, Charles E., Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1910)	88
1914	.. 2	Werren, Samuel J., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, C.3 ..	.. .. 1
1906	.. 3	White, Hedley, Greytown, Wairarapa ..	.. 72
1931	.. 4	Williams, David O., M.A., 1 Knight's Rd., Lower Hutt ..	.. 70
1870	.. S	Williams, W. J., 581 Mt. Eden Rd, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1914)	.. .. 1
1932	.. 2	Williamson, Ivan S., 120 Forbury Cres., St. Clair, Dunedin	116
1899	.. 2	Wills, William, 71 High Street, Blenheim ..	.. 81
1901	.. 2	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., Station Road, Otahuhu ..	.. 10
1887	.. S	Wrigley, James, Rawene Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 (1924)	.. .. 8

MAORI MINISTERS.

1900	.. 26	Haddon, Robt., Tahupotiki, Te Kuiti (16 Probert Chambers) Auckland ..	.. .. (2)
1911	.. 5	Kirkwood, Hori, Pukekohe ..	.. .. (1)
1928	.. 4	Keepa, Matene; Ngaruawahia ..	.. .. (2)
1882	.. 4	Rakena, Piripi; Mangamuka, Nth. Auckland ..	.. .. (1)
1914	.. 7	Rakena, Rakena P.; Okaiawa, Taranaki ..	.. .. (3)
1920	.. 1	Tauroa, Matarae; Kawhia ..	.. .. (2)
1911	.. 1	Te Tuhi, Eruera; Waima, Hokianga ..	.. .. (1)
1911	.. 5	Wilcox, Davis; Waikare, Bay of Islands ..	.. .. (1)

HOME MISSIONARIES.

1904	—	C. Aker, Norsewood ..	.. .. 3
1904	—	W. T. Hooper (retired), Kilbirnie, Wellington ..	.. .. 3
1907	—	S. Keen, Porirua, Wellington ..	.. .. 1
1908	—	G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired) ..	.. .. 8
1909	—	C. W. Brown, 138 Somme Parade, Wanganui ..	.. .. 4
1909	—	T. W. Featherstone, St. Aubyns, New Plymouth ..	.. .. 1

Ent. Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1910—	C. Duncan, Maori Hill, Dunedin	1
1911—	C. Strand (retired). Christchurch	4
1913—	J. Common, Paraparaumu	1
1914—	F. E. Foot, North East Valley, Dunedin	4
1915—	J. H. Edmondson (retired) C/o. Rev. Parker, Warkworth	2
1917—	A. L. Witheford, Te Puke, Bay of Plenty	4
1919—	J. W. Bayliss, Halcombe	3
1919—	J. Belshaw (retired), New Lynn	3
1921—	J. Thomas, Waikouaiti, Otago	5
1922—	H. Ashworth, Gonville, Wanganui	1
1922—	C. Robinson, Waddington	3
1924—	R. T. Alexander, Ohura	1
1924—	J. G. W. Grindley, Okato, Taranaki	2
1924—	G. Hall, Waihi	3
1924—	B. H. N. Teague, Cromwell	3
1924—	W. H. Wilson, Patea	2
1925—	W. J. Henderson, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	1
1925—	H. J. Malcolm, Otautau, Otago	2
1925—	W. Wilson (resting), 15 Probert Chambers, Auckland	2
1926—	F. O. Prosser, Island Bay, Wellington	1
1926—	W. Sussex, Putaruru.	1
1926—	R. Tapp, Coromandel	2
1927—	R. Grice, Rawene	3
1928—	R. Coombridge, Granity	3
1929—	F. Sanderson, Havelock, Nelson	2
1930—	E. J. Clarke, Bombay	3
1930—	J. C. R. Ashworth, Nightcaps, Southland	4
1930—	J. L. Woodhouse, Helensville	1
1931—	O. B. Fawcett, Silverdale	1
1931—	W. Long, Edendale, Southland	3

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1931—	V. C. Thomas, Kaitangata	1
1931—	H. Whitfield, Hawarden, North Canterbury	2
1932—	H. A. Cochrane, Upper Hutt	3
1932—	J. Sands, Kamo, Whangarei	3
1932—	George Skuse, Raetihi	1
1933—	C. H. Bell, Ohaeawai, North Auckland	2
1933—	E. H. Dalley, Belfast, Christchurch	2
1933—	D. Haylock, Pakiri Mahurangi, Auckland	1
1933—	E. S. Hoddinott, Kohukohu, North Auckland	2
1933—	R. S. Johnson, Kaukapakapa	1
1933—	H. R. Wright, Murchison, Nelson	2
1934—	A. O. Jones, Waipawa	1
1934—	L. C. Clements, Lawrence, Otago	1
1934—	R. C. Patchett, Apti, Manawatu	1
1934—	J. C. A. Williams, Hikurangi	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

1918—	Hone Tamati, Taumarere	1
1920—	Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan	5
1920—	Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country	14
1922—	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	7
1924—	Hone Taotahi, Matauri Bay, Kaeo	5
1927—	Hautou Hapimana, Aotearoa, King Country	8
1927—	Te Riri Kawiti, Waioio, Bay of Islands	6
1930—	Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	5

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address	Circuit
1930		Paahi Moke, New Plymouth	4
1930		Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	5
1930		Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	6
1930		Hikuroa Te Maaha, Waitotara, Taranaki	5
1931		Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland	4
1932		Hoani Hakaraia, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	4
1932		Hoani Waata, Aratapu, Northern Wairoa	3
1932		Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	2
1932		Te Uira Tuteao, Rahotu, Taranaki	3
1932		Paikea H. Toka, Batley, North Auckland	2
1933		D. Nathan, Rewiti, Helensville	2
1933		Hoani Ah Ahi, Whatawhata, Waikato	2
1934		Hamiora Kingi, Taheke	1
1934		Huru Wiperi, Horeke	1
1934		Wi Heemi Hongi, Kaikohe	1
1934		John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	1
1934		Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	1
1934		Heemi Rihimona, Huntly	1
1934		Erueti Matete, Tuakau	1
1934		Ngatete Kerei Kukutai, Tuakau	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
- Sister Nicholls, Hamilton.
- Sister Hobbs, Ratana Pa.
- Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
- Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
- Sister Atawhai, Okaiawa, Taranaki
- Sister Rangimarie, New Plymouth
- Sister Miriama Kirkwood, Te Kuiti.
- Sister Ropata, Hamilton.
- Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.
- Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, Via Tulagi, Solomon Islands.
- Sister Grace McDonald, Bambatana, Choiseul, via Tulagi, Solomon Islands.
- Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
- Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Bougainville, Solomon Islands.
- Sister Ruth Grant, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
- Nurse Isabel Stringer, Methodist Mission, Gizo, Solomon Islands.
- Nurse May Bartle, Methodist Mission, Gizo, Solomon Islands.

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS, September 30, 1933.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools	SCHOLARS, INCLUDING B.C. MEMBERS							Leaders, Officers and B.C. Leaders.				SOCIETIES (enrolment Totals)			Church Members, SENIOR			JUNIOR		INFANT		Local Youth Committees			
		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	Formed during Year	Not Yet Formed	S.S. or B.C. only
Auckland	*96	*2010	2914	1031	*798	*6753	*4485	157	772	684	77	*827	1105	*851	2276	641	53	*616	*87	*1156	108	884	*117	27	28	40
South Auckland .. .	41	984	1369	472	*372	3325	2449	80	340	296	19	297	461	*223	230	323	*16	343	89	823	*108	696	118	7	23	27
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .	52	*774	1333	*354	*304	*2765	*1989	80	306	*277	1	353	*372	*239	*237	260	*15	250	68	*560	81	*281	*56	11	12	28
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .	*40	*687	1251	475	453	2866	2084	*36	298	277	*9	359	568	281	*556	268	21	365	77	*657	73	613	*66	13	9	16
Wellington	42	*1211	1951	*545	*516	4223	2992	*77	*443	*395	*50	502	899	*620	868	*360	28	372	*63	792	156	*546	*106	17	11	14
Nelson	32	*507	*769	*322	282	*1880	*1426	*34	*197	179	11	285	*428	217	348	167	*2	222	*29	*359	57	396	178	5	17	11
North Canterbury .. .	63	*1212	*1953	*572	609	*4372	3390	*72	*523	*469	31	473	*947	*732	*944	*434	18	*409	*77	*981	*111	493	*66	12	21	18
South Canterbury .. .	25	428	636	*250	*197	1501	*1116	21	191	169	37	*186	*517	334	278	174	7	242	*36	*408	74	352	*41	4	8	12
Otago-Southland .. .	47	994	*1253	505	*450	*3202	*2394	57	397	353	*38	*306	*812	*549	702	363	*21	*346	*70	*830	146	500	111	14	20	11
1933 Totals	458	8807	13429	4526	3981	30887	22325	614	3467	3099	273	3588	6009	4046	6339	2990	181	3165	596	6566	914	4761	859	110	149	177
1932 Totals	450	8867	13447	4629	4112	31058	..	571	3407	..	201	3449	6423	5025	5651	2896	211	3192	718	7046	863	4254	842	..	..	..
Increase	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	60	..	72	139	..	..	688	94	..	..	..	51	507	17	..	..	..	..
Decrease .. .. .	..	60	18	103	131	171	..	..	..	..	..	..	414	979	..	..	27	122	480	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

N.B.—The Asterisk (*) Signifies Decreases

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1933.
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi- cants
Auckland Central ..	6	..	4	3	9	..	1	12	..	766	..	190	278	570
Auck Soc. Service Mis.	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	4	8	311	2	7	7	50
Auckland West ..	5	..	6	2	2	..	..	9	..	411	..	124	77	210
Auckland East ..	6	1	6	3	14	..	1	25	..	858	..	253	92	655
Auckland, Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	2	..	..	12	..	454	..	101	..	350
Auckland, Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	120	10	20	9	90
Auckland, Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	165	..	35	..	125
Auckland, Birkenhead ..	4	2	4	1	3	..	..	8	..	319	..	38	44	240
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	1	..	1	12	..	239	..	72	84	229
Otahuhu ..	5	..	1	1	2	..	..	9	..	210	..	132	74	150
Papakura ..	3	1	3	1	2	..	..	12	..	152	..	50	48	140
Pukekohe ..	8	5	2	2	1	1	..	12	..	195	11	59	36	270
Waiuku ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	68	..	43	33	50
Mahurangi ..	3	10	1	1	2	..	..	3	..	81	..	..	..	82
Paparoa ..	5	8	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	68	..	34	28	70
Northern Wairoa ..	5	18	..	2	1	1	..	13	..	155	..	60	45	90
Ruawai ..	1	10	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	105	..	30	30	130
Whangarei ..	2	10	1	1	1	1	..	2	5	142	..	27	30	100
Whangaroa ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	31	2	15	44	46
Bay of Islands ..	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	35	..	7	13	45
Port Albert ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	77	..	30	51	40
Hikurangi ..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	54	..	44	49	42
Mangonui ..	3	6	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	54	..	10	5	35
Kaukapakapa ..	3	8	1	2	..	2	..	6	..	48	..	11	18	56
Helensville ..	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	43	..	9	..	43
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	2	10	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	43	..	11	24	40
Hokianga (Kohukohu) ..	2	12	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	66	1	25	57	58
Ohaeawai ..	1	11	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	49	..	26	22	40
Colporteur Work ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Totals	89	148	43	31	51	11	4	172	16	4949	26	1463	1198	4046

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	124	5	29	20	80
Te Aroha ..	4	4	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	203	..	63	55	122
Morrinsville ..	3	5	1	1	2	..	..	6	4	200	7	54	80	166
Paeroa ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	55	..	28	30	70
Cambridge ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	5	4	155	..	64	18	136
Hamilton ..	4	4	2	1	2	..	..	15	..	379	..	129	52	350
Hamilton East ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	125	..	82	42	125
Rotorua ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	78	..	22	22	80
Tauranga ..	1	10	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	111	..	50	21	40
Opotiki ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	68	..	22	31	34
Taumarunui ..	1	9	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	85	15	30	32	124
Te Awamutu ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	136	..	52	50	98
Matamata ..	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	115	..	45	17	120
Huntly ..	1	8	1	..	1	..	..	2	4	110	..	27	17	60
Whakatane ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	66	..	44	33	50
Otorohanga ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	58	..	51	35	54
Hauraki Plains ..	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	60	..	19	23	35
Home Mission Stations—														
Te Kuiti ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	87	..	33	50	62
Waihi ..	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	4	2	96	..	20	6	80
Putaruru ..	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	5	..	84	..	16	19	60
Te Puke ..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	56	..	10	15	40
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	51	..	13	31	39
Ohura ..	2	7	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	49	being revised	..	..	25
Coromandel ..	1	9	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	31	..	5	12	20
Grand Totals	47	113	18	21	20	6	2	91	16	2582	27	908	768	2070

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1933.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places		Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
											Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants
New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	1	..	13	..	455	..	102	86	310	
Waitara ..	3	9	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	144	..	19	10	90	
Inglewood ..	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	93	..	30	45	45
Stratford ..	5	1	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	198	..	50	..	152
Eltham (inc. Douglas) ..	3	6	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	106	..	19	..	70
Hawera ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	228	..	35	25	180
Manaia ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	101	..	55	21	87
Opunake ..	6	10	2	3	1	1	..	8	..	145	12	55	25	158	
Kaponga ..	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	45	..	12	16	32
Wanganui ..	4	..	2	2	2	..	..	7	..	376	..	75	47	200
Wanganui North ..	3	..	3	2	1	1	..	4	..	151	..	62	45	120	
Marton ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	85	..	31	20	32
Taihape (last years)	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	38	..	6	..	12	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	40	..	10	5	25	
Patea ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	30	25	36
Grand Totals ..	50	48	20	21	16	7	..	70	..	2241	12	591	370	1549	

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	16	..	390	14	79	94	295
Hastings ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	12	..	386	2	124	69	280
Gisborne ..	4	3	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	214	..	63	57	200
Wairoa ..	1	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	27	..	6	..	50
Dannevirke ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	93	..	32	68	60
Woodville ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	80	..	9	25	60
Pahiatua ..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	84	..	50	20	55
Palmerston North—														
St. Paul's ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	289	10	87	..	205
Cuba Street ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	249	..	98	136	280
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	99	2	5	39	65
Feilding ..	6	2	2	2	1	1	..	11	..	261	..	90	31	200
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	115	..	24	25	80
H.M. Stations—														
Waipawa ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	1	60	..	214	23	35
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	5	7	76	..	22	15	30
Apiti ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	64	..	18	16	27
Norsewood ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	64	5	13	20	45
Grand Totals ..	39	28	14	17	12	5	..	85	10	2551	33	744	636	1967

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Taranaki Street ..	4	1	4	2	4	..	..	7	..	566	..	157	138	340
Thorndon ..	4	..	4	4	3	..	..	8	..	272	..	144	76	215
Wellington South ..	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	190	..	64	40	130
Wellington East ..	4	..	1	1	3	..	..	8	..	285	..	85	75	260
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	5	2	2	2	3	1	..	8	..	231	..	86	67	175
Hutt ..	4	..	2	1	3	..	..	15	..	358	..	80	30	250
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	185	..	38	40	150
Greytown-Featherston ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	67	..	33	29	60
Carterton ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	135	..	25	10	100
Masterton ..	3	3	2	2	3	..	..	6	..	264	..	155	100	270
Eketahuna ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	75	..	18	45	50
Levin ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	141	..	60	46	100
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	123	..	23	..	75
Paraparaumu, H.M. Stn.	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	63	..	57	15	40
Upper Hutt, H.M. Stn. ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	35	..	14	10	45
Island Bay, H.M. Stn.	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	82	..	45	13	66
Grand Totals ..	44	17	25	21	27	4	..	82	..	3072	..	1084	734	2326

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1933.

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants
Nelson	1	..	3	1	1	..	..	7	..	274	..	61	53	205
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	10	..	139	..	49	4	140
Blenheim	6	7	4	3	2	..	..	7	..	358	..	131	115	322
Hokitika	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	65	..	18	..	38
Greymouth	3	3	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	190	..	49	113	140
Motueka	1	5	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	121	1	19	19	74
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	82	..	20	15	50
Home Mission Stations—														
Reefton	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	83	..	21	12	50
Havelock	4	8	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	49	1	30	14	25
Murchison	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	21	..	15	18	20
Granity	3	4	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	45	..	27	12	33
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	5	2	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	97	..	5	..	54
Grand Totals ..	33	38	18	13	8	5	..	57	..	1524	2	445	375	1151

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	1	5	..	..	12	..	303	..	38	40	220
Christchurch East	6	1	5	3	5	..	..	17	11	712	9	307	46	520
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	7	..	172	..	44	..	75
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	5	..	286	..	97	..	250
Sydenham	2	1	3	1	1	..	..	2	..	256	..	64	92	200
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	7	..	258	..	152	69	270
Riccarton	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	125	..	70	12	105
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	6	..	388	..	77	35	287
Papanui	3	2	1	2	2	1	..	4	..	202	22	108	..	175
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	72	1	20	15	70
Springton	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	131	..	26	15	100
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	118	..	30	10	60
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	215	..	72	43	131
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	137	..	49	40	75
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	2	82	..	29	22	70
Rangiora	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	183	..	25	..	100
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	84	..	17	19	69
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	73	..	11	29	27
Oxford,	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	4	..	100	..	10	..	55
Hawarden	1	4	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	31	..	12	20	28
Waddington, H.M.	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	51	3	18	16	30
Grand Totals ..	66	19	32	27	34	3	1	11	13	3979	35	1276	523	2917

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1933.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants
Timaru	6	5	3	2	4	..	..	13	..	564	..	334	248	400
Waimate	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	153	..	45	30	115
Temuka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	113	..	31	29	92
Geraldine	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	93	1	8	15	95
Ashburton	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	14	..	310	..	105	50	177
Willowby	5	1	3	1	1	..	..	6	..	121	..	45	47	80
Oamaru	4	..	1	1	1	1	..	8	..	172	..	21	26	140
Rakaia-Methven, H.M. ..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	64	..	28	10	60
Mayfield, H.M.	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	37	..	6	5	..
Grand Totals	25	23	11	9	11	1	1	53	..	1627	1	623	460	1159

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin—Trinity	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	6	..	238	..	90	46	160
Central Mission	1	..	1	1	1	..	2	3	..	260	..	10	..	130
Dundas Street	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	144	..	42	27	110
Cargill Road	2	1	3	1	2	..	..	8	..	208	4	36	..	200
St. Kilda	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	171	..	30	25	150
Caversham	4	..	1	2	1	1	..	3	..	199	..	..	21	130
Mornington	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	181	..	114	31	140
Roslyn	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	114	..	27	6	60
Port Chalmers	5	1	2	1	2	..	..	2	..	106	..	39	4	86
Balclutha	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	58	..	24	35	40
Milton	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	85	..	24	30	39
Roxburgh	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	69	..	32	18	66
Invercargill, Central ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	284	..	110	55	160
" St. Peter's ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	165	..	90	23	160
Bluff	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	94	..	69	45	22
Gore	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	104	..	39	39	50
Otautau, H.M.	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	48	..	15	13	40
Maori Hill, H.M.	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	53	..	28	..	52
Waikouaiti, H.M.	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	..	10	19
Edendale, H.M.	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	30	..	..	4	25
Kaitangata	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	27	..	9	8	15
Lawrence, H.M.	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	29	..	..	..	17
Cromwell, H.M.	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	41	..	23	16	30
Riverton, H.M.	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	84	..	30	12	80
Nightcaps-Tuatapere, H.M.	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	52	20	49	56	46
Grand Totals	48	19	21	25	19	10	2	55	2	2876	24	930	524	2027

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1933.

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland	89	148	43	31	51	11	4	172	16	4949	26	1463	1198	4046
South Auckland ..	47	113	18	21	20	6	2	91	16	2582	27	908	768	2070
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	50	48	20	21	16	7	..	70	..	2241	12	591	370	1549
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	39	28	14	17	12	5	..	85	10	2551	33	744	636	1967
Wellington	44	17	25	21	27	4	..	82	..	3072	..	1084	734	2326
Nelson	33	38	18	13	8	5	..	57	..	1524	2	445	375	1151
North Canterbury ..	66	19	32	27	34	3	1	111	13	3979	35	1276	523	2917
South Canterbury ..	25	23	11	9	11	1	1	53	..	1627	1	623	460	1159
Otago-Southland ..	48	19	21	25	19	10	2	55	2	2876	24	930	524	2027
Grand Totals, 1933	441	453	202	185	198	52	10	776	57	25401	160	8064	5588	19212
Grand Totals, 1932	443	448	203	183	195	53	9	786	42	25390	163	8033	5184	18932
Increases	5	..	2	3	..	1	..	15	11	..	31	404	280
Decreases	2	..	1	1	..	10	3

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Churches	18	Deaconesses ..	10
Other Preaching Places	118	Local Preachers	104
Ministers	8	Members	3761*
Home Missionaries ..	26		

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1933.
SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Choiseul				Total
	Roviana	Vella L.	Boug.	Buka	
Churches	30	16	33	58	137
Other Preaching Places ..	10	3	8	34	55
European Missionaries ..	2	1	1	3	7
Missionary Sisters ..	3	3	1	1	8
Medical Missionary ..	..	1	..	..	1
Native Ministers ..	..	..	..	..	..
Native Probationers ..	1	..	2	2	5
Catechists and Native Teachers	44	21	38	99	202
Local Preachers ..	67	17	38	12	134
Class Leaders ..	54	21	33	..	108
European Members ..	6	7	1	8	22
Native Members ..	3280	1145	1800	149	6374
Native Members on Trial and Juniors ..	114	523	190	56	883
Deaths ..	36	14	23	3	76
Removals ..	20	..	8	..	28
Sunday Schools ..	10	1	2	9	22
Sunday School Scholars ..	360	150	160	210	880
Day Schools ..	31	16	36	90	173
Day School Teachers ..	48	21	39	104	212
Day School Scholars ..	1030	280	740	1366	3316
Attendants on Public Worship	3300	1640	2560	5617	13117

Trust Account Mutual Aid Association Funds.

(Held on behalf of Districts Originally Collected but where no Branch of the L.P. Assoc. at present exists)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in P.O. Savings Bank at 1/1/33 ..	59	16	8	Balance in P.O. Savings Bank, 31/12/33 ..	61	14	2
Interest P.O.Savings Bank to 31/12/33 ..	1	17	6				
	£61	14	2		£61	14	2
	£61	14	2		£61	14	2

MEMORANDUM—31/1/34.

Capital Investment Account, Auckland Trustees.—The last statement received from the Auckland Trustees was on 11th Feb., 1933. At that dating to 31/12/32, disposition of Capital Funds showed Mortgage Security (foreclosed) £700, Savings Bank £140, Holdsworths £23/1/6. On 3rd February, 1933. The Executive forwarded to the Trustees £60 from the General Account for investment in Govt. Inscribed Stock. . . Since the above no further statement has been received from the Trustees to 31/1/34.

Audited and found correct.

(Sgd.) S. N. ROBERTS, Auditor,
5th February, 1934,

(Sgd.) H. S. HART, Hon. Treasurer.
Wellington.

31st January, 1934,

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

	RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ..		50	0	0	By Debit Balance Forward, 1/1/33 ..	263	12	2
„ Young Women's Bible Class Movement ..		10	0	0	„ Salary	270	0	0
„ Hire of Railway Ticket		3	7	8	„ House Allowance	150	0	0
„ Conference Youth Demonstration ..		5	0	0	„ Telephone	4	5	0
„ Contribution from Literature Branch ..		125	0	0	„ Travelling Expenses	97	18	0
„ Contributions from Circuits		398	12	8	„ Share Youth Office Expenses	37	10	0
					„ Connexional Expenses	39	0	0
					„ Postages, Stamps, Telegrams, etc. ..	31	17	4
„ Debit Balance Forward, 31st Dec., 1933		336	15	10	„ Sundry Expenses	16	12	0
					„ Interest on Overdraft	14	12	3
					„ Accident Insurance	3	9	5
		<u>£928</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£928</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Summary of Annual Financial Report.

NOTES :

1. The principle of raising a year's finance one year in advance of spending has been the object of the Movement for a number of years, with the result so far as the accounts are concerned that last year's income is set against this year's expenditure.

2. As from 1st October, 1932, all Movement funds are raised by freewill giving.

3. The following is a summary of the financial statements :—

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.
Travelling Secretary—				
Salaries	192 10 0
Connexional Charges	19 8 0
Expenses	159 18 10
Foreign Mission Board—				
Dr. Sayers' Salary	270 0 0
Special Gifts	6 4 9
Home Mission Board—				
Special Gift	1 0 0
Administration—				
Youth Office	75 0 0
General	59 17 5
Special Work—				
Solomon Island—Translations	11 11 3
Loss on Book Sales	2 8 5
Balance— Being Excess of Income over Expenditure	38 13 4
				£836 12 0

INCOME

Budget— raised up to 30/9/32—				
T.S. Salary	..	..	..	241 13 4
T.S. Expenses	..	..	..	150 0 0
Foreign Missions	..	..	..	258 6 8
Administration	..	..	..	100 0 0
Special Contributions—				
Foreign Missions	..	..	..	6 4 9
Home Missions	..	..	..	1 0 0
Solomon Islands—Translations	..	..	..	5 10 0
Trading Dept. Surplus—				
Charge for Youth Office Expenses	..	..	..	35 0 0
Nett Surplus	..	..	..	23 7 10
Surplus on Leaders' Schools	..	..	..	10 3 3
P.O.S.B. Interstet	..	..	..	5 6 2
				£836 12 0

4. The year's funds raised during 1932-33 for expenditure in 1933-34 total £725 13s. 4d.

5. The following is a summary of the Balance Sheet as at 1/10/33 :—

LIABILITIES

						£	s.	d.
Thankoffering Fund	725	13	4
Reserves	213	0	1
Sundry Creditors	5	9	9
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						£944	3	2
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ASSETS

						£	s.	d.
Motor Car	100	0	0
Typewriter	2	11	3
Cash	349	17	9
Book Stocks	5	18	0
Consolidated Debt Account	434	8	0
Sundry Debtors	51	8	2
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						£944	3	2
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ERNEST L. HOWE, Treasurer.

16th December, 1933.

**NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS
MOVEMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended Sept. 30th, 1933.

RECEIPTS

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank and on Hand						1,389		9
Sales—								
Books (T.S.)		62	5	7				
Sundries		6	17	5				
Trading Dept.							69	3 0
Summer Schools Balance							69	19 17
Convention Balance							20	13 8
Interest							3	2 8
							39	5 11
							<u>1,592</u>	<u>0 7</u>
Balance—								
Ruth Grant Fund		153	17	9				
General Reserve		175	0	0				
General Fund		393	14	7				
							<u>722</u>	<u>12 4</u>
Budget, 1933-34—								
Unions		742	0	0				
General Fund		100	0	0			842	0 0
							<u>£1,564</u>	<u>12 4</u>

PAYMENTS

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Travelling Secretary—Salary		160	0	0				
Expenses		73	14	4				
						233	14	4
Home Missions		160	0	0				
Foreign Missions		30	0	0				
Leaderships Training		10	0	0				
S.S. Executive Council		10	0	0				
Social Standards		3	0	0				
Reference Library		5	0	0				
Office Expenses		45	4	4				
Publicity		0	17	0				
N.Z. Executive Council—								
Conference Expenses		2	10	0				
Youth Conference Expenses		3	15	3				
Travelling Expenses		3	14	2				
							<u>507</u>	<u>15 1</u>
Foreign Missions (Ruth Grant)							123	10 0
Youth Office							75	0 0
Purchases—								
Books (T.S.)		57	7	2				
Sundries		5	16	0				
							<u>63</u>	<u>3 2</u>
Balance							822	12 4
							<u>1,592</u>	<u>0 7</u>
Cash in Bank and on hand							<u>£1,564</u>	<u>12 4</u>

Balance Sheet as at September 30th, 1933.

LIABILITIES

					£	s.	d.
Amount Budgeted	..	]	..	..	842	0	0
Ruth Grant Fund	153	17	9
General Reserve	175	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	429	9	7
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					£1,600	7	4
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ASSETS

					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Banks and on hand				1,564	12	4
Typewriters	20	10	0			
Less Depreciation	5	0	0			
					<hr/>			15	10	0
Half-Share Typewriter—Social Standards	4	0	0			
Less Depreciation	1	0	0			
					<hr/>			3	0	0
Handbooks				10	0	0
Books (T.S.)				7	5	0
					<hr/>			£1,600	7	4
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Audited and found correct,

C. V. TREGURTHA, A.R.A.N.Z.,

8th November, 1933.

Hon. Auditor.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1933.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds	18,658	12	11	Outstanding Loans	21,004	4	5
Capital Account—				Less Working Exp. 861	1	1	
Thomas Emsly Bequest £1500				Less Interest	417	6	1
H. Herbert Wake Bequest £50				—————	1278	7	2
David Graham Bequest £50				Deposits—Super. Fund	317	4	10
Wm. H. Duke Bequest £100				Bank of N.Z.	315	10	10
—————	1700	0	0	—————	632	15	8
			20,358	Invested for Church Sites Fund	1000	0	0
Trust Accounts (Properties Sold)			1,211	Deposit P.O. Savings Bank ..	211	17	1
Church Sites Fund—			1,211	—————	1211	17	1
As at 30th Sept., 1932 ..	412	12	4	Church Sites Fund—			
Trust Properties for Invest-				Mortgage Investments	1000	0	0
ment	1000	0	0	Interest Accrued	8	11	4
—————	1412	12	4	—————	1008	11	4
Decrease for 1933	94	17	9	Deposits—			
			1317	P.O. Savings Bank	188	11	2
			14	Bank of N.Z.	5	4	0
Reserve Appropriation Account—			7	Super. Fund	115	8	1
30th September, 1932 ..	146	1	3	—————	309	3	3
Decrease for 1933	27	15	2	Deposits—Bank of N.Z. ..	107	1	2
—————	118	6	1	P.O. Savings Bank	11	4	11
				—————	118	6	1
				—————	£23,006	10	8
				—————	£23,006	10	8

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch 16th October, 1933.

Audited and found correct.
ARTHUR C. REED }
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

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

Balance Sheet—31st October, 1933.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Capital Account—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1933	36,565	4	6
Income Account—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1933	5,616	7	3
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners—			
Balance of Loan	34,000	0	0
Emsley Trust Deposit Account—			
At call	1,400	0	0
Bank of New Zealand—			
Balance at 31st October, 1933	2,144	13	7
Emsley Trust—			
Balance at 31st October, 1933	6	6	11
	£79,732	12	3
MEMO—Liability : Rates for year ending 31st May, 1934 ..	£624	13	2

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Freehold Properties—						
Great North Road	55,220	7	3			
Queen Street	24,312	5	0			
	79,532	12	3			
Balance Purchase				200	0	0
				£79,732	12	3

We have examined the books and accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1933 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, 1933 as shown by the books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., } Auditors

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

Auckland,

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1933.

	£	s.	d.
1933, October, 31st—			
To Revenue Account—			
Rents and interest collected	3,142	14	0
„ Emsley Trust—Receipts	117	0	0
„ Bank of New Zealand—Balance due	2,144	13	7
„ Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners—			
Further advance	1,000	0	0
	£6,404	27	7

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

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1932, October 31st—						
By Balance Due Bank of New Zealand ..				2,831	15	9
1933, October 31st—						
By General Expenses—						
Repairs and Maintenance	454	16	8			
Rates	691	16	7			
Insurance Premiums	194	10	7			
Interest	1,899	14	6			
Land Tax	52	1	10			
Audit Fee	8	8	0			
Legal Expenses	16	3	6			
Secretary's Salary	50	0	0			
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected	78	11	4			
Sundries	4	5	0			
				3,450	8	0
„ Emsly Trust—Disbursements				122	3	10
				£6,404	7	7

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,

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1933.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1932, October 31st—						
To Balance	647	11	2			
1933, October 31st—						
To Rents Accrued	3,691	2	4			
„ Interest Accrued	10	0	0			
By Rents Received				3,130	4	0
„ Interest Received				12	10	0
„ Amount written off				43	0	0
„ Balance—Rents				1,162	19	6
				£4,348	13	6
				£4,348	13	6

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,

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet, September 30th, 1933.

Treasurers: MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS

1932, October 1st—		£	s.	d.
Balance Auckland Savings Bank	18	9	8
Rent	696	0	0
Interest Auckland Savings Bank	2	7	10
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		£716	17	6
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PAYMENTS

1932, October 1st—		£	s.	d.
Interest Auckland Savings Bank	96	0	0
Paid off Mortgage	140	0	0
Trinity College	.. .. .	100	0	0
Trinity College	.. .. .	175	0	0
Wesley College	.. .. .	150	0	0
Land Tax	.. .. .	33	4	7
Commission	17	8	0
Stamps	0	2	6
Balance Auckland Savings Bank, Sept., 1933	5	2	5
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		£716	17	6
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MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

1932, October 1st—		£	s.	d.
Balance on Mortgage	1920	0	0
Interest	96	0	0
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		£2,016	0	0
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1932, October 1st—		£	s.	d.
Interest Paid	96	0	0
Off Principal	140	0	0
Balance, 30th September, 1933	1780	0	0
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		£2,016	0	0
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We have examined the Bank Book and Vouchers and Balance Sheet and certify above to be correct.

JAMES P. BLAIR
ANDREW MESSER, F.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors

JOHN W. SHACKLEFORD, Secretary.

15th November, 1933.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balances at Bankers at commencement of year	274	6 3	Stamp Duty on Inscribed Stock Dividends ..	35	8 0
Interest—Auckland Savings Bank	10	4 2	Cheque Books	2	0 0
Inscribed Stock Dividends	501	10 1	Stamps	3	0 0
			Bank Charges	1	1 0
			Stationery	3	19 6
			Secretary's Salary	25	0 0
			Rent	5	0 0
			Grants	637	14 1
			Balances at Bankers at end of year—		
			Bank of New Zealand	5	1 7
			Auckland Savings Bank	67	16 4
	<u>£786</u>	<u>0 6</u>		<u>£786</u>	<u>0 6</u>

Balance Sheet as at close of day on 31st December, 1933.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Trust Fund—Maturity Value	11,180	0 0	Inscribed Stock—Maturity Value (New Con- version Loans	11,180	0 0
Income Account	72	17 11	Cash—Balances at Bankers	72	17 11
	<u>£11,252</u>	<u>17 11</u>		<u>£11,252</u>	<u>17 11</u>

J. M. CAUGHEY }
 J. H. RANSTON } Treasurers,
 Auckland, 5th January, 1934.

Audited and found correct.
 F. E. SUTHERLAND,

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

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PAYMENTS				RECEIPTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To	Remittances—Masterton Home	500	0 0	By	Interest	513	16 4
„	Repairs—Masterton Home	5	6 0	„	Rents	1,102	12 0
„	Repairs and Maintenance—Wellington ..	527	16 0	„	Balance (being excess of Expenditure over		
„	Donation—Wesley Training College Trust ..	250	0 0	Income transferred to Capital A/c. ..		342	15 5
„	Rates and Taxes	206	16 3				
„	Legal Expenses	108	5 10				
„	Insurances	23	12 2				
„	General Expenses	74	16 0				
„	Depreciation—Masterton Home	262	11 6				
		<u>£1,959</u>	<u>3 9</u>			<u>£1,959</u>	<u>3 9</u>

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st October, 1933.

	£	s.	d.
1932, October 31st—			
To Balance	11	10	9
1933, October 31st—			
To Interest from Mortgages	26	0	0
„ Interest from Deposit	91	0	0
	£128 10 9		

1933, October 31st—	£	s.	d.
By Theological College	116	0	0
„ Management to 31st October, 1932	6	3	10
„ Balance	6	6	11
	£128 10 9		

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

1933, October 31st—	£	s.	d.
To Capital	1900	0	0
	£1,900 0 0		

1933, October 31st—	£	s.	d.
By Freehold Mortgages	500	0	0
„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board	1400	0	0
	£1900 0 0		

J. VEALE, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

Auckland,

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

Statement for Year Ended 31st September, 1933.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
1932, October 31st—			
Balance	1	14	4
By Rent	113	2	0
„ Rent paid into Bank in error by Trustee	113	2	0
1933, April 30th—			
By Rent	108	16	3
	£336	14	7

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
1932, October 31st—			
Remit Treasurer	100	0	0
Return of Paid Rent	113	2	0
Disbursements	3	3	0
Land Tax	6	4	9
1933, April—			
Remit Treasurer	100	0	0
1933, June—			
Farmers' Co-op, Fencing Wire	7	15	0
Bank Charges	1	0	0
Balance	5	9	10
	£336	14	7

BALANCE—£5 9 10

Audited,

LEN. H. BASSETT }
W. J. ROBINSON } Auditors.

8th December, 1933.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1933.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS								
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Accumulated Funds ..			25,000	0	0	Mortgage Investments ..	8950	0	0			
Fire Loss Reserve Ac.			1471	18	3	Interest Accrued ..	108	2	11			
Investment Contingency Reserve Account ..			200	0	0				9058	2	11	
P. and L. Appropriation Account	1424	0	0			Debenture Investments ..	18,586	0	0			
Less Appropriations voted—						Interest Accrued ..	214	8	0			
(1) Ordinary :										18,800	8	0
Home Acquirement Fund ..	299	0	0			Wesley Training College—Loan				200	0	0
Deaconess House Fd.	100	0	0			Deposits—						
Foreign Mis. Fund	100	0	0			Bank of New Zealand ..	145	7	1			
Home Mis. Fund ..	100	0	0			Supernumerary Fund ..	17	12	6			
Benevolent Branch Super. Fund ..	75	0	0			P.O. Savings Bank ..	97	9	10			
Church Sites Fund	50	0	0							1134	9	5
Young People's Dept.	50	0	0			Levies in Arrears				51	1	9
(2) Special :												
Hawkes Bay Earthquake Fund (add.)	200	0	0									
Gisborne and Wairoa Earthquake Fund	50	0	0									
Trinity Col. Council	200	0	0									
Foreign Mis. Fund ..	100	0	0									
Home Mis. Fund ..	100	0	0									
			1424	0	0							
Add Balance from Revenue Ac.			2408	16	6							
Levies Prepaid			163	7	4							
			<u>£29,244</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>							
										<u>£29,244</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 GEORGE J. SMITH } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 15th November, 1933.

Audited and found correct.
 A. A. SANDFORD }
 H. CHAPMAN } Auditors.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, 1933.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—Bank of N.Z.			1 17 1	By Stipend	375	0	0
.. Appropriations—				Less Economic Cut ..	18	15	0
Church Building and Loan							356 5 0
Fund	195	0	0	.. House Allowance	175	0	0
Fire Insurance Fund ..	330	0	0	Less Charges	6	5	0
Supernumerary and Allied							168 15 0
Funds	385	0	0	.. Connexional Charges			60 15 0
Contingent Fund	180	0	0	.. Clerks' Salaries	474	17	11
"Methodist Times" Fund ..	170	0	0	Less Economic Cut	15	0	0
			1260 0 0				459 17 11
209 .. Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)			21 2 0	.. Office Rent	135	0	0
				Less Lettings	9	5	6
							125 14 6
				.. Cleaning Charges			6 0 0
				.. Telephone and P. O. Box ..			18 12 6
				.. Bank Charges			1 0 0
				.. Stationery, etc.			6 7 11
				.. Petty Cash and Sundries ..			34 16 4
				.. Office Equipment			38 5 10
				.. Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..			6 9 1
			<u>£1,282 19 1</u>				<u>£1,282 19 1</u>

Audited and found correct,
A. A. SANDFORD, Auditor.

Christchurch, January 11th, 1934.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st October, 1933.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Balance, Nov. 1st, 1932	259	0	0
Emsley Trust Board	116	0	0
Prince Albert College	225	0	0
Trinity Collegiate Church	100	13	5
Pitt St. Church Trust	200	0	0
Taranaki Street Trust (1931-1932)	100	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance	200	0	0
Contingent Fund	990	0	0
Site Acquirement Fund	220	0	0
Home Mission Board	135	0	0
Congregational Church (Students)	145	0	0
Divinity Students' Contributions	111	0	0
Lecture Fees (Mr. Haynes)	14	0	0
Hostel Fee	729	7	7
Rent—Moehau Street	93	12	0
Amounts Collected under Ex-students' Bonds	34	13	0
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	£3,673	6	0

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
House and Service	1056	13	10
Stipends	765	0	0
Tutors' Fees	55	0	0
Connexional Charges	145	3	2
Quarterages	134	0	0
Rent	240	8	0
Rates	489	6	4
Insurance	22	17	0
Interest	104	0	0
Telephones	31	5	0
University Fees	39	7	0
Camp Fees	5	0	0
Furnishings	95	14	11
Repairs	33	7	2
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising	37	7	9
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Bank Charges	7	17	9
Sundries	7	16	3
Amount Transferred to Reserve Fund as per Contra	34	13	0
Balance 31st October, 1933	360	8	10
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	£3,673	6	0

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank November 1st, 1932	213	8	0
Add Amounts Collected from ex-students	34	13	0
Add Bank Interest	6	19	9
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	£255	0	9
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NEW ORGAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.
To Shares (South British Insurance Co. Ltd.)	300	0	0
Add Cash in Hand	6	0	0
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Accumulated Fund October 31st, 1933	£306	0	0
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We have examined the books and vouchers of the Theological College Council and compared same with the Bank Books and are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1933.

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Treasurer

ANDREW MESSER }
F. SUTHERLAND } Auditors.

14th November, 1933.

METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

SITE ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Treasurers : REV. T. A. JOUGHIN, MR. F. M. WINSTONE.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund—as at Jan. 31st, 1933	2,557	3	4			
Add Profit on Realization—						
War Bonds	7	12	6			
Shares	181	3	6			
	<hr/>			188	16	0
Revenue Account				68	6	11
Promises Paid				52	0	0
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Less Allocations—Trinity College Council	220	0	0	2,866	6	3
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Total Accumulated Fund, 31st Oct, 1933				2,646	6	3
Bank New Zealand Current Account				4,709	6	11
Legal Fees (balance)				23	11	6
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				£7,379	4	8
				<hr/>		

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Trinity College Site—Paid Wesley Training College	7250	0	0			
Add Legal Expenses	49	6	0			
	<hr/>			7,299	6	0
Trinity College Council Rent Paid				79	18	8
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				£7,379	4	8
				<hr/>		

METHODIST CHURCH THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

SITE ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Treasurers: REV. T. A. JOUGHIN, MR. F. M. WINSTONE.

Cash Account to 31st October, 1933.

		£	s.	d.
1933, February 1st—				
To	Bank of New Zealand	176	15	10
„	Premises Paid	52	0	0
„	Interest—			
	Wesley Training College	24	7	6
„	War Bonds	5	11	4
„	Dividends—			
	South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	33	6	8
„	Realization Assets—410 Shares (South British Insurance Co. Ltd.)	1,368	13	6
„	N.Z. Government War Bonds	200	10	0
„	Bank New Zealand Current Account 31st Oct., 1933	4,709	6	11
		<u>£6,570</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
By	Expenses	5	11	9
„	Trinity College (Budget Allocations)	220	0	0
„	Purchase of College Site on Account	6,345	0	0
		<u>£6,570</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

Revenue Account.

		£	s.	d.
To	Expenses	5	11	9
„	Transfer to Accumulated Funds	68	6	11
		<u>£73</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>
By	Interest	40	12	0
„	Dividends	33	6	8
		<u>£73</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Site Acquirement Fund, of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared the same with the Bank Book, and we are of the opinion that they correctly set out a true statement as at the 31st October, 1933.

THOS. A. JOUGHIN. }
FRANK M. WINSTONE. } Treasurers.

ANDREW MESSER, F.R.A.N.Z. }
F. SUTHERLAND. } Auditors.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to 30th September, 1933.

By Balance	..	..	..	..	..	47	19	11
„ Collections	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	10
„ Debenture Interest	..	..	..	..	..	37	13	6
„ Savings Bank Interest	1	8	0
„ Refund on Account	5	0	0
Temporary Loan as per contra						
						<hr/>		
						£94	2	3
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						£	s.	d.
To Books, Periodicals, etc.	31	17	8
„ Temporary loan for Purchase of Baumber Library				40	10	0
„ Balance	21	14	7
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						£94	2	3
						<hr/>		

Capital Account.

1933, Sept. 30th—						£	s.	d.
To Capital	800	0	0
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						£800	0	0
						<hr/>		
1933, Sept. 30th—						£	s.	d.
By Auckland City Council Debentures at cost	798	0	0
„ Savings Bank	2	0	0
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						£800	0	0
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Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor

26th November, 1933.

H. J. RANSTON
F. G. SUTHERLAND, } Treasurers.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1933.

		£	s.	d.
To Advertising .. .. .	..		88	0 0
„ Bad Debts Written off .. .. .	..		165	2 8
„ Beneficiary Work—				
European .. .. .	..	133	4	5
Maori .. .. .	..	422	17	0
				556 1 5
„ Depreciation .. .. .	..		229	12 11
„ Fuel and Light .. .. .	..		281	4 0
„ Insurance .. .. .	..		50	10 3
„ Provisions—				
Bread .. .. .	..	171	3	7
Dairy Produce .. .. .	..	308	13	6
Groceries .. .. .	..	222	3	3
Meat .. .. .	..	205	8	1
Sundries .. .. .	..	135	7	6
				1042 15 11
„ Rates .. .. .	..		38	8 1
„ Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .	..		213	7 10
„ Reserve for Bad Debts .. .. .	..		30	0 0
„ Salaries .. .. .	..		1299	10 3
„ Sports .. .. .	..		33	2 1
„ Boys' Stationery—Expenditure	..	40	6	7
Less Income .. .. .	..	35	4	6
				5 2 1
„ Stationery and Books .. .. .	..		38	10 2
„ Sundry Expenses .. .. .	..		151	14 10
„ Wages .. .. .	..		657	12 4
				£4,880 14 10

		£	s.	d.
By School Fees .. .. .	..		3312	19 11
„ Laboratory Expenses—				
Income .. .. .	..	32	4	9
Less Expenditure .. .. .	..	10	3	6
				22 1 3
„ Piano Fees .. .. .	..		8	13 0
„ Grants from Methodist Funds .. .. .	..		900	0 0
„ Net Loss transferred to Income and Expenditure Account .. .. .	..		637	0 8

£4,880 14 10

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1933.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2,780	15	8	By Rents received from—			
				Grafton Road Property	1,131	14	11
				Three Kings Property	720	3	1
				Mt. Albert Property	427	9	2
				Dominion Road Property	133	19	11
				Waikowhai Property	367	8	7
	<u>£2,780</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£2,780</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1933.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	1,584	4	0	By Interest from—			
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan	778	7	10	Mt. Albert Estate	49	13	8
„ Interest on Fixed Deposits	315	10	1	Three Kings Estate	21	15	8
	<u>£2,678</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..	2,606	12	7
					<u>£2,678</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1933.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest	2,606	12	7	By Rents	2,780	15	8
„ General Expenses	1,215	12	2	„ Profit on Farm	1,348	10	9
„ Loss on College	637	0	8	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income— transferred to Capital Account ..	329	19	0
	<u>£4,459</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£4,459</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1933.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
217	To	Wages and Salaries	.. .. .	1,116	4	7	By	Gross Profits on—					
	„	Sundry Expenses	.. .. .	479	1	10		Nos. 1 and 2 Cattle and Dairy	.. .. .	1,367	11	10	
	„	Seeds and Manure	.. .. .	386	1	7		Pigs	.. .. .	691	13	1	
	„	Depreciation written off	.. .. .	228	18	10		Nos. 3 Cattle and Dairy	.. .. .	565	2	7	
	„	Lorry Expenses	.. .. .	157	7	11		Flock Sheep	.. .. .	343	8	4	
	„	Horse and Tractor Expenses	.. .. .	75	0	8		Poultry	.. .. .	314	17	10	
	„	Repairs and Maintenance	.. .. .	59	15	5		Stud Sheep	.. .. .	300	15	5	
	„	Rates and Insurance	.. .. .	41	18	9		Bees	.. .. .	166	8	4	
	„	Net Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	.. .. .	1,348	10	9		Garden and Orchard	.. .. .	143	2	11	
				<u>£3,893</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>				<u>£3,893</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</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 & CAMERON, Auditors.

Balance Sheet—continued.

<p>Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year 329 19 0</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">15,366 8 2</p>	<p>Stock on Hand—Paerata— Live Stock at Valuation .. 7,282 10 0 Produce and Sundry Stocks 1,341 6 0</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">8,623 16 0</p>
<p>Contingent Liability— Connexional Fire Insurance Fund .. 200 0 0</p>	<p>Mt. Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers— Principal Outstanding .. 1,474 10 3 Plus Accrued Interest .. 84 2 1</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">1,558 12 4</p>
	<p>Less Reserve for anticipated loss 265 7 8</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">1,293 4 8</p>
	<p>Sundry Debtors— For Rent and Rates .. 957 5 10 For Fees 715 6 1 For Sundries 749 5 7</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">2,421 17 6</p>
	<p>Less Reserve for Bad Debts 550 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">1,871 17 6</p>
	<p>Payments in Advance .. 548 16 8</p>
	<p>Cash in Hand— Paerata and Office .. 26 16 11</p>
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">£145,073 12 6</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/> <p align="right">£145,073 12 6</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0;"/>

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, 1933, 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,
23rd January, 1934.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE AND CAMERON,
Auditors.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1933.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	To Annuities	8113	1 7				
	„ Furniture Grants ..	337	10 0				
				8450	11 7		
	„ Office Expenses—						
	Authorised Appropriation	385	0 0				
	Less Received from Allied Funds ..	79	0 0				
				306	0 0		
	„ Valuation Fee	7	7 0				
	„ Stationery and General Expenses	46	7 8				
	„ Legal Expenses	35	12 8				
	„ Auditors' Fees	25	4 0				
	„ Stamps and Exchange on Annuities	49	0 10				
				469	12 2		
	„ Amount of Funds as at 30/11/32, less adjustments	146,314	10 8				
	„ Increase of Funds as at 30/11/33	880	1 4				
				147,194	12 0		
	By Amount of Funds as at 30/11/32	146,566	13 10				
	„ Less Circuit Levies and Personal subscriptions refunded	252	3 2				
				146,314	10 8		
	„ Personal Subscriptions	1620	14 10				
	„ Circuit Levies	2579	9 4				
				4130	4		
	„ Interest—						
	Detentures	1334	4 7				
	Mortgages 4817 5 1						
	Less Doubtful Debt provision 100 0 0						
				4717	5 1		
	Deposits	6	0 2				
	Arrears Personal subscriptions	53	18 0				
	Unpaid Purchase of Benefits	10	4 4				
				6121	12 2		
	Less—						
	Int. on Overdraft						
	5 11 6						
	Allied Funds						
	608 16 7						
	Depositor Account						
	1091 1 8						
				1705	9 9		
				4416	2 5		

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—continued.

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We have examined the above Balance-sheet and attached Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to 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, 1933, except that we consider further provision should be made as a Contingency against losses by way of doubtful debts and a further amount of £250 for depreciation of Epworth Chambers.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. BOWRON } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 18th December, 1933.

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.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND, BENEVOLENT BRANCH.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1933.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grants	.. ..	..	177 0 0	By Balance, 30th Nov., 1932	..		
„ Exchanges	.. ..	..	0 8 0	Supernumerary Fund Deposit		815	9 7
„ Authorised Appropriation	.. ..		177 8 0	„ Donations —			
„ Balance —			3 0 0	Fire Insurance Fund	..	75	0 0
Deposit : Supernumerary Fund :				Special .. ..	..	5	5 0
Capital Account .. ..		..	400 0 0	„ Interest —			
Revenue Account .. ..		..	388 1 9	Debenture Investments	..	45	13 7
			788 1 9	Super Fund Deposits	..	27	1 7
						72	15 2
			£968 9 9				£968 9 9

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1933.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Capital Account	.. ..	..	1400 0 0	Plampin Bequest —			
Balance Revenue Account	.. ..	..	388 1 9	Blenheim Borough Council Deb. ..	500	0 0	
				Christchurch Drainage Board Deb.	500	0 0	
						1000	0 0
				Penrose Bequest —			
				Capital Account Deposit Super. Fund		400	0 0
				Revenue Account —			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund ..		388	1 9
			£1,788 1 9				
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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, 1933.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 G. BOWRON } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 18th December, 1933.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
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HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1933.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Withdrawals			152 8 11	Personal Subscriptions			645 0 0
Net Interest Credited Personal Accounts			187 6 0	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy			299 0 0
Office Expenses—				Interest—Supernumerary Fund Deposit			192 3 9
Authorised Appropriation	20	0	0	Drawn from Reserve Account			18 14 3
Stationery and General Expenses	3	12	0				
			23 12 0				
Balance—To Personal Accounts			791 11 1				
			£1,154 18 0				£1,154 18 0

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1933.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts			5970 3 0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund			5972 19 8
Reserve Fund			2 16 8				
			£5,972 19 8				£5,972 19 8

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, 1933.

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, 18th December, 1933.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—CHILDREN'S FUND.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1933.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance, 1/1/33	..				438	18	9
Circuit Levies—							
Auckland ..	..	386	7	6			
South Auckland ..	..	181	7	9			
Taranaki, Wanganui ..	..	155	15	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	150	19	6			
Wellington ..	..	235	11	0			
Nelson ..	..	93	11	9			
North Canterbury ..	..	272	18	9			
South Canterbury ..	..	100	2	0			
Otago-Southland ..	..	187	2	3			
					1763	15	6
					<u>£2,202</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments as per Warrant—							
Auckland ..	..	373	10	0			
South Auckland ..	..	144	0	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	211	10	0			
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	..	182	5	0			
Wellington ..	..	193	10	0			
Nelson ..	..	110	5	0			
North Canterbury ..	..	213	15	0			
South Canterbury ..	..	54	0	0			
Otago-Southland ..	..	207	0	0			
							1689 15 0
Sundry Payments—							
Conference Expenses Auckland		2	2	7			
Bank Charge Keeping Account		1	0	0			
Stamps, Exchanges and Petties (2 years) ..	..	1	0	0			
Chairman's Exchanges ..	..	3	13	6			
Exchange on Draft, Mrs. Parsons		2	5	0			
							10 1 1
							1699 16 1
By Credit at Bank N.S.W., Wellingt		490	16	8			
By Amount owing by Auckland Dist.		12	1	6			
							502 18 2
					<u>£2,202</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>

E. W. A. KELLOW }
FRANK E. LEADLEY } Treasurers.
31st January, 1934.

Audited and found correct.
ERNEST HOBBS }
J. M. DALE } Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan. 1st—							
To Balance		1686	11 1	By Cost of Auckland Conference—			
„ Circuit Levies—				(a) Travelling:			
District:				Equalisation Fund	207	1 3	
Auckland	555	11 5		Official Representatives	163	9 8	
South Auckland	290	17 7					370 10 11
Taranaki-Wanganui	251	18 4		(b) Printing:			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	226	11 3		Agenda	89	12 0	
Wellington	330	4 0		Minutes	138	9 2	
Nelson	148	3 2		Other	26	19 4	
North Canterbury	382	8 4		Stationery, etc.	19	14 0	
South Canterbury	135	19 0					274 14 6
Otago-Southland	302	7 10		„ District Expenses—Chairman's			
			2624 0 11	Travelling, and other expenses—			
„ Synod Collections—				District:			
District:				Auckland	40	0 10	
Auckland	6	13 9		South Auckland	39	1 8	
South Auckland				Taranaki-Wanganui	38	15 5	
Taranaki-Wanganui	2	13 6		Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	37	4 6	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	3	10 4		Wellington	31	5 1	
Wellington	3	0 0		Nelson	18	18 0	
Nelson	3	1 10		North Canterbury	27	17 1	
North Canterbury	1	14 1		South Canterbury	24	0 0	
South Canterbury	3	14 7		Otago-Southland	26	1 9	
Otago-Southland	5	17 6					283 4 4
			30 5 7				

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—continued.

„ Sales—				
Agenda	19	14	0	
Minutes	14	14	4	
Literature	16	5	8	
				50 14 0
„ Refunds Conference Printing ..				8 8 0
„ Interest on Bank Deposits ..				10 12 6

„ Synod Expenses—				
District:				
Auckland	43	16	1	
South Auckland	16	1	0	
Taranaki-Wanganui	8	19	4	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	18	8	6	
Wellington	8	15	7	
Nelson	25	16	3	
North Canterbury	10	11	8	
South Canterbury	5	0	5	
Otago-Southland	19	0	7	
				156 9 5
„ Ministerial Supply—				
District:				
South Auckland	25	0	0	
Taranaki-Wanganui	11	5	9	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	13	19	0	
Wellington	6	11	6	
Nelson	9	15	0	
North Canterbury	15	0	0	
Otago-Southland	1	10	0	
				83 1 3
„ Connexional Payments—				
President's Travelling	47	10	0	
President's Postages	12	10	0	
Secretary of Conference, Post-ages, etc.	12	10	0	
Board of Examiners' Expenses (2 years)	24	7	11	
Printing	83	4	5	
Sundry	3	8	0	
				183 10 4

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—continued.

„ Grants—			
Theological College ..	740	0	0
Connexional Secretary's Dept.	180	0	0
For Affliction	85	0	0
Deaconess Fund	75	0	0
University Fees	20	0	0
Council Religious Education	20	0	0
Wesley College Trust ..	100	0	0
H.M. Fund for Wanganui Trust	150	0	0
			<u>1370 0 0</u>
„ Hon. Treasurers—			
Postages, Stationery, Typing,			
etc.	4	0	0
Bank Exchanges, Charges, etc.	6	2	6
			<u>10 2 6</u>
„ Balances Due by Chairmen—			
District :			
Auckland	147	9	3
South Auckland ..	..	..	..
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	60	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	73	15	0
Wellington	52	10	0
Nelson	12	0	0
North Canterbury ..	80	0	0
South Canterbury ..	15	13	2
Otago-Southland ..	57	3	9
			<u> </u>
„ Total Balances held by or due to			
Chairmen	498	11	2
„ Bank of N.Z. Kaiapoi Deposit ..	500	0	0
„ Bank of N.Z. Kaiapoi Current A/c.	680	7	8
			<u>1678 18 10</u>
			<u>£4,410 12 1</u>

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J. H. BLACKWELL
O. BURNETT
Christchurch, N.Z.
8th February, 1934.

Hon. Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

I. J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.
Auditor.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand 1/1/33—				Removal Expenses			1,107 17 7
Supernumerary Fund ..	978	9	10	Sundry Expenses (stamps, exchange, etc.)			6 1 11
Bank of New Zealand ..	0	12	5	Refund Circuit Levies			11 8 0
			979 2 3	Cash in Hand 31/12/33—			
Circuit Levies paid			1,106 11 4	Supernumerary Fund	468	9	8
Interest Earned			26 19 10	Bank of New Zealand	3	13	7
				P.O. Savings Bank	515	2	8
							987 5 11
							<u>£2,112 13 5</u>
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REVENUE ACCOUNT—Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Circuit Levies	1,185 19 6	By Removal Expenses	1,107 17 7
„ Interest .. .. .	..	..	..	26 19 10	„ Exchange, Stamps, etc. .. .	..	..	..	6 1 11
				<u>£1,212 19 4</u>	„ Capital Account Transfer .. .	..	..	..	98 19 10
				<u>£1,212 19 4</u>					<u>£1,212 19 4</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1933.

Accumulated Fund, 31st Dec., 1932 .. .. .	..	..	..	1,285 7 6	Outstanding Levies .. .. .	..	..	..	£ s. d. 397 1 5
Balance as per Revenue Account	98 19 10	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	468 9 8
				<u>£1,384 7 4</u>	Bank of N.Z.	3 13 7
				<u>£1,384 7 4</u>	P.O. Savings Bank	515 2 8
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				<u>£1,384 7 4</u>					<u>£1,384 7 4</u>

Audited and Found Correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.A.I.N.Z.,
Auditor.

EDWARD DRAKE
H. CHAPMAN

} Hon. Treasurers.

December, 1933.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account, for the year ended December 31st, 1933.

TREASURERS: Rev. G. T. Marshall and Mr. A. J. Buttle.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
	To Balance Brought forward ..			16,752	7 8		
	„ Solomon Islands District—						
	Stipends and Allowances ..	5335	6 1				
	Freight, Customs, etc. ..	908	16 4				
	Boats and Travelling ..	1568	3 2				
	Schools and College ..	1063	16 4				
	Properties, Current exps. ..	499	16 10				
	General Expenses ..	1299	10 8				
	Industrial Undertakings ..	736	2 7				
				11,411	12 0		
	„ Interest on overdraft & loans			972	10 9		
	„ New Zealand Office—						
	Workings Expenses:						
	Salaries ..	568	7 6				
	Connexional Charges ..	54	5 0				
	Deputations and Travel ..	88	14 8				
	Exchanges, Stamps, etc. ..	57	7 9				
	Printing and Stationery ..	151	15 0				
	Office Rent, Telephone, etc. ..	101	16 2				
	Auditor's Fee ..	10	10 0				
	Sundries ..	39	6 10				
				1072	2 11		
	„ Sundry Payments—						
	Gratuity, etc. ..	12	10 0				
	Section, Atherton Rd. (pt.) ..	100	0 0				
	Legal Expenses ..	10	18 0				
	Children's Allowances ..	15	15 0				
				139	3 0		
				30,347	16 4		
	By New Zealand Contributions—						
	General Fund 1932 A/c. ..	118	19 3				
	General Fund 1933 A/c. ..	6707	17 7				
				6826	16 10		
	Women's Auxiliaries ..					1031	8 9
	(Including £123/10/- from Y.W.B.C. Movement)						
	Sites Acquisition Fund for Atherton Road section ..					100	0 0
	Young Men's B.C. Movnt. ..					276	4 9
	Native Teachers & Students					144	0 0
	Orphans ..					48	10 0
	Interest ..					680	19 1
	Medical Mission ..					26	10 0
	Debt Reduction Fund ..					170	0 0
	Special Debt Reduction Fund					125	0 0
	Publications, Profit ..					56	9 7
						9485	19 0
	„ Solomon Islands Contributions—						
	Subscriptions and Collections:						
	Roviana Circuit ..	503	5 0				
	Vella Lavella Circuit ..	226	10 0				
	Choiseul Circuit ..	261	15 0				
	Bougainville Circuit ..	128	12 6				
	Sale of Produce:						
	Roviana Circuit ..	126	3 2				
	Vella Lavella Circuit ..	348	17 8				
	Choiseul Circuit ..	17	13 2				
	Bougainville Circuit ..	26	5 4				

Income and Expenditure Account—continued.

<p>„ Banga Plantation Account—</p> <p>Repatriation Fees .. 3 0 0</p> <p>Wages, Native Labour .. 203 0 0</p> <p>Taxes 4 10 0</p> <p>Store Account:</p> <p>Tools 13 17 0</p> <p>Bags and Twine .. 81 6 0</p> <p>Food, Lighting, etc. .. 304 7 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>610 0 0</p> <p>„ Equipment Fund—</p> <p>House at Buka 150 0 0</p> <p>Section, Atherton Rd. (pt.) 151 8 9</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>301 8 9</p> <p>„ Helena Goldie Hospital Fund—</p> <p>Hospital Buildings 450 13 8</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>£31,709 18 9</p>	<p>Medical Dept. Fees & subsidies 362 13 1</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>2001 14 11</p> <p>11,487 13 11</p> <p>„ Deficiency on the year's work 2107 14 9</p> <p>„ Transfer from Working Capital</p> <p>Fund authorised by Conference 4500 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>15,987 13 11</p> <p>„ Banga Plantation Account</p> <p>Sales of Copra 609 4 3</p> <p>Gift 0 15 9</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>610 0 0</p> <p>„ Equipment Fund—</p> <p>Balance in hand from 1932 58 7 2</p> <p>M.W.M.U. for house at Buka 150 0 0</p> <p>Legacies 93 1 7</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>301 8 9</p> <p>„ Helena Goldie Hospital Fund—</p> <p>Various Donations .. 71 0 0</p> <p>From Balance in hand (see</p> <p>Balance Sheet, 1932) .. 379 13 8</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>450 13 8</p> <p>„ Balance : Deficit 14,360 2 5</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>£31,709 18 9</p>
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Audited and found correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.
Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1933 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES					
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Islands—			£	s.	d.
Circuit Balances	750	10	1		
Wages Outstanding	32	3	1		
Personal Balances	230	0	0		
Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd. ..	2868	7	2		
				3881	0 4
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand—					
Auckland (Plus Accrued Interest and secured over Working Capital and Medical Mission Fund Assets)					
				8106	11 7
Loans at Call 4%	1010	0	0		
on Fixed Deposit 5%	1200	0	0		
				2210	0 0
Proceeds of Debentures issued by Methodist F.M. Society Trust Assn.				3600	0 0
Special Funds—					
Medical Mission ("Helena Goldie" Hospital Fund)					
	1331	3	6		
Medical Mission Investment Fund	600	0	0		
				1931	3 6

ASSETS					
			£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand —Solomon Islands			199	12	5
Sundry Debtors —Solomon Islands			318	15	9
Stock on Hand —Solomon Islands			3214	3	6
Advance Payments (1934)			1857	4	2
Medical Mission Fund Assets—10					
Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. Shares of £20, each valued at £50 each (12½%)					
				500	0 0
Equipment and Replacement Fund Assets—					
Methodist F.M. Society Trust Assn. Debentures 5%					
				200	0 0
Atherton Road Section—Epsom	300	0	0		
Less Paid by					
Equipment Fund	151	8	9		
Paid by Sites Acquisition Fund					
	100	0	0		
				251	8 9
					48 11 3
Working Capital Fund Assets—					
£200 Mt. Eden Borough 4½% Debs.	200	0	0		
£1700 Auck. City Cncl. 4½% Debs.	1667	10	0		
£1115 N.Z. Govt. 4% Stock	1115	0	0		
Fuller & Sons Debs. 6½%, less 20%	1000	0	0		
Methodist F.M. Society Trust Assn.					
Debentures 5%					
	50	0	0		
N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Union Ltd.					
Shares (5%)					
	7	10	0		
Loans on Mortgage 6½%, less 20%	3200	0	0		
				7240	0 0

Balance Sheet—continued.

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	Capital Account Overdrawn—
	Bal. Bt. For. 1/1/33 4042 13 7
	Plus Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year .. 2107 14 9
	<u>6150 8 4</u>
	6150 8 4
	Working Capital loaned to General Ac. 969 14 1
	<u>969 14 1</u>
	Deficit as per Income and Ex. A/c. £14,360 2 5
	<u>£14,360 2 5</u>
£19,728 15 5	£19,728 15 5

I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Mission Society of New Zealand, 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 as at the 31st December, 1933, as shown by its books. I have obtained all the information I have required and have accepted, except where amended as referred to in my report addressed to the Board, the Solomon Islands returns on the certificates of the Revs. J. F. Goldie and T. Dent. The value of Solomon Islands Properties has been expressly excluded from the above Balance Sheet.

Auckland,
24th January, 1934.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.
Auditor,

FOREIGN MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS, 1933.

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	179	13	1
Auckland Social Service Mission	2	0	8
Auckland West	85	9	0
Auckland East, from 1932	4	0	0
Auckland East	456	9	11
Auckland (Avondale)	261	6	8
Auckland (Devonport)	17	3	6
Auckland (Takapuna)	35	2	8
Auckland (Birkenhead)	55	1	7
Onehunga	68	9	9
Otahuhu	48	14	6
Papakura	17	13	10
Pukekohe, from 1932	23	8	6
Pukekohe	37	10	10
Waiuku	36	19	5
Mahurangi	16	6	7
Paparoa	24	9	3
Northern Wairoa	40	10	4
Whangarei	18	11	9
Port Albert	90	16	4
Helensville	8	14	8
Kaukapakapa	0	12	6
Bay of Islands	13	4	1
Hokianga	7	6	4
Whangaroa	1	18	8
Mangonui	2	1	0
Hikurangi	3	4	0
Ohaeawai	0	14	0
Ruawai	0	5	0
	£1,557 18 5		

11.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	69	2	0
Te Aroha, from 1932	7	0	3
Te Aroha	96	9	4
Morrinsville	50	1	9
Waihi	37	6	9
Paeroa	12	6	2
Cambridge	135	0	0
Hamilton	65	7	0
Hamilton East	42	15	9
Rotorua	24	1	5
Tauranga	31	5	5
Opotiki	5	7	9
Taumarunui	7	18	1
Te Awamutu	62	3	10
Whakatane	4	13	6
Matamata	31	7	7
Te Puke	2	0	0
Ngaruawahia	2	7	9
Huntly	5	2	11
Te Kuiti	20	6	9
Ohura	4	12	9
Putaruru	24	15	4
Coromandel	9	13	1
Hauraki Plains	1	0	11
Otorohanga	19	0	8
	<u>£771</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	85	9	7
Waitara	13	11	8
Inglewood	7	10	10
Stratford	25	6	3
Eltham	16	11	9
Hawera	72	0	1
Manaia	9	10	1
Opunake	61	0	10
Kaponga	14	2	9
Wanganui	86	8	6
Wanganui North	47	10	0
Marton	16	2	0
Taihape	0	5	0
Raetihi-Ohakune	1	0	0
Patea	4	4	0
	<u>£460</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	85	19	6
Hastings, from 1932	1	16	0
Hastings	123	18	4
Gisborne	10	0	0
Waipawa	7	18	4
Dannevirke, from 1932	2	5	0
Dannevirke	7	1	11
Woodville	14	16	7
Pahiatua	31	11	4
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	120	3	11
Palmerston North (Cuba St.)	116	18	2
Feilding	249	5	7
Sanson-Rongotea	17	11	4
Foxton-Shannon	4	9	7
Apiti	4	4	0
Norsewood	3	10	6
Wairoa	2	14	8
Ashhurst-Bunneythorpe	28	7	3
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	£832	12	0
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V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington, Taranaki Street	139	18	2
.. .. . Thorndon	82	4	4
Wellington South	51	7	0
Wellington South, from 1932	0	5	0
Island Bay, from 1932	7	14	8
Island Bay	7	7	11
Wellington East, from 1932	3	0	0
Wellington East	98	17	6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	169	6	7
Hutt	66	12	6
Petone	22	1	3
Greytown-Featherston	7	16	10
Carterton	29	9	4
Masterton	101	2	4
Eketahuna	15	15	5
Levin	53	9	7
Otaki	11	8	10
Paraparaumu	0	19	3
Upper Hutt	2	5	1
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	£871	1	7
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VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson, from 1932		8	5 6
Nelson	143	3	7
Richmond, from 1932		6	9 6
Blenheim	125	12	5
Hokitika		19	1 0
Greymouth		24	2 2
Motueka		28	14 2
Reefton, from 1932		5	17 6
Reefton		13	3 1
Westport		13	12 10
Havelock		1	14 5
Murchison		3	0 0
Granity, from 1932		1	5 6
Granity		0	10 0
Wakefield-Dovedale		12	13 2
	<u>£407</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Durham Street		92	5 10
Christchurch East	185	6	11
Christchurch East, from 1932		4	0 0
Cambridge Terrace		21	3 3
Woolston		64	3 2
Sydenham		50	14 8
Addington		67	17 11
Riccarton		24	4 5
St. Albans		74	3 1
Papanui		83	10 0
Lyttelton		15	7 7
Springston		14	18 10
Tai Tapu		26	18 6
Leeston, from 1932		0	16 9
Leeston		25	15 11
Kaiapoi		67	4 3
Ohoka, from 1932		10	7 6
Ohoka		7	12 0
Rangiora		46	6 5
Woodend-Sefton		36	1 7
Greendale		30	13 7
Hawarden, from 1932		0	16 0
Oxford		9	8 11
Waddington
	<u>£959</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru	70	14	1
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Temuka	31	2	0
Geraldine	35	5	0
Ashburton, from 1932	10	14	0
Ashburton	102	4	2
Willowby, from 1932	7	17	1
Willowby	3	10	4
Oamaru	27	2	0
Rakaia-Methven	10	15	4
Mayfield
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	£299	4	0
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IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin (Trinity), from 1932	7	7	9
Dunedin (Trinity)	83	12	6
Dunedin Central Mission, from 1932	2	0	0
Dunedin Central Mission	31	8	3
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	13	0	3
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	58	4	2
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	19	15	5
Dunedin (Caversham)	40	4	6
Dunedin (Mornington)	30	12	9
Dunedin (Roslyn)	30	2	5
Dunedin (Maori Hill)	13	3	10
Port Chalmers	19	11	3
Balclutha .. .. .	..	..	..
Milton	8	15	5
Roxburgh	9	15	4
Invercargill Central	48	11	5
Invercargill (St. Peter's), from 1932	3	12	9
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	44	0	0
Bluff	1	16	3
Gore	15	16	7
Otautau	10	2	3
Waikouaiti	10	0	0
Edendale South	7	1	2
Lawrence	1	0	0
Cromwell	11	13	9
Riverton	3	10	6
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	6	10	9
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	£531	9	3
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SUMMARY.

Districts—	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1557	18	5
South Auckland	771	6	9
Taranaki-Wanganui	460	13	4
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	832	12	0
Wellington	871	1	7
Nelson	407	4	10
North Canterbury	959	17	1
South Canterbury	299	4	0
Otago-Southland	531	9	3
Special Debt Reduction	125	0	0
Women's Auxiliaries	1031	8	9
Treasurers' List	898	16	4
Publications	56	9	7
Interest—General	602	17	1
Interest—Mr. S. Gorman	20	0	0

In Memoriam—

The Late :

Mrs. D. McCallum, Nelson	5	0	0
Mrs. Ann Carvill, Blenheim	5	0	0
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	5	0	0
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	5	0	0
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina	5	0	0
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, Blenheim	5	0	0
Mr. E. H. Penney, Blenheim	5	0	0
Mr. Frank V. White, Tua Marina	5	0	0

£9,485 19 0

ESTIMATES.

HOME MISSION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1934.

INCOME.

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND MAORI CIRCUITS

Auckland District	£980
South Auckland District	558
Taranaki-Wanganui District	318
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	449
Wellington District	525
Nelson District	366
North Canterbury District	766
South Canterbury District	266
Otago-Southland District	444
	4672
Properties	1200
Investments	750
Miscellaneous	1000
	£7,622

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work—

Minister : Stipend	190
Travelling	50
Rent	20
Minister : Grant	40
Travelling	20
Minister : Grant	40
Travelling	20
Grants for Travelling :	
H.M. Whangaroa	50
H.M. Kaipara	50
H.M. Agents (10)	100
Deaconess : Stipend	135
Travelling	50
Deaconess : Stipend	135
Travelling	40
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40
Deaconess : Stipend	100
Travelling	20
	£1,225

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—continued.

Home Mission Stations—

Hokianga (Rawene)	..	..	..	£10
Kaukapakapa	..	..	..	30
Ohaeawai	..	..	..	10

Circuits with Home Missionaries—

Whangarei	..	..	..	25
Mahurangi	..	..	..	75

Aided Circuits—

Auckland S.S. Mission	..	if second agent	50
Devonport	..	..	30
Paparoa ..	..	..	40
Ruawai	10
Northern Wairoa	..	special	25
Whangaroa	15
Bay of Isalnds	20
Mangonui	20
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			£360
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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work—

Supt. Minister : Stipend	£180
Travelling	40
Minister : Stipend	..	..	180
Travelling	..	..	20
Rent	..	..	40
Minister : Stipend	..	..	40
Travelling	..	..	20

GRANTS FOR TRAVELLING—

Hon. H.M. Agents : Raglan	..	..	60
Pukeatua	..	..	60
Waahi	..	..	60
Te Kuiti	..	..	50
Mokau	..	..	50
H.M. Agents (8)	..	..	80
Deaconess : Stipend	..	..	125
Travelling	..	..	40
Deaconess : Stipend	..	..	125
Travelling	..	..	40
Deaconess : Stipend	..	..	125
Travelling	35
Deaconess Assistant Travelling	24
To Investment Board	60
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			£1,454
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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT—continued.

Home Mission Stations—

Coromandel	£30
Te Puke	30
Ngaruawahia	30

Aided Circuits—

Whakatane	20
Paeroa	35
Tauranga	15
Opotiki	50
Taumarunui	80
Otorohanga	35
Huntly	10
Hauraki Plains	15
Morrinsville (Waitoa)	30
Te Kuiti	35
	<u>£415</u>

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work—

Senior Supt. : Stipend	£200
Travelling	60
Rent	40
Supt. Minister : Stipend	180
Travelling	40
Rent	10
Hon. H.M. Agents (4) : Travelling	125
Hon. H.M. Agents	40
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40
Deaconess : Stipend	125
Travelling	40
Grey Institute : Rent	39
	<u>£1,229</u>

H.M. Stations—

Patea	40
Gonville	20
Raetihi	10
Raetihi	special 50
Taihape	10

Circuits with Home Missionaries—

Wanganui North	25
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Aided Circuits—

Waitara	20
Inglewood	45
Marton	40
Manaia	15
Wanganui	special 150
	<u>£425</u>

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations—				
Waipawa	..	..	..	if M.H.M. 35
Norsewood	..	..	..	20
Aided Circuits—				
Napier (Greenmeadows)	..	..	..	20
Wairoa	..	..	..	60
Woodville	..	..	..	25
Pahiatua	..	..	..	20
Dannevirke	..	..	..	25
				<hr/> £205 <hr/>

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations—				
Paraparaumu	..	..	..	£45
Upper Hutt	..	..	..	30
Aided Circuits—				
Thorndon	..	..	..	15
Greytown-Featherston	..	..	..	60
Eketahuna	..	..	..	60
Otaki	..	..	..	35
Masterton	..	..	..	20
				<hr/> £265 <hr/>

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations—				
Murchison	..	..	..	£15
Granity	..	..	..	50
Havelock	..	..	..	25
Aided Circuits—				
Westport	..	..	..	25
Westport (Special)	..	..	..	10
Hokitika	..	..	..	15
				<hr/> £140 <hr/>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations—				
Hawarden	..	..	..	10
Waddington	..	..	..	25
Circuits with Home Missionaries—				
Papanui	..	..	..	30
Aided Circuits—				
Lyttelton	..	..	..	20
Springston	..	..	..	15
Tai Tapu	..	..	..	20
Ohoka	..	..	..	15
Greendale	..	..	..	20
Oxford	..	..	..	40
Oxford (Special)	..	..	..	10
Addington (Lincoln Road)	..	..	..	25
				<hr/> £230 <hr/>

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits—				
Temuka .. .. .	..	..	..	£20
Temuka (Maori) .. .. .	..	..	..	5
Rakaia-Methven .. .. .	..	..	..	20
				£45

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations—				
Otautau .. .. .	..	..	..	£10
Cromwell .. .. .	..	..	..	10
Nightcaps-Tuatapere .. .. .	..	..	..	20
Waikouaiti-Palmerston .. .. .	..	..	..	10
Kaitangata .. .. .	..	..	..	25
Mosgiel .. .. .	..	..	..	20
Aided Circuits—				
Cargill Road (St. Clair) .. .. .	..	..	..	15
Port Chalmers .. .. .	..	..	..	50
" (Ravensbourne) .. .. .	..	..	..	20
" (Maori) .. .. .	..	..	..	10
Roxburgh .. .. .	..	..	..	25
Milton .. .. .	..	..	..	35
Riverton .. .. .	..	..	..	45
Riverton (Maori) .. .. .	..	..	..	5
				£300

GENERAL.

Maori Work—				
S.S. Material .. .. .	..	..	..	£10
Printing Leaflets .. .. .	..	..	..	10
Evangelistic Missions and Workers' Conference	..	..	..	60
Special—South Island Travelling .. .. .	..	..	..	50
Deaconess Students .. .. .	..	..	..	40
Theological Students .. .. .	..	..	..	20
"Methodist Times" .. .. .	..	..	..	5
Contingencies .. .. .	..	..	..	50
				£245

MISCELLANEOUS.

H.M. Retiring Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	£300
Deaconess Retiring Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	100
H.M. Deputation Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	100
Ministerial Supplies .. .. .	..	..	..	200
Theological Institution .. .. .	..	..	..	135
Deaconess House .. .. .	..	..	..	75
Interest .. .. .	..	..	..	250
Church Sites Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	50
Printing .. .. .	..	..	..	250
Advertising Space "Methodist Times" .. .. .	..	..	..	12½
Spiritual Advance .. .. .	..	..	..	25
Special Travelling for Voluntary Assistants .. .. .	..	..	..	50
Contingencies .. .. .	..	..	..	400
				£1947½

General Superintendent—					
Stipend .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£250
House Allowance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	150
Travelling .. .. .	..	..	..	..	100
					<u>£500</u>
Connexional Charges—					
	..	..	..	..	<u>£55</u>
General Treasurer—					
Book-keeping .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£120
Incidental Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10
					<u>£130</u>
Depreciation Account—					
Hudson Car .. .. .	..	..	..	..	<u>£100</u>
Office Expenses—					
Secretarial .. .. .	..	..	..	..	£128
Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	65
Telephone .. .. .	..	..	..	..	28
Light and Heating .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10
Postage and Telegrams .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40
Bank Charges, etc. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	10
					<u>£281</u>

SUMMARY HOME MISSION ESTIMATES.

Income and Expenditure, 1934.

INCOME.

Circuits .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,672	0	0
Properties .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,200	0	0
Investments .. .. .	..	..	..	..	750	0	0
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,000	0	0
					<u>£7,622</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
To be raised by Maori Choir .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1,400	0	0
Special effort to balance year's work .. .. .	..	..	..	..	529	10	0
					<u>£9,551</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
Dr. Balance, 1933 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,034	4	5
					<u>£12,585</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Maori .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4,153	0	0
General .. .. .	..	..	..	..	5,398	10	0
					<u>£9,551</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
Dr. Balance, 1934 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,034	4	5
					<u>£12,585</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>

THE METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Trading and Profit and Loss Accounts for the Year Ended 31st July, 1933.

	Book Room			Van			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock 1/8/1932	875	13	11	114	14	2	990	8	1
„ Purchases	983	0	7	251	1	2	1,234	1	9
„ Gross Profit to Profit and Loss Account	300	0	10	67	0	2	367	1	0
	£2,158 15 4			£432 15 6			£2,591 10 10		

	£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
	To Salaries	571	10	0				571	10	0
„ Depreciation	16	18	0	94	0	0	110	18	0
„ Van Running Expenses				65	0	10	65	0	10
„ Rent	54	10	0				54	10	0
„ Stamps	51	11	9				51	11	9
„ Printing and Stationery	49	3	11				49	3	11
„ Interest	48	3	11				48	3	11
„ Van Repairs				40	4	0	40	4	0
„ Freight	18	19	3				18	19	3
„ Advertising	18	9	11				18	9	11
„ Accountancy and Audit Fees	15	15	0				15	15	0
„ Van Insurance				10	18	8	10	18	8
„ Bad Debts Written off	9	6	0				9	6	0
„ Office and Book Room Exps.	7	13	2				7	13	2
„ Reserve for Bad Debts	5	0	0				5	0	0
„ General Expenses	2	8	6				2	8	6
„ Cables	2	3	10				2	3	10
„ Insurance	1	19	0				1	19	0
	£873 12 3			£210 3 6			£1,083 15 9		

	Book Room			Van			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sales	1,256	0	0	350	3	10	1,606	3	10
„ Stock on Hand	902	15	4	82	11	8	985	7	0
	£2,158 15 4			£432 15 6			£2,591 10 10		

By Gross Profit from Trading A/c.	300	0	10	67	0	2	367	1	0
„ Payments from other Departments for work done—									
H.M. Dept.	248	0	0						
Trounson Trust	22	10	0						
F.M. Dept.	14	11	8						
	285 1 8			285 1 8			285 1 8		
„ Subscriptions, etc.	211	0	9				211	0	9
„ Typing	45	3	3				45	3	3
„ Net Loss to Capital Account	32	5	9	143	3	4	175	9	1
	£873 12 3			£210 3 6			£1,083 15 9		

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1933.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME								
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
Retiring Allowances				1080	0	5	Contributions—					
Interest Credited Personal Accounts				277	17	5	Personal	381	0	0		
Office Expenses—							Circuit	273	0	0		
Authorized Appropriation ..	45	0	0				Home Mission Board ..	292	10	0		
Stationery and General Expenses	5	7	5				Foreign Mission Board ..	20	0	0		
				50	7	5			966	10	0	
							Interest—					
							Debentures	10	1	9		
							Debentures Accrued	3	2	9		
							Super. Fund Deposit	305	14	7		
									318	19	1	
							Withdrawals in Excess of Income			122	16	2
										1,408	5	3
				£1,408	5	3				1,408	5	3

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1933.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS								
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
Personal Accounts				8836	15	1	Debentures	300	0	0		
Reserve Fund				380	6	6	Interest Accrued	3	2	9		
Accumulated Funds—									303	2	9	
Centenary Gift	100	0	0				Deposit Supernumerary Fund ..		9058	13	10	
Inscribed Stock Profit ..	44	15	0									
				144	15	0						
										£9,361	16	7
				£9,361	16	7				£9,361	16	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, 1933.

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, 18th December, 1933.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 31st December, 1933.

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.
Due South Island Orphanage	2,000	0	0
Depreciation Account	800	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	3,102	10	2
	£5,902	10	2

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.
Deaconess House property	5,000	0	0
Furnishings	400	0	0
At Credit Supernumerary Fund	488	2	0
Balance at Bank N.Z. £35 18s. 2d. less unrepresented cheques £11 10/- and unexpended Balance Miss Holland Account £10		14	8 2
	£5,902	10	2

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer,
Methodist Deaconess Institution.

18th January, 1934.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st December, 1933.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance forward 1st January, 1933:						
Unexpended balance of Special donations ..	15	0	0			
Amount at Credit Supernumerary Fund ..	468	4	1			
Balance at Bank N.Z. less balance o/a special donation	33	2	8			
				516	6	9
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
Associate Subscriptions and Donations ..	42	13	0			
Special Donation, Miss Holland Account ..	15	0	0			
				57	13	0
Rents				58	0	0
Students' Contributions Cost of Training ..				10	0	0
Collected for Papering Hall				5	2	0
Collection Deaconess Dedication Service ..				2	8	0
Miscellaneous				0	5	10
Accrued Interest on Deposit with Supernumerary Fund					19	17 11
Hostel Receipts					561	19 8
				£1,481	13	2

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

				PAYMENTS			
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.
House Accounts	..	..	..	429	1 2		
Salaries etc.	..	..	..	256	15 10		
Students' Uniforms	..	..	..	27	12 8		
Periodicals etc.	..	..	..	6	9 6		
						719	19 2
Interest to South Island Orphanage	..	..	..	100	0 0		
Insurances	..	..	..	28	7 5		
Rates	..	..	..	42	2 7		
Bank Charges Postages, etc.	..	..	..	3	16 0		
Telephone	..	..	..	10	10 0		
						184	16 0
Maintenance Repairs etc.	..	..	..	9	7 8		
Goods Replacements	..	..	..	16	5 7		
Papering	..	..	..	6	7 6		
New Porcelain Bath	..	..	..	8	6 6		
Advertising and Printing	..	..	..			40	7 3
Students Travelling Expenses for Dedication	..	..	..			6	8 8
Payment to Miss Holland	..	..	..			2	11 11
Unexpended Balance of Special Donation on Account	..	..	..			15	0 0
Miss Holland	..	..	..	10	0 0		
At Cr. Supernumerary Fund as per Cert.	..	..	..	488	2 0		
Balance at Bank of N.Z.	..	..	..	35	18 2		
Less Unpresented Cheques	..	..	..	11	10 0		
And Miss Holland Account	..	..	..	14	8 2		
						512	10 2
						£1,481	13 2

NOTE.—£50 Conference Grant from Foreign Mission Board still due.

Unpresented Cheques—

31960	..	..	..	..	..	£5	0 0
31965	..	..	..	..	..	6	10 0
						£11 10 0	

Audited and found correct.

H. W. HESLOP, Auditor.

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer

Methodist Deaconess Institution.

18th January, 1934.

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1933.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME										
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.					
Retiring Allowances	.. ..		59	8	7	Contributions—							
Interest Credited Personal Accounts			132	11	5	Personal	194	0	0				
Office Expenses—						Circuit	63	0	0				
Authorized Appropriation	.. ..	11	0	0	Home Mission Fund	.. ..	65	0	0			
Stationery and General Expenses		2	10	7	Foreign Mission Fund	.. ..	140	0	0				
				13	10	7				462	0	0		
Balance to Personal Accounts		399	19	5	Interest—								
						Supernumerary Fund Deposit			143	10	0		
												£605	10	0
												<u>£605</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1933.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS								
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
Personal Accounts		4159	7	8	Deposits Supernumerary Fund	.. ..	4400	4	5		
Reserve Fund		240	16	9							
										£4,400	4	5
										<u>£4,400</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

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, 1933.

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, 18th December, 1933.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

		RECEIPTS			
To		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To	Balance Forward				
	Bank of New Zealand			149	4 3
..	Endowments and Legacies—				
	Interest late J. P. Cooper, Est. ..	44	3 9		
..	Interest late Mrs. Skinner's Estate ..	19	5 0		
				63	8 9
..	Maintenance—				
	Donations	45	4 2		
	Collections	227	5 7		
	Maintenance Fees	286	14 11		
	Interest—Inscribed Stock	60	11 8		
	Newcombe Trust	1	9 2		
	Proceeds Annual Concert	6	12 6		
	Grant—The Board of Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowment	500	0 0		
				1,127	18 0
				<u>£1,340</u>	<u>11 0</u>

		PAYMENTS			
By		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
By	Staff Salaries and Wages			428	9 4
..	General House Supplies	411	13 0		
..	Lighting and Heating	90	14 1		
..	Drapery, Clothing and Boots	182	17 2		
..	Hospital Fees, Medicine, etc.	9	16 9		
..	Printing, Advertising and Telephone	32	11 9		
..	Stamps, Stationery, etc.	11	9 6		
..	Repairs and Renewals	35	13 3		
..	Accident Insurance	1	9 4		
..	Travelling Expenses and Sundries	28	0 4		
				804	5 2
				1,232	14 6
..	Prizes Newcombe Trust			2	6 0
..	Balance Bank of New Zealand	106	11 6		
..	Less Outstanding Cheque	1	1 0		
				105	10 6
				<u>£1,340</u>	<u>11 0</u>

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1933.

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors				65	3	2
Newcombe Trust Endowment, 31/12/32 ..	2	19	7			
Add Interest collected	1	9	2			
	4	8	9			
Less Prizes Awarded	2	6	0			
				2	2	9
Balance being Excess of Assets over Liabilities				443	4	7
				<u>£510</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash Bank of New Zealand				105	10	6
Furnishings, etc.	450	0	0			
Less Depreciation	45	0	0			
				405	0	0
				<u>£510</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</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 31st December, 1933.

J. COCKER, Treasurer
 ARCH. H. DANIELL } Auditors.
 F. E. WELLS }
 Masterton,
 30th December, 1933.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement Showing Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 1st Jan., 1933				117		0			
„ Maintenance Account—									
Donations and Collections ..	412		0	11					
Maintenance Fees ..	749		17	7					
Interest ..	183		9	5					
Christchurch Street Collection	418		0	0					
				1763		7		11	
„ (Interest Accrued amounting to £552/16/7 has been added to Deposit Accounts.)									
„ Endowment Account—									
Mrs. M. Caughey-Preston ..	1500		0	0					
Anon. ..	20		0	0					
Harriett Butt Estate ..	301		18	4					
Duncan McKenzie Estate ..	50		0	0					
Amelia Smith Estate ..	32		1	7					
Lily Richter Estate ..	100		0	0					
E. C. Jordan Estate ..	328		19	9					
Theresa Wisker Estate ..	89		0	0					
Mary Ellen Christie Estate ..	100		0	0					
Ellen M. Smith Estate ..	150		0	0					
J. Livingstone Estate ..	24		0	7					
A. Cowie Estate (per Mr. H. de R. Flesher) ..	50		0	0					
				2746		0		3	
By Balance due to Treasurer—									
1st January, 1933 ..									17 10 5
„ Maintenance Account—									
Salaries and Wages	637		6	4					
Less Charged to New Grounds			25	0	0				
									612 6 4
General House Supplies ..			492	11	2				
Lighting and Heating ..			106	4	3				
Drapery, Clothing and Beds	181		2	2					
Less Refunds			18	11	6				
									162 10 8
Printing, Stationery, Stamps, Audit, Telephone, Exchange Advertising, etc. ..			38	19	0				
Fire and Accident Insurance			16	3	9				
Renewals and Repairs ..			79	13	1				
Sundries ..			27	0	9				
									1535 9 0
Less Refunds ..									7 14 9
									1527 14 3

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

.. Withdrawal of Deposits ..	2370 0 0	.. Rates and Taxes	41 5 3
.. Sale of Cottage Building ..	18 0 0	.. Papanui Sunday School ..	10 0 0
.. Building Subsidy ..	208 1 6	.. Deposits with Supernumerary Board and P.O. Savings Bank	1350 0 0
.. Collection and Luncheon at Lay- ing of Foundation Stone ..	146 13 11	.. Peter Johansen—Assistance at College	10 0 6
.. Due to Treasurer	0 6 1	.. New Home Grounds Improve- ments	990 5 7
		.. New Home Buildings	3233 10 10
		.. Withdrawal by Mrs. O'Connor (nee Miss Barker) of her half Share in the G. H. Jones' Trust	68 13 4
		.. Withdrawal by Miss Barker re her share in the G. H. Jones' Trust	5 0 0
		.. Balance at Bank of New Zealand	345 11 1
		Less Unpresented Cheque ..	234 3 0
		.. Petty Cash in Hand	111 8 1
			4 2 4
	<u>£7,369 10 7</u>		<u>£7,369 10 7</u>

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1933.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Endowment Account ..	21,443	16	5	Freehold Property—			
Additions during Year ..	2,746	0	3	Present Home and 5 Acres of			
			24,189 16 8	Land	5,572	17	5
Maintenance Reserve Account	150	0	0	Bungalow	1,143	18	5
Property Reserve Account ..	1,625	0	0	New Home Grounds 12 Acres			
Additions during Year ..	125	0	0	3045 5 8			
			1,900 0 0	Extended during Year	990	5	7
G. H. Jones' Children's Trust	86	12	10				4,035 11 3
Interest Accrued to 31st Dec.	8	15	10	Building in Course of construction ..	3233	10	10
				Less Building Subsidy	208	1	6
	95	8	8		3,025	9	4
Less Withdrawn during 1933	73	13	4				13,777 16 5
			21 15 4	Furnishings in Home and			
Balance due to Treasurer ..			0 6 1	Bungalow	360	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities			5,374 7 8	Less Depreciation ..	36	0	0
							324 0 0
				Live Stock—One Cow ..			7 10 0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities—continued

	Investments—			
	Loan—Deaconess House Com.	2,000	0	0
	Loan—Edgeware Rd. Church	400	0	0
	Deposits	14,511	8	11
	New Zealand Farmers' Assn. Secured Deposit Stock ..	350	0	0
		17,261	8	11
	Petty Cash in Hand ..		4	2 4
	Cash Balance—Bank of N.Z. ..		111	8 1
			£31,486	5 9
			£31,486	5 9

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I have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

The furnishings have been included in the foregoing Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the same figures as at last balancing date less the usual depreciation. I have accepted the Treasurer's statement as to the existence of this asset and the live stock as shown. Documentary evidence has been produced supporting the existence of all the remaining assets.

All receipts and payments have been vouched with the exception of a few payments made from petty cash.

Subject to these remarks I am of the opinion that the above Statement correctly exhibits the Orphanage's position as at the 31st December, 1933, according to the best of my information and explanations given to me.

Christchurch,
2nd February, 1934.

F. E. TWYFORD, F.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1933.

EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Printing and Publishing				922	14	3	Subscriptions	981	18	5		
Editors' Honoraria (3 quarters) ..	58	2	6				Less Agents' Commission ..	48	8	5		
Editors' Incidental Expenses	5	10	10						933	10	0	
Office Expenses—				63	13	4	Advertisements			165	5	6
Authorized Appropriation ..	170	0	0				Interest			30	5	7
Stationery and General Expenses ..	25	5	5				Nett Loss			52	11	11
				195	5	5						
				<u>£1,181</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>				<u>£1,181</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>

H. HOLLAND }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 11th January, 1934.

Audited and found correct.

A. A. SANDFORD }
A. A. DINGWALL } Auditors.

" METHODIST TIMES "

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1933.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Unexpired Values—							
Subscriptions	316	0 8	Subscriptions Outstanding	347	6 2
Advertisements .. ..	..	62	19 6	Less Prepaid .. ..	..	10	10 6
			379 0 2				336 15 8
Contingent Reserve Account ..	..		500 0 0	Less Provision for Agents' Com-			
Accumulated Fund 31/12/32 ..	..	534	0 10	mission .. ..	..	23	19 0
Loss 1933 .. ..	..	52	11 11				312 16 8
			481 8 11	Advertisement Accounts Outstanding			47 1 9
				Deposits—			
				Bank of New Zealand ..	..	9	13 7
				P.O. Savings Bank ..	..	972	2 7
				Supernumerary Fund ..	..	18	14 6
							1,000 10 8
							<u>£1,360 9 1</u>
			<u>£1,360 9 1</u>				<u>£1,360 9 1</u>

H. HOLLAND
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 11th January, 1934.

Audited and found correct.
A. A. SANDFORD }
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**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1934.**

NOTE.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for the H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 2 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 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland Central ..	1055	0 0	63	6 0	695	0 0	48	13 0
Foreign Mission Dept. ...	300	0 0	18	0 0	200	0 0	14	0 0
Home Mission Dept. ..	311	0 0	18	13 3	211	0 0	14	15 6
Auckland Social Service Mission ..	80	0 0	4	16 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Auckland West ..	410	0 0	24	12 0	250	0 0	17	10 0
" East ..	738	0 0	44	5 8	438	0 0	30	13 0
" Theo. College ..	765	0 0	45	18 0	565	0 0	39	11 0
" Avondale ..	510	0 0	30	12 0	310	0 0	21	14 0
" " H.M. ..			4	0 0				
" Devonport ..	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	10 0
" Takapuna ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
" Birkenhead ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Onehunga ..	257	0 0	15	8 4	157	0 0	10	19 6
Otahuhu ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Papakura ..	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Pukekohe ..	219	7 6	13	3 3	119	7 6	8	7 0
" " H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Waiuku ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Mahurangi ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
" " H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Paparoa ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Northern Wairoa ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Ruawai ..	80	0 0	4	16 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Whangarei ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
" " H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Whangaroa ..	180	0 0	10	16 0	120	0 0	8	8 0
Bay of Islands ..	160	0 0	9	12 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Port Albert ..	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Hikurangi ..	140	0 0	8	8 0	80	0 0	5	12 0
Mangonui ..	140	0 0	8	8 0	80	0 0	5	12 0
H.M. Stations—								
Helensville ..			4	0 0				
Kaukapakapa (2) ..			8	0 0				
Ohaeawai ..			4	0 0				
Hokianga (2) ..			8	0 0				
	7795	7 6	507	14 6	4875	7 6	341	15 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Thames	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Te Aroha	260	0	0	15	12	0	160	0	0	11	4	0
Morrinsville	330	0	0	19	16	0	170	0	0	11	18	0
Paeroa	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Cambridge	250	0	0	15	0	0	150	0	0	10	10	0
Hamilton	505	0	0	30	6	0	305	0	0	21	7	0
Hamilton East	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Rotorua	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Tauranga	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Opotiki	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Taumarunui	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Te Awamutu	237	10	0	14	5	0	137	10	0	9	12	6
Matamata	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Huntly	160	0	0	9	12	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Whakatane	160	0	0	9	12	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Otorohanga	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Hauraki Plains	144	0	0	8	12	8	84	0	0	5	18	0
Te Kuiti	90	0	0	5	8	0	120	0	0	8	8	0
H.M. Stations :—												
Ngaruawahia				4	0	0						
Putaruru				4	0	0						
Waihi				4	0	0						
Te Puke				4	0	0						
Coromandel				4	0	0						
Ohura				4	0	0						
	4161	10	0	273	13	8	2451	10	0	171	12	6

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	525	0	0	31	10	0	325	0	0	22	15	0
" " H.M.				4	0	0						
Waitara	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Inglewood	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Stratford	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Eltham-Kaponga	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Hawera	270	0	0	16	4	0	170	0	0	11	18	0
Manaia	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Opunake	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
" " H.M.				4	0	0						
Wanganui	180	0	0	10	16	0	120	0	0	8	8	0
Wanganui North	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
" " H.M.				4	0	0						
Marton	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
H.M. Stations :—												
Gonville				4	0	0						
Patea				4	0	0						
Raetihi-Ohakune				4	0	0						
Taihape				4	0	0						
	2700	0	0	190	0	0	1540	0	0	107	16	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6%		After Exemption		Children's Fund's Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Napier	430	0 0	25	16 0	270	0 0	18	18 0
Hastings	270	0 0	16	4 0	170	0 0	11	18 0
Gisborne	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Wairoa	160	0 0	9	12 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Dannevirke	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Woodville	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Pahiata	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	270	0 0	16	4 0	170	0 0	11	18 0
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	243	0 0	14	11 8	143	0 0	10	0 0
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe ..	230	0 0	13	16 0	130	0 0	9	2 0
Feilding	275	0 0	16	10 0	175	0 0	12	5 0
" " H.M.			4	0 0				
Sanson-Rongotea	230	0 0	13	16 0	130	0 0	9	2 0
H.M. Stations :—								
Foxton-Shannon			4	0 0				
Apiti			4	0 0				
Norsewood			4	0 0				
Waipawa			4	0 0				
	2983	0 0	198	19 8	1763	0 0	128	8 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Wellington—								
Taranaki Street	585	0 0	35	2 0	385	0 0	26	19 0
Youth Dept.	270	0 0	16	4 0	170	0 0	11	18 0
Thorndon	667	10 0	40	1 0	407	10 0	28	10 6
South	270	0 0	16	4 0	170	0 0	11	18 0
East	420	0 0	25	4 0	260	0 0	18	4 0
Johnsonville-Ngaio	410	0 0	24	12 0	250	0 0	17	10 0
" " H.M.			4	0 0				
Hutt	445	0 0	26	14 0	285	0 0	19	19 0
Petone	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Greytown-Featherston	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Carterton	220	0 0	13	4 0	120	0 0	8	8 0
Masterton	460	0 0	27	12 0	300	0 0	21	0 0
Eketahuna	163	15 0	9	16 6	63	15 0	4	9 3
Levin	262	10 0	15	15 0	162	10 0	11	7 6
Otaki	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
H.M. Stations :—								
Island Bay			4	0 0				
Upper Hutt			4	0 0				
Paraparumu			4	0 0				
	4898	15 0	309	18 6	2998	15 0	209	18 3

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nelson	325	0 0	19 10	0	225	0 0	15 15	0
Richmond	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Blenheim	500	0 0	30 0	0	300	0 0	21 0	0
Hokitika	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Greymouth	226	0 0	13 11	3	126	0 0	8 16	6
Motueka	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Westport	230	0 0	13 16	0	130	0 0	9 2	0
Wakefield-Dovedale					100	0 0	7 0	0
H.M. Stations :—								
Havelock			4	0 0				
Murchison			4	0 0				
Reefton			4	0 0				
Granity			4	0 0				
	1956	0 0	133	7 3	1256	0 0	87 18	6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Christchurch—								
Durham Street	515	0 0	30 18	0	355	0 0	24 17	0
Connexional Sec.	356	5 0	21 7	6	256	5 0	17 18	9
East	720	0 0	43 4	0	420	0 0	29 8	0
Cambridge Terrace	250	0 0	15 0	0	150	0 0	10 10	0
Woolston	410	0 0	24 12	0	250	0 0	17 10	0
Sydenham	219	16 0	13 3	9	119	16 0	8 8	0
Addington	250	0 0	15 0	0	150	0 0	10 10	0
Riccarton	250	0 0	15 0	0	150	0 0	10 10	0
St. Albans	520	0 0	31 4	0	320	0 0	22 8	0
Papanui	250	0 0	15 0	0	150	0 0	10 10	0
" " H.M.			4	0 0				
Lyttelton	239	0 0	14 6	9	139	0 0	9 15	0
Springston	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Tai Tapu	250	0 0	15 0	0	150	0 0	10 10	0
Leeston	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Kaiapoi	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Ohoka	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Rangiora	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Woodend-Sefton	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Greendale	212	10 0	12 15	0	112	10 0	7 17	6
Oxford	95	0 0	5 14	0	90	0 0	6 6	0
H.M. Stations :—								
Waddington			4	0 0				
Hawarden			4	0 0				
	5887	11 0	365	5 0	3562	11 0	249 8	3

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund	Exemption	Fund
		Levy 6%		Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Timaru	730 0 0	43 16 0	470 0 0	32 18 0
Waimate	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Temuka	230 0 0	13 16 0	130 0 0	9 2 0
Geraldine	185 0 0	11 2 0	85 0 0	5 19 0
Ashburton	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Willowby	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Oamaru	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Rakaia-Methven	152 0 0	9 2 3	92 0 0	6 8 9
H.M. Stations :—				
Mayfield		4 0 0		
	2267 0 0	140 0 3	1322 0 0	94 5 9

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund	Exemption	Fund
		Levy 6%		Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin—				
Trinity	410 0 0	24 12 0	250 0 0	17 10 0
" " H.M.		4 0 0		
Central Mission	300 0 0	18 0 0	200 0 0	14 0 0
Dundas Street	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Cargill Road	392 10 0	23 11 0	232 10 0	16 5 6
St. Kilda	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Caversham	230 0 0	13 16 0	130 0 0	9 2 0
Mornington	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Roslyn	227 10 0	13 13 0	127 10 0	8 18 6
Port Chalmers	211 0 0	12 13 0	111 0 0	7 15 4
" " H.M.		4 0 0		
Balclutha	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Milton	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Roxburgh	195 0 0	11 14 0	95 0 0	6 13 0
Invercargill—Central	275 0 0	16 10 0	175 0 0	12 5 0
" St. Peters	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Bluff	207 10 0	12 9 0	107 10 0	7 10 6
Riverton			80 0 0	5 12 0
Gore	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
H.M. Stations :—				
Waikouaiti-Palmerston		4 0 0		
Maori Hill		4 0 0		
Mosgiel		4 0 0		
Lawrence		4 0 0		
Cromwell		4 0 0		
Kaitangata		4 0 0		
Edendale		4 0 0		
Otautau		4 0 0		
Nightcaps-Tuatapere		4 0 0		
	4148 10 0	292 18 0	2508 10 0	175 11 10

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RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Huntly ..	15	11	0	Huntly ..	10	0	0
Whakatane ..	4	18	0	Hauraki Plains ..	46	5	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	14	2	3	Morrinsville			
Otorohanga ..	17	6	6	(Waitoa) ..	22	10	0
Hauraki Plains ..	2	6	3	Te Kuiti ..	40	0	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	1	8	11	Kawhia ..	130	7	0
Te Kuiti ..	15	15	9				589
Maori Missions ..	63	8	4				12
							0
Home Mission Stations.			TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.				
Ngaruawahia ..	18	9	5	Home Mission Stations.			
Waihi ..	28	1	2	Raetihi ..	20	0	0
Te Puke ..	5	0	0	Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0
Ohura ..	1	9	0	Patea ..	47	10	0
Putaruru ..	12	17	2				
Coromandel ..	7	2	6	Aided Circuits.			
			752	5	4		
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			Home Mission Stations.				
Circuits.			Inglewood ..	42	10	0	
New Plymouth ..	73	0	4	Kaponga ..	60	0	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	2	2	0	Marton ..	33	15	0
Waitara ..	10	5	0	Taihape ..	30	0	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	23	4	11	Ditto, Special ..	50	0	0
Inglewood ..	16	9	9	Mania ..	11	5	0
Stratford ..	38	2	4	Wanganui-			
Eltham ..	12	1	2	Gonville (1 qr.)	11	5	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	1	15	6	Wanganui Special	150	0	0
Hawera ..	33	0	10				
Mania ..	19	16	7	Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Opunake ..	41	16	7	Waitara ..	80	0	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	13	11	3	Wanganui North	23	15	0
Kaponga ..	15	0	0				580
Wanganui ..	43	2	8				0
Ditto, 1932 ..	3	12	10	HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			
Wanganui North	33	10	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Marton ..	12	15	4	Waipawa ..	35	0	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	0	5	0	Foxton-Shannon	7	10	0
Taihape ..	4	10	0	Apiti (1 qr.) ..	7	10	0
Maori Missions ..	57	12	9	Norsewood ..	20	0	0
Home Mission Stations.			Aided Circuits.				
Raetihi—Ohakune	4	11	10	Napier-			
Ditto, 1932 ..	4	11	0	Greenmeadows	45	0	0
Patea ..	12	19	5	Dannevirke ..	31	5	0
			477	Pahiatua ..	25	0	0
			17	Ashhurst ..	10	0	0
			1	Wairoa ..	52	10	0
				Gisborne (1 qr.)	10	0	0
							243
							15
							0
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.			WELLINGTON DISTRICT.				
Circuits.			Home Mission Stations.				
Napier ..	69	1	11	Island Bay ..	45	0	0
Hastings ..	34	6	5	Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0
Gisborne ..	9	4	11	Paraparaumu ..	31	5	0
Wairoa ..	0	0	0	Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0
Dannevirke ..	5	17	3	Upper Hutt ..	33	15	0
Ditto, 1932 ..	7	0	0				
Woodville ..	11	10	9	Aided Circuits.			
Pahiatua ..	22	11	7	Thorndon			
P.N.—St. Paul's	92	1	8	(Northland) ..	21	5	0
P.N.—Cuba St. ..	68	4	7	Greytown-			
Ashhurst-Bunny-				Fetherston ..	78	15	0
thorpe ..	33	9	10	Greytown-			
Ditto, 1932 ..	3	4	3	Special ..	15	0	0
Feilding ..	125	1	3	Eketahuna ..	32	10	0
Sanson-Rongotea	15	6	8	Otaki ..	38	15	0

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RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Home Mission Stations.			Circuit with Home Missionary.		
Waipawa ..	11 3 8		Johnsonville ..	16 5 0	362 10 0
Foxton-Shannon ..	10 18 0				
Apiti ..	12 16 3				
Norsewood ..	11 11 7	543 10 7			
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			NELSON DISTRICT.		
Circuits.			Home Mission Stations.		
Taranaki Street ..	98 6 7		Island Bay ..	9 2 11	
Thorndon ..	52 7 0		Ditto, 1932 ..	8 8 0	
Ditto, 1932 ..	13 18 7		Paraparaumu ..	10 3 7	
Wellington South ..	16 11 1		Upper Hutt ..	6 4 6	652 5 6
Wellington East ..	57 14 2				
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	76 4 2				
Hutt ..	65 1 5				
Petone ..	21 9 1				
Greytown-Featherston ..	15 16 1				
Carterton ..	27 5 4				
Masterton ..	74 5 6				
Eketahuna ..	29 2 4				
Ditto, 1932 ..	8 12 9				
Levin ..	47 1 3				
Ditto, 1932 ..	0 10 0				
Otaki ..	14 1 2				
Home Mission Stations.			Home Mission Stations.		
			St. Albans (Bryndwyr) ..	26 5 0	
			Sydenham ..	16 5 0	
			Tai Tapu ..	21 5 0	
			Greendale ..	22 10 0	
			Springston ..	11 5 0	
			Oboka ..	11 5 0	
			Lyttelton ..	15 0 0	
			Oxford ..	30 0 0	
			Cambridge Terrace (1 qr.) ..	10 0 0	
			Circuit with Home Missionary.		
			Papanui (Belfast) ..	26 5 0	237 10 0
			SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.		
			Aided Circuits.		
			Temuka ..	18 15 0	
			Ditto, (Maori) ..	10 0 0	
			Rakaia-Methven ..	25 0 0	53 15 0
			OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.		
			Home Mission Stations.		
			Waikouaiti ..	10 0 0	
			Cromwell ..	15 0 0	
			Riverton ..	10 0 0	
			Otautau ..	15 0 0	
			Nightcaps ..	22 10 0	
			Circuits with Home Missionaries.		
			Caversham ..	68 15 0	
			Ditto, Special ..	40 0 0	
			Aided Circuits.		
			Cargill Road (St. Clair) ..	23 15 0	
			Roslyn ..	15 0 0	
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			Circuits.		
Durham Street ..	81 7 1				
Christchurch East ..	167 7 11				
Cambridge Ter. ..	24 8 8				
Woolston ..	57 18 1				
Sydenham ..	29 1 2				
Addington ..	54 17 1				

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1933—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Riverton ..	24	15	1						
Nightcaps- Tuatapere ..	34	14	4	732	12	1			
GENERAL.									
Connexional Properties.									
Auckland ..	250	0	0						
Grey Institute, New Plymouth	665	0	0						
Kai Iwi, Wanganui	205	0	0	1,120	0	0			
Investments.									
H.M.C.E.I.F. Board				971	19	6			
Miscellaneous.									
N.Z.M.W.M.U. (Deaconesses)	785	0	0						
N.Z.Y.W.B.C.U. (Deaconesses)	160	0	0						
Fire Insurance Fund ..	200	0	0						
Conference Col- lection ..	17	12	5						
Special—Geraldine	60	0	0						
Special—Wanganui	75	0	0						
Electric and Tele- phone Refunds	34	17	3	1,332	9	8			
Sundry Donations, etc.									
M.B.E. ..	60	0	0						
The Misses Fleming	5	0	0						
Two Friends ..	2	10	0						
Anon. ..	2	0	0						
Trinity College Students ..	1	0	5						
Sister Clive Cole- man ..	1	0	0	71	10	5			
				£9,767	0	8			
Dr. Balance this year ..				3,034	4	5			
				£12,801	5	1			
				Interest, etc.					
				Interest on Over- draft .. 177 18 8					
				Cheque Books and Bank Charges .. 3 0 0					
				Exchange, etc .. 22 0 0					
				202 18 8					
				Home Mission De- putation Expenses .. 109 3 10					
				Retiring Funds.					
				Deaconess .. 65 0 0					
				H.M. .. 285 0 0					
				350 0 0					
				Miscellaneous.					
				Theological Col- lege .. 135 0 0					
				Deaconess House .. 75 0 0					
				Ministerial Sup- plies .. 61 12 5					
				Church Sites .. 50 0 0					
				"Methodist Times" .. 12 10 0					
				Car Replacement .. 100 0 0					
				Car Registration and Insurance .. 9 16 6					
				Home Mission Boxes .. 29 19 1					
				Removal Expenses .. 12 10 6					
				Kawhia Special .. 31 4 0					
				Rates, Hawera and Spring Creek .. 3 7 2					
				Sundries .. 17 18 4					
				Compassionate .. 25 0 0					
				C.B. & L Fund .. 9 0 6					
				572 18 6					
				£10,395 7 11					
				Dr. Balance, 1932 .. 2,405 17 2					
				£12,801 5 1					

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors.

February 1st, 1934.

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24th JANUARY, 1934.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. I. LAURENSEN and MR. F. PENN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital Awaiting Investment, 22/1/33				2,061	8	0
.. Cash on Account Capital—						
D. McKenzie	50	0	0			
Amelia Smith	32	1	7			
Ellen Smith	5	0	0			
Car Replacement	100	0	0			
Furniture Replacement	20	0	0			
				207	1	7
.. Interest, etc., Received on Account H.M. Fund Int. on Capital Awaiting Investment	99	14	11			
.. Interest on—						
Auckland Investments	632	16	10			
Wake Estate	82	7	11			
Account Canterbury Investment (Inscribed Stock)	36	0	0			
Canterbury Direct, On Account Debentures	13	9	0			
H.M. Parsonages	36	0	10			
				900	9	6
.. Memorial—						
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	5	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina	5	10	0			
Mr. C. B. White, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	5	10	0			
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Mr. Frank O. White, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim	5	10	0			
Rev. and Mrs. Baumber, Christchurch	5	10	0			
Mr. J. A. Smith, Mornington	5	10	0			
				71	10	0
.. Interest on Account Mission Property Trustees	196	0	0			
				196	0	0
				£3,436	9	1
By Interest Transferred to H.M. Fund				971	19	6
.. Interest Transferred Mission Property				196	0	0
.. Capital Awaiting Investment				2,268	9	7
				£3,436	9	1

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT JANUARY 24th, 1934.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Legacies and Memorial Gifts at 24/1/33 ..				21,305	10	8	By Loans on Mortgage ..				11,375	0	0
.. New Capital Received During Year—							.. Debentures (Excluding Canterbury Investment) ..				325	0	0
Legacy—D. McKenzie ..	50	0	0				.. Government Inscribed Stock (Excluding Canterbury Investment) ..				2,550	0	0
" Amelia Smith ..	32	1	7				.. Properties ..				3,544	2	8
" Ellen Smith ..	5	0	0				.. Lodged with Wesley T. College ..				350	0	0
Car Replacement ..	100	0	0				.. Canterbury Investment—						
Furniture Replacement ..	20	0	0				Inscribed Stock ..	800	0	0			
				207	1	7	Debentures ..	300	0	0	1,100	0	0
							.. Capital Awaiting Investment—						
							General ..	2,148	9	7			
							Te Kuiti Mission Furniture ..	20	0	0			
							Car Replacement ..	100	0	0			
											2,268	9	7
											£21,512	12	3
											£21,512	12	3

We have audited the Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Fund as at 24th January, 1934, as shown by the books.

2nd February, 1934.

T. L. HAMES }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUST.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15th, 1934.

Treasurers: Rev. GEO. FROST and Mr. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Balance, from 1932				1	5	8	By Payments, H.M. Fund	250	0	0	
.. Rents—							.. Office Rent	8	9	6	
Kaeo	52	0	0				.. Newark Water Rights	10	0	6	
Newark	15	2	0				.. Rates	44	10	5	
Mangungu	0	10	0				.. Bank Commission and Cheque				
Mangawhare	11	11	6				Book	1	5	0	
				79	3	6	.. Stationery	0	8	6	
.. From Loan on Mortgage	196	0	0				.. Legal Expenses	2	13	0	
.. From Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.	13	10	0								
				209	10	0			317	6	11
.. Sale of Tamaterau	28	3	4				.. Cr. Balance				
				28	3	4			0	15	7
				£318	2	6			£318	2	6

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
NIL.			By Mortgages	11,500	0	0
			.. Properties	4,500	0	0
			Less Sale	28	3	4
				4,471	16	8
			.. Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.	300	0	0
			.. Credit, Bank of New Zealand	0	15	7
				£16,272	12	3

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1st February, 1934.

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