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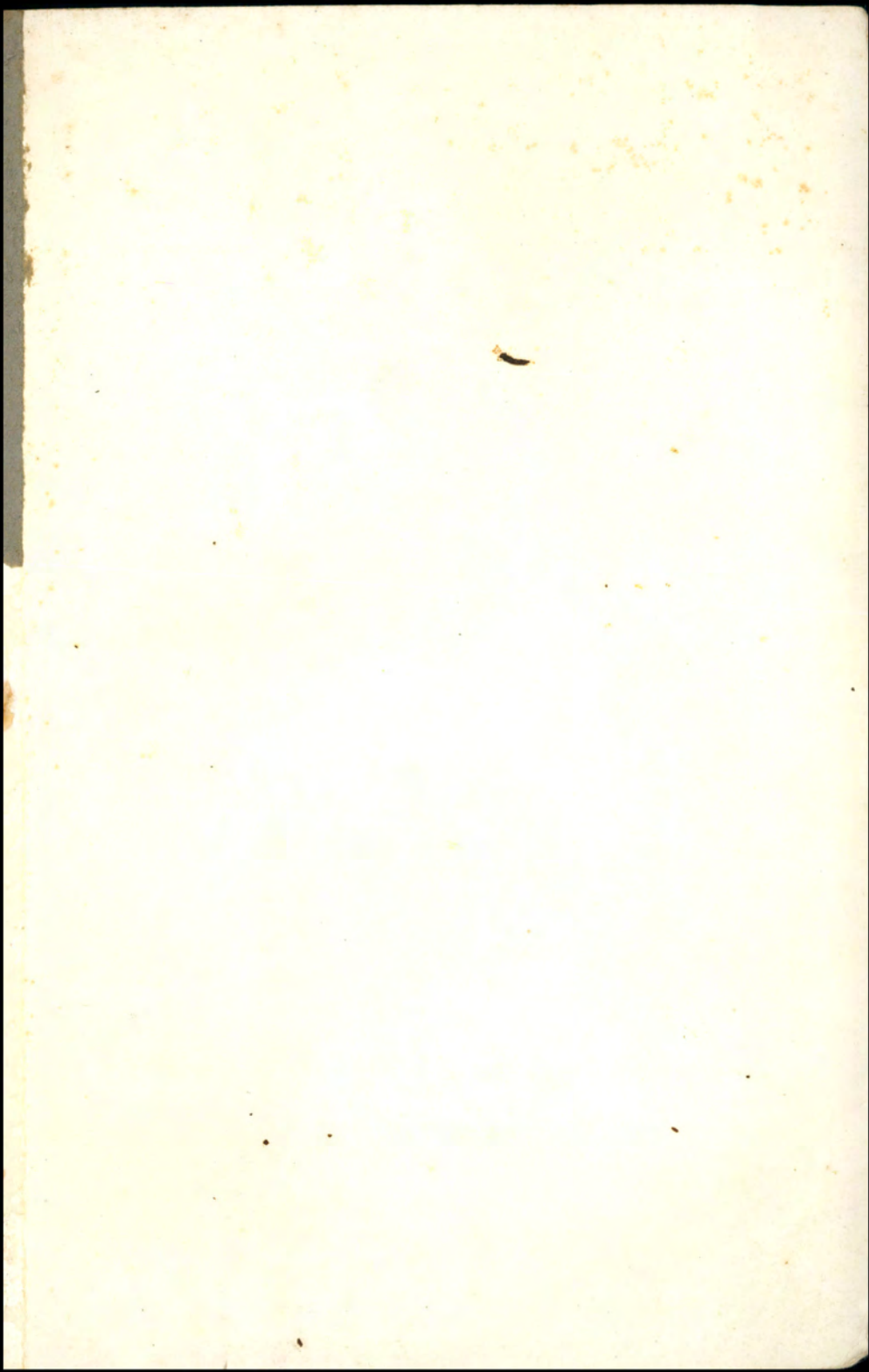
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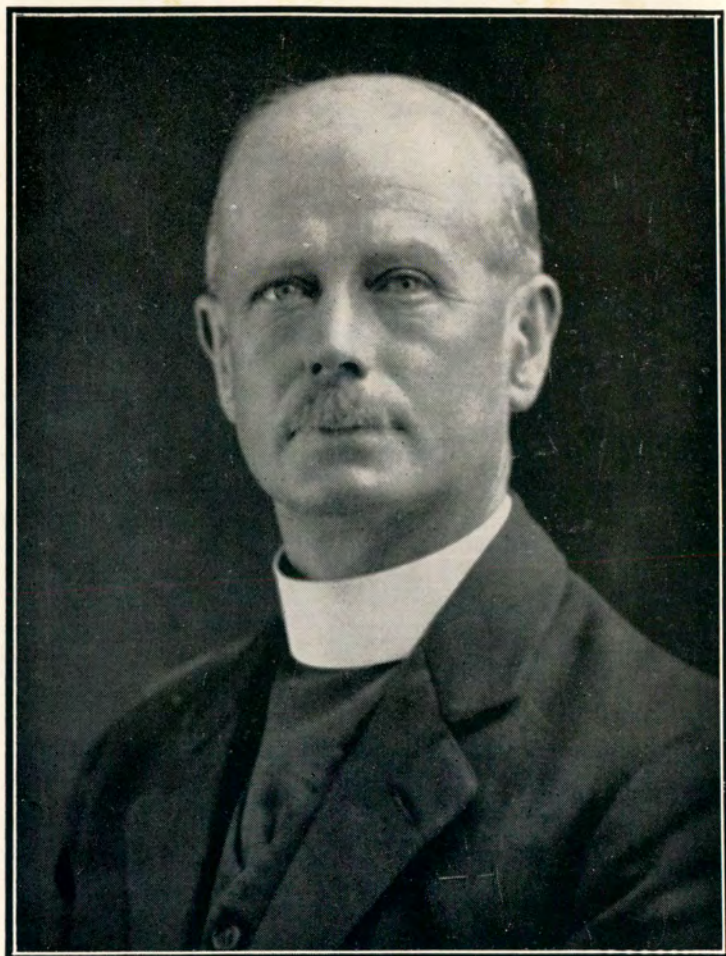
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“The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen’s Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee” were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 “a distinct Connexion, to be denominated ‘The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,’ with an Annual Conference,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

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THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The Session was opened by the Rev. Clarence Eaton, Retiring President, after which the Rev. J. H. Haslam was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. W. Chas. Francis was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. J. T. Johnson, retiring Vice-President.

The Secretary-Elect, the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., was introduced, and took up his duties.

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Whangaroa	
Bay of Islands	
Port Albert	Miss D. Park
Hikurangi	
Mangonui	

South Auckland District.

Thames	..	..	..	Mrs. Donnelly
Hauraki Plains	..	..	..
Paeroa	..	..	..
Te Aroha	..	..	..	P. Trebilco
Morrinsville	..	..	..	P. Rushton
Cambridge	..	..	..	R. Melville*
Hamilton	..	..	..	J. C. Tietjens
"	..	..	..	Mrs. J. C. Tietjens
Hamilton East	..	..	..	J. T. Bryant*
Huntly	..	..	..
Matamata	..	..	..
Rotorua	..	..	..
Tauranga	..	..	..	F. N. Christian*
Whakatane	..	..	..
Opotiki	..	..	..
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	J. T. Johnson, J.P.
Otorohanga	..	..	..	E. W. Tozer
Te Kuiti	..	..	..
Taumarunui	..	..	..

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	..	..	..	C. E. Bellringer
"	..	..	..	J. T. Griffin
Waitara	..	..	..
Inglewood	..	..	..
Stratford	..	..	..	J. Bilkey
Eltham-Kaponga	..	..	..
Hawera	..	..	..
Mania	..	..	..	D. G. Blair*
Opunake	J. G. Grindlay*
Wanganui	F. Webb Jones
Wanganui North	T. N. Dickson
Marton	G. M. Harvey*

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Napier	H. W. Baillie
Hastings	H. R. French
Gisborne	
Wairoa	
Dannevirke	
Woodville	
Pahiatua	W. A. Carthew*
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Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	J. D. Watson
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	— Dunham*
Feilding	J. Nairn
Sanson-Rongotea	Mrs. M. E. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington (Taranaki Street)	R. S. Maunder
Wellington (Thorndon)	W. A. G. Skinner
Wellington	Mrs. H. J. Odell
Wellington	Mrs. H. Payne
Wellington South	Mrs. W. B. Scott
Wellington East	R. Hampton
Johnsonville-Ngaio	Mrs. J. F. Martin
Hutt	S. Keen
Petone	J. M. Thompson
Greytown-Featherston	F. Lockwood
Carterton	C. E. Jones
Masterton	J. A. Donald*
Eketahuna	
Levin	
Otaki	Mrs. J. R. Nelson

Nelson District.

Nelson	J. Heath
Richmond	Mrs. E. Eden*
Wakefield-Dovedale	W. Tobbell
Motueka	E. S. Wratt
Blenheim	Mrs. Wills
Hokitika	Miss Avery
Greymouth	T. W. Duff*
Westport	W. F. G. Pullin*

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	B. H. Riseley
Christchurch East	W. C. Francis
Christchurch	S. Harrington
Christchurch	J. Buxton
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	Mrs. T. Hallam
Christchurch (Woolston)	H. W. Heslop
Christchurch (Sydenham)	W. Dobbs
Christchurch (Addington)	J. H. Jones
Christchurch (Riccarton)	Mrs. B. E. Ryan
Christchurch (St. Albans)	E. H. Andrews
Christchurch	C. James
Christchurch (Papanui)	A. E. Haynes
Lyttelton	
Springston	H. B. Moore

Tai Tapu	Mrs. Gilmour
Leeston	W. S. Worner
Kaiapoi	Miss S. E. Evans
Ohoka	F. Sheat
Rangiora	H. A. Bennett
Woodend-Sefton	J. Tull
Greendale	J. W. Warren
Oxford	L. Watson

South Canterbury District.

Timaru	W. G. Irwin
"	H. H. Brown
Waimate	J. I. Hayman
Temuka	R. Maxwell
Geraldine	Miss I. Logan
Ashburton	F. Frampton
Willowby	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	A. Miller
Rakaia-Methven	Mrs. G. Johns

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	R. N. Vanes
Dunedin Central Mission	H. H. Johnson
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	F. Millier
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	J. T. Barclay
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	V. W. Couch
Dunedin (Caversham)	J. Davidson
Dunedin (Mornington)	F. G. Marshall
Dunedin (Roslyn)	Miss E. Purdie
Port Chalmers	G. Crosbie
Balclutha	P. Wood
Milton	J. Cockerill
Roxburgh	T. P. Michelle
Invercargill (Central)	P. A. Pearce
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	J. Colin Craig
Bluff	"
Gore	A. J. Clearwater
Riverton	F. Girvin

Solomon Islands District.

(c) Representatives of Departments, Committees and Funds—

Theological College	G. Wilson
"	"
Home Mission Department	F. Penn
Home Missionaries Representatives	H. Ashworth
"	F. E. Foot
Foreign Mission Department	E. H. Burton
Youth Department	R. S. Maunder
Connexional Secretaryship Committee	F. Thompson
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Contingent Fund	J. H. Blackwell
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Fire Insurance Fund	W. A. Bascand
Children's Fund	E. W. A. Kellow*
Wesley Training College	J. W. Shackelford
Removal Expenses Fund	M. Kershaw
Deaconess Institution	J. E. Purchase, M.A.*

District Secretaries of Church Property.

Auckland	J. W. Shackelford
South Auckland	F. C. Daniell*
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Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	C. E. Taylor*
Wellington	S. T. S. Martin
Nelson	W. D. Pike*
North Canterbury	J. W. Hillary*
South Canterbury	..	..	..	..	A. Langdon Hudson*
Otago-Southland	..	..	..	..	G. E. Turney*

Young Men's Bible Class Movement	..	G. C. Burton
Young Women's Bible Class Movement	..	Miss A. Firth
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	..	Mrs. Duke
Local Preachers' Association	..	W. S. Mackay

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

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
Gordon Parker
David O. Williams, M.A.

Who have travelled four years
Passed with Honours—H. W. Payne.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation ?

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

Who have travelled three years.

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

Who have travelled two years.

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

Who have travelled one year

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

Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
Clifford L. Duder
J. L. Gordon Hanna
Clarence T. J. Luxton
William A. Mills
Robert Thornley
Arthur R. Witheford

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ernest S. Hoddinott
Ashleigh K. Petch.

Who have been on the President's List of Reserve.

Leslie C. Clements
Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
William R. Laws
John Silvester
J. C. Aldwyn Williams

Maharaia Winiata (who shall be placed on the President's List of Reserve and enter Trinity College with a view to pursuing his course at Auckland University College).

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

None.

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

Belshazzar Gina
who has travelled five years.

Nathan Kera
Usaia Sotutu
who have travelled two years.

Eroni Kotosoma, who has 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?

H. A. Cochrane, J. Sands, H. Whitfield, who have completed their third year.

C. H. Bell, E. H. Dalley, R. S. Johnson, A. O. Jones, H. R. Wright, who have completed their second year.

Geo. Skuse, who has completed his first year.

Passed with Honours—J. Sands and H. R. Wright.

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

James Guy
Piripi Rakena

James Guy.—"In age and feebleness extreme," James Guy passed to the Father's house and the perfect service on March 6th, 1934, after a ministry of fifty-nine years. Mr. Guy was born at Maidstone, Kent, on December 18th, 1855, his father being an eminent minister of the Primitive Methodist Church. James Guy was admitted as a Minister of that Church in 1875, and being transferred to New Zealand in the following year, he began a ministry which was marked by singular success and evangelical fervour. He was Superintendent of all the most important Circuits of the Primitive Methodist Church, proving himself a careful administrator, with a statesman's outlook on the future. He was an able expositor of the Word, keeping himself abreast of advancing thought to the end of his active career. He was a great friend of young men, to whom he set an example of Christian courtesy, business acumen, and thoroughness in study. His desire for the conversion of men was a consuming passion which continued with him to the end.

With his broadminded outlook, while intensely loyal to his own Church and its interests, Mr. Guy could not be other than an advocate of Methodist Union, and the present happy associations in the United Church owe not a little to his conciliatory spirit, his vision, fairness and statesmanship. After his retirement he settled in Christchurch, and until utterly incapacitated he shared fully in the activities of the Church, and was a member of the Orphanage Board, the Supernumerary Fund Board and other Connexional Committees. He was twice President of the Primitive Methodist Conference and joint-editor with the Rev. W. S. Potter of "The Jubilee History of Primitive Methodism." We thank God for a life fully lived and for a Ministry which worthily set forth the claims of Christ. His works do follow him.

Piripi Rakena.—Piripi Rakena's death during the year removed the last of our native ministers who received their training at Three Kings Institution when it was re-opened in 1876 under the Rev. Thomas Buddle. Piripi at that time was one of several Maori youths from North Auckland who showed exceptional promise of usefulness. His fifty-two years of effective service in the native ministry amply justified the choice then made by the Rev. William Rowse. While at Three Kings, he made diligent use of his opportunities. He was accepted for the ministry in 1882 and was sent to his own people in Hokianga residing at Mangamuka. There he remained for nearly the whole of his ministry. In resisting attempts to force the liquor traffic on his people, in teaching them the use of music in Church worship, in setting an example of personal piety, he exercised an effective spiritual leadership. Faithfulness and persistent devotion were the characteristics of his ministry. He was a good man: Faithfully guarding the sacred fire on the altar of his own heart, and feeling the compulsion of the Gospel to communicate that fire to others.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries ?

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

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries ?

Percy N. Knight, B.A.
Arthur Ashcroft
Thomas R. Richards
John Harris
Arthur Hopper
Harold E. Bellhouse for another year.

Percy N. Knight enters the ranks of Supernumerary Ministers after a strenuous and devoted ministry of forty-six years, twenty-five of which were spent in Victoria. A son of the late Rev. S. Knight, famed as a great soul-winner, Percy Knight is a man of ardent and vigorous personality, tireless energy and big-hearted brotherliness. These qualities together with an unconquerable cheerfulness and buoyancy under affliction, have won for him the love and esteem of his brethren, and of all who have known him. Arriving in New Zealand in 1914, with an excellent record, he at once took front rank among us, and during twenty-one years has rendered distinguished service in all his circuits. A forceful evangelical preacher, a faithful pastor and an able administrator he has been highly esteemed as Circuit Superintendent, Chairman of District, and President of Conference. Throughout his ministry he has had the loyal co-operation of Mrs. Knight, a daughter of the Rev. A. Lloyd of the South Australian Conference, her brother the Rev. Arthur Lloyd being the present President, of that Conference. With characteristic ardour Brother Knight, though nominally retiring, intends to continue to serve as far as health and strength will permit, and he retires with the earnest prayers of the Conference and the Church for a happy and fruitful eventide.

Arthur Ashcroft.—After an active ministry of forty years, preceded by three years in Home Mission work, the Rev. Arthur Ashcroft seeks retirement. He was born in 1869 in Lancashire, England, and came with his parents to New Zealand in 1884, settling at Napier. Here his father was for many years an honoured local preacher. It was during the ministry of the late Rev. William Baumber at Napier, in 1887, that Mr. Ashcroft made the great decision. He joined the Church there, soon engaged in active Christian work and joined the ranks of the local preachers. In 1890 he was accepted as a Home Missionary and after three strenuous

years in that capacity, was received as a candidate for the ministry. He entered Three Kings College for training in 1893. After two years in that institution, he was in 1895 appointed to a circuit, and has continued his active ministry without a break for forty years. During that long period he has filled the pulpits and administered the affairs of a large number of our more important churches and circuits with eminent success.

An ample share of connexional work has also devolved upon our esteemed brother. With the exception of one year he was a member of the official staff of the Conference from 1906 to the date of his Presidency in 1924. For many years he was District Secretary and a member of the Board of Examiners; and has also served as Associate Editor of our Connexional paper. He was for three years Chairman of the South Auckland District and for four years prior to his elevation to the Presidential Chair was Secretary of the Conference.

As a preacher, and in all his work, there is the note of distinction. He has consecrated to the Christian ministry a gifted and cultured mind, with the garnered fruits of wide but discriminating reading and clear thinking. Especially as a student of Dante and the allied literature has he won a position of eminence; and this department of his library is comprehensive and unique.

His ministry has been exercised in all but one of the Synodal Districts of our Church in New Zealand. Throughout his numerous spheres of labour he is gratefully remembered as preacher, pastor, administrator and friend. He gave not only "the word in season" from the pulpit and in the home, but he carried with him the atmosphere of cheerfulness and inspiration. Essentially brotherly he has been a loyal comrade among his ministerial brethren. In regretfully acceding to his request to be made a Supernumerary, we assure him of our love and esteem, together with that of the whole Church he has loved so well and served so faithfully.

Thomas R. Richards.—The Rev. Thomas R. Richards was formerly associated with the Victorian-Tasmanian Conference, and was educated at Queen's College, University of Melbourne. He entered the New Zealand Ministry in 1895 and through the years he has made a fine contribution to the work of the Church. For thirteen years of that period he has been a Chairman of the District, and filled the Presidential chair in 1925. To begin with he had the possession of a pleasing personality. He has impressed people as a Christian gentleman, earnest, kindly and genial withal, with a fine stock of patience and not lacking in dignity. He brought to Circuit Work a good business faculty, a memory for faces, a keen interest in his people, and the vital things for which the Church stands. A thoughtful man, reading widely he loves a finished phrase and an apt quotation. He gave to his hearers from a running stream and they found sustained interest and quality in his preaching. As a Chairman of District he has been a wise and capable administrator and a "Brother beloved." Thorough in attention to details, prompt and courteous in correspondence, he kept helpfully in touch with weak Circuits and Home Mission Stations. A shrewd judge of men, he knew their human limitations but he also had the gift of appreciation and loved to speak well of Ministers and Laymen. Synods and Conference under his direction had a high spiritual tone, and their business was wisely handled. His aim was to get full discussion and definite decisions without friction or offence and these aims were effectively realised. He has achieved a fine record in the service of the Church and her Lord, and he retires with the love and esteem of his brethren, and our hope for a happy eventide of quieter service for the Kingdom of God.

John Harris.—Rev. John Harris was born near Helston, Cornwall in 1874, and started preaching for the Wesleyan Church at the early age of 18. Later he studied for the Ministry but owing to the death of his father and the responsibility resting upon him as the eldest son, was not able to proceed to his heart's desire. Afterwards he married and came to New South Wales in 1897 and to New Zealand in 1901. The following year he was persuaded by the Rev. J. Nixon to take up Mission work for the Primitive Methodist Church. Here he did good pioneering work and three years later was received into the Ministry. Then followed 26 years of service, chiefly in the Canterbury Province. Latterly he gave six years as honorary secretary to the Board of the South Island Orphanage. He also became Secretary of the North Canterbury Synod and Convener of the Conference Public Questions Committee. Unfortunately serious illness made it necessary for two years superannuation. Partially restored by rest, his active spirit longed for work again and the doctor gave permission for him to return to a Circuit. Two happy years followed, but again there came a breakdown which makes it imperative that he apply for permanent superannuation.

While a series of operations has weakened the body, the spirit is unconquerable and his love of the work is as strong as ever. His choice of a helpmeet was most fortunate and Mrs. Harris has been a most devoted helper and nurse. Methodists generally, and especially in Canterbury, where he spent most of his Ministry, will deeply regret the necessity of his retirement, and pray, that, with the rest there may come such restoration of bodily powers that he may be able to do some work still for the Church he has loved and served.

Arthur Hopper.—The necessity for the retirement of the Rev. Arthur Hopper will cause general regret. His ministry has been characterised by quiet devotion, untiring energy, and a faithful prosecution of all the work entrusted to his care. He was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1869, was educated partly in New Zealand and partly in England, and became a Local Preacher in 1892. He entered the Home Mission work in 1895, and was sent to do pioneering service at Mangaweka, on the Main Trunk Line, and achieved there the type of success that has continued throughout his ministry. The late Dr. Morley, in his "History of Methodism in New Zealand" pays just tribute to Mr. Hopper's splendid service in that locality; service that was rendered in very difficult and untoward conditions, and testifies to the fact that "he gained very great respect and won a way for his Master's message." He was subsequently accepted for the full ministry in 1911, and has laboured with great acceptance in a variety of Circuits. Nor must his Secretariat of the Orphanage Board for six years be overlooked, during which time he has taken a leading part in all the arrangements for the erection of the new Children's Home.

Our brother has not always loomed large in the public eye, but in visiting the sick and needy, in sacrificing strength and substance, in generous friendship, he has left behind him, in every Circuit in which he has laboured, a fragrant memory of a gracious and lovable personality. His life and spirit have made known the love of Christ to men, and he closes his ministry in the assured love and respect of many people redeemed and heartened by his life and work. Their prayers and ours arise that his eventide may be long, and full of the peace and blessing of God.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries return to the regular work ?

Arthur Liversedge.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

W. T. Hooper
G. H. Bridgman
C. Strand

J. H. Edmondson
J. Belshaw

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

F. E. Foot.

F. E. Foot.—In noting the retirement from the Home Mission work of Rev. F. E. Foot, the Conference desires to record its appreciation of his long and faithful services. Mr. Foot was converted in early manhood under the ministry of the Rev. J. T. Burrows at Hokitika and began to preach in the same Circuit under Rev. B. H. Ginger. On removing to the Buller District, he joined the then Primitive Methodist Church and was on the Westport-Denniston plan for fifteen years, representing the Circuit several times at the Annual Conference. Feeling the call to Home Mission Work immediately after Methodist Union, he was led to apply for employment in that capacity, and on being accepted by the Home Mission Board, was sent in 1914 to the Hokianga Station. There he laboured acceptably for two years, but the interests of his health compelled removal to a cooler climate. He was then appointed to Oxford, North Canterbury, where he spent four fruitful years. Next he laboured three years in Mosgiel, two years in Woodend (Rangiora), and then was assigned to Maori Hill, where for six years he rendered eminently successful service. For the last four years he has acted as second agent in Dunedin Trinity, having charge of N.E. Valley and Woodhaugh. In all his appointments Mr. Foot has earned a good degree, and his record for the twenty years of his Home Mission work has proved the reality of his original call. It will be noted that thirteen of these years have been spent in Otago, and no Home Missionary in that District has been more highly esteemed. A thoughtful, effective preacher, a diligent pastor and capable administrator, Mr. Foot has deserved well of his Church and he goes into retirement accompanied by the best wishes of all his brethren, who pray for him, a long and happy eventide.

QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers or Probationers have permission to rest during the year?

Ernest O. Blamires, who is permitted to labour as General Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools' League.

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

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

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

A. Wharton E. Silvester.

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

None.

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

None.

QUESTION XXIII.—What are the arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students and Candidates for the Ministry and Home Missionaries ?

I.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Secretary and Convener	Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
Principal, Theological College	Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.
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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Hebrew (1st and 2nd years) and Elementary	
Hebrew	Rev. 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. A. H. Fowles.
Church History (3rd year)	Rev. W. B. Scott.
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. O. Burnet
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 Mr. F. E. Sutherland

(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 23, and the second section on Tuesday, December 3. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 17, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, December 3.

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).

COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES (Commencing, 1936).

FIRST YEAR.

1. English—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar" (pp. 1 to 80).
2. Theology.—New Catechism of Wesleyan-Methodist Church with Hunter's "Lesson Helps on the New Catechism."
3. Bible Knowledge.—Adam Welch's "The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament."

SECOND YEAR.

1. English.—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar." (pp. 81 to end).
2. Church History.—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History." (Guild Text Books).
3. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (First half to p. 152).
4. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (First half to p. 105).

THIRD YEAR.

1. English.—Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar." (whole book).
2. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Second half (p. 153 to end).
3. Homiletics.—Edwards' "Primer of Homiletics."
4. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (second half, p. 106 to end).

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Church History.—Workman's "Methodism" (Cambridge Manuals).
2. Theology.—Maldwyn Hughes' "Christian Foundations." (Revised Edition), omitting small print on pages 38-45, 95-99, 119-122, 139-140, 165-167, 180-186.
3. Homiletics.—Whittome's "Local Preachers' Efficiency Course."

4. Bible Knowledge.—Paterson's "St. Paul's Teaching." (Guild Text Books.)
5. English.—An essay of not less than 1000 words and not more than 1500 words shall be forwarded not later than September 30th, to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. The essay shall deal with some subject of current social and religious interest. A choice of three subjects shall be given. The subjects shall be selected by the Secretary of the board of Examiners in consultation with the General Superintendent of Home Missions, and shall be notified to each Home Missionary concerned during the month of May.

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, HOME MISSIONARIES AND MAORI PROBATIONERS.

(See Minutes 1934, pp. 27-35).

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Section C. (Examination Committee) par. 1 in the Law Book, p. 78 be amended by the insertion after "the Secretary of Conference" of the words "the Connexional Secretary, The General Secretaries of Home and Foreign Missions and the Youth Director."
2. The Acceptance of Maori Candidates for ordinary Ministerial Status.
 - (a) The Conference recognises that there is at present a difference between the status and the privileges of European and Native Ministers. The tests for admission and the qualifications demanded are different in degree. If a Maori candidate takes the higher tests and shows that he possesses the higher qualifications there can be no objection to his receiving full status because this is a natural development of the policy laid down by Conference and pursued in recent years of bringing the Maori work up to the full Circuit standard recognised in European work. Our Maori work is already being developed along lines that will ensure suitable circuits being ready for such appointments. Names of Maori ministers receiving full status would naturally appear in the lists with those of the European Ministers.
 - (b) If such a Native Minister be appointed to a purely Maori Station his position in relation to Connexional Funds and levies would be the same as if a European minister were appointed to a Maori Circuit. If he be appointed to a combined Maori and European circuit such circuit would carry the Connexional obligations with the assistance of the Home Mission Fund where necessary.
 - (c) It is not proposed to appoint such Native Ministers to purely European circuits because their services would be required and their gifts would be more suited to Maori and mixed work. Such Native Ministers would conform to the requirements of our Constitutions in relation to the various courts of the Church.
 - (d) There is no parallel between this policy of development and that in the Solomon Islands. In the Solomon Islands an outstanding feature of our policy must be the building up of the Solomon Islanders as a distinct race. In New Zealand both Church and State are irretrievably committed to a policy of the unification of the interests and the life of the European and Maori races.
3. That in the regulations on p. 87 Law Book, relating to the term of Probation of Home Missionaries the word "three" be deleted and the word "four" substituted in lieu thereof.
4. That Conference learns with pleasure that Mr. B. M. Tasker (Student) has gained the B.A. Degree of the University of N.Z., and grants permission for this honour to be printed in the Minutes of Conference.
5. That the Oral Examiner for 1936 be the Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.
6. That the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., be thanked for his services as Secretary of the Board of Examiners and that he be re-appointed.
7. That the following Tutors in N.T. Greek for Probationers be thanked for their services and re-appointed; First year, Rev. C. B. Jordan; Second Year, Rev. B. R. Hames; Third Year, Rev. H. L. Fiebig; Fourth Year, Rev. E. W. Hames.
8. That where possible the Superintendent of a Circuit shall give notice to the March Quarterly Meeting of the name of any Candidate for the Ministry whom he intends to nominate at the following June Quarterly meeting.
9. That the method of testing and selecting Candidates for the Ministry be referred to the Board of Studies to report to the Examination Committee.

10. That par. 9, Law Book p. 84, be amended to read:—In the case of a Probationer who may desire to sit for the B.D. Examination, and who can satisfy the Board of Examiners that he has a reasonable prospect of gaining the B.D. Degree, he shall be set and pass papers in Theology, Hebrew (O.T.) and Greek (N.T.) as prescribed for the particular B.D. Course to which he is working. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Principal of the College shall present to the Examination Committee of Conference the work to be done that year by the particular Probationer. For 1935 the Courses shall be arranged by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the College Principal.

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

AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND WEST.—(1). That the Auckland West Circuit boundaries be altered to include Franklin Road Church in the Auckland Social Service Mission.

(2). That the Franklin Road Church be amalgamated with the Social Service Mission on condition that a part-time agent be appointed to the Mission Staff to have over-sight of the work at Franklin Road.

(3). That the Franklin Road Church officials make a grant to the Auckland West Circuit of a series of Quarterly payments on a reducing scale as follows:—For the year commencing 1/4/35, £80; for 1936-37, £60; for 1937-38, £40; for 1938-39, £20, thereafter payments to cease.

(4). That the staffing of the Auckland West Circuit be an Ordained Minister and a single Home Missionary.

(5). That in the event of the Franklin Road Church and property being sold at any time, the Auckland West Circuit shall receive not less than 50% of the proceeds.

PUKEKOHE.—(1). That the boundaries of the Pukekohe Circuit and Bombay Home Mission Station be ratified as decided last year.

(2). That the financial assistance from the Pukekohe Circuit to the Bombay H.M. Station be £45 for the first year, £40 per annum for two further years and thereafter subject to a £10 reduction per annum.

NORTHERN WAIROA.—That the name of this Circuit be changed to Dargaville and that the status remain as at present, and that a Home Missionary be appointed to the Kaihu-Tangiteroria area as soon as circumstances permit.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

WANGANUI NORTH.—That the Ministerial appointment to Wanganui North Circuit for 1935 be one ordained Minister only.

DOUGLAS.—That the present arrangement between the Stratford Circuit and the Douglas-Huiroa area be continued.

TAIHAPE.—That Taihape H.M. Station be constituted a circuit and a probationer appointed.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON (Thorndon).—That the Thorndon Circuit be relieved of a third agent.

JOHNSONVILLE-NGAIO.—That the Johnsonville-Ngaio Circuit be relieved of the second agent.

MASTERTON.—That a Home Missionary be appointed as second agent.

NELSON.

REEFTON.—That Reefton Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit, and an ordained minister appointed.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

PAPANUI.—That the Home Missionary be withdrawn from Belfast.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

TIMARU.—That Timaru circuit be divided as follows:—

Timaru (Banks St.) Circuit with an ordained Minister; to consist of Banks Street, Upper Pareora and Adair.

Timaru (Woodlands St.-Waimataitai) Circuit with an Ordained Minister; to consist of Woodlands Street, Waimataitai, Claremont and Fairview.

Timaru (Kensington-Pareora) Circuit with a Probationer; to consist of Kensington, Kingsdown, Lower Pareora, and Bluecliffs.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

NIGHTCAPS-TUATAPERE.—That the Tuatapere district be detached from the Station which will be called the Nightcaps H.M. Station.

That Tuatapere be attached to Otautau and that the Station be called the Otautau-Tuatapere H.M. Station.

KAITANGATA.—That the Kaitanga Home Mission Station be left vacant for this year, and that it be worked by the Balclutha Minister.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON CIRCUIT AMALGAMATION.

The following report was received and adopted:—“The Otago District Executive in accordance with the request of the Conference (expressed through the H.M. Executive) considered the amalgamation of the Circuits in the South part of Dunedin, viz., St. Kilda, Cargill Road and Caversham. The Commission duly met and reported its findings in the following resolution: ‘Having considered the amalgamation of the St. Kilda, Cargill Road and Caversham Circuits this Commission is of the opinion that the proposal is not practicable at the present time.’”

CIRCUIT BOUNDARIES, STAFFING Etc.

That the Conference direct Synod Secretaries to report to the District Executives, where such exist, matters remitted by Quarterly Meetings dealing with Circuit Boundaries, staffing, and finance in their respective districts, the Executive to report their recommendations to their own Synods.

QUESTION XXV.—To what Circuits are additional preachers to be appointed.

AUCKLAND.

OTAHUHU.—That for the present the staffing of the Circuit be one married Minister.

DEVONPORT.—That owing to its heavy obligations to the Connexional Funds and Loan Fund, the circuit be relieved of its obligation to take a married minister for one year only.

AUCKLAND WEST.—That the staffing of the Auckland West Circuit be an ordained Minister and a single Home Missionary.

WELLINGTON.

That the staffing of the Wellington (Taranaki Street), Circuit be two ordained Ministers and a married Probationer.

That during the year the District executive be recommended to send a commission to the West Coast area and the Wairarapa to consult with ministers and circuit officials and explore the possibilities of more economic and effective work. Also to consider the re-staffing of the City and Suburbs in order to make immediate provision for an extra ordained minister.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted ?

AUCKLAND.

KAWAKAWA-OHAEAWAI.—That this station be constituted a Circuit, a Probationer to be appointed with a suitable grant.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

KAWHIA.—That Kawhia be constituted a Home Mission Station.

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

Otahuhu (2nd) is due and is relieved for a second year.

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

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

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

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

Morrinsville (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a second year.

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

Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for one year.

Whakatane is due, but is relieved for one year.

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

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

Hutt is due, but is relieved for one year.

Durham Street (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

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

Timaru (Kensington-Pareora) is due, but is relieved for one year.

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

RESOLUTION.

That intimation be given by Conference to the following Circuits that they be expected to fulfil their obligations in the following order :—

Durham St. (2nd).

Wellington East (2nd).

Timaru (Kensington-Pareora).

QUESTION XXVIII.—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. JONATHAN H. HASLAM.

Vice-President : MR. W. CHARLES FRANCIS.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1935.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 134 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.**—E. Thomas Olds, Robert B. Tinsley, Samuel J. Werren, Hubert G. Brown; 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. A Deaconess.
- 3. Auckland West.**—Francis J. Handy, A Home Missionary (Grey Lynn).
- 4. Auckland East.**—Ernest D. Patchett, Frederick J. Parker, (Mount Eden); William Walker (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); Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).

Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain.—Angus McBean.

- 6. Auckland (Devonport).**—One wanted. Percy N. Knight, B.A., William J. Elliott (Supernumeraries).

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**.—Howard H. Jeffreys.
Wesley Training College, Paerata.—Howard H. Jeffreys, Chaplain.
13. **Waiuku**.—William H. Speer.
14. **Mahurangi**.—D. J. Donald Hickman (Warkworth) ; A. Home Missionary.
15. **Paparoa**.—Gordon Parker.
16. **Dargaville**.—Wallace S. Neal. A Home Missionary (Kaihu).
17. **Ruawai**.—Henry J. Tozer, M.A.
18. **Whangarei**.—Oswald Burnet ; a Home Missionary.
19. **Whangaroa**.—V. Roy Jamieson (Kaeo), (who shall supervise the Hokianga H.M. Station and Ohaeawai-Kawakawa Circuit and act as adviser to the Maori workers throughout the Whangaroa, Mangonui, Bay of Islands and Hokianga Counties).
20. **Bay of Islands**.—Ralph E. Patchett.
21. **Port Albert**.—Ivo M. Raynor.
22. **Hikurangi**.—L. Gordon Hanna.
23. **Kawakawa—Ohaeawai**.—Clifford L. Duder.
24. **Mangonui**.—Andrew J. Johnston.

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

(1) Auckland.—

Eruera Te Tuhi (Waima).
Pou Werekake (Opua).
Hori Kakuere (Pukekohe).
13 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.

BOMBAY—Tuakau—A. Home Missionary.

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

HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

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

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

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

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

25. **Thames.**—Tom Dent (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
26. **Hauraki Plains.**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
27. **Paeroa.**—G. Raymond Harris.
28. **Te Aroha.**—Cecil R. Taylor.
29. **Morrinsville.**—Arthur A. Bensley, Bernard M. Chrystall (Waitoa).
30. **Cambridge.**—Walter J. Oxbrow.
31. **Hamilton.**—Harold T. Peat, (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station). Frank H. Hayman.
32. **Hamilton East.**—John Dennis.
33. **Huntly.**—Reginald Day.
34. **Matamata.**—Albert Blakemore.
35. **Rotorua.**—Frank Bateup.
36. **Tauranga.**—George P. Hunt.
37. **Whakatane.**—John John.
38. **Opotiki.**—Gordon R. H. Peterson (who shall supervise Whakatane Circuit).
39. **Te Awamutu.**—Alfred E. Jefferson.
40. **Otorohanga.**—Herbert W. Payne.
41. **Te Kuiti.**—John L. Mitchell.
42. **Taumarunui.**—Bernard R. Hames, M.A. (who shall supervise Ohura H.M. Station).

- (2) **Waikato-King Country**—
Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).
Matarae Tauroa (Kawhia).
18 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.

KAWHIA.—A Home Missionary.
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.

43. **New Plymouth.**—Fred. Copeland, John D. Grocott ; A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
44. **Waitara.**—Thomas H. Carr.
45. **Inglewood.**—J. Montgomery Blight.
46. **Stratford.**—Charlie O. Hailwood.
47. **Eltham-Kaponga.**—Herbert Spencer.
48. **Hawera.**—Basil Metson.
49. **Manaia.**—Harry Cottom.

50. **Opunake.**—Athol R. Penn, A. Home Missionary.
 51. **Wanganui.**—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S.
 52. **Wanganui North.**—James W. Parker.
 53. **Marton.**—James H. Hall.
 54. **Taihape.**—George H. Goodman.

(3) **Taranaki-Waimarino**—

R. Tahupotiki Haddon, (Normanby).
 Rakena P. Rakena (Okaiawa).
 12 Home Missionaries.
 3 Deaconesses.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

GONVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

FRED. COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

55. **Napier.**—Henry J. Odell (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit); J. Ainsley Daglish (Greenmeadows).
 56. **Hastings.**—Robert B. Gosnell.
 57. **Gisborne.**—Herbert Daniel; a Home Missionary.
 58. **Wairoa.**—Donald C. Alley.
 59. **Dannevirke.**—Ralph J. Liddell.
 60. **Woodville.**—G. Knowles Smith.
 61. **Pahiatua.**—Charles M. Roberts.
 62. **Palmerston North** (St. Paul's).—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.; Arthur Ashcroft (Supernumerary).
 63. **Palmerston North** (Cuba Street).—H. Leslie Richards.
 64. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.**—Charles A. Foston.
 65. **Feilding.**—J. Henry Allen; a Home Missionary.
 66. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—Robert E. Fordyce.
 WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.
 FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.
 APTI.—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

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

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

67. **Wellington** (Taranaki Street).—Percy R. Paris, Jonathan H. Haslam (President of the Conference); Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Webb St); Robert Raine, Thomas W. Vealie, Thomas R. Richards, George S. Cook (Supernumeraries).
 Ernest O. Blamires, with permission to work in connection with the Bible in Schools League.
 YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, Youth Director.
 68. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—James Richards, Charles Blair (Karori).
 69. **Wellington South.**—W. Bramwell Scott.
 70. **Wellington East.**—Frank E. Leadley, Howard C. Matthews; Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood (Supernumeraries).
 71. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—J. Frederick Martin, a Home Missionary (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).

72. **Hutt.**—Harold A. Sharp, Arthur R. Witheford; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).
73. **Petone.**—Ernest E. Sage.
74. **Greytown-Featherston.**—William B. Cuming.
75. **Carterton.**—Hedley White.
76. **Masterton.**—George F. Stockwell, A Home Missionary; James Cocker (Supernumerary).
- Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, George F. Stockwell.
77. **Eketahuna.**—Henry Benny.
78. **Levin.**—William G. Slade, M.A.
79. **Otaki.**—John R. Nelson.
- ISLAND BAY.—A Home Missionary.
- PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
- UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM, President of the Conference.
Chairman of the District.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

80. **Nelson.**—William A. Burley, M.A.
81. **Richmond.**—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
82. **Wakefield-Dovedale.**—Sydney Hindmarsh.
83. **Motueka.**—John H. Bailey.
84. **Blenheim.**—William Wills (who shall supervise Havelock H.M. Station)
Harry V. Utting (Tua Marina).
85. **Reefton.**—Charles E. Dickens.
86. **Westport.**—Norman P. Larsen.
87. **Greymouth.**—Archer O. Harris
88. **Hokitika.**—W. E. Allon Carr.
- HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
- MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
- GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

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

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

89. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Clarence Eaton, Robert Thornley, (Cashmere Hills); William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires (Supernumeraries).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
90. **Christchurch East.**—Edward Drake, F. Gardner Brown, Joseph C. Draper; Jacob Featherston (Supernumerary).
91. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—William B. Pickering; Charles E. Ward, Alfred Peters, John Harris (Supernumeraries).
92. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Leslie A. G. Brooks, One Wanted (Summer); Thomas Fee, Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumeraries).
93. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Raymond Richards.
94. **Christchurch** (Addington).—Charles B. Jordan M.A. B.D. F.R.E.S.
95. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Henry Ryan.

96. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William Rowe Harry S. Kings; Albert C. Lawry, T. Jackson Wallis, Frederick T. Read (Supernumeraries).
97. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Frederick B. Lawrence.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPLAIN.—Frederick B. Lawrence.
98. **Lytelton**.—Albert H. Fowles.
99. **Springston**.—Charles H. Kendon.
100. **Tai Tapu**.—Moses Ayrton.
101. **Leeston**.—Samuel Bailey.
102. **Kaiapoi**.—Leonard C. Horwood.
103. **Ohoka**.—Walter J. Enticott.
104. **Rangiora**.—Thomas Coatsworth.
105. **Woodend-Sefton**.—Herbert Ford.
106. **Greendale**.—Arthur T. Kent.
107. **Oxford**.—Arthur Liversedge.

HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.

WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

CLARENCE EATON,

Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

108. **Timaru** (Banks St.).—John D. McArthur.
109. **Timaru** (Woodland St.).—Herbert L. Fiebig B.A.
110. **Timaru** (Kensington-Pareora).—William C. Jenkin.
111. **Waimate**.—Alfred M. Costain.
112. **Temuka**.—R. Purcell Keall.
113. **Geraldine**.—William E. Moore.
114. **Ashburton**.—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Rakaia-Methven Circuit); A Deaconess.
115. **Willowby**.—Robert McGregor (who shall supervise Mayfield Home Mission Station).
116. **Oamaru**.—J. Francis Jack.
117. **Rakaia-Methven**.—William A. Mills.
MAYFIELD.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN D. McARTHUR Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

118. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Charles H. Olds B.A.; A Home Missionary; Charles H. Standage, George Clement (Supernumeraries).
119. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—Leslie B. Neale B.A. F.R.G.S.; Two Deaconesses.
120. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Percy I. Cooke.
121. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—George E. Brown, Ivan S. Williamson (St. Clair).
122. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Thomas Skuse.
123. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Benjamin J. James.
124. **Dunedin** (Morningson).—David O. Williams M.A., Edwin T. Cox M.A. (without pastoral charge).

125. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—William W. Avery.
126. **Port Chalmers**.—T. Arthur Pybus, A Home Missionary (Ravensbourne).
127. **Balclutha**.—William W. H. Greenslade.
128. **Milton**.—Matthew A. McDowell (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
129. **Roxburgh**.—Eric W. Hames M.A. (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
130. **Invercargill** (Central).—Ernest B. Chambers.
131. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's).—Oliver S. Pearn (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit).
132. **Bluff**.—Alfred E. Waite.
133. **Gore**.—Hector C. Orchard (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station).
134. **Riverton**.—Wesley Parker M.A. (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps 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-TUATAPEPE.—A Home Missionary.
- NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

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

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- (4) **Roviana**.—John F. Goldie E. Clarence Leadley; One Wanted.
Two Missionary Sisters One Nursing Sister.
Belshazzar Gina Nathan Kera under the direction of the Chairman of the District.
One Tongan Probationer; Simbo.
District Training College—John F. Goldie, Principal; E. Clarence Leadley Vice-Principal.
Seven Native Catechists.
Thirty-eight Native Teachers.
Four Native Medical Assistants.
One Native Nurse.
- (5) **Vella Lavella** :
A. Wharton, E. Silvester (Bilua).
One Missionary Sister (Nurse).
Two Native Catechists.
Seventeen Native Teachers.
Two Native Medical Assistants.
- (6) **Choiseul** :
John R. Metcalfe.
One Missionary Sister.
Three Native Catechists.
Thirty-four Native Teachers.
One Native Medical Assistant.

7) Bougainville and Buka :

Allan H. Cropp (Buka).
A. Harry Voyce (Siwai).
One Wanted (Tiop).
One Missionary Sister (Buka).
Two Native Probationers.
One hundred Native Teachers.
Three Native Medical Assistants.

(N.B. (1).—Bougainville and Buka Circuit to be under the Superintendency of the Chairman of the District.

N.B. (2).—It is understood that the Chairman of the District shall have discretionary power regarding new appointments.

Helena Goldie Hospital.

JOHN F. GOLDIE, Chairman of 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.

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

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

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1935.

Auckland District—

Auckland Social Service Mission (Franklin Rd) Supply. (Rev. A Hopper).
Auckland West (2nd) Supply. (J. Hope Haynes).
Auckland East—2 Supplies. (Revs. A. Mitchell and J. Olphert).
Avondale—(3rd) Supply. (J. Belshaw).
Auckland, Devonport—Supply. (Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.).
Otahuhu (2nd)—Vacant.
Bombay-Tuakau—Supply. (A. P. Dorrian, to reside at Tuakau).
Helensville—J. L. Woodhouse.
Kaukapakapa—R. S. Johnson.
Kaukapakapa (Silverdale)—E. H. Dalley.
Mahurangi 2nd (Pakiri)—H. R. Wright.
Whangarei (Kamo)—J. Sands.
Hokianga (Rawene)—R. Grice.
Hokianga (Kohukohu)—C. H. Bell.

Home Mission Department—
Colporteur Work (vacant).

MAORI MISSION—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo—Hone Taotahi.
Batley—Paikea H. Toka.
Kawakawa—Te Riri Kawiti.
Taumarere—Hone Tamati.
Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.
Waimate North—Hamiora Kingi.
Te Karae—Rameka Eru.
Horeke—Huru Wi Peri

Kaikohe—Wi Heemi Hongi.
Whananaki—Tame Tuari.
Aratapu—Hoani Waata.
Rewiti—Ruihi Netana.
Purerua—Supply.

South Auckland District—

Kawhia—Supply.
Ngaruawahia—A. L. Witheford.
Putaruru—W. Sussex.
Waihi—G. Hall.
Te Puke—E. J. Clarke.
Coromandel—R. Tapp.
Ohura—R. T. Alexander.

MAORI MISSIONS—

Te Kuiti—John Nicholls.
Te Kuiti Rural—Hohepa Tutawhiao.
Pukeatua—Hauotu Hapimana.
Ohiapopoko—Te Aho Pihama.
Cambridge—Heemi Rihimona.
Mokau—Supply.
Raglan—Honehone Kereopa.
Marokopa—Aihe Huirama.
Otorohanga (Otewa)—Tonga Taupau.
Whatawhata—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa—Supply.
Huntly—Hori Te Awa.
Rangiriri—Supply.
Tuakau—Erueti Matete.
Te Kohanga—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Thames (Puru)—Tuheke Poihipi.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns)—T. W. Featherstone.
Opunake (Okato)—J. G. W. Grindlay.
Patea—W. H. Wilson.
Gonville—H. Ashworth.
Raetihi-Ohakune—George Skuse.

MAORI MISSIONS—

New Plymouth—Paahi Moke.
Rahotu—Te Uira Tuteao.
Nukumarū—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
Urenui—Supply.
Hawera—Supply.
Pariroa Pa—Tupito Maruera.
Whenuakura—Rangiira Tumahuki.
Kai Iwi—Hoani Hakaraia.
Wanganui—Supply.
Rangitikei—Supply.
Raetihi—Supply.
Wanganui River—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—

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

Wellington District—

Island Bay—F. O. Prosser.
Upper Hutt—Supply. (Rev. T. R. Richards).
Johnsonville (Porirua)—S. Keen.
Paraparaumu—J. Common.
Masterton (Kuripuni)—Supply—(W. McDonald).

Nelson District—

Havelock—F. Sanderson.
Murchison—H. A. Cochrane.
Granity—R. Coombridge.

North Canterbury—

Christchurch, Addington (Lincoln Rd)—Supply. (Rev. W. Grigg).
Christchurch, St. Albans (Bryndwr)—Supply. (Rev. A. C. Lawry).
Waddington—W. Long.
Hawarden—H. Whitfield.

South Canterbury—

Mayfield (Vacant).

Otago-Southland District—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—J. Thomas.
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne)—W. J. Henderson.
Dunedin (N.E. Valley)—Supply. (G. Densem).
Maori Hill—C. Duncan.
Mosgiel—Supply. (N. Challenger).
Lawrence—G. H. B. Pinnock.
Cromwell—B. H. N. Teague.
Kaitangata—Vacant.
Edendale—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Otautau-Tuatapere—H. J. Malcolm.
Nightsaps—C. Robinson.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1935.

I.—Home Work.

- Miss L. B. Greig, 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.

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, Kawhia.
- *1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, New Plymouth.
- *1932—Sister Rangimarie Ellison, North Auckland (C/o. Home Mission Office).
- *1933—Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.
- *1934—Sister Marama Muriwai, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
- *1935—Sister O. Madeleine Holland, Ratana Pa.
Sister Ropata, Te Kuiti.

III.—Foreign Work—

- *1920—Sister Elizabeth Common, Solomon Islands.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon.
- 1924—Sister Lina Jones.
- 1922—Sister Ethel McMillan.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee.

IV.—Awaiting Appointment.

- *1933—Sister Jessie McKenzie.
Probationer Lilian S. L. Davidson.
Probationer Eileen E. Taylor.

V.—Special Service.

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

VI.—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.
- 1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
- *1926—Sister Grace McDonald, retired.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, resting.

VII.—Extra-Mural Students.

- *Miss Awhina Ngati Mete, Public Hospital, Christchurch.
- *Miss Constance L. Osborne, Public Hospital, Christchurch.
*Trained in Deaconess House.

VIII.—Students in Training.

1. Miss Heeni Te Teira.
2. Miss Edith K. Beer.
3. Miss Irene M. Hitchcock.
4. Miss Margaret J. Kippenberger.

QUESTION XXX.—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—Jonathan H. Haslam (President of Conference).
Nelson—William A. Burley, M.A.
North Canterbury—Clarence Eaton.
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—Robert B. Gosnell.
Wellington—William G. Slade, M.A.
Nelson—Archer O. Harris.
North Canterbury—Henry Ryan.
South Canterbury—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Otago-Southland—George E. Brown.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1936 ?

President—Rev. E. Percy Blamires.
Secretary—Rev. William A. Burley, M.A.

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

REPORT FOR 1934.

General Returns.

The Statistical Returns this year contain some encouraging features. Several Districts present returns which give us every reason for thankfulness. Some of the increases are distinctly encouraging. Over against this are one or two features which should claim our most careful consideration.

Membership.

As this indicates the actual position of the church it is advisable that the survey should cover a period of years. The increase this year is 277. What is perhaps even more encouraging is the large increase of members on probation. The return under this heading is 295, an increase of 135. This suggests that the Church Membership Campaign has borne fruit and that careful attention is being paid to the preparation of new members. Against this is a decrease of 143 Junior members. Six Districts report decreases requiring careful enquiry. On the other hand Nelson reports an increase of 92. The increase in communicants this year is 603.

Taking a long view of our work it will be seen that the advance of the church is very slow. The following figures show the position over a period of 10 and 20 years:—

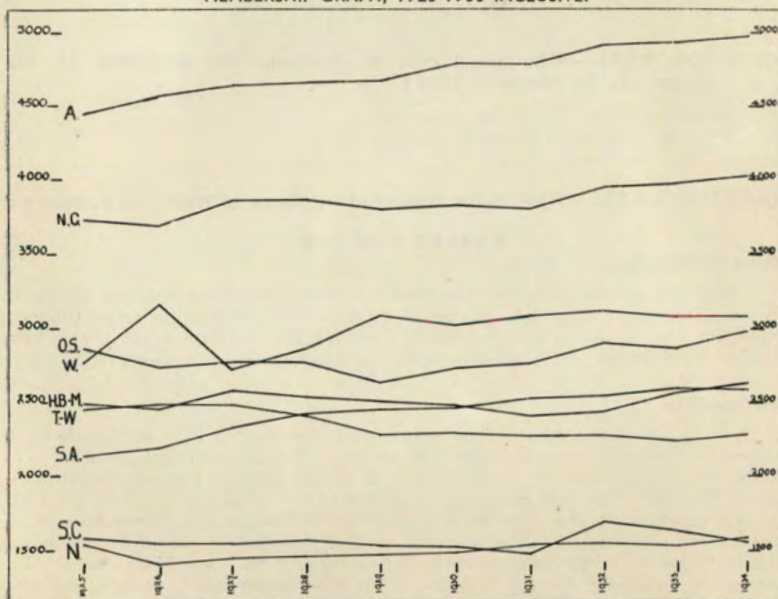
	Members	Junior Members	Communicants	Percentage Attending Communion
1914	22,226	4,376	16,195	72.86
1924	24,034	7,075	16,514	68.71
1934	25,678	7,921	19,815	76.38

The increase of church membership is not one upon which we can congratulate ourselves. While the Methodist population, according to Government returns, is approximately 9% of the total population we can claim only 19.24% of these as members. Our percentage of membership increase is barely 1% of the total increase of the population of New Zealand. These figures should make us realise that we are not making the progress that our evangelistic tradition demands of us.

The 1921 Government Census Report contained the following statement: "It has been remarked earlier that the two largest churches are growing at a pace somewhat above the normal. Conversely, the C. of E. has progressed rather more slowly than its wont, and the R.C. and the Methodist Churches have in this respect fallen below their own standards to a more considerable degree." From the figures shown above it is evident that the position indicated in this statement still obtains, and to a more marked degree. We are certainly not proving true to the claim of our founder, "The world is my parish."

The following graph enables us to see at a glance the District membership returns over a period of 10 years. Districts are indicated by their letters. Until this year South Auckland was the only District showing continued progress. This year they report a decrease of 11. After a period of decreases Taranaki-Wanganui returns an increase of 47. Wellington reports a decrease of 4 and South Canterbury of 79. All other Districts report increases.

MEMBERSHIP GRAPH, 1925-1935 INCLUSIVE.



Churches, Preachers, Etc.

A disquieting feature is the decrease of 10 other preaching places, and of 5 Deaconesses. A further comparison of figures enables us to see our position during the years since 1914:—

	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers & Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders
1914 ..	442	487	145	152	188	53	10	853	87
1924 ..	437	443	172	179	185	57	10	776	37
1934 ..	442	443	204	185	196	55	5	782	118

The greatest increases are found under Schoolrooms and Class Leaders. From figures quoted above it will be seen that over the whole period the increase of junior membership has been nearly 45%, of which three fourths was registered in the first decade. Alongside of this is the steady growth in the number of schoolrooms indicating a concentration on our Youth work which has brought good results in junior membership. Unfortunately, a comparison of these figures with those received into senior membership suggests that a considerable percentage of these have not passed into senior membership.

The aggressive spirit of Methodism is not reflected in these figures. The obvious inference is that as a Church we have been content to concentrate on ground already gained. This would have been good had membership returns warranted such, which they do not appear to have done. Probably this lack of the aggressive spirit accounts for the long period decrease in Local Preachers, although this year an increase of 6 is reported.

The decrease in the number of Deaconesses employed calls for attention. We have only half the number returned last year. South Auckland, returning 2 last year, and North Canterbury 1, report none this year. Auckland returns 2 against 4 Deaconesses last year. Is this an indication of the attitude of Circuits towards our Deaconess work?

An increase of 61 Class Leaders should be a cause for much thankfulness if all returned under this head are Leaders in the accepted sense. Reference was made last year to the definition of a Class Leader. Members are referred to resolution 2, page 51 of last year's Minutes. A rather liberal interpretation of the resolution seems to have led, in some instances, to all grades of B.C. Leaders being returned as Class Leaders. I hardly imagine that this was the mind of Conference. A further and more definite interpretation of the term is most desirable.

Youth Work.

The returns to hand do not enable these to be discussed. I would suggest that next year a full report on Youth statistics be presented to Conference. I recommend that Synod Secretaries be responsible for sending a copy of the District Youth returns to the General Secretary.

Maori Work.

There is little to report this year. We have one Minister less, but against this there is an increase of 3 Home Missionaries. There is also a decrease of 3 Local Preachers. The increase in membership is small, an increase of 3 being reported. Taking a view of the work over a period of several years, there are indications of a slow but definite progress for which we should be thankful.

GEO. E. BROWN,
General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Secretary, the Rev. G. E. Brown, be thanked and re-appointed, and that the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. Frank Thompson for the graphs he prepared.
3. That Youth Statistics be furnished to the General Statistical Secretary in order that a complete return may be presented to Conference.
4. That leaders of Bible Classes be not returned under the heading of "Class Leaders."

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

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Report for 1934.

During the year in co-operation with the Home Mission Executive a "Come to Church" campaign was arranged. The reports from ministers indicate that the effort was well worth while. Outsiders were not attracted in large numbers, but the effect among those who are somewhat loosely attached to our Churches was more successful. Several reports mention full churches during September and a record number of communicants during October. This is a valuable indication, and an encouragement for similar efforts in the future.

The present arresting feature of our Church life is its similarity to other religious bodies. The distinctive notes of earlier Methodism seem to have been lost. Wesley said Methodism was raised up "to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the land." Into those historic words he compressed the ideals which inspired and shaped his whole life and work.

The call of the hour is for us to return to our first love; to strive to recover that early vision and spirit. To this end the following recommendations are made:—

1. That the task of the Connexion for 1935 be a concentrated exploration of the origin and ideals of Methodism, so that the whole Church may be re-kindled to faith and enthusiasm.
2. That increased attention be given by our preachers to those distinctive doctrines that made Methodism, viz.—"The New Birth," "Justification by Faith," "The Witness of the Spirit," "Sanctification of Believers," etc.
3. That steps be taken to secure a revived prayer meeting or fellowship meeting in every Church.
4. That we emphasise the value and significance of Church membership. As a help to this end that close attention be given to the faithful distribution of members' tickets whether they be the quarterly or annual issue.
5. That the Chairmen of Districts for 1935 arrange local or district rallies or conventions at suitable centres to consider the state of the Churches and the possibility of an advance all along the line.
6. That one of our ministers be set apart as Connexional Evangelist to conduct missions in our Churches and circuits during 1935.

Social Service Association.

The following constitution for district activities in connection with the Social Service Department was submitted, by the Auckland Committee, to the Welfare of the Church Committee.

Your Committee endorses these proposals. They are now forward to the Synods for their consideration. The decisions of the Synods should be reported back to Dunedin, and after final revision by the Social Service Committee will be reported to Conference.

1. Page 45 of the Amendments to the Book of Laws to read :—
 4. (A) That District Funds be established, and that all monies and bequests to the District Association, received specifically for District purposes, be vested in and disbursed by, the District Social Service Committee.
2. Para. 5 to read :—For the present, the Connexional Committee be located in Dunedin, in addition to the Otago District Committee.
3. That in the meantime there be four districts in the Dominion :—Roughly the Orphanage Districts for the North Island and two districts in the South Island.
4. That in accordance with the Amendments to the Book of Laws Page 45, a Branch of the Methodist Social Service Association be formed in the Auckland District to fulfil the duties laid down in the Conference Resolutions.
5. That the Committee consist of :—The Chairman of the District, the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, the Principal of the Theological College, the Superintendents of Auckland Central, Auckland East, Auckland West and Avondale Circuits, and the Ministers of Mt. Eden and Dominion Road Churches, and the Minister in charge of the Methodist Social Service Mission, the Hospital Chaplain or Chaplains, the Secretary and Clerical Treasurer and one Lay Representative of the Board of the Auckland Children's Homes and Orphanages, Two representatives from the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary. One representative from the Ladies' Guilds of the Pitt Street, Epsom, St. Johns, Mt. Albert Churches and Mt. Eden Social Service Guild. Two representatives from the Methodist Men's Fellowship (District), Deaconesses in active work in the City. One Lay representative from the Auckland Central, Auckland East, Auckland West and Avondale Circuits and the Social Service Mission.
6. That the District Committee be an Agency to receive donations for the Hospital Chaplain's Fund, the Methodist Social Service Mission, the Methodist Children's Homes and Orphanages, and the social work of the Deaconesses in the Auckland District, and thereby to supplement the activities of, and to co-operate with, the existing Boards and Committees concerned.
7. That the District Committee publish an Annual Report and Appeal for Funds, to incorporate the present Orphanage Report and to include also reports on the work of the Hospital Chaplain, the Social Service Mission, and the Deaconesses, subject to the approval of the Boards and Committees concerned.

C. H. OLDS, CHAIRMAN.

B. J. JAMES, CONVENER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. **Social Service Districts.**—That the Social Service Districts be, in the North Island the same as the Orphanage Districts, in the South Island, (a) Nelson, North Canterbury and South Canterbury, (b) Otago and Southland.

3. That bequests and donations to Orphanage work be specifically exempted from these provisions and that no establishment of District boundaries shall divert any support given by the whole of the Circuits of the South Island to our South Island Orphanage and Children's Home.

That while the Conference notes with thankfulness the measure of increase in Church membership during the last decade, it is gravely concerned at the failure of the Church even to keep pace with the increase in the population of the Dominion.

The Call of the hour is for us to return to our first love ; to strive to recover that early vision and spirit. To this end the following recommendations are made :—

1. That the task of the Connexion for 1935 be a concentrated exploration of the origin and ideals of Methodism, so that the whole Church may be re-kindled to faith and enthusiasm.
2. That in their preaching and teaching increased attention be given by ministers and others to those distinctive doctrines that made early Methodism, viz., "The New Birth," "Justification by Faith," "The Witness of the Spirit," "Sanctification of Believers," etc., and that these doctrines be taught in the light of modern knowledge and growing experience, and applied in the Spirit, devotion, and enthusiasm of John Wesley.
3. That steps be taken to secure a revived prayer meeting or fellowship meeting in every Church, and that fellowship groups be established, (a) for men ; (b) for women ; (c) for young people ; and that the N.S.W. Order of Knights and Companions be investigated. That groups for the discussion of Ethical and Social Service matters be formed. That if practicable, leaflets for the use of all these groups be printed.
4. That the following matters be referred to the Spiritual Advance Committee :—
 - (a). That Pastoral cards be supplied for issue at the Church doors to casual worshippers on which they would have opportunity to give name and address for the information of the Minister and that these cards be also used by regular attendants to advise the Minister of sick folk and those who were in trouble in other ways.
 - (b). That the Chairmen of Districts arrange local or district conventions at suitable centres to consider the state of the churches and the possibility of an advance all along the line and that Commissions of Encouragement and Enquiry be appointed by the Chairman and/or the District Executives to visit the Churches to further the proposals.
 - (c) That one of our Ministers be set apart as Connexional Evangelist to conduct Missions in our circuits.
5. That the following FIVE YEAR PLAN be remitted to the Committee on the Bi-Centenary of Methodism.

1. A Five Year Plan.

5000 New members. Annual Review by Districts and Conference. District Executives to assist Chairman in keeping effort going.

2. Sunday Services.

More Childrens' Services. Responsive services for adults—Pastoral Cards distributed at Church Doors—Welcome to strangers—Name and Address for Minister's use. Same card to be used by members to give names of people who are sick or in trouble.

3. Sectional Fellowship Groups or Methodist Sharing Circles.

- (a) For men.
- (b) For women.
- (c) For Y.P.
- (d) N.S.W. Order of Knights and Companions for Boys and Girls to be investigated.

Alternatively—Ethics and Social Service Leaflets for use of Discussion groups.

4. Quarterly Communion—Special Services.

Morning and Evening in addition to ordinary monthly. Lay Pastors responsible for invitations to those on their lists. Print Communion Cards for the purpose—Print Communion Service leaflets (No opportunity without them for Y.P. and new members to learn responses).

The positive radiant note rather than the introspective gloomy one.

Laymen to share in the Devotional part but with opportunity to prepare.

5. Quarterly Revision of Roll by Leaders Meetings.

Aim—New Members.

Field—Adherents, Bible Classes.

A Cradle and Junior Member's Roll up to date.

Leaflets—What is Methodism? Etc.

6. A Commission of Encouragement and Enquiry.

First year only. One selected Minister for each Island—With power to enter. Encouragement main feature but also enquiry as to work of the Minister and the Laymen.

6. That the following be referred to the Welfare of Church Committee for consideration during the year:—

(e) We believe that there is imperative need for a combined educative policy by all the churches willing to co-operate to emphasise:—

- (a) What has been the effect of Christianity on the development of every phase of our Social Progress.
 - (b) To relate the history and successes of the Foreign Missions of the Protestant Churches.
 - (c) To indicate the power of Christianity to develop individual life and the emphasis it lays on the sanctities of individual life as a protection against the increasing regimentation of life.
 - (d) To show the necessity for the application of Christian Principles to racial antagonisms and to adjust the friction inseparable from growing contacts.
7. That the Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., be appointed Convener for 1935.

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

Annual Report, 1935.

At our last Annual Meeting it was decided that the Dominion Executive be located in Auckland. A strong Executive was elected and several meetings have been held during the year.

Local Preachers' Pulpit.

At the expiration of the contract period the column in the Methodist Times was discontinued.

Periodical Communications to the Brethren.

It was decided to send periodical communications to all Local Preachers in active service; with this in view a full list of the names and address of the brethren had been obtained.

Whittomes Efficiency Course.

After consultation with the Branches and Corresponding members it was resolved that a copy of this book be presented to all who are publicly received as fully qualified Local Preachers.

New Members.

A goodly number have been publicly received into our ranks since last Conference and the Executive desires to thank those ministers who have encouraged young men to come into the work and who have given these candidates the necessary theological training which enabled them to pass their examinations: we invite all Ministers and Home Missionaries to participate more generally in this good work.

Obituary.

During the year several brethren received the call of God to higher service: Bros. J. Gilmour, Tai Tapu; Thomas Laws, Napier; T. Ralph and T. E. Corkill, both of Wellington and others, after long years of devoted service for God and the Church, passed hence to be with Christ. The influence of their godly lives will be felt for many years.

Book Scheme.

Eight book orders have been received since our last Annual Meeting: it is regrettable that more advantage is not taken of the privileges offered under this scheme.

Long Service Certificates.

During the year four Certificates were issued.

Benevolent Fund.

The Branches have been consulted regarding the institution of a Benevolent Fund and information has been obtained which will enable the Executive to draft rules governing such a Fund, it is hoped that during the year this matter will be finalised.

A History of Early Local Preaching in N.Z.

Likely contributors in every district have been requested to furnish information and some valuable data has been received, but altogether insufficient for our purpose. We appeal to any who can contribute interesting information to communicate with the Executive.

Local Preachers' Sunday.

It was exceedingly gratifying to learn that the Synods, without exception, passed resolutions recommending Conference to appoint one Sunday in each year to be known as "Local Preachers' Sunday" and that on the Sunday appointed, wherever it is found possible to carry out the proposal, Local Preachers should be invited to take one service in each Church and preaching place.

Jubilee of the Auckland Branch.

By the courtesy of the Chairman of the District and his brother ministers, the official celebrations in connection with the Jubilee of the Auckland Branch took place at Synod time. On Tuesday, November 20th, a meeting was held at Pitt Street Church, it was a memorable and influential meeting. On the following Sunday 41 pulpits in the City and Suburban areas were occupied by Local Preachers; veteran Local Preachers assisted at several of these services.

W. S. MACKAY, President.

R. J. ADLINGTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Statement of Finance be received and adopted.
2. Conference records its appreciation of the invaluable service rendered to the Church by our Local Preachers, and congratulates the Association upon its accession of new members.
3. Conference approves of the recommendation that one Sunday in each year be recognised as Local Preachers Sunday, and that on the appointed Sunday as far as it is possible Local Preachers should be invited to take one Service in each Church or Preaching Place.
4. That for this year the Local Preachers Sunday be the second Sunday in April and that the Association bring down to next Conference a recommendation in regard to a permanent date.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Third Annual Report, 1934.

We now have knowledge of eleven new branches having been formed since last Conference making a total of 62 branches. The number of Branches in each District is as follows:—Auckland 16, South Auckland 9, Taranaki-Wanganui 2, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu 4, Wellington 10, Nelson 4, North Canterbury 5, South Canterbury 4, and Otago-Southland 8.

In the majority of cases these branches are functioning well and becoming increasingly influential, but there are a few which from lack of leadership and lack of enthusiasm on the part of members are not progressing so well.

Experience has shown that our Movement will find its most important sphere of activity in the towns and in City and Suburban areas: there are many causes which militate against the inauguration of and the subsequent successful working of "Fellowships" in country districts, but even in some of these country Circuits branches are being carried on very successfully.

Something more ought to be attempted and a great deal more should be done to form branches in Christchurch and Dunedin; if the District Committees will enthusiastically take this matter up many more branches would be started and established on a firm basis. Why should not branches already established visit other churches or Circuits with the object of forming new branches?

In accordance with our Constitution District Committees were set up in the undernoted Districts:—

Auckland, South Auckland, Nelson, North Canterbury, and in Taranaki the Executive of the New Plymouth Fellowship was set up as the District Committee. In South Canterbury a District Committee had not been appointed: in Wellington the District Executive is to act and the Otago-Southland District would nominate a Committee direct to Conference: District Committee appointed in Hawke's-Bay-Manawatu District with Sub-Committee in H.B.

Men's Sundays, wherever held, have proved eminently successful and have resulted in the enrichment of the spiritual life of those who have attended the services: it is suggested that in future two Men's Sundays should be arranged annually. Men's Choirs, Quartette and Double Quartette parties have greatly contributed to the success of Church services and other Church functions and every branch should endeavour to form some combination of male singers.

Our Men's Fellowship Groups are not fulfilling their purpose if they are merely Social Clubs or even merely meetings for fellowship only: unless our members are expressing their spiritual life in increased efficiency enthusiasm and devotion in Church work the Movement, so far as their particular case is concerned, is not justifying its existence. Consecration and Service are the essential features of our Men's Movement, and Church, Circuit, and Connexional work should occupy the foremost place in the activities of our members.

Some of the branches have suggested that a Hymn be adopted by our Men's Fellowships as the special hymn of the Movement and we therefore recommend that Hymn No. 585 in the new Methodist Hymn Book be regarded by all our branches as the official Hymn of the Methodist Men's Fellowship. The Executive which will be set up at our third Annual Meeting will communicate with the branches re this and other matters.

We are greatly indebted to the Ministers of our Church for their hearty co-operation, wise counsel, and efficient help in the fostering and working of the branches, and we commend the Movement to the practical sympathy of those ministers in whose churches or Circuits, branches have not yet been started.

The great potentialities which lie in this Movement have not yet been fully realised or recognised and we trust that the coming days may reveal to our Methodist people not only the need for such a Movement but also a vivid realisation of the value of it.

WM. 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 Mens' 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 that 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 Meeting.
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 Hymn 585 in the New Methodist Hymn Book be adopted as the special Hymn of the Fellowship.
5. That a membership fee of 1/- per member be levied, 25% of which to be sent to the Dominion Executive.

6. That the Dominion Executive be located in Auckland. Secretary, A. D. Whitehead; Treasurer, T. W. Hemer; Members, W. Howe, J. A. Steele, C. Scott, A. W. Parker, and W. S. Mackay. Corresponding Members, S.T.S. Martin (Wellington); W. L. Thomas (Christchurch) and C. F. Roberts (Dunedin).
7. That the thanks of Conference be accorded Mr. W. S. Mackay (Chairman), and Mr. A. D. Whitehead (Secretary), for excellent service rendered the Fellowship.

District Committees for 1935.

AUCKLAND.—Rev. E. D. Patchett, the Superintendent Ministers of Auckland Central, Auckland West and Devonport, Revs. A. McBean, E. S. Emmitt, R. B. Tinsley, F. J. Parker, W. Gatman, E. S. Harkness, T. R. B. Woolloxall, S. J. Werren, and the Minister appointed to Remuera; Messrs. E. J. Hutson, H. Crump, L. E. Rhodes, R. Simpson, A. J. Buttle, G. E. Spooner, T. L. Hames, R. Thomas, E. J. Nicholson, J. W. Cocks, J. Laking, E. H. Burton and W. S. Mackay.

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Executive of the New Plymouth Men's Fellowship.

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, D. B. Clough, H. R. French and H. Linyard.

WELLINGTON.—The District Executive.

NELSON.—Messrs. 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 Chairman of the District, 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 Circuits—Revs. A. M. Costain and R. P. Keall; 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. C. F. Roberts, J. R. K. Roxburgh, J. T. Barclay, A. E. Harman, G. S. Gapper, A. E. Hayman, F. G. Marshall (Convener), with power to add.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT'S REPORT FOR 1934.

The Situation.

The Church is a Living Spirit, manifesting itself in and through its outward institutions; so likewise the increasing expression of an inner vitality and spirit of co-operation is seen in its Youth life.

The Department seeks in every way to keep in close contact with all phases of youth life, with a view to bringing our young people into the living Church.

This task is the responsibility of the whole Church and The Department can only serve the church as it is provided for, and as it is made use of by those in the local church.

In this age when civilisation tries to adjust itself to a new era, wherein God is seeking, through the medium of science, to provide an abundance for the needs of all men, Youth finds itself caught up in the conflicts of thought and action. To the task of leadership, under these conditions, the Department seeks to bring the consecrated gifts of its leaders, believing that God is speaking in this hour of history, and calling His people to interpret His will and purpose.

Local Youth Committees.

The strategic centre of our work lies in the spiritual vitality of these committees. The sharing of problems, difficulties, experiences, and through corporate prayer and study-seeking to be equipped for the task of leader and teacher is the way by which the most effective work can be done. Ministers and local Youth leaders are urged to give special attention to the life and work of these committees.

District Youth Committees.

These Committees are destined to become the centre from which are derived our most experienced Youth leaders, who in turn will give to youth the creative expression of its new life. The possibilities of these Committees are not yet fully realised, for it is here that Ministers, Laymen and Youth Leaders gather to understand one another and to guide and inspire the Youth life of the District.

YOUTH BOARD.

The work of the Board has been in the main :—

- (1) A study of Church membership as it affects Youth life revealed the following as practical aspects of the position :—
 - (a) The fact that the Church, as the body of Christ, is very inadequately understood or expressed by our young people.
 - (b) The unawakened and unattached multitude of youth remains outside partly because the Church appears to be institutional, rather than a corporate expression of the mind of Christ.
 - (c) The fellowship of the Church should be more definitely opened to young people through nurture, grading, discipleship, and corporate creative tasks.
 - (d) Fundamentally, the supreme need of to-day is the dynamic which comes only from fellowship with God as revealed in Christ.
- (2) A fundamental review of the Department's policy of extension and intensive service to the Church.

The major portion of the year has been devoted to this question and the preparation of a progressive policy which it is hoped to present next year. In the meantime all phases of the Department's life are being explored and tested by spiritual standards. Whether we are to move forward as a united Youth Movement, that leads on towards God's reign on earth, depends largely upon the support and leadership given by our Church and her leaders throughout the country.

- (3) **PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**—Responsible Youth leaders, in common with many thinking people in the community are turning their minds increasingly to the great public questions of to-day, such as :—
 - (a) Personal freedom and the right of free speech.
 - (b) A positive and creative Peace policy.
 - (c) An economic order of society to ensure that the potential plenty of this modern world will be distributed with justice and intelligence.

- (d) An integrating Power in the life of the world that will save civilisation from disaster.
- (e) The spiritual versus the materialistic and mechanistic view of man and the universe.
- (f) A national educational system that seeks to build a creative and thinking people.

While it is gladly recognised that in the old world—the centre of our culture and civilisation—the eminent Christian thinkers of to-day more than hold the field, the medium for transmitting this thought, knowledge and spirit to young people in this country, and especially to our University students, is not adequately available. Those who will influence the life of N.Z. most in 20 or 30 years' time are in our Universities to-day. Power is increasingly passing to the cultured and trained mind, and this will be more so in the future than it is at present. We call the attention of our Christian statesmen to the needs of the hour in this direction.

Y.P. Director.

The work of our Y.P. Director, Rev. E. P. Blamires, continues to be of outstanding value to our Church as a whole, especially in inspiring leadership, co-ordination of our youth life within the Church, wise counsel and guidance to leaders and teachers up and down the country, and especially in Sunday School work and teacher training classes. He has given great help to District and Local Youth Committees in developing their usefulness. The Board is fully conscious of his efficient and inspiring service to the youth life of our Church.

Youth Office.

The work and duties of Miss Hodder continue to grow. The office has established itself as an indispensable centre of vital activity, serving all branches of the department with efficiency and economy. The personal contribution of Miss Hodder to the life of our work is of even greater value.

Council of Religious Education.

The various churches and organisations which form this Council are co-operating happily. There is a steady increase of Bible teaching in State Schools under present facilities. The number of children reached is now 84,000. The Nelson system, however, has serious limitations and the Council supports the Bill of the Bible-in-Schools League. A forward step taken this year is the association of professional teachers in a religious Fellowship. The Council undertakes to supply information to the members, and literature is made available on special terms, including a new magazine now published in England entitled "Religion in Education."

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

In reviewing the activities of the Sunday School Executive Council, we are more than ever convinced of the wisdom of the re-organisation of the Youth Department of our Church, which resulted in the formation of the Council with the specific task of fostering and building up Sunday School and allied work throughout the Dominion.

The Council, recognising its privilege and responsibility desires to express its appreciation of the consecrated service rendered by Sunday School workers in towns and country places throughout the Dominion.

Literature.

The Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand maintain their strong position. They are now coming out in a much improved form without any additional cost. That our teachers are appreciating them with growing enthusiasm is proven by the increased circulation this year. Reference to them was recently made by the Melbourne "Spectator" in the following words:—

"The gentlemen who comprise the Joint Board of the Graded Lessons for Australia and New Zealand are to be complimented on the new series of excellent helps they have just initiated, the first series of which made their appearance at the beginning of the year."

Again referring to the new "Scholars" the "Spectator" says:—

"The quality of the lessons and the Order of Service in each of these two papers is too well known to need commendation. With such literature placed at their disposal, the young people of to-day are highly favoured."

These two statements are typical of the encouraging reports being received this year.

Correspondence Sunday School.

This important section of our work continues under the superintendency of Mrs. H. P. Berry. It is proving an inspiration to both teachers and scholars. The parents are appreciative of the work; a father writing to Mrs. Berry said:—

"My wife and I are very grateful for this religious teaching made available to our family, and in particular for the evangelistic note running through it."

This is typical of the appreciation of those living in far away places.

Maori Sunday Schools.

Some progress has been made with the Council's scheme to assist the work of the Deaconesses among the Maori children. From reports received it is certain that the most pressing need is for suitable lesson material. This is one of the immediate objectives of the Council.

Teacher Training.

The Council is seized with the importance of extending this work. A comprehensive, Dominion-wide Teacher-training Scheme has been inaugurated, and the first few trainees in this connection have passed examinations during this year. Also the Rev. E. P. Blamires has personally conducted Teacher Training Classes in various centres and these have proved to be most valuable for those able to attend.

Finance.

Quite a number of circuits loyally and consistently meet their assessment. There are others which undoubtedly do their best, but there is still too large a proportion of circuits which subordinate the wider phases of Youth work to other claims.

The Council's finance has been prominently before Circuits since last report, last Conference having remitted to Quarterly meetings the question whether the levy would be a fairer method of distributing responsibility.

It is still too soon to indicate the result of the voting, but there is no doubt the matter has been receiving sympathetic consideration.

The financial year ends on December 31st. So far there have been some notable increases in circuit contributions, but as others have fallen, the total may not be much better than last year.

General.

No report from the Council would be complete without the brief mention of the following :—

- (a) As instructed by Conference, an important report on Children's Attendance at Morning Worship is presented separately.
- (b) A Committee on Social Programmes for children has been formed, and has commenced collecting material. In the near future this Committee should be of great assistance to Sunday Schools.
- (c) Sunday School Teachers' Sections were again held in the Bible Class Summer Schools and Easter Camps. The Council is grateful for this assistance.
- (d) An increase in the number of Parents' Associations is reported. The bringing together of parents and teachers is to be commended and must result in mutual benefit.
- (e) As a matter of policy the Council is endeavouring to promote the formation of Sunday School Unions in all Districts. A South Auckland Union has been formed, Southland has decided to form, and Taranaki has taken first steps in the same direction.

N.Z. YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

An unprecedented change in the year's programme was the substituting of a small Fellowship Conference in place of the Movement's Annual Convention. Though the greatly decreased expense of such a gathering was a large factor, our chief concern was opportunity for unhurried examination of all trends in Bible Class work. At this Fellowship Conference members were gladly freed from administrative responsibilities to focus attention on life centres of our Movement.

Annual Convention.

Annual Convention policy is under review. There is strong feeling in favour of a bi-ennial Convention with perhaps a Fellowship Conference on alternate years. This would allow time for a deeper study and understanding of the big social problems which confront youth in this 20th century.

The Movement.

In a Movement definitely organised for the deepening of the spiritual life of its members, the concern that we may be concentrating on machinery has been constantly before us. It is found that classes are gradually tending towards a more intelligent support of the local Church, and that the unity of the Movement and its Dominion wide outlook continue to strengthen the work as a whole.

The apparent standardisation of such important calendar events as Thanksgiving Services and Easter Camps has revealed to us the weakness of not testing new ideas because tried methods have proved successful. Consideration of this has resulted in many new expressions of thought, particularly in the Thanksgiving Services held during the year. An interesting development is the growing number of services combined with the Young Men's Unions. Slowly but surely is being built up in the life of our youth a finer conception of stewardship and a deeper understanding of what is meant by "giving."

Easter Camps.

The Movement Policy of decentralisation for Easter Camps is steadily maintained. Over 1078 girls shared in the 25 Camps organised. The adequate staffing and leadership of so many Camps gives food for Movement

consideration. A purposeful and practical study "And the Greatest of These"——", pointed clearly to the Christian way of life. The challenge of the Christ as "the Way, the Truth and the Life" rang out anew and found response in the lives of many Campers.

Missionary.

The personal interest of the Movement in its Missionary Sisters on both Home and Overseas Fields challenges our membership to Missionary loyalty. Efforts, however, are constantly made to engender a growing appreciation of the wider Mission enterprise and its far-reaching policy. The retiring of Sister Ruth Grant is cause for deep regret. Her contribution as pioneer representative of the Movement has been a grand two-way one in the Field and to class understanding. Sister Ada Lee has already reached the Islands and is most eager to give all she has to the work with which she has been trusted.

Extension Work.

Through special grants back to Unions from Movement funds progressive schemes for intensive class visiting have been effected. The opportunity for Union Presidents and other officers to share with a much larger section of their constituency has resulted in some fine work long desired—work that will mean far-reaching advantage to leaders and class members. As an Executive spends hours of careful thought on Union possibilities its keen desire is naturally that of sharing hopes with all concerned. Leaders have also been aided in journeying long distances to help in Rally, class or club.

Travelling Secretary.

Outlying district work claims more and more of the time of the Travelling Secretary. As the Movement grows the demands made are more urgent and the planning of Union itineraries so as to include distant outposts becomes increasingly difficult. Sensitive to the strength and weakness of local centres, Miss Sheat gives invaluable help and it is with joy that we learn of her willingness to continue in office for a further year.

Executive Council.

In addition to their work of regular fortnightly agendas, Council members have four times during the year gone into retreat to study particular aspects of life as affecting the development of class members. Problems of Easter Camp improvement, implications of world peace, the future Policy Proposals of the Youth Board, have all opened immense vistas for continued thought. The fruits of such times are in better understanding of the work and a fresh delight in sharing Executive responsibilities.

N.Z. YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

The Movement.

No important policy changes have been made during the year. At an inspiring Annual Convention in January, strong resolutions were passed against War and War Preparations as incompatible with the Christian religion, and seeking positive action towards a peaceful world. Members who have made up their minds on the war issue are being invited to join in a Peace Covenant adapted from that signed by over 800 Methodist Ministers in England. Other current problems are under consideration by a Problems Committee established in Christchurch. The principle of Life Membership having been challenged as extraneous, this was abolished by Convention.

Membership.

Estimated at approximately 3000. We are glad to record a more united front, with 15 Unions and 1 Combined Sub-Union loyally forwarding our aims. A greater degree of questioning of the established order, economic and otherwise, is becoming increasingly apparent. We pray that our Movement and our Church may be given the power adequately to respond to these challenging, searching, pregnant days.

Finance.

The second year of Thanksgiving has witnessed a slowing up of Offerings, but we are confident that education on Movement work will continue to provide the finance required. A summarized financial statement will be available for Conference.

Travelling Secretary.

After a year of valuable service, Mr. R. W. Mayson was called to Trinity College. He was replaced by what we consider an outstanding appointment, that of Mr. Cyril Burton. He is well known throughout N.Z. (having been the first Travelling Secretary of the Movement and an ex-President). Mr. Burton's long experience and valued gifts are bound to have a stimulating and vitalising effect upon Movement Leaders. Special attention is being devoted to Leadership development, for which there is always great need.

Easter Camps.

A challenging study written by Rev. C. O. Hailwood, helped 1412 campers to consider Christ's claim to be followed, and 19 Camps were centres of inspiration, vivid, joyous, life and decision. The presence of 54 Ministers in various capacities is a valued aspect of Camp life.

Missionary.

Regret was general when the "Movement's" Doctor, Ted Sayers, withdrew from the field. It was increased when he was not replaced, although promising substitutes were available. The Movement's interest in overseas Missions is being maintained, and we have now "adopted" as our special agent, Rev. Harry Voyce, who is an ex-Bible Class man.

General.

In a period when youth finds much to encourage doubt, to unsettle and disturb, when the economic outlook is bleak and uninspiring, the need for intensification of our work is pronounced. We are feeling increasingly the need for very much closer touch with the general membership, and more concentrated educational methods, as well as greater abandonment to the will of God on the part of all in the position of leadership.

JOINT WORK OF THE B.C. MOVEMENTS.

Co-operation.

National Executive co-operation is becoming more pronounced, the two Executives combining to consider the question of Summer Schools, the implications of Christianity with regard to War, the relationship of the Bible Classes with the Church. Permanent Co-operative Committees are also functioning well in a few Unions.

The Co-operative Committee, aided by local Committees, organised three Summer Schools, and a Winter School, a total of some 269 members gaining inspiration from the study and fellowship. Four Summer Schools are in preparation for next year; the general School Theme being "Love the Way of Life." Concessions are again provided for Deaconess and Theological students.

Other usual co-operative work was undertaken.

Study.

The standard syllabus was this year based upon the life and work of St. Paul. This syllabus is shared with the Presbyterian, Baptist, Church of Christ and Congregational Movements. 3770 Senior and 3909 Junior syllabi being sold by us. Next year a special preparatory syllabus will be provided, in an attempt to teach fundamentals to beginners, especially those who have not gone through the Sunday School.

B.C. "Link."

Trading Department, Youth section "Methodist Times," Day of Prayer, Combined Union Executive Meetings, and Social Standards Committee (now located in Palmerston North) continue to render valuable service.

Leadership Training.

After sterling service rendered by the Pioneer Auckland Committee this important Dominion Committee has been transferred to Christchurch. Consideration is being given to a proposal for an Interdenominational Leadership Training Scheme; also to the possibility of our Committee undertaking the Training of Sunday School Teachers in the several subjects identical to both courses. Further co-operation with the Sunday School Executive Council has taken place by the establishment of a S.S. Social Standards Committee, and Teachers' groups in Camps and Summer Schools.

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.

REPORT OF YOUTH BOARD ON CHILDREN AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

Conference Remit.

"That the Board consider the question of the attendance of children at morning services, and report to Synods and Conference."

A Vital Question.

Worship Services occupy a central place in the whole life of the Church. Their maintenance in strength is vital. In a very large measure the future existence and progress of the church depend upon the attitudes and habits being formed in regard to Worship by the rising generation.

The situation is that a proportion only of our children are attending church, and they are not sufficiently interested. Fortunately there are many local exceptions to this rule, but we must face the general situation.

The Motive.

We must watch our motive in dealing with the problem. A large institution is tempted to regard itself as an end. The church will miss the mark if we seek the attendance of children merely for the church's self-preservation. Hence there are more important questions behind that of their church-attendance. *Why* should they come? What have we for them when they come? If they are not sufficiently interested, why is it? Are the children

for the church, or is the church for the children? And are both for the Kingdom of God? Coaxing should be unnecessary, and prizes are generally a sign of weakness. Attendance is one thing, but loving to attend is another. We should study the child's reactions. There may be exaggeration, but not much, in Weatherhead's statement:—

"All children love Jesus, yet few children like going to church."

Children may easily come to share the reactions of adults in the church. Some of them come to find their needs met; others simply because they have needs, and a sense of duty. Sometimes "poor sheep look up and are not fed." There is a call for the whole question of church worship to receive thorough examination.

Needs.

Children need to worship. They need to praise and pray. In these things they must be active and intelligent participators, not spectators. They also need to learn, through instruction from others and their own activity.

Here arises a much-debated question:—Can children worship satisfactorily in association with adults? It is the mind of this Board that for much of their training children need to be graded; nevertheless there are some experiences they can share with their elders, and some measure of worship together is eminently desirable, provided the conditions are right.

Where the people who worship have a real living experience of God, and the worship is conducted with reverence and sincerity, the child will sense the unseen world and receive indelible impressions. Many can echo what Dr. Schweitzer said:—

"From the services in which I joined as a child I have taken with me into life a feeling that is solemn, and a need for quiet and self-recollection without which I cannot realise the meaning of life."

The music, the architecture, the earnestness of the preacher, the attitudes of the worshipping people, are among the things which impress the young. Symbolism also must be mentioned. The author of "God's Candlelights" says:—"All children are ritualists—externals appeal to them, especially in religion."

When the children's address was introduced into church services, it marked a distinct advance. But failures with it are not infrequent. In answer to our enquiries we have received criticisms which may be summarised as—too long, too abstract, "over their heads," occasionally too trivial or "funny," sometimes not enough Scriptural teaching. On the other hand there are many who make good use of their opportunity.

Methods.

In considering methods of meeting the needs, our consideration is mainly how to improve the quality of services and secondly how to secure the attendance and interest of the children. It will be recognised that local conditions vary considerably, and so do the preachers, and therefore, there will need to be adaptation of the suggestions made herein. Especially will that be so in small country churches.

Junior Church.

When premises permit and suitable leadership is available, the Junior Church is almost ideal. The children assemble in an orderly manner and worship with adults for about half-an-hour. They then proceed quietly to the School Hall to have a further session with an address suited to their needs. The experiment at Hataitai along these lines has been reported in full in "The Methodist Times" (August, 1934), and information is obtainable

at the Youth Office. There is a large enrolment of children; it is not a substitute for Sunday School, but rather augments the attendance at afternoon school; and it encourages the adult attendance at church. Where good leadership is available, Junior church is strongly recommended. The establishment of a Creche during church hours would be a valuable annex.

Family Religion.

Family religion solves many problems. Parents who attend regularly, and bring their children are the best promoters of the church-going habit. But the external habit is not enough. Is the child's habit of inner thought one of attraction or recoil? Our concern must be that the worship service is such as will be valued as indispensable to life. Further, parents may train their children in stewardship, and systematic giving by means of the envelope system. Next to the influence of parents we would place that of Sunday School officers and teachers and B.C. Leaders. Their example counts for much.

The Young Worshippers' League.

The Young Worshippers' League affords an estimable opportunity. One qualified person who will concentrate on this simple organisation with watchful constancy can do wonderfully effective service. Wherever possible the League should hold a brief meeting before morning church. If the standard of church service is sufficiently appropriate and interesting the children may attend for the whole of the service, in which case their preliminary meeting should be brief and mainly as a preparation for that service and a rehearsal of some active part they will take in it. In other cases it is better for them to retire before the sermon, and then a longer meeting of their own is desirable. It may be simply a meeting of the League, or it may be identified with the Junior C.E. Society, L.Y.M. chapter, or some other children's society. The S.S. Executive Council is always ready to supply ideas and give guidance on the formation and conduct of these meetings. But so far as it is a preparation for church service it should include the children's hymn and the scripture reading. In regard to hymns, when thus prepared a wider selection is possible than that of the present church hymn book. The S.S. Hymnal offers a much better choice than many other books in common use, which contain cheap tawdry sentimental verses quite unworthy of our purpose in worship. Poster hymns are now coming into vogue, and the Youth Office supplies a well selected list. The Children's leader should be in touch with the preacher and the organist.

In Scripture reading, the reading of Psalms (careful selection we urge again) is good, but much more variety is needed. Parables, incidents and stories from many parts of the Bible should be requisitioned, and the method of reading should vary. Let them read all the verses, led by the Minister or their own leader. Choral reading with true expression by a small group has wonderful effect. Recitation of selected verses bearing on one theme by several individuals is another method. Dialogue is occasionally appropriate also.

In the larger Leagues patrols should be formed and the older children made captains of small companies of say five younger children. Let them select names for these patrols. They may march in a quiet and orderly manner into church, each captain taking some responsibility for the attendance and conduct of those under his care. On fine Sundays there may be a few minutes walk together between meeting and church. On fine winter days this should be a brisk walk for half a mile.

Prizes ought not to be necessary. We may make an exception of such things as a badge, after say, three months attendance, and a small pictorial New Testament or Book of Psalms, after a good year's record. Diplomas also are appropriate, with a new seal affixed with each year of progress.

The singing of the children in church may develop into a regular choir.

The Junior Choir.

We have several of these now in different parts of the Dominion. The best we know of is at Masterton, where 80 or 90 children who have had to qualify for admission, enter church in an orderly and reverent manner, sing the opening introit, render an anthem as an act of worship, greatly assist with the hymns, and generally contribute to the service of praise. Capable and devoted leadership is necessary, and for the full value a week-day choir practice is held. Many churches, if they can find a leader, even though their numbers were not very large, would greatly improve their morning service by instituting a Children's Choir.

Many church services lately have opened with a soft and subdued singing of "Jesu, stand among us." We recommend that this alternate with several others where the children can lead, such as "Ring Bells Ring" and "Jesus—we love to meet, On this Thy holy day," being Nos. 6 and 526 respectively in the Meth. S.S. Hymnal.

Ministers.

Ministers are urged to watch for suitable leaders in the church for such children's work as we have outlined. Talent is frequently there waiting to be encouraged and developed.

Consultation with Choir masters and Leaders of the Children's League in preparing for the service will lead to more variety, freshness, richness and reality in worship.

The Minister's address to children, we submit, is a most important feature of the service, and demands careful and worthy preparation. Short, earnest, crisp, natural, picturesque Biblical—these are some of the characteristics needed. If regularly occupying the same pulpit, the main sermon once a month might be to children. On other occasions the main theme may permit of an illustration or a few words to children being incorporated in the sermon instead of a separate children's address. In most churches the morning service where children and Sunday School teachers attend should be concluded within an hour and ten minutes.

A LARGER QUESTION.

Adolescents.

In this respect we have had in mind the children in their relation to church services. It is also most important that the church should consider church services from the standpoint of adolescents, their nature and their needs. Both morning and evening services would come under review. Childhood attendance is not a guarantee of continuance in youth or adult life. We would like the whole question of Church Worship to receive new attention. Many questions are being asked. Is the present disposition of Sunday hours the best we can make? Ought we not to provide sometimes an 8 a.m. Communion? Are we making the use we might of the fresh morning hours from 9 to 11? Should not "group fellowship" as provided in Sunday School and Bible Class be extended to include the adult church? Must every church have two services almost identical in character? Might we not with advantage adopt educational methods of teaching and sharing? The Sunday School is approximating to church in an increased emphasis upon worship. The church might approximate to the school in the teaching and intimate fellowship of the small groups. It may be wise to experiment in certain places, but the first thing seems to be a close study of the principles underlying all our church worship and preaching, and their application to the needs of our time. Here is a subject for Ministers' Retreats, May Synods, and Leaders' Meetings.

T. R. RICHARDS, Chairman.

R. S. MAUNDER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet of the Youth Board; S.S. Executive Council; Y.M.B.C.; and Y.W.B.C. be received and adopted.
3. That Conference recommends that the whole question of attendance at Church of children and adolescents and the best means of leading them into a full Christian experience in the Church be a subject for discussion at Ministers' Retreats at May Synods; at Leaders' Meetings and Local Youth Committees in conjunction with a Special Quarterly Meeting; and that the Report of the Board on this question be circulated for consideration at such meetings.
4. (a) This Conference re-affirms to all Circuits that the work of the Youth Board is indispensable. It regrets that on a voluntary basis the support of the department has not been evenly distributed among the Circuits. As a majority of the Synods do not favour any form of Connexional Levy under the stress of present Church finance, a fuller and more effective use of the present system is recommended. Conference trusts that the improved response of last year will be maintained and particularly that increased support of Sunday Schools be secured.
(b) That the attention of Conference be drawn to the fact that in many cases objection to the levy is due to the fact that such levies are made upon the basis of stipend paid rather than upon membership, thus penalising weaker Circuits.
5. Conference urges upon all Schools to watch for opportunities to win children not attending Sunday School, and reminds them that the S.S. Executive Council can give guidance and help for such campaigns.
6. Conference urges Ministers Meetings and Retreats to give prominence to Youth Work and to seek the services of the Youth Director for this purpose when he visits the district.
7. That the matter of the Constitution of the District Youth Committee be referred back to the Board for further consideration.

Youth Committees for 1935.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., S. J. Werren, F. J. Parker, Messrs. E. R. Warburton, R. Howell, A. D. Whitehead, Sister Margaret, Misses M. Waddingham and E. Booth; Messrs. E. P. Salmon, J. R. Blayney, J. L. Crawford, T. W. Hemer and two others. Synod Representative, E. R. Warburton.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of District, Ministers, Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits. Laymen, Messrs. J. Jebson R. P. Kilham, J. C. Tietjens, M.B.C.U. Messrs. H. Wood, F. H. Mead, L. Hall, Y.W.B.C.U.—Misses E. Burnett, E. Gowanlock, D. Child, S.S. Union—Miss H. Wood, Messrs. C. F. Primer; D.Y. Sec., and Synod Representative, Mr. Harold Wood.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. B. Metson, H. Cottom and A. R. Penn; Messrs. G. W. Kirk, and T. Taylor; Mrs. L. J. Williams, Messrs. E. Yearbury, E. G. Foster, and Rev. J. D. Grocott (S. S. Representatives); Messrs D. Wills, T. Johns and R. Lewis (Y.M.B.C. Reps.); Misses C. Symonds, Yearbury and B. Metson (Y.W.B.C. Reps.); Secretary, A. R. Penn; Synod Representative, W. Kirk.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Chairman of District, The Superintendent Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, Rev. J. A. Dalglish; Mesdames R. Horn and L. Davis, Miss E. Beale; Messrs. G. C. Laws, J. Melling, W. Everett, J. Finnimore, G. W. Venables, J. H. Oldham, L. Davis, C. Smith and M. Richards. Secretary and Representative to Synod, Mr. J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. F. E. Leadley, H. C. Matthews, F. O. Prosser; Messrs. R. S. Maunder, A. H. Brooks, C. H. Gilling (Secretary and Synod Representative); Messrs. P. Clark, S. G. Brooker, M.Sc., A. G. Worboys, J. Cable, W. E. Howe, J. H. Walker; Misses V. Ash, O. Wharton, F. Shepherd.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, and the Ministers of the Richmond, Motueka and Wakefield-Dovedale Circuits, Messrs. L. G. White, H. A. Holdaway, and J. Heath (Convener); Y.M.B.C. Union; Messrs. M. Marks, C. S. Mayson, M. A. Nightingale; Y.W.B.C. Union—Misses J. Bannister, R. Johnson and M. Steventon; S.S. Union—Miss Sparrow and Messrs. H. R. Holdaway and J. Hurrell; Secretary and Synod Representative, J. Heath.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of District, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. Ryan and J. C. Draper; Messrs. W. Chas. Francis, A. E. Haynes, W. A. Bascand and C. H. Virtue; Messrs. A. Dingwall, A. Holden and A. Templeton; Misses E. M. Quigley, H. Wise, L. Hooker, Miss G. Jones and Mr. J. H. Jones. Secretary and Synod Representative, C. H. Virtue.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of District; Ministers of Timaru and Temuka Circuits, Mrs. R. McAlister; Messrs. J. I. Hayman and A. G. Foster; Mrs. A. Earnshaw; Messrs. W. Hocking and J. Day; Misses D. Sides, D. Keinan and W. Daniels; Messrs. E. Thompson, H. Henry, and S. Blanchard. Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. A. G. Foster.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Chairman of District; Revs. B. J. James, P. I. Cooke, G. E. Brown; Sister Lenna, Misses O. McCrone, E. Nixon, Hope Kane; Messrs. W. O. Brown, D. Skene, A. S. Hancock, W. W. Ashby, E. J. King, H. Pearce, R. Whittaker and S. C. Waite; Secretary, Mr. W. O. Brown. Representative to Synod, Mr. D. Skene.

Youth Board, 1935.

Chairman of the District; Revs. P. R. Paris, F. E. Leadley, E. E. Sage, O. E. Burton; Messrs. R. Hampton, T. M. Pacey, E. Hurley, R. S. Maunder; Sister Beaumont; Misses Firth, W. Griffith, H. Lynneberg; Messrs. C. Russell, A. Barrington, C. Gardiner, W. Carman, N. R. Seddon, W. H. Johnston, Mrs. H. J. Steptoe; Miss H. R. Ward.

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

REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Public Questions Committee has endeavoured to keep in touch with the various aspects of the questions, coming within the bounds of its investigation, during the year. Only two of the District Committees, dealing with the problem of unemployment, have sent in reports of their work. A communication on Unemployment and rates of pay for relief workers was received from "The Religious Society of Friends." The Convener of the Public Questions Committee has attended several sittings of a "Round Table Conference" of representatives of the various churches, including the Roman Catholic and the Society of Friends, but up to the present no definite conclusions have been reached.

Bible in Schools.

At the time of the preparation of this report, the Bible in Schools Bill has been referred to the Education Committee of the House of Parliament. This new bill has received the whole hearted support of the Church. It may not pass the House in its present form but there are indications that, by means of compromise, a great step forward may be made.

Temperance.

A deep debt of gratitude is due to Mr. J. Malton Murray, the General Secretary of the New Zealand Alliance, for his devoted service to the cause of Temperance during the past year. The Alliance has been able to establish contact with the Bible Classes of the Dominion and four times a year about 7000 B.C. members are supplied with up to date Temperance literature. The work in connection with Bands of Hope is also being subsidised and helped. The Alliance draws attention to the persistence of wine growers to obtain further facilities for the sale of wine. These efforts have been countered by the vigilance of the General Secretary. The endeavour to have the King Country opened for the sale of strong drink failed completely and the petition to Parliament was withdrawn. Both Mr. Murray and the Rev. A. J. Seamer are deserving of our heartfelt thanks for their valuable work in this connection.

1935 is election year and this places a great responsibility upon our congregations in order that nothing may be lost that we have already gained and that all our energies may be put forward to achieve further successes. The important thing is local organisation and this Committee recommends the Synods to stress the necessity and urgency of local organisation in view of the approach of another poll.

War, Peace and The League of Nations.

We recommend to Synods that if it is found necessary to pass any resolution dealing with War, Peace and the League of Nations, that the following, being an adaptation of the unanimous resolution of the last British Conference, be accepted:—

“Believing that war should be condemned as a crime against humanity and repudiated as a method of settling international disputes, we desire to add our quota to the plea that falls upon Governments and peoples of the world to turn from policies of re-armament and to direct their endeavours to the strengthening of the League of Nations and all other organisations which have as their object the maintenance of peace, the developing and applying of international law and the building up of human welfare.”

We also recommend Synods to demand that members of the Methodist Church, who for conscientious reasons refuse to carry arms or participate in war, should have their religious principles honoured. (This motion was received from the South Auckland Ministers' Fraternal and accepted by the Committee).

Free Speech.

On the question of the right of free speech, we recommend that Synods consider the passing of a resolution declaring that the whole right of democracy—and at the same time a basic principle of Christianity—is the value of the individual and his right to a full expression of life. These rights are in danger of being curtailed and we feel it to be necessary to claim from all authorities the right of free speech and its associated expression, always provided that it is conducted without the prospect of physical violence, or

undue interference with public traffic in our streets or public places. In support of this suggestion we would emphasise the fact that the truth can live only in a free country and that granted this the Christian message can and will overcome all inadequate expressions of life.

Unemployment.

Believing that conditions vary in different parts of the Dominion this Committee has no recommendation to make with regard to the Government, the Unemployment Board and their relation to the Unemployed. Each District Committee will know best what action to take in its own district but on the general question, which has given rise to the unemployment problem, we desire to express our opinion for the consideration of Synods in the following terms :—

That, in the name of truth and justice, our country find a way by which the needs of human beings for goods and services be the deciding factor in the policy of production and that it adjust its theory of work and money to this end. In order that there may be adequate understanding of the problem with which the world is confronted we urge that the members of the Christian Church should endeavour to equip themselves in both knowledge and spirit in order that they may be able to provide the guidance that will be required and that they may have a working knowledge of the following facts :—

- (a) Material means and conditions must be subservient to man.
- (b) The right of every man, who accepts his due responsibilities, to a reasonable share in the material things that God supplies.
- (c) Production and distribution must be ordered and governed by the supplies potentially available, and man's need of them, rather than by the interests of finance and profit.
- (d) Money or credit to be recognised as not being a commodity but merely a convenient means of exchanging goods and services.
- (e) The material resources of the world, the scientific and material inheritance from the past, are the social inheritance of all men, and must be owned and used for the common good.

W. BRAMWELL SCOTT,
CONVENER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. **Bible in Schools.**

(a) Conference places on record its hearty appreciation of the efforts of the Bible in Schools League, and re-affirms its allegiance to the League's policy, and commends it to the prayerful support of our Congregations.

(b) Conference records its gratification that an increasing number of Ministers are conducting Bible Lessons in State Schools under the Nelson System. While we earnestly commend this method to all our ministers meanwhile, yet we can regard it only as a temporary one because of its inability to reach all State Schools owing to the difficulty of securing sufficient satisfactory teachers. We therefore again urge the Government to facilitate the passing of the "Enabling Bill."

(c) Conference congratulates the Rev. E. O. Blamires on his appointment as Organising Secretary of the Bible in Schools League.

3. Temperance.

(a) Conference re-affirms its intense conviction that the traffic in strong drink is a prolific cause of moral waste, domestic misery, and industrial disturbance. We urge our Congregations to support such Local organisations as endeavour to propagate the principles of Temperance in Bands of Hope, W.C.T.U., and kindred societies.

(b) Conference desires to express its hearty appreciation of the policy of the N.Z. Alliance, and of the work of Mr. Walton Murray (General Secretary), and calls upon our own people to assist in organising the Temperance forces in the Dominion in order to do all that is possible at the forthcoming Poll.

(c) Conference records gratification at the failure of the attempt to induce the Government to permit the introduction of licensed houses in the King Country, and expresses appreciation of the action of the N.Z. Alliance, Rev. A. J. Seamer, the Maori Chiefs, and those associated with them in this respect.

(d) That Conference grant the request of the N.Z. Alliance with regard to liberating a number of Ministers for Prohibition Campaign work before the Poll, and that this matter be referred to the Public Questions Committee to arrange with the Alliance—subject to the consent of the Chairman of District and the Quarterly Meetings concerned.

(e) That should the question of Redistribution of Liquor licenses be brought forward, this Church records its judgment that redundant licenses ought to have been cancelled. In any case there should be no transfer of such redundant licenses without the consent of the Electors of the District to which such a transfer is intended to be made, and if such consent is not given, such license shall lapse as it is evident it is not required.

(f) That the Public Questions Committee endeavour to meet the Presbyterian Temperance Committee on the matter of Policy, particularly as affecting the issues submitted at the Licensing Poll.

4. Gambling.

(a) That in view of the subtlety and rapid spread of the gambling menace, this Conference urges our people to keep themselves free from all associations with Art Unions, Sweepstakes, Lotteries, Raffles, and gambling in every form, and directs that positive teaching on the ethical perils of gambling be given more frequently from our pulpits. The Conference commends to our people the Booklet, "Sport Without a Smile," by the Rev. P. H. Chennell.

(b) In the interests of National Moral Life, the Conference registers its emphatic protest against any attempt to increase facilities for gambling and urges the Government to countenance nothing that would accelerate the growth of this evil.

(c) That this Conference draws the attention of the Government to the fact that in Great Britain, large scale lotteries continue to be illegal, under the Gambling Act recently passed and that the sale and distribution of Lottery tickets are prohibited under severe penalties. In the same Act, all advertisements of lotteries are prohibited and newspapers are forbidden to publish lists of Sweep winners or any other matter calculated to act as an inducement to participate in lotteries. The Conference asks that similar prohibitive legislation should be applied to Art Unions which are run with Government permission in this country but which are responsible for incalculable harm to young people.

(d) Conference directs that Chairmen of Districts shall send a copy of these resolutions to members of Parliament in their Districts, and that the Secretary of Conference forward the foregoing resolutions to the Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs.

(e) That in the interests of the education of our people on the evils of gambling, Conference requests the Public Questions Committee, in conjunction with the Youth Board, to prepare and publish a suitable leaflet on the evils of Gambling.

(f) That this Conference views with much concern the use of school children in games of chance, by lotteries, art unions, and other forms of gambling to raise funds for school purposes, and urges the Education Department to exercise a close supervision of all special efforts for school funds that our children may not be trained in this pernicious practice.

5. Pictures and Films.

The Conference, while expressing its sincere appreciation of the efforts of the Picture Censorship Reform Committees to secure a stricter Government censorship of Films and Posters, regrets that the present position leaves very much to be desired, more particularly in regard to the objectionable character of the posters exhibited in all our main thoroughfares. We therefore urge upon the Government the need of a stricter censorship.

6. Free Speech.

On the question of the right of "Free Speech," this Conference declares that the whole right of Democracy and at the same time a basic principle of Christianity is the value of the individual and his right to a full expression of life. These rights are in danger of being curtailed and we feel it necessary to claim from all authorities the right of free speech and its associated expression, always provided that it is conducted without the prospect of physical violence or undue interference with public traffic in our streets or public places. In support of this suggestion we would emphasise the fact that the truth can live only in a free country and that granted this the Christian message can and will overcome all inadequate expressions of life.

7. Divorce.

This Conference refers to the Public Questions Committee the matter of re-marrying by the Church of divorced persons, findings to be reported to the Synods.

8. Birth Control.

This Conference refers to the Public Questions Committee the question of the attitude of the Church to "Birth Control," with a view to making some pronouncement thereon.

9. Sunday Observance.

Viewing with alarm the increasing desecration of the Lord's Day in various forms of Sunday sport and amusements which are subversive of the spirit and privileges of that day, we call upon all our Preachers to emphasise during the year the sacred obligations of Sunday Observance, and we urge our people to abstain from Sunday desecration in every form so that by their example they will encourage the sacred observance of this day.

That in view of the uncertainty that exists among many of our people as to what constitutes proper observance of the Lord's Day we request the Public Questions Committee to consider during the year the duties of members and adherents in this respect and to draw up resolutions thereon.

10. Public Wrestling Displays.

That the matter of Public Wrestling Matches be referred to the Public Questions Committee for consideration during the year.

11. Peace.

Recognising the responsibility which rests upon the Churches to work for a world-order based on righteousness, abiding goodwill and peace, this Conference declares:—

- (1) War is contrary to the spirit and purposes of Jesus Christ as revealed in His teaching concerning the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, which is the Divine ideal for human society; and God's Kingdom can only be realised in a world-embracing brotherhood of mankind based on righteousness, love and peace.
- (2) The Christian Church accepts as an integral part of her redemptive mission the duty to promote peace and prevent war.
- (3) We rejoice that the best elements in the nations are moving towards the acceptance of this ideal. The Covenant of the League of Nations is a great undertaking for the maintenance of peace by reason and justice. By the more explicit Pact of Paris, 62 nations have condemned recourse to war for the solution of international Controversies and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another, and agree that the solution of disputes or conflicts which may arise among them shall never be sought except by pacific means.
- (4) We believe that war is a crime against humanity and must be utterly repudiated as a method of settling international disputes, and we pledge our support of every endeavour to make these pacts and pledges effective.
- (5) We declare our resolve to refuse to support any Government which refuses to submit a cause of dispute with another Government to an appropriate international tribunal for peaceful settlement.
- (6) To this end we urge, as a necessity, that every individual in our Church should consider his or her attitude to this all-important question of peace, especially as there is still a possibility of war. Should this come we realize the grave decision that will be demanded of us. There are those who are sincere lovers of their country whose inward conviction and loyalty to Christ will compel them to apply the Christian affirmation by refusal to bear arms, in any circumstance, while others will feel the Christian necessity of giving effect to obligations, commitments and loyalties of a national and international character. Therefore we uphold liberty of conscience in whichever direction loyalty to inward conviction may carry them.
- (7) Meanwhile we press for world-wide reduction of armaments, limitation and the control of their manufacture and sale. Special attention should be devoted to uncovering particular causes of war, among which may be enumerated the following:—discontent due to oppression of minorities, arbitrary boundaries, inequitable treaties, unfair economic rivalries and conditions involved in the fight for export markets and animosities due to religion. To this end and that our people may be adequately instructed, we urge individual and corporate membership in the League of Nations Union.

- (8) Finally, we declare that we will readily co-operate with other Christian Communions in the pursuit of those necessities, believing that unless the spirit of war is removed, that spirit will kill any civilisation.

We recommend that communications be opened up with other Churches in order to secure common action.

- (9) As a practical gesture of our belief that war is contrary to the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we urge the Government to replace the system of Cadet Military Training by a Citizenship Training System which, while retaining many valuable features of the present system, such as physical training, discipline, and social companionship, will be completely separated from the present War System and will be in harmony with Christian ideals.
- (10) That in any schools under the authority of the Church, the Citizen Training System should be recommended to the controlling body of the School.
- (11) That efforts be made to co-operate with the Chaplains' Committees of other Churches, or that a special Commission composed of representatives of the Churches be set up with a view to determining the status of Chaplains attached to Military, Naval and Air Forces.
- (12) "Since resort to war is not in harmony with the spirit of Christ, and is a crime against humanity," this Conference reiterates its abhorrence of the increasing output of armaments, and indignantly protests against the fact, as proved by the League of Nations, that international armament firms are intent on thwarting all efforts for peace, and are a distinct factor in promoting war. Such efforts made on the fear, suspicion, injustice, and selfishness of the nations, tend to precipitate a catastrophe. This Conference therefore pleads that the Government and people shall turn from thoughts and policies of rearmament, to direct their effort to the strengthening of the League of Nations and other organisations, which have for their object the maintenance of peace and to cultivate the Spirit of Peace among ourselves in our immediate environment. This Conference also protests against such publications and speeches as tend to promulgate the spirit of war, or to suggest that war is inevitable. Gathered in this Conference we would urge that as members of the Church we humble ourselves before God, confessing our sins individual and national, and that we pray that God may teach us the true way of life that we may walk therein, and so increasingly manifest the Spirit of Him who is the Prince of Peace.
- (13) That we desire to make it known to the people of our Church that parents may, if so desirous, obtain exemption of their sons from cadet service in the schools.
- (14) This Conference demands that members of the Methodist Church, who for conscientious reasons refuse to carry arms or participate in war, should have their religious principles honoured.

12. Unemployment.

Pending a readjustment of our Social System that will improve the situation, our attitude to the problem is as follows:—

- (1) We strongly urge an adequate standard of relief for unemployed men and women.
- (2) We re-affirm our belief that the standard of relief afforded the unemployed hitherto, has fallen below what may justly be expected in a Christian community.

- (3) We particularly urge larger sustenance grants to unemployed men and a more liberal children's allowance, even if this involves heavier taxation.
We would respectfully declare that instead of reducing the rate of tax from 1/- to 10d., a larger amount of Relief Wages and Sustenance should have been made available for Relief Workers to meet the claims of food, firing, clothing and rent.
- (4) We believe that more should be done for women, many of whom while contributing to the Unemployment Fund, receive little benefit therefrom.
- (5) A serious aspect of the problem is the number of boys and girls passing out of our schools each year, anxious to take their part in the world's activities, but denied the opportunity of doing so. This desolating experience is most embittering to young lives, and it will take more than pious platitudes to make them feel kindly disposed towards a social order that denies them a proper place and opportunity within it.
- (6) The presence of some who are unemployable (men who cannot work or whose work is inefficient) constitutes a social problem. They must be treated as such and not allowed to drift along without guidance or adequate help.

N.B.—Any adequate survey of the present economic position should take account of the suffering of thousands of our citizens who, while not actually in want, are being subjected to extraordinary worry and strain. The gravity of the situation is indicated in the rise of the suicide rate and by the number of people being forced out of business after losing their all.

- (7) We appreciate the action of the Government in exempting workers below the age of 20 years from the payment of the tax.
- (8) We recommend the formation of Study Groups to ascertain the facts in connection with this complex problem so that proposals may be advocated to secure to each worker gainful employment on a just basis with some insured benefit if industry fails to provide such employment.

Review.

It is necessary to plan intelligently to remove unemployment, want, and poverty and to do this we must deal with root causes. This task must be attempted in the light of the following principles which need to be stated and restated until they form part of our everyday outlook.

- (1) Man's environment exercises a powerful influence on his moral and spiritual development, the Christian Church therefore must not be indifferent to the conditions under which men live.
- (2) Since Christ was so concerned for the full-orbed development of personality, we regard it as the duty of every Christian to seek to remove all hindrances to that development. Acute poverty, economic insecurity and fear are gravely prejudicial to human well-being and, therefore, their elimination is a matter of urgency. (In this connection we reaffirm our conviction that the natural resources of New Zealand are capable of meeting all the reasonable requirements of its citizens in the shape of food, clothing, shelter and services and therefore no one should be made to endure demoralising.
- (3) The motives which largely govern our economic system—self-interest, profits, competition and the too-frequent exploitation of the weak by the strong—are not in harmony with the Spirit of Christ. It is the duty of Christian men to plan and work for an economic system that genuinely expresses the ideals of Christianity.

- (4) The teaching of Christ further condemns the present distribution of wealth. Most of the wealth of our land is concentrated in the hands of a small minority. We consider that such steps as are necessary to secure a more just and equitable distribution of the nation's wealth should have the support of Christian people.
 - (5) In the re-organistaion of industry it must be remembered that the true purpose of production is not the enrichment of any particular class, but the material well-being of the people as a whole. And we believe it to be the duty of the Church to learn and state the christian attitude towards the private ownership of goods necessary to human welfare.
 - (6) It is the duty of Christian people to apply the principles of Christ to the affairs of daily life, within their respective spheres of industry and commerce.
 - (7) Finally, we must learn from Christ the secrets of moral insight necessary for reform and preach constantly the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.
13. That we urge upon the Government the necessity of extending the scheme of Village Settlement and the extension of further Land Settlement wherever practicable.
 14. That the District Committees be advisory Committees to the Public Questions Committee in Wellington.
 15. That Resolutions on important Questions and notices of motion be typed and circulated in Conference at least 24 hours before any of the subjects come up for discussion.
 16. That all important matters of Dominion and world wide interest be introduced at a stage of Conference business when the membership of the Conference fully represents the opinion of Dominion Methodism.
 17. That the Rev. W. B. Scott be thanked for his services as Convener of the Committee and re-appointed.

Special Committee for 1935.

That a special Public Questions Committee be set up for the Dominion but that such Committee must report its findings to the Wellington District Executive.

Such Committee to consist of the following members:—President of Conference; The Superintendents of the City and Suburban Circuits including Lower Hutt, Petone and Johnsonville with the Revs. E. O. Blamires and F. O. Prosser; Mrs. Steptoe and Miss Lorna Hodder; Messrs. S. T. S. Martin, J.P., H. Holland, M.P., B. J. Lynneberg, R. Hampton, J. M. Thompsno, R. S. Maunder, C. Russell, C. H. Hain, T. H. Crosbie and the Hon. L. M. Isitt, M.L.C.; Convener, Rev. W. Bramwell Scott.

District Public Questions Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Dr. Laws, Revs. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., E. S. Emmitt, M.C., R. B. Tinsley, A. E. Orr, S. J. Werren, Messrs. A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., R. C. Clark, M.A., W. S. Mackay, L. E. Rhodes, E. J. Hutson, E. P. Salmon and A. Williams ; 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.—Chairman of District, 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, C. H. Virtue, 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., T. Skuse, L. B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Messrs. J. B. Shacklock, R. Vanes, F. Marshall and H. H. Johnson (Convener).

REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

The present year has been marked by the absence of practically all immigration to New Zealand. There have been instances in which the Immigration Officer has been advised of a young man, or young woman, arriving in the Dominion, to fill private positions and these have been met and timely service rendered.

The Warships visiting Wellington have received the attention of the Chaplain, and the men of the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches have been under the care of the Chaplain. These men have attended the Services of Wesley Church, when in port.

Mr. R. Denton continues to render valuable service in meeting the boats arriving from the Homeland.

THOMAS R. RICHARDS,

Chief Immigration Officer, Wellington

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. T. R. Richards be thanked for his services and that the Rev. P. R. Paris be appointed Chief Immigration Officer.
3. That Conference instructs the Wellington District Executive to associate a Methodist Minister with Mr. Denton in welcoming Methodists on boats from the Homeland.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY, 1934.

1. Properties Acquired.

Mount Roskill—Section for a Parsonage Cost £200. No debt.

Ohawe Beach (Hawera)—Section 20.16 perches. Gift of Mrs. Catran.

Ohakune—Church and Section (1 rood). Cost £200.

2. Erections and Additions.

Mount Albert—Organ. Cost £925. Debt £120.

Waiuku—Parsonage improvements. Cost £24. No debt.

Ruawai—Garage. Cost £20. No debt.

Otagiwai—Church. Cost £182. No debt.

Palmerston North (Cuba Street)—Earthquake repairs, etc. Cost £300.
Feilding—Tennis pavilion. Cost £20. No debt.
Porirua—School. Cost £360. Debt £140.
Maranui—B.C. Rooms and Tennis Court. Cost £199. Debt £115.
Hataitai—Parsonage enlargement. Cost £175. No debt.
Nelson South—School. Cost £877. Debt £450.
Tua Marina—Church. Cost £1000. No debt.
Havelock—Parsonage. Cost £455. Debt £216.
Riccarton Village—B.C. Rooms. Cost £135. Debt £12.
Addington—School Additions. Cost £120.
Dunedin Central Mission—Additions. Cost £1250. Gift of Social Service Department.
Roxburgh—Vestry. Cost £100. Gift of two trustees.
Mataura—Church. Value £500. Debt £52.

3. Sales and Extended Leases.

Waiuku—Section sold £80. Proceeds for permanent improvement of property.
Waihi—Section sold in Kenny Street £20. Proceeds for permanent improvement of property.
Bulls—Section sold £45. Proceeds for permanent improvements to Marton parsonage.
Otaki—Section sold £87. Proceeds for permanent debt reduction.
Havelock—Section sold £57. Proceeds for new parsonage.
Leeston—Sections sold £220. Proceeds to be held in Trust for new parsonage.
Blue Spur—Building sold £15. Proceeds for permanent improvements to Lawrence property.

4. Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

To Credit Balance from last year—General Account ..	£4,708	4	11
„ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes ..	23,880	19	11
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	2,674	12	0
„ Loans from other sources	1,211	1	2
„ All other Receipts	45,135	8	6
Total Receipts	£77,610	6	6
Debit Balances	18,179	1	9
Total	£95,789	8	3

EXPENDITURE.

By Debit Balance from last year	£20,054	1	11
„ Loan Fund Instalments	2,138	7	10
„ Other Loans Repaid	4,852	16	9
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdrafts ..	7,571	5	3
„ Purchase of Land, Erections or Additions to Buildings	4,730	10	10
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..	27,956	15	5
Total Expenditure	£67,303	18	0
Credit Balances	5,154	10	4
Balances held for Special Purposes ..	23,330	19	11
Total	£95,789	8	3

5. Statement of Debts.

Mortgage Debt at end of Previous Year	£179,536	3	1
Add New Loans Received During Year	3,511	13	5
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Total	183,047	16	6
Deduct Loans Repaid During Year	7,512	17	1
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Amount of Mortgage Debt as at end of Year	£175,534	19	5
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Unpaid General Accounts	1,163	8	1
Unpaid Interest	1,563	0	4
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6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£748,697	5	4
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7. District Secretaries for Church Property.

I am greatly indebted to the District Secretaries for Church Property for their zealous co-operation. All have maintained their customary high standards in compiling and forwarding returns. In some cases Circuit Superintendents did not supply them with necessary returns until the day Synods met. Others sent incomplete returns and a few failed to carry out the totals of the several columns leaving this to the District Secretary. The following are nominated by the Synods for appointment for the ensuing year.

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, Tukapā St., Westown, New Plymouth.

Hawke's 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.

8. General.

The last day for Schedule forms to be sent to the District Secretaries was 31st October and the last day for them to be forwarded to the General Secretary was 10th December. Owing to the illness of the Cambridge Terrace Trust secretary returns from that circuit were not available until 19th January and such returns still awaited audit. In view of the heavy liabilities of this trust involved in the investment in a large block of residential flats—and of the statement that the circuit fund and all trust funds operate on a single bank account the position needs careful attention by the circuit concerned.

There has not been much building activity during the year and very little new property has been acquired.

The amount held for special purposes has increased to £23,880. Unfortunately some boards of trustees are infringing both our church law and Statute Law by illegally using trust funds for irregular purposes such as financing the circuit fund. Such breaches of trust are a very serious matter and involve the trustees in personal liability.

The aggregate income of the trusts shows an increase of £918 over last year. The debit balances reported are £1,857 less than last year. The aggregate expenditure shows a decrease for the year but the credit balances held by trusts show a small increase over the previous year. The amount of fire insurance cover shows a considerable increase. On the whole the general returns indicate an upward tendency and show an easing of the financial pressure of recent years.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for 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 where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 so see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.
7. 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.
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."

9. That the Cambridge Terrace Trust be recommended to have a separate banking account for the residential flats enterprise.

(B)—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Report for 1934.

The year ended 30th September has revealed the difficulty many trusts experience in fulfilling their guarantees to repay instalments of current loans as they fall due. Adjustments have been made in some cases to ease their burden. Very few new building enterprises have been undertaken. Loans have been advanced to enable a number of trusts to repay interest-bearing debts on church properties. The Capital Account of the Fund has been increased during the year by the receipt of legacies of £1000 from the estate of the late Mr. George Winstone and of £50 from the estate of the late Rev. Samuel Lawry. It is gratifying to see that our people in making their testamentary dispositions recognise that gifts made to this Fund are used in perpetuity to provide sites for church purposes where such are needed, to help in the erection of churches, schools, parsonages and other church buildings and to assist in the removal of debts on church property.

Finance.

The financial statements show that in the Loans Account a sum of £2,084 9s. 6d. has been received in repayment of current loans. This shows a serious decline on the previous year and reveals that a growing proportion of our capital is being kept out of action by the inability or failure of trustees to meet their obligations. The amount of loans current at the end of the financial year was £20,725 15s. 10d. It is to be feared that default in repayment of loans is not entirely due to economic stringency but in some cases to a measure of self-consideration by trusts whose failure to fulfil their undertakings increases the burden on relatively weaker trusts.

The Revenue Account shows that a sum of £253 2s. 7d. has been received for office expenses leaving a surplus of £24 ls. 3d. Contributions from Trusts have been fairly well sustained. The income for the Sites Fund has been £159 0s. 10d. and grants totalling £132 10s. 0d. have been made for sites at Atherton Road (Epsom), Otangiwai and Ohakune.

Loans.

The balance-sheet shows that the assets of the Fund now stand at £24,107 ls. 6d. including £1000 that is invested on mortgage for the Sites Fund. A balance of £344 4s. 2d. is available for grants in accordance with the relative regulations.

During the year the following loans have been fully repaid:—

Dominion Road School Hall, Morrinsville Church, Liardet Street parsonage (New Plymouth), St. Aubyn Sunday School, Shirley No. 1 Loan.

New loans have been advanced as follows:—Epsom Church £400, Te Aroha Sunday School £200, Taumarunui Church £381, Te Kuiti Church £703 8s. 9d., Ohakune Church £30, Raetihi Parsonage £350, Wanganui East Church £638 13s. 3d., Porirua School Hall £150, Riccarton £100, Riccarton Village £25, Lincoln Road £75, Otautau Parsonage £22.

The loans current in each District on 30th September were:—Auckland 15, South Auckland 22, Taranaki-Wanganui 10, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu 9, Wellington 11, Nelson 8, North Canterbury 31, South Canterbury 4, Otago-Southland 8, Total 118.

Seventy-five trusts are in arrears with their repayments the most serious cases being:—

Auckland District	..	..	Devonport, Vauxhall, Otahuhu Mangere East, Warkworth, Paparua, Kohukohu.
South Auckland District	..	..	Opotiki, Whakatane, Taneatua, Te Puke, Putaruru, Ngatea.

Taranaki-Wanganui District	..	Opunake, Taihape.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District	..	Waipukurau, Dannevirke.
Wellington District	..	Hataitai, Miramar, Johnsonville, Lower Hutt, Waiwhetu, Eketahuna.
North Canterbury	..	Rugby Street, Edgeware Road, Bryndwr, Papanui, Shirley, Rich- mond-Linwood Parsonage, Opawa
Otago-Southland	..	Caversham, St. Clair, Gore.

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1935 :—

The Chairman of the North Canterbury 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), C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. McIndoe, John MacDougall, J. H. Kidd, H. Harrison and H. J. S. Harrington.

SALES AND MORTGAGES SANCTIONED.

The Committee has given its sanction to the Dunedin (Cargill Road) trustees to mortgage the parsonage property to secure a loan of £300.

The following sales of property have been sanctioned :—

Wesley Training College Trust.—5 to 7 acres and also a further block in Mount Albert Road at not less than £100 per acre.

Waihi.—Residence Site for £50 net. Proceeds for permanent improvement to Church property.

Ohakune.—Old Church property. Proceeds for reduction of debt on new property.

Bulls.—Property for not less than £40 net. Proceeds for permanent improvement of Marton parsonage.

Bell Block.—Church building for removal. Proceeds for memorial purposes.

Westown.—Dedication of corner to New Plymouth Borough Council.

Awatuna.—Removal of building to Kaponga. No debt to be incurred.

Torere.—Sale of building for £40 net. Proceeds to reduce Taihape debt to Loan Fund.

Havelock (Marlborough).—Old parsonage site £50 net. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Kaiapoi.—Old church for removal.

Oxford.—Section for £50 net. Proceeds to be held by Connexional Office in trust for new church at Oxford.

Madras Street (Christchurch).—Sale of small area for £100 to Electricity Department. Proceeds for improvements to church building.

Leeston.—Surplus sections No. 2 £80; Nos. 3, 4, 11, 12 £70 each; No. 10 £60. All prices are net. Proceeds to be held in trust for new parsonage at Leeston.

Dundas Street (Dunedin).—(a) Dundas Street house £850; proceeds towards debt on Leith Street parsonage; (b) Leith Street parsonage £1,100. Any surplus to be applied to acquirement of new parsonage property.

Blue Spur.—Property for £15 net. Proceeds for improving Lawrence property.

CLARENCE EATON, 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, 1936).

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 Chairman and District Property Secretaries as members *ex officio*.
 - (a) AUCKLAND: Revs. G. Frost, W. Walker; Messrs. J. Tyler and S. E. Chappell.
 - (b) SOUTH AUCKLAND: The ministers of the Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits; Messrs. E. J. Davey, W. B. L. Williams, E. Miller, J. C. Tietjens, E. J. Easter.
 - (c) TARANAKI-WANGANUI: The ministers of the New Plymouth Circuits, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, J. T. Griffin, E. Dixon, T. P. Hughson sen. and R. Pepperill.
 - (d) HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: The ministers of the St. Paul's, Cuba Street and Feilding Circuits, Rev. R. B. Gosnell, 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 and A. W. Barnett.
 - (h) OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A., 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.

(C)—REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS.

During the year Deeds have been received for the following properties:—Atherton Road (Epsom), Airedale Street and Wakefield Street (3 deeds), Otorohanga Church occupation license; Maeroa; Ohakune; Ohawe; Paraparumu church and parsonage; Ashhurst parsonage, Riwaka section; Motueka Cemetery site, Millers Flat site.

Alterations have been made in the personnel of seventy-one trusts during the year. This has involved the removal of 181 names from the Register and the registration of 191 new trustees. The registration fees have been paid to the Connexional Secretaryship Fund.

The alterations in the Trust Registers affect the following properties:—Foreign Mission Trust Board, Dominion Road, Kingsland, East Street, Airedale Street, Epsom, Ponsonby, Bayfield, Penrose, Birkenhead, Mangere East, Dargaville, Pukekohe, Karaka, Fairburns, Waimamaku, Hamilton, Frankton Junction, Maeroa, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Huntly, Ngatea, Waitakaruru, St. Aubyn, Marton, Raetihi, Ohakune, Palmerston North (Broad Street), Waipukurau, Foxton, Shannon, Rongotea, Taikorea, Northland, Hataitai, Miramar, Petone, Plimmerton, Waikanae, Eketahuna, Stoke, Blenheim, Motueka, Hokitika, Fitzgerald Avenue, Rugby Street, Papanui,

Sydenham, Woolston, Opawa, Sumner, Kimberley, Hawarden, Timaru (Bank Street), Kingsdown, Upper Pareora, Waimate, Rakaia, Dunedin (Trinity), Mornington, Maori Hill, Cargill Road, St. Clair, St. Kilda, Port Chalmers, Sawyers Bay, Mataura, Greenhills and Tuatapere.

It should be pointed out that no person may legally act as a Trustee until his name has been entered on the Register of Trustees and a certificate that he is entitled to act is issued by the Authorised Representative to the Superintendent Minister concerned.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Authorised Representative.

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 1935-36.
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 XXXVII.—What is the Condition of the Various Mission, Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

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

Report for the Year Ended 31st October, 1934.

The year past has been a difficult one so far as revenue is concerned.

At the same time there is some evidence that the bottom of the depression has been reached and there are indications of a slight improvement in respect of property generally.

Rentals continue at a very low figure but they have been better paid than during the previous year.

Expenditure has been curtailed as much as possible, only absolutely necessary work being undertaken in order to keep the various properties in efficient state of repair.

The Board hope to be in a position to enable a small payment to be made to the Theological College during the coming year.

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, The Rev. Dr. Laws, and The Rev. Dr. Ranston.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Report for 1934.

We have to report, that during the year the rents have been regularly paid and the Mortgage reduced by £195 to £1,585. The Trustees have recognised the desirability of rendering a considerable amount of assistance to our Colleges and by special vote at the last meeting increased the grant to Trinity from £200 to £350 for the year ending March, 1935, and have voted the sum of £350 to Trinity College for the year 1935-36, this with the grant to Wesley College of £150 a year for three years will not enable much reduction in the Mortgage. The Trustees will have now to consider their responsibility to the future and after these votes have been paid to clear the Mortgage and build up a fund to provide for the payment that will be due to the Lessors for the value of the buildings at the end of their lease. Additions have been made to the Board by the inclusion of Dr. Ranston and Messrs. H. B. Halstead and L. E. Rhodes.

W. WALKER, Chairman.

J. W SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Report for Year Ending December 31st, 1934.

The Board has met as business has required during the year and given careful consideration to various applications for assistance. It has also at intervals of six months given reconsideration to every grant made so as assure itself of continued need in each case.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure presented herewith shows that £442 0s. 10d. has been distributed to beneficiaries, thus absorbing all the revenue for the year and reducing the credit balance at the Bank from £72 17s. 11d. to £46 8s. 10d. The revenue, which for the year ending December 31st, 1932, was £617 3s. 6d., has fallen to £452 11s. 4d. for the past year, a decrease of nearly 27 per cent, owing to the heavy charges for stamp duty and the fall in interest on Government Inscribed Stock, in which the Board's capital is invested.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

4.—THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Report for the Conference, 1935.

The work at our Childrens Home at Masterton continues to make good progress, and splendid work has been done by the Matron, Miss Allen, Miss Cameron, first assistant, and the other members of the staff.

The Masterton Committee has rendered excellent service under the able guidance of the Rev. J. Cocker, Secretary Manager, who is untiring in his efforts and energy on behalf of the Home, and our Board is deeply appreciative of the good work he is doing in the interest of the children.

The Board are unanimous in asking Conference to appoint the Home Committee as now constituted, and a successor as Chairman of the Wellington Board in place of the Rev. T. R. Richards who is retiring from the active work of the ministry.

It has again been necessary to augment the funds of the Home for working expenses, but it is hoped that with the improved outlook that is apparent over the Dominion, that subscriptions and donations to the good work of the Home will be largely increased during the coming year.

The years' operations after providing for depreciation on building at Masterton, show a surplus of £14 ls. 5d., but it must be borne in mind that between £400 and £500 has been expended on Survey Fees, and extensive repairs and renovations to the Kelburn properties.

The street widening in connection with the Kelburn properties necessary before the City Council would take over the "private ways" and declare them Public Streets, has almost been completed by the Wellington City Council, and the cost of same will have to be faced by the Board during the coming year.

E. W. A. KELLOW

Acting-Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. P. R. Paris be appointed Chairman of the Board.

5.—ELMSLEY TRUST BOARD, GREY INSTITUTE TRUST AND KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

That the Statements of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD 1934.

The financial year ended on 31st October, 1934, and the statements duly audited are furnished herewith. The income from all sources amounted to £4,377 15s. 7d. This included a sum of £541 8s. 7d. received as premiums consequent upon the conversion of local body debentures. This amount together with the annual appropriation of £100 has been placed to the credit of the Investment Contingency Reserve Account. After meeting all working expenses and re-insurance charges and meeting fire losses there is a surplus on the year's working of £2,124 1s. 7d. Following the directions laid down by the Conference the Board proposes to add to the Fire Loss Reserve Account the sum of £1000. This will leave a divisible surplus of £1,131 6s. 7d. which is less than the surplus of the previous year. This decline we predicted a year ago and it is the inevitable result of the operation of such factors as the Statutory reduction of interest on Debentures and mortgages; the larger rebate allowed on certain risks, and the continuous decrease in basic premiums because of the wider extension of fire-fighting facilities. Other factors operating to reduce income are the replacement of wooden structures by buildings in more permanent materials and smaller cover being arranged for by trustees on account of the constant depreciation in the value of old wooden buildings.

The Board recommends that the available surplus be distributed in grants as follow :—

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
			—
			£775

2. SPECIAL—

Wesley Training College Board	..	..	150
Trinity College Council	..	..	125
Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	25
Home Mission Fund	..	..	25
Deaconess House Repair Fund	..	..	25
			—
			£350

Grand Total £1,125

The Board, as directed by Conference, gave special consideration to the needs of Wesley Training College and rendered assistance by lodging the sum of £200 on deposit free of interest. It now asks the Conference to convert £150 of the said deposit into a grant as set forth in the list recommended above.

The Fund carries 914 risks on church properties made up of 420 churches, 203 schools, halls, etc., 156 parsonages and 135 sundries including colleges, etc. These risks are covered for a total of £667,095 of which £329,778 is re-insured. The Fire Insurance Department also arranges earthquake risks, Employers' Liability risks, the insurance of the property of ministers against fire and burglary, as well as the insurance of properties mortgaged to the Fire Insurance Board and to the Supernumerary Fund Board. These various risks total £117,470 and no part of such risks is carried by the Fund. The insurances in which we are interested, therefore, aggregate £784,565 of which sum £447,248 is re-insured. New risks accepted during the year amount to £12,315. Some trusts have reduced their insurances. That procedure is wise where a risk is over-insured but the peril of under-insurance should be recognised. Trustees should understand that in the event of the total loss by fire of an insured property the indemnity paid by the insuring body is the amount of the policy or the replacement value, whichever may be the lower. No one is entitled to make a profit out of a fire loss. In the event of partial loss the payment is up to the cost of replacing the damage done within the amount of the cover. There have been four losses during the year, namely at Three Kings, Waihi, Durham Street School and on an Employers' Liability risk. The damage totalled £327 but reinsurance cover reduced the loss to the Fund to £101 6s. 6d.

During the last eight years new risks on church properties alone have been accepted aggregating £250,595. This great increase of business in recent years, representing almost two-fifths of our total business in church risks has been due to the persistent endeavour to secure for our own office risks formerly held by outside offices. We have been able to satisfy the requirements of mortgagees including the lending Departments of the State, banking institutions, solicitors and private lenders. There are still some trusts whose properties are not yet insured in the Connexional Office, the principal being Wanganui, Napier, Taranaki Street and Dunedin Central Mission. If Trustees seek our help, we can, in the majority of cases, effect the necessary rearrangement.

We nominate as the Board for the ensuing year, the Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Colonel G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (Lay Treasurer), Revs. F. T. Read, E. Drake, H. S. Kings, and Messrs. W. A. Bascand, J. W. Manchester, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins and S. Dixon.

The thanks of the Board are tendered to the Rev. T. Fee and Mr. A. A. Sandford on their retirement after long and valued service.

The Board also records its thanks to the Treasurers for devoted service in the interests of the Department.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

4th December, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, and the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That from the year's surplus £1000 be added to the Fire Loss Reserve Account and that from the divisible surplus of £1131 6s. 7d. the sum of £1125 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 £150 of the said deposit into a grant already included in the Board's appropriations for 1935.
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 members of the Board for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE 1934.

As directed by last Conference the Committee gave consideration to the possibility of arranging for a visit to New Zealand by the Rev. W. R. Maltby, D.D., in connection with his forthcoming visit to Australia. Correspondence was conducted and it was ascertained that Dr. Maltby intends to leave Sydney on July 18th by the "Niagara" that he will have a bare day in Auckland and expects to arrive at Suva on July 26th. The President was requested to cable inviting Dr. Maltby to spend a few weeks in New Zealand but unfortunately his engagements did not permit of any further absence from England.

During the year the Connexional Secretary corresponded with Dr. F. Dewsbury Pinfold, of Hamilton, relative to the copyright of the Ministerial and Circuit Index compiled by the late Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D. and also as to the possibility of permission being given to make use of the matter in that book then a new publication becomes necessary. Dr. Pinfold replied stating that he could see no objection to such a proposal and would raise no objection to use being made of material from the "Index," on behalf of the Church. This permission will be greatly valued by the Conference. Meanwhile the matter in the Index is being kept up to date and corrections are being tabulated by the Connexional Secretary so that the Church itself may, when necessary, publish an official Connexional Index.

The volume of business of the various funds, departments and interests administered in the office continues to grow. In the last eight years the total of funds administered has grown by more than £80,000. All the expanding business connected with the office has increased in complexity during the last few years because of the abnormal economic conditions that have existed calling for extreme care and close attention. The office staff has responded well to all the demands made upon it.

A considerable amount of extra work is entailed as a result of legislation affecting mortgages and the conversion of debentures. Property matters throughout the Dominion have needed especial care and many problems affecting church trusts have received attention. The department of the Authorised Representative has made constant demands for service. The campaign in the interests of the "Methodist Times" and the work in connection with the new church hymn book have also involved a good deal of extra work which in the latter case will not be recurring.

The cost of administration has been kept within the appropriations. The amounts requested for 1935 are the same as last year, namely:—

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 the ensuing year:—

The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Addington, Riccarton and St. Albans 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. H. W. Armitage, M. Kershaw and E. D. Sincock.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY HOLLAND, Chairman.

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 appropriation as recommended in the Report be approved.
3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to Dr. F. D. Pinfold for his consent to the Church to use the material embodied in the "Index" compiled by his late father, the Rev. J. T. Pinfold, D.D.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

(A)—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

(1). The College was re-opened on Monday, March 12th, with seventeen men in residence, five being fresh men. Two students for the Congregational ministry are also with us.

(2). Mr. A. R. Witheford was elected Senior Student and with his able leadership and influence, excellent discipline has been maintained. The men have proved serious students in an atmosphere of devotion and good fellowship. The general spiritual tone is good; prayer and devotional meetings being regularly held. The health of the men has been satisfactory.

(3). Seventeen Hostel students have been in residence. We desire several more next year, and request members of the Synods and Conference to assist us by recommending the College.

(4). Students Duder, Hanna, Luxton, Mills, Taylor, Thornley, and Witheford leave College this year, having completed three years of training.

(5). Thanks are due to the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. for good work as Tutor, and to him and Mrs. Blight, M.A. for most economical management of the domestic side of the College arrangements. The Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws also deserves thanks for fine services rendered.

(6). Without expense to the College Council, an excellent piano has been acquired for the Common Room. By means of concerts and donations from friends the students have enabled us to obtain a worthy instrument.

(7). **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), and Classical Greek. Once a week each classes have been held in New Testament Teaching (the Gospel and Epistles of St. John), New Testament Exegesis (John, Chps. 14-17, Epistle of Peter), Old Testament Introduction (The Prophets), and Teaching (The Prophets). During the last term the Isaianic Servant of the Lord chapters were studied in detailed Exegesis. The Principal has also conducted five classes per week in Hebrew at the University. Of the students attending these five are either our own Trinity men or preparing for candidature.

(b). Mr. Blight has twice a week taught Systematic Theology (Introd. to Theology, God, Man), and Junior Greek. Once a week he has had classes in New Testament Introduction (The Fourth Gospel and the non-Pauline Epistles), Pastoral Theology (with special attention to Sunday School Methods and Organisation). Paedagogy (with Child Psychology), Logic, and English Grammar and Composition.

Both Principal and Tutor have set papers each term in Old and New Testament General Knowledge. Both also share the conduct of the Sunday and week-night services at the Collegiate Church, and also give freely of their services to City and suburban churches.

(c) Dr. Laws has taught weekly classes in Homiletics, has also heard all the students preach, conducting the Sermon Criticism class. Fortnightly lectures have been delivered on English literature.

(d). Individual and collective instruction has been given by Mr. T. Harris in Elocution and Voice Production. Both the Revs. E. P. Blamires and L. B. Busfield have delivered appreciated lectures on Sunday School and Young Peoples' Work. During the Third term the Staff has prepared a young Maori in his candidature for the ministry.

(8). In **Practical Work** the usual assistance has been given by the men in several departments of Church activity, including Boys' Brigade work. Students have visited Sunday Schools in the City, and reported on their observations. Almost all attended Bible Class Camps during Easter. Many services are conducted each Sunday. Several men spent their vacations in supply work or in missions. A pleasing feature is the evangelistic zeal exhibited by many of the students. Reports from circuits are very cheering as to the ability and earnestness displayed.

(9). Mr. Blight has continued the excellent work reported last year at the Normal School, Mt. Eden. As the Training College for Teachers will be re-opened next year, the influence will be then more widespread and vital.

(10). At the **University College** Mr. Thornley has attended classes in Philosophy III and Hebrew I. Mr. Hopper in History I, Education I Preliminary Hebrew; Mr. Tasker in Education III and Greek; and Mr. Willoughby in Education I, Psychology, and Preliminary Hebrew.

The Principal reports later that all these men passed in Terms and Sections of their Degree, Mr. Tasker completing his B.A. Degree.

(11). A report will be presented direct to the Examination Committee of the Correspondence classes for Candidates for the Ministry directed by Mr. Blight. The College Council will report on the suggestion that the staff should extend their work to include the training of others than those accepted for the ministry.

(12). **The Prize Awards** are as follows:—The Edson Greek, Alex. Reid Elocution, Garland Theology (equal with Tasker), and the Wagstaff Biblical Prizes were awarded to Student Witheford. The Kent English Literature Prize was obtained by Student Duder; Mr. Tasker was awarded the Garland Theology Prize (equal with Witheford). The Junior Prizes in Greek, Elocution, Theology and Biblical studies were awarded to Student Mayson. Mr. Mills gained the second Senior Elocution Prize; while Progress awards were made to Students Hanna and Beckingsale, the former in Greek and Biblical Studies, the latter in Theology.

(13). Once again my colleagues and I confidently appeal for the sympathetic co-operation of the whole Church in our difficult duty of training men for the work of the ministry. These are critical times which demand ministers thoroughly equipped both mentally and spiritually. We ask you to send us only men of undoubted grace and personality.

TRINITY COLLEGE,
AUCKLAND,

HARRY RANSTON, PRINCIPAL.

October 10th, 1934.

(B).—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Quarterly meetings of the Council have been well attended during the year, and in addition a great amount of useful work has been done by the members through the various standing committees. The Council has kept in close touch with the life of the College, both on the Theological and the Hostel sides, and it is a source of gratification to be able to report on the completely harmonious working of the College, and the fine spirit that has prevailed throughout the year.

The Students.

The Students continue to commend themselves to the Council and to all our congregations alike, by their devotion to their studies, their Christian character, and the enthusiasm and ability they manifest in their work. Generous tributes have been received from many parts of the District concerning their preaching in the ordinary services of the Church, in vacation supply work, and also in the special evangelistic missions which they have conducted.

Trinity Hostel.

With the closing of the Training College in Auckland it was feared that the number of Hostel Residents would be greatly reduced. We are glad to report, however, that the reduction was much smaller than was anticipated, being in fact only three less than last year, which was the highest roll number on record. It is worthy of note that we owe the presence of the six new men in the Hostel mainly to the personal recommendation of our friends, especially of present and past Hostel Residents. With the re-opening of the Training College next year it is expected that our numbers will again show an increase.

Finance.

Remembering the times through which we have been passing, it is not surprising that questions of Finance have claimed a good deal of attention from the Council. Careful economy has been exercised in all matters of expenditure. At the same time the usual high standard and efficiency of the Hostel and College have been maintained. Careful attention is also given to the building, which, now that the newness has worn off a little, begins to show an occasional need for minor repairs and adjustments.

The sincere thanks of the Council are tendered to the various Trusts that have come to the assistance of the College, thus enabling it to tide over a period of very real but, it is hoped, temporary strain. In this connection special appreciation is expressed of the help given by the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, the Pitt Street Trustees, the Prince Albert College Board, and the Wesley Church, Taranaki Street Trust. While the outlook for the future is more hopeful, the present position is still difficult, and the Council will need the most generous support that can be given..

Re-Pointing.

During the early part of the year the re-pointing of the brickwork of the College, a necessary work, was carried out.

Training School for Christian Workers.

At the request of the Auckland Methodist Ministers' Fraternal, the Council considered the question of the establishment of an institute for the training of Christian workers, other than those accepted for the regular ministry—especially Home Missionaries, Local Preachers, and those preparing for ministerial candidature. A tentative scheme will be drawn up for submission to the Auckland Synod, and all ministers and Home Missionaries have been circularised, with the object of ascertaining the possible demand that exists for such an institute, and the probable support that would be forthcoming.

Congregational Students.

This year there have been two students for the Congregational Ministry in residence with us. The men work together with our own students in complete harmony, and the arrangement is a very happy one, from every standpoint.

B.C. Winter School.

Once again a Winter School, organised by the Bible Class Unions, was held in the College during the first vacation. The assistance of Drs. Ranston and Laws, and the Rev. W. T. Blight, together with the splendid facilities of the College, again contributed largely to the fine success of the School.

Gifts.

Valuable gifts continue to be made to the College Library, and the Council cordially acknowledges its gratitude to the following donors: Misses Beaumont, Pratt, Butts, C. Joynt; Revs. A. H. Scrivin, E. P. Blamires, W. A. Sinclair, T. G. Carr; Messrs. Utting, Gordon, J. H. Hannan (Auckland); Mrs. Kirk (Otahuhu); Rev. G. S. Cook (Otaki); Mr. J. Belton (Plimmerton); Mr. H. Hughson; Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A. (Palmerston North); Rev. M. A. R. Pratt (Christchurch); Mr. E. Darvill (Taihape); Mr. L. Watson (Oxford); Rev. R. Grice (Rawene).

Thanks and Appreciation.

The Council gratefully recognises the faithful, efficient, and economical manner in which the work of the College in its various departments is carried on by the Principal and Resident Tutor and Mrs. Blight; also the able assistance rendered by the visiting Lecturers, the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D. and Mr. T. Harris.

A. C. A. SEXTON, CHAIRMAN.
E. D. PATCHETT, VICE-CHAIRMAN.
ANGUS McBEAN, SECRETARY.

OCTOBER 12th, 1934.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

Training College Scheme.

During the year the Auckland Methodist Ministers' Fraternal and others represented to the College Council that there is great need of provision for the special training of Christian workers other than accepted ministerial students, such as local preachers, home missionaries, lay agents for the foreign field, the preliminary training of candidates for the ministry, and others who may desire to qualify themselves for more efficient Christian service. Letters have been sent to all ministers, and home missionaries, enquiring as to the number of those likely to take advantage of such an institution if it were founded in connection with Trinity College. The replies express approval of the proposal, but up to the present they are not sufficiently encouraging with respect to the probable number of students to warrant the Council placing a definite scheme before Conference. Therefore the Council desires during 1935 to pursue its investigations still further, and if it is convinced that a successful institution of the kind suggested could be established, detailed plans will be submitted to the next Conference.

Students' Contributions.

(1) The Council desires to call the attention of Conference to the failure of some students to fulfil their promises of payment towards the cost of their maintenance at the College. Since 1929 no less than the sum of over £420 remains unpaid. The reasons given were in some cases inability, while some stated that they understood from their superintendent ministers that payments were not strictly demanded. Several have expressed a feeling of unfairness that they should be called upon to fulfil their promises, while others better able to pay have promised and paid nothing. Since 1929 some thirty students have contributed nothing towards the cost of their upkeep at the College. When it is remembered that the men are provided board and education for three years, receive on an average £8 per year each as Quarterage, and that university students have all their fees paid (£14/14/- per year each), it will be seen that our men are treated more generously than in any other like institution of which we have knowledge.

(2) Owing to the inability of the Probert Trust Board during the last few years to continue its very substantial contributions to the College and the Council's consequent financial embarrassment, we wish to place before Conference proposals which will add to our income from students in a position to contribute at least something, and yet in no way hinder entrance into our College of worthy students unable to pay.

- (a) That attention be called to the regulation adopted by the 1925 Conference (p. 90): "(1) That while no student shall be excluded from the College benefits on account of inability to pay or arrange for payment of his maintenance, each student, who is in a position to do so is expected to pay or arrange to have paid for him, the cost of his maintenance at the College, estimated at £60 per annum."

- (b) That (2) of the 1925 regulations read : "That in cases in which the full cost cannot be met, payment in part of the same may be accepted." deleting the following words, "provided that the Treasurer is satisfied that all that is possible is given."
- (c) That (3) of the 1925 regulations be deleted (No. (3) sets out the three forms of declaration which are now signed by the candidate).
- (d) All applications for exemption from full payment shall be considered by a small special committee of the Conference, whose decisions shall be forwarded to the College Council and the student. All applications for exemption shall be accompanied by full particulars of the financial circumstances of the candidate, given by himself or by a responsible person on his behalf. The special committee shall draw up a suitable form to provide the necessary information, the contents of which shall be treated as strictly confidential.
- (e) Applications for exemption from students already in training, or from future students whose financial circumstances change after their reception into the College, shall be made through the Principal to the College Council, which shall forward them, with its comments or recommendations, to the special committee of the ensuing Conference.
- (f) These regulations shall as far as is possible apply to the students accepted at this Conference, the special committee taking the steps necessary with respect to those accepted candidates whose Declaration forms indicate that they seek exemption.
- (g) Should any accepted candidate decline to accept the finding of the Committee the matter shall be referred to the Committee of Complaints and Appeals.

(3) The Council also desires to recommend the consideration of a system of Bursaries. It also expresses an earnest wish that Circuits and private individuals interested in worthy candidates unable to pay the cost of their maintenance will both help them and materially assist the College by providing the whole or part or the sum required.

Probationers Marrying.

The Council recommends that when a probationer applies for permission to marry during his probationary years, enquiries be made by the Conference from the College Council as to whether such probationer has fulfilled any promises made towards the cost of his maintenance while in the College, and if not, what proposals he makes for the fulfilment of such promises.

Additional Gifts.

Additional gifts to the College Library have been gratefully received from the following donors :—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Messrs. E. O. Chivers and H. V. Lawry (grandson of Rev. H. H. Lawry).

Council for 1935.

The following are recommended to Conference as the College Council for 1935 :—Revs. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt. D. (Principal); W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Resident Tutor); C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Fellow of Trinity College); J. H. Simmonds; T. A. Joughin; W. A. Sinclair; G. Frost; A. B. Chappell, M.A.; E. D. Patchett; E. S. Emmitt, M.C.; A. McBean; R. B. Tinsley; W. Walker; F. J. Parker; E. T. Olds; 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.; G. A. White.

Officers:— Chairman, Rev. E. D. Patchett; Vice-Chairman, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Hon. Secretary, Rev. A. McBean.

Auckland,

7th December, 1934.

A. C. A. SEXTON, CHAIRMAN.

E. D. PATCHETT, VICE-CHAIRMAN.

ANGUS McBEAN, SECRETARY.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year Ended October 31st, 1934.

1. Conference will no doubt be pleased that although an estimated deficiency of £213 has been brought forward, our budget for the year ending March 31st, 1936, including this amount which has not appeared in any previous budget, shows an increase of only £51 on the amount budgeted for last year, which, as pointed out in the Treasurer's last Report was the lowest budget since the opening of the new College. Notwithstanding this fact, however, it is regretted that we are budgeting for a deficiency of £415.

2. It is satisfactory to note that the deficiency estimated for the year ending March 31st, 1935, is only £213, whereas the budget estimate was £359, less £50 subsequently promised by the Taranaki Street Trust. We did not, however, receive the £25 due by the Foreign Mission Fund for the previous year, and the Foreign Mission grant for the year under consideration was £25 less than the amount budgeted for.

3. The principal saving has been in the House and Service, the expenditure of which is £142 less than was estimated, accounted for largely by the fact that there were three Hostel Students, two of our Divinity Students and two Congregational Church Students less in residence than last year. Against this saving, the cost of living has risen considerably during the year. The economical management on the domestic side, reflects great credit on Mr. and Mrs. Blight. We are losing four or five Hostel Students this year but we already have had several enquiries and hope with the opening of the Auckland Training College to have a full house for the coming year.

4. We again have to thank the Prince Albert College Trust Board Pitt Street Church Trust, Taranaki Street Church Trust, and the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, for once more generously coming to our assistance. We are also very pleased to be able to record that the Probert Trust Board is making a strenuous effort to allocate £250.

It will be readily recognized that the present sources of revenue for carrying on the work of the College are inadequate, and viewing all the circumstances, the College Council would appreciate an effort by Conference to find some additional sources of revenue until such time as the Probert Trust Board's income is again restored, otherwise we see no alternative to an accumulating deficiency each year.

5. **Site Acquisition Fund.**—Promises received under this Fund total £105 for the year, of which £100 has been received from the Hamilton Church Trust. During the year it was found necessary to repoint the brick work of the College at a cost to the Fund of £141/16/- and legal expenses in connection with the purchase of the College Site amounted to £23/11/6., the nett result being that the Bank Overdraft in this account is £8/5/8, less than it was at last balance.

6. **Organ Fund, £300.**—The 90 shares in the South British Insurance Coy., Ltd., held to cover this Fund have considerably increased in value. On the present market price this asset is now worth £400. Added to this we have received £18/1/3 in dividends and bank interest. On the balance sheet, however, we have taken the shares at the values placed on them twelve months ago, viz., £300.

The College Council proposes that the following be the budget recommended to Conference:—

BUDGET.

April 1st, 1935 to March 31st, 1936.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Taranaki Street	50	0	0
Probert Trust Board	250	0	0
Emsley Trust Board	110	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust Board	350	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance	125	0	0
Contingent Fund	740	0	0
Home Mission Fund	135	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	25	0	0
Divinity Students' Contributions	125	0	0
Congregational Church	50	0	0
Hostel Fees	700	0	0
Trinity Collegiate Church	100	0	0
Rent—Moe hau Street	104	0	0
Deficiency	490	0	0
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	£3,354	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Estimated Deficiency from 1934/35	213	0	0
House and Service	1000	0	0
Stipends	765	0	0
Tutors' Fees	55	0	0
Connexional Charges	123	0	0
Quartermen	120	0	0
Rates	430	0	0
Insurance	22	0	0
Telephones	34	0	0
University Fees	60	0	0
Furnishings	75	0	0
Bible Class Camp Fees	5	0	0
Repairs	50	0	0
Printing, Postage and Stationery	20	0	0
Advertising, Church Services	8	0	0
Interest: Site Acquisition £235			
Moe hau St. Mortg. £104			
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Rent, Board and Tennis Court	339	0	0
Sundries	15	0	0
	20	0	0
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	£3,354	0	0

FRANK M. WINSTONE,
Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Principal and the College Council, the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement, the Reports and Statements of the College Library and Prize Funds and the Statement concerning the Site acquirement Fund be received and adopted.
2. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year commencing April 1st, 1935, be received and adopted.
3. That the Conference expresses its thanks to the Rev. Dr. Ranston for his able and effective work as Principal and for the excellent record of service accomplished during the year.
4. That the Conference expresses its thanks for the valuable services of the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., as Resident Tutor ; to him and Mrs. Blight, M.A., for effective management of the domestic arrangements of the College ; also to Dr. Laws for very fine work ; to the Chairman (Mr. A. C. A. Sexton LL.M.); to the Treasurer (Mr. F. M. Winstone); to the Secretary (Rev. A. McBean); to the auditors (Messrs. Messer and Sutherland); to the Hon. Physician (Dr. Griffin); to the Co-treasurer of the Library and Prize Funds (Mr. F. Sutherland) ; and of the Site Acquirement Fund, Rev. T. A. Joughin ; and the various Conference Examiners.
5. That the Conference appreciates the many valuable gifts to the College Library and heartily thanks the donors.
6. That special thanks be tendered to the Trust Boards of Pitt Street Church, Taranaki Street Church, Prince Albert College and the Connexional Fire Insurance for liberal help during the current year and for gracious promises for the coming year.
7. That the following appointments be made :—the Rev. T. A. Joughin and Mr. F. M. Winstone as Treasurers of the Site Acquirement Fund ; Dr. Ranston and Mr. F. E. Sutherland as Treasurers of the various Library and Prize Funds ; Messrs. Messer and Sutherland as Auditors of the College Funds, and Messrs. A. J. Buttle and T. L. Hames, of the Library and Prize Funds.
8. That whenever a probationer applies for permission to be married during his probationary period, enquiries be made from the College Council if he has fulfilled any promises made of payment towards the cost of his residence in the College ; and if not he be asked what proposals he now makes to liquidate his debt.
9. That the Council during 1935 pursue its investigations into the practicability of commencing within Trinity College a School for the training of Home Missionaries, Local Preachers, Lay Agents for the Foreign Field, Candidates for the Ministry and others, and to report to the next Conference.
10. That Conference hopes that it may be possible at an early date to establish a system of Bursaries to assist the College finances. Also that Circuits and private individuals interested in worthy students unable to pay towards the cost of their maintenance shall be led to contribute the whole or part of the sum required.

11. The Conference approves the proposals of the College Council (Supplementary Report) dealing with Student's Contributions, and adopts pars. (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), and par. (g), with the addition of the words, "whose decision shall be final." Paragraph (d) to read, "All applications for exemption from full payment shall be considered by a small special committee of the Conference, appointed annually, whose decisions shall be final, except as provided by section (g), and shall be forwarded to the College Council and the student. All applications for exemption shall be accompanied by full particulars of the financial circumstances of the candidate, given by himself or by a responsible person on his behalf. The special committee shall draw up a suitable form to provide the necessary information, the contents of which shall be treated as strictly confidential. Such special committee shall comprise three ministers and three laymen, including the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, and shall be nominated each year by the Secretary of Conference. It shall meet on the 1st Friday of Conference in order to interview accepted candidates.

The Committee for 1935 shall be Revs. E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, B.A., W. G. Slade, M.A., with Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, F. Penn, and C. E. Bellringer. Convener, Rev. W. G. Slade. The Committee shall during the year prepare for the operation of the policy stated under d, e, f, and g, and report to the next Conference.

12. The College Council for 1935 shall be as recommended in the Supplementary Report.

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

REPORT OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1934.

During the year 1934 contributions from Methodist Trusts and Fund amounted to £500 as compared with £900 received in the previous year. As indicated in last year's report the members of the Board hoped that the generous assistance given by Methodist Trusts would be continued over a period of three years, as the Board had asked for annual contributions to be continued for that period. Certain Methodist Trusts have been unable to continue their contributions during 1934, so that in comparing last year with the previous one an allowance of £400 must be made for the difference in contributions received.

Grants totalling £500 have been received during the past year from Methodist Trusts as follows:—

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	..	..	£150
Pitt Street Methodist Church	..	..	150
Prince Albert College	..	..	100
Methodist Contingent Fund	..	..	100
Total	..	..	£500

The Board regrets to report that the operations for the year have resulted in a net loss of £922 14s. 9d., but the greater part of this is due to the decrease in contributions already mentioned. The remainder is accounted for by the continued fall in the price of farm products.

The Board has set up a special Committee to consider the financial position and report to a special meeting of the Board before Conference.

A comparison of the departmental results for the last two years reveals the following variations:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Decrease in rents received in 1934 ..				75	6	2
Decreased Profit on Farm ..				484	9	4
Decreased contributions from Methodist Trusts ..				400	0	0
Increased Loss on College ..				7	9	7
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				£967	5	1
Decrease in Interest charged ..	200	13	6			
Decrease in General Expenses ..	173	15	10			
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				374	9	4
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				£592	15	9
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Every effort has been made during the past year to economise in all departments. The lower prices received for primary produce in the Dominion are reflected in the decreased returns from the farm. The prices realised for butterfat and for wool have been disappointing, and until such prices improve it is not possible to greatly improve the returns from the farm.

Evidence of economical management is shown in other departments. A drop of only £75 in rents must be considered satisfactory in these difficult times when rent reductions are an every day occurrence.

The College roll during the past year has been very similar to that of the previous year, and the financial result of the College, after allowing for the difference in contributions, is almost identical with that of the previous year. The beneficiary work carried out by the Board during the year amounted to £548 10s. 0d., this total being very similar to that disclosed in the previous year's returns.

The Board has pleasure in reporting the continuance during the year of the policy of development and maintenance of its suburban properties. During the whole period a party of 60 to 80 relief workers has been employed in effecting improvements. The change in appearance of the properties in question is apparent to even a casual observer, and when the time comes for subdivision it is hoped that it will be found that considerable advantages have been conferred by work done during the past two years.

In the last few months an additional 10,000 pinus and 1000 eucalypt trees of good quality have been planted under the supervision of the Principal of the College on the Board's Waikowhai property. Certain wastelands to the west of this property have been leased to farming tenants at low rentals under agreements which provide that the tenants must develop the properties and convert them from areas of scrub and noxious weeds into grassed lands. About 20 acres have been treated in this way during the year under review.

The Board gratefully received during the year £50, representing one year's dividend on the shares bequeathed to it by the late Mr. Geo. Winstone.

The Board has disposed of its Kawhia Property at a satisfactory price taking current values into consideration. It has also leased Lot II Grafton Road Property—the only remaining vacant section of this property—for a period of 50 years at £47 10s. 0d. per annum.

In April last the old residence known as the Principal's residence at Three Kings was destroyed by fire. Although dilapidated it had been tenanted up to a few days before its destruction. It was covered against fire loss with the Connexional Office for £300.

The Board has pleasure in reporting that under the Will of the late Mrs. A. B. C. Wills it becomes entitled to a legacy of £500 payable on the death of two life tenants.

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

L. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

30th January, 1935.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1934.

Once more I have pleasure in reporting that we have experienced a year of satisfactory progress. The number of boys enrolled is still below what is necessary to run the school with the utmost economy, our roll during the years of depression having remained at the level of about 70 boys. The last few months have been marked by a more than usual occurrence of the milder infectious diseases, but we have fortunately avoided any serious illness throughout the year.

Scholastically, the year has been uneventful. There have been no staff changes, though in the near future we are losing the services of the Matron, Mrs. Hall, who has capably filled that position for over four years. A new Matron has been appointed, and will commence duties towards the end of the year.

The usual visits of Inspectors of the Education Department have been paid, and the reports received have reflected credit on the teaching staff and on the tone of the school.

The continuance of grants by the trustees of several Methodist funds has enabled the College to offer scholarships to deserving boys, and 12 scholarships have been held during the year. In addition, bursaries have been granted to the sons of five Ministers of our Church. While there are definite signs of an increasing interest in the College, I still feel that many of our ministers do not sufficiently stress the service which the College can render to Methodism, and I believe that much more could be done in placing the claims of the College before those who are interested in a boarding school for their sons.

Owing to financial difficulties, there has this year been a drop in the number of Maori boys entering the College. There is no lack of suitable lads, but the conditions of acute poverty under which most Maoris are living has made it impossible for us to help more than a fraction of those who have wished to enter. We are hoping that a more equitable and generous administration of the Maori Purposes Fund will help in some measure, but there is a definite need for our Church councils to give earnest and prayerful consideration to the problem of the suitable and thorough education of Maori lads who show promise of becoming leaders of their people, and to see if it is not possible to enlarge the scope of our work in this direction.

FARM REPORT.

The past year has been one of steady growth and development in all departments. While the returns from the dairy departments have been disappointing, the increased demand for pigs and poultry seems to more than balance the lower returns from the dairies.

During the first nine months of the year we sold over 200 stud sows and boars and have been unable to fill an almost equal number of orders. Early in the year we imported from Australia a Tamworth boar, two Tamworth sows in pig, and a Middle White sow and boar. In all but one instance, the importations were fully up to expectations and form a valuable addition to the College stud.

We also imported Khaki Campbell drakes and Rhode Island cockerels during the early portion of the year and have established a small flock of Rhode Island Reds.

The apiary has been increased to 250 colonies. About 7 tons of Honey was produced last season, all of which was sold privately.

While the returns from Flock Sheep still leave much to be desired, the demand for Stud Rams has been good, and about 70 rams have been disposed of during the year.

Our farm policy of increased development of side lines is being very satisfactorily achieved. We aim to make our farm operations as mixed as possible, thus accomplishing the double purpose of cancelling our market fluctuations and of providing both wider and more intensive courses of agriculture instruction to our students.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DEC., 1934.

Since the official report was written the Special Committee set up by the Board, as mentioned in that report, has met and fully considered the possibilities of improving the financial results of the Board's operations during the coming year. As a result of those deliberations, the Committee was satisfied that the College could and should continue its valuable work and that the prospects for the year were distinctly promising. At the same time, it was felt that every effort should be made to effect savings and to increase returns, and the various Committees of the Board are now making careful and detailed investigations into their respective departments with this object in view.

The Special Committee's report was adopted by the Board at a special meeting held on the 13th instant, and at the same meeting the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year were adopted. These summarised are as follows :—

EXPENDITURE.

General Expenses (including rates)	..	£895
Interest	2,485
Loss on College	1,224
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		£4,604

RECEIPTS.

Rents	£2,769
Profit on Farm	996
Grants from Methodist Funds	..	600
Estimated Loss for Year	..	239
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		£4,604

The Board thinks these results can be achieved and possibly improved on, and if so the position will be better than at any time during the last ten years. The Board hopes to become independent of outside assistance as soon as possible, but meantime it earnestly appeals to those trusts and bodies who are able to do so to give it what assistance they can, particularly as this will help it in obtaining reductions in interest charges.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

14th February, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports (Trust Board, Principal, Supplementary) and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. The Conference recognises the high standard of work being maintained at Wesley College, Paerata, in spite of serious financial difficulties; congratulates the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., on his excellent record of service, and commends the claims of the College to all our people.
3. The Conference records its thanks to the Rev. J. H. Bailey for his effective services as Chaplain of the College, and to all the members of the Board for their administration of its affairs.
4. The Conference thanks the following Methodist Trust Funds for their generous assistance to the College Trust Board. It requests that this practical sympathy may be continued during the current year. Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, Pitt Street Church, Prince Albert College.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

The Board has pleasure in presenting its report for the year ended 30th November, 1934. During the year Mr. C. F. Edgar, who had rendered faithful service as a Board member, passed to his reward and the vacancy thus created was filled by the appointment of a former member, Mr. W. Dobbs. Mr. Andrew Borrowes is retiring from the Board after many years of useful service and the Board is nominating Mr. L. G. K. Steven in his stead. Mr. H. Chapman will shortly leave on an extended visit to England and leave of absence is being granted.

Annuitants.

The last Conference added two permanent supernumeraries and two temporary supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries. During the year one supernumerary minister has died and also the widow of a former minister. There are now 34 supernumeraries and 49 widows on the Fund. Three orphan children of deceased parents are also in receipt of benefits. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants amounted to £8,863 5s. 5d. which is the largest annual payment yet made.

Finance.

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet duly audited are presented with the Report. The Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve has been increased by a sum of £1,354 19s. 3d. representing premiums received in respect of converted debentures. This Reserve now totals £4,730 7s. 10d. A further sum of £500 has been added to the Epworth Chambers Depreciation Reserve which now totals £850. The sum of £913 10s. 1d. has been added to the Accumulated Fund which now amounts to £148,093 8s. 2d.

The Allied Funds administered by the Board amount to £22,347 2s. 0d. Deposits lodged by various Connexional Funds, Institutions, and Boards of Trustees, as well as by personal depositors, amount to £20,300 5s. 11d. which is £3,046 3s. 10d. less than last year and £8,369 5s. 0d. less than two years ago. This gratifying reduction is in pursuance of the policy of the Board to repay, as money becomes available, amounts accepted on deposit in order to finance more cheaply the undertakings of the Board.

The combined assets of the Supernumerary and Allied Funds include a sum of £52,212 18s. 1d. invested in city freehold properties; £26,750 invested in local body securities, and £105,871 12s. 4d. invested on first mortgage security. The farm property that was last year in the possession of the Board has been satisfactorily sold. An additional stock account, making three in all, is being financed by the Board. These accounts are shown as an asset amounting to £2,914 8s. 7d.

Earnings.

The earning power of money has continued to decline both as a result of legislative action and through the operation of other economic factors. Debentures are returning a smaller revenue, mortgage rates have declined and rents have fallen. After allowing for increased amounts placed to Reserve Accounts the net earnings of the Fund have been £6,105 7s. 2d., an increase of £435 6s. 3d. on the figures for the previous year. The average interest earning rate is somewhat better than the previous year. Calculated on the actuarial formula the rate of interest has been £4 4s. 5d. per cent. Calculated on the accountancy practice of taking the average amount of capital month by month the earnings show a return of £3 16s. 9d. per cent. Omitting office expenses from the calculation the average interest works out at £4 3s. 1d. per cent. The return from Epworth Chambers is again disappointing. Two suites still remain unlet. Earthquake insurance has been effected for the sum of £6,000.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

Personal subscriptions in arrears on 30th November, with interest thereon amounted to £1,035 18s. 8d., an increase of £115 16s. 5d. over the previous year. This amount is due by 45 ministers. There is also a sum of £100 due for the purchase of benefits. The Auckland District and the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District are in the unenviable position of having liabilities to the Fund for overdue circuit levies. It is to be hoped that these obligations will soon be met. The following table shows the District distribution of arrears of personal subscriptions only.

District	Subscriptions	Interest	Totals
Auckland	158 16 6	11 5 1	170 1 7
South Auckland	50 15 7	1 14 3	52 9 10
Taranaki-Wanganui	91 5 0	8 5 4	99 10 4
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	259 19 11	79 2 4	339 2 3
Wellington	111 12 10	9 9 3	121 2 1
Nelson	34 7 7	2 11 0	36 18 7
North Canterbury	71 0 0	6 10 0	77 10 0
South Canterbury	58 13 7	6 3 8	64 17 3
Otago-Southland	70 2 1	4 4 8	74 6 9
	<u>£906 13 1</u>	<u>£129 5 7</u>	<u>£1,035 18 8</u>

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

The Revenue Account of this Fund shows a small reduction in income and an increase in the amount of assistance given to necessitous supernumeraries and widows of ministers. The Balance Sheet clearly sets forth the assets of the Fund.

Home Acquisition Fund.

After the Annual balance certificates were issued showing the amount to the credit of each contributor to this Fund. The amount now held in the personal accounts of contributors totals £7,159 13s. 8d. The payments of members have been supplemented by subsidies from the Fire Insurance Fund totalling £298 10s. 0d. A sum of £136 5s. 11d. has been paid out in respect of withdrawals from the fund.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The position of this Fund is clearly set forth in the financial statements accompanying this report. Retiring allowances amounting to £603 16s. 8d. have been paid to those withdrawing from the Fund. The personal credit accounts of the home missionaries now aggregate £9,271 10s. 11d. Several home missionaries, mostly in the Auckland District, have defaulted in the payment of their contributions. These cases call for action in the District concerned.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

The printed financial statements show that from this Fund retiring allowances have been paid amounting to £685 14s. 9d. The personal credits of contributors now aggregate £4,041 7s. 2d.

Board for 1935.

The following are nominated as the Board for the ensuing year :—
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), H. P. Lawry, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs and L. G. K. Steven.

Earlier Superannuation.

As requested by Conference the Board has, in consultation with the Actuary, considered the matter of permitting ministers to retire after forty years' service independently of their age or the state of their health. The Board is definitely opposed to such a proposal. The present is not the time either to add to the liability of the Fund in this way or to increase levies on circuits and subscriptions by ministers. Cases of old age and ill health are already provided for in the existing rules.

Accident and Sickness Insurance.

Acting on the authority given by last Conference the Board has made arrangements for insurance against accident and sickness for such ministers and home missionaries as may desire this service. A circular has lately been issued dealing with the matter. It may be mentioned that the Connexional Office already arranges for some churches the insurance of caretakers and other paid workers of the church.

Scale of Benefits.

The report on the actuarial valuation of the Supernumerary Fund for the period ending 30th November, 1933 and presented to last Conference, showed that there was a surplus of £3,843 in the Fund assuming a continuance of the existing scale of benefits and calculating on an interest earning basis of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The Actuary reported that he could "see no reason for assuming that a net rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent cannot be earned."

New economic factors have since emerged and the continued fall in the rates of interest on mortgages and the coming into operation of the Statutory reduction of interest on local body debentures led the Board to ask the Actuary if the Fund could safely continue to pay benefits on the present scale. It also asked what the effect would be if the Fund were valued on an assumed lower interest earning basis than $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The Actuary therefore valued the Fund as at 30th November, 1933 both on a 4% and a $3\frac{3}{4}$ % basis and reported that on these bases the surplus would be converted into a deficiency. He stated that the reduced earning power of money in New Zealand has been accentuated by the most recent legislation, but in his judgment it was hardly possible to maintain an artificially low rate in the Dominion for any length of time. The rate must eventually conform to that ruling in other parts of the world.

Benefits to annuitants are being paid at present according to the scale on page 148 of the Law Book, part of the benefits being shown as a bonus added to the annuity. Such bonus was granted after the valuation at 31st December, 1920, only as a temporary measure, to be reviewed from time to time. It was granted at a period when the cost of living was extremely high and the Fund was earning a high rate of interest. The Board rejoices that until now it has been able to continue without deduction this generous supplement to the annuity.

In view of existing circumstances the Actuary recommends the full payment of the present annuity according to scale but the complete cancellation of the bonus. The Board has given careful consideration to the matter but it does not propose at this stage to give full effect to the recommendation of the Actuary. The valuation by the Actuary on an assumed interest earning rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. is to be found in the Minutes of Conference 1934 page 118.

The Actuary's Report.

The Actuary who was asked to make a new valuation of the Fund as at 30th November, 1933, on assumed interest earning rates of 4 per cent and $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. writes as follows:—

If the Fund were valued on a 4% basis the liability at 30th November, 1933, would be increased from £143,352 to £157,904, a difference of £14,552 converting the surplus of £3,843 into a deficiency of £10,709. On a 4% basis the bonus would represent £16,028 of the liability, and with this discontinued the surplus would be £5,319. Taking $3\frac{1}{4}$ % as the valuation basis the liability without the bonus would be £148,503 and the deficiency £1,308. Details of a valuation at 4% and $3\frac{1}{4}$ % are given hereunder.

VALUATION AS AT 30th NOVEMBER, 1933 AT 4% AND $3\frac{1}{4}$ % INTEREST

	Value of benefits with bonus present scale	
	4% Interest	$3\frac{1}{4}$ % Interest
(1) Value of Annuities to Supernumeraries	£33,047	£33,491
(2) Value of Annuities to widows	29,182	29,732
(3) Value of Reversionary annuities to wives of Supernumeraries	9,228	9,489
(4) Prospective Annuities to Ministers	82,530	86,838
(5) Value of prospective annuities to wives of Ministers	43,361	45,815
(6) Value of Furniture Grants	6,185	6,418
(7) Value of temporary superannuation allowances	3,000	3,100
(8) Allowances to Orphans	350	375
	206,883	215,258
(9) Value of contributions	48,979	50,078
Net Liability	157,904	165,180
Funds at 30th November, 1933	147,195	147,195
Deficiency	10,709	17,985
Deduct value of bonus	16,028	16,677
	£5,319	£1,308
	<i>Surplus</i>	<i>Deficiency</i>

(Signed) PERCY MUTER.

New Scale of Annuities.

Instead of the complete cancellation of the bonus advised by the Actuary the Board recommends such a revision of the scale as will represent virtually the maintenance of the present basic annuity plus 40 per cent. of the present bonus. The basic scale that has operated ever since the transfer of the Fund from Australia has embodied a number of anomalies which repeated certain defects in the original Scale "C" formulated in the Commonwealth. These defects were aggravated by some initial arithmetical errors. A close analysis of the Scale of Benefits on page 148 of the Law Book discloses that there are very irregular increases year by year.

For example, a Minister's annuity for 13 years' service increases by a difference of 7d. per annum over the increase for the previous year; for 14 years' service it increases by a difference of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per annum over the increase of the previous year, and for 15 years' service by a difference of only 9d. per annum over the increase of the previous year. At the periods of 24 and 34 years, the relative increases seem very disproportionate. The large increases at specific years cannot be because of any additional mortality risk seeing that the question of age has no relation whatever to the number of years of service. Men counting the same number of years of service may differ in age by 20 years or more.

Again, a Widow's annuity for a ten year service period increases by a difference of sixpence over the previous year's increase, but for the eleven year period the rate of increase is actually threepence less than the increase rate for the previous year. The Table shows other examples of a similar sort.

In view of this uneven gradient of benefits for annuitants the Board, in 1930 asked for the opinion of the Actuary both upon the necessity for, and the wisdom of drafting such a scale of annuities as would show that with each added year of service there would be a consistent ratio of increase in the benefits from the Fund. The Actuary approved of the principle and stated that the use of a mathematical formula for increasing annuities regularly year by year would also make the periodical valuation of the Fund much easier.

The Board has awaited a favourable opportunity to bring into operation a revised scale that would overcome existing anomalies and also be arithmetically exact. The revision of the scale of benefits now made necessary by the proposed reduction of bonus affords the opportunity to adopt a new basic scale which is set forth in the table below, and is founded on the Basic Scale submitted by the Actuary in October, 1930. To the Basic Scale the Board proposes to add 30 per cent. and to regard the amount so arrived at as the standard annuity. To this annuity it proposes also to add a bonus of $5\frac{1}{2}$ %. The result will be seen at a glance by reference to the Table itself. This will give virtually the equivalent of the present basic annuity plus a 40% bonus. It is hoped that with returning prosperity the bonus may again be increased so as to give annuitants such benefits as have ruled for many years past. The Board is confident that annuitants, who have hitherto suffered no cut, will recognise that while it is making comparatively small reductions in benefits such reduction is appreciably less than that recommended by the Actuary.

SCALE OF BENEFITS FOR SUPERNUMERARIES.

Years of Service	Basic Scale	New Scale (= Basis + 30%)	Bonus 5½%	Annuity	Annuity in		
					£	s.	d.
5	32.000	41.600	2.288	43.888	43	17	9
6	33.000	42.900	2.359	45.259	45	5	2
7	34.000	44.200	2.431	46.631	46	12	7
8	35.008	45.510	2.503	48.013	48	0	3
9	36.032	46.841	2.576	49.417	49	8	4
10	37.080	48.204	2.651	50.855	50	17	1
11	38.160	49.608	2.728	52.336	52	6	8
12	39.280	51.064	2.808	53.872	53	17	5
13	40.448	52.582	2.892	55.474	55	9	5
14	41.672	54.173	2.979	57.152	57	3	0
15	42.960	55.848	3.071	58.919	58	18	4
16	44.320	57.616	3.168	60.784	60	15	8
17	45.760	59.488	3.271	62.759	62	15	2
18	47.288	61.474	3.381	64.855	64	17	1
19	48.912	63.585	3.497	67.082	67	1	7
20	50.640	65.832	3.620	69.452	69	9	0
21	52.480	68.224	3.752	71.976	71	19	6
22	54.440	70.772	3.892	74.664	74	13	3
23	56.528	73.486	4.041	77.527	77	10	6
24	58.752	76.377	4.200	80.577	80	11	6
25	61.120	79.456	4.370	83.826	83	16	6
26	63.640	82.732	4.550	87.282	87	5	7
27	66.320	86.216	4.741	90.957	90	19	1
28	69.168	89.918	4.945	94.863	94	17	3
29	72.192	93.849	5.161	99.010	99	0	2
30	75.400	98.020	5.391	103.411	103	8	2
31	78.800	102.440	5.634	108.074	108	1	5
32	82.400	107.120	5.891	113.011	113	0	2
33	86.208	112.070	6.163	118.233	118	4	8
34	90.232	117.301	6.451	123.752	123	15	0
35	94.480	122.824	6.755	129.579	129	11	7
36	98.960	128.648	7.075	135.723	135	14	5
37	103.680	134.784	7.413	142.197	142	3	11
38	108.648	141.242	7.768	149.010	149	0	2
39	113.872	148.033	8.141	156.174	156	3	5
40	119.360	155.168	8.534	163.702	163	14	0
41	125.120	162.656	8.946	171.602	171	12	0
42	131.160	170.508	9.377	179.885	179	17	8
43	137.488	178.734	9.830	188.564	188	11	3
44	144.112	187.345	10.303	197.648	197	12	11

SCALE OF BENEFITS FOR WIDOWS.

Years of Service	Basic Scale	New Scale (= Basis + 30%)	Bonus 5½%	Annuity	Annuity in £ s. d.
5	17.670	22.971	1.263	24.234	24 4 8
6	18.420	23.946	1.317	25.263	25 5 3
7	19.170	24.921	1.370	26.291	26 5 9
8	19.924	25.901	1.424	27.325	27 6 6
9	20.686	26.891	1.479	28.370	28 7 4
10	21.460	27.898	1.534	29.432	29 8 7
11	22.250	28.925	1.590	30.515	30 10 3
12	23.060	29.978	1.648	31.626	31 12 6
13	23.894	31.062	1.708	32.770	32 15 4
14	24.756	32.182	1.770	33.952	33 19 0
15	25.650	33.345	1.833	35.178	35 3 6
16	26.580	34.554	1.900	36.454	36 9 1
17	27.550	35.815	1.969	37.784	37 15 8
18	28.564	37.133	2.042	39.175	39 3 6
19	29.626	38.513	2.118	40.631	40 12 7
20	30.740	39.962	2.197	42.159	42 3 2
21	31.910	41.483	2.281	43.764	43 15 3
22	33.140	43.082	2.369	45.451	45 9 0
23	34.434	44.764	2.462	47.226	47 4 6
24	35.796	46.534	2.559	49.093	49 1 10
25	37.230	48.399	2.661	51.060	51 1 2
26	38.740	50.362	2.769	53.131	53 2 7
27	40.330	52.429	2.883	55.312	55 6 3
28	42.004	54.605	3.003	57.608	57 12 2
29	43.766	56.895	3.129	60.024	60 0 5
30	45.620	59.306	3.261	62.567	62 11 4
31	47.570	61.841	3.401	65.242	65 4 10
32	49.620	64.506	3.547	68.053	68 1 0
33	51.774	67.306	3.701	71.007	71 0 1
34	54.036	70.246	3.863	74.109	74 2 2
35	56.410	73.333	4.033	77.366	77 7 3
36	58.900	76.570	4.211	80.781	80 15 7
37	61.510	79.963	4.397	84.360	84 7 2
38	64.244	83.517	4.593	88.110	88 2 2
39	67.106	87.237	4.798	92.035	92 0 8
40	70.100	91.130	5.012	96.142	96 2 10
41	73.230	95.199	5.235	100.434	100 8 8
42	76.500	99.450	5.469	104.919	104 18 4
43	79.914	103.888	5.713	109.601	109 12 0
44	83.476	108.518	5.968	114.486	114 9 8

The actual amount paid in annuities for the last Connexional year, which, of course, differs from our financial year, was £8,587 19s. 0d. If the bonus had been completely cancelled the payment would have been £7,908 7s. 9d., representing a saving of £679 11s. 3d. to the Fund. Under the new scale now recommended by the Board annuities would have amounted to £8,231 10s. 0d., resulting in a saving to the Fund of £356 9s. 0d.

In view of the great advantages to be secured by the adoption of a Scale mathematically graded and arithmetically correct the Board urges its adoption by the Conference. Given a scientific basic scale it is a simple matter to make sound adjustments as such may become necessary and practicable. The intention of the Board is to review the bonus when the next Actuarial valuation has been made after the date of the annual balance of 1936. It is to be hoped that economic conditions may then warrant an increase in bonus payments.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

GEORGE BOWRON }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch,
18th January, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Board of Management 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 Acquisition Fund be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
3. That until otherwise determined by the Conference, Annuities be paid quarterly in advance as from 1st April, 1935 according to the revised scale recommended by the Board, such scale to supersede that printed on page 148 of the Law Book.
4. That during the period the Rev. E. G. Blamires has permission to work under the Bible in State Schools League he be required to pay to the Supernumerary Fund an amount equivalent to the Circuit Levy in addition to his personal subscription as in the case of the class of ministers referred to in Regulation 23 on page 141 of the Law Book.
5. That the recommendation of the Home Mission Board regarding the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and the Deaconess Retiring Fund be the subject of negotiation between the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board and the Supernumerary Fund Board and that Regulation 22 on page 171 of the Law Book be also considered by the Home Mission Board and the Supernumerary Fund Board during the year.
6. That the Board of Management for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
7. That Conference expresses its confidence in the Board and the Managing Treasurer, and records its thanks for their efficient services.

8. That the Board consider the advisability of making a regulation that, after 40 years service, ministers cease to make further payments to the Fund and that upon retirement after service for a period exceeding 40 years, they receive the same benefit as if they had served only 40 years.
9. That the Board be requested to report to Synods on the liability of circuits in regard to their ministers and their paid church officials under the Workers Compensation Act and if necessary to formulate a scheme of insurance to cover such liabilities.

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

The administration of three additional trusts has recently been accepted by the Board. The trusts are only small and are held in the interests of Thames Church Building Fund, Durham Street Church Trust and Tai Tapu Church Trust. We have continued to administer the various other trusts previously committed to us.

Increasing use is being made of the facilities we offer for holding and administering any real or personal property for special purposes or trusts in connection with our Church, as well as for any trust, organization or department connected with the Church.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

GEORGE BOWRON }

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }

Treasurers.

Christchurch,

18th January, 1935.

RESOLUTION.

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

3.—METHODIST CHILDRENS' FUND.

Annual Report.

We have pleasure in submitting to Conference our Annual Report and Statement of the Children's Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1934.

The following payments, each of £9, have been made:—

Auckland	41½
South Auckland	17½
Taranaki-Wanganui	13½
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	16½
Wellington	20½
Nelson	9
North Canterbury	29
South Canterbury	6
Otago-Southland	22½
Mrs. Parsons (Manchester)	1
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	177½

(10½ payments less than last year).

The Credit of the Fund at Bank of New South Wales, Wellington, is	£432	6	9	
Owing by Districts—				
South Auckland	£8	15	0	
South Canterbury	8	7	6	
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		17	2	6
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	£449	9	3	

We recommended a levy last year of 7% instead of the customary 7½%, which decreased the Circuit Levies by approximately £111, consequently as the expenditure was greater than the income the Fund is £53 8s. 11d. lower than at 31st December, 1933.

With the object of giving the Circuits the greatest relief possible, we would for this year at any rate recommend that the Levy be again 7%.

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

Wellington,

8th February, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Treasurers, the Rev. F. E. Leadley and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow, and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the levy for 1935-36 be 7%.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the following Grants be authorised:—Theological College £740, Connexional Secretary Dept. £180, Deaconess Institution £75, Council of Religious Education £20, Grants for affliction £30, World Conference on Faith and Order, £5.
3. That an emergency grant of £100 be made to the Wesley College Trust Board for one year.
4. 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.
5. That the Levy for 1935-36 be 6%.
6. That the Consultative Committee for the year 1935-36 be the Chairman of District; Connexional Secretary; Rev. L. C. Horwood, together with Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, F. Thompson and H. de R. Flesher.
7. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Rev. O. Burnet and Mr. J. H. Blackwell for their efficient services.
8. That the Rev. L. C. Horwood and Mr. J. H. Blackwell be appointed Treasurers for 1935.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND REPORT.

It is gratifying to report that this Fund is in a satisfactory position.

Expenses were paid for 39 removals, including 3 Supernumerary Ministers and the widows of two brethren who died in active work. The cost amounts to approximately £508, making an average cost per removal of about £13 being the lowest yet reached. This reflects the care taken by most of our Ministers to keep expenses down to a minimum.

The following list shows the total cost of removals and the average cost per removal since the Fund started to operate:—

Year	No. of Removals	Total Cost	Average Cost
1925	27	£412 2 5	£15
1926	44	£1,124 11 5	£25
1927	39	£858 0 8	£22
1928	60	£1,196 14 10	£20
1929	52	£1,104 6 4	£24
1930	43	£980 18 7	£23
1931	58	£1,224 15 4	£21
1932	49	£684 17 1	£14
1933	59	£1,107 17 7	£18
1934	39 (approx.)	£508 0 0	£13

Other expenses £9 bring total costs to £517. The levy will produce £682, leaving a balance of £165 to be added to Capital Account, which will then stand at £1,549. (These figures will vary slightly as some items are not yet finalised).

Some Districts are still in arrears with their levies. One District owes £1 7s. 0d. for 1933 levies and has paid nothing for 1934; while some other Districts are short in their payments for the first two quarters of 1934, the overdue amounts at the date of this report being £126.

Although it is anticipated that the Removal Expenses will be heavier in 1935 than for the past year, the Committee, being anxious to keep down Conneixonal charges, recommends that the Levy remain at 2%—which will involve drawing upon the Capital Account to some extent to meet removal charges for 1935.

Owing to the contemplated absence from the Dominion of Mr. H. Chapman the Committee recommends Mr. M. Kershaw as Lay Treasurer for the coming year.

The name of Mr. A. A. Sandford, for several years a Treasurer of the Fund, replaces that of Mr. Chapman.

The Committee desires to express its thanks to the retiring lay treasurer, Mr. H. Chapman, for his able and painstaking administration of the Fund, and to wish for him and Mrs. Chapman a pleasant voyage to England, an enjoyable visit, and a safe return.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Cash Statement and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
3. That the levy for 1935 be at the rate of 2%.
4. That the Committee for 1935 be:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. Eaton, E. Drake, Wm. Rowe, and J. Harris, Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, C. A. Newman, J. E. Purchase, M.A. and A. A. Sandford. Treasurers—Rev. E. Drake and Mr. M. Kershaw; Convener—Rev. E. Drake.

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

ANNUAL REPORT.

Thanksgiving.

The dominant note of this Report is praise to God for enabling us to maintain the greater part of our big task in the Western Solomons in face of abnormal difficulties.

Few realised the gravity of the situation. Commencing the year within £290 of the overdraft limit and its capital account overdrawn £6,100, the Board had to face six months expenditure with very little income from the circuits.

Debt Reduction Appeal.

The generous response on the part of some of our people, particularly the M.W.M.U., to this appeal has enabled the treasurers so far to meet the demands made upon them. £3,700 is the amount promised to date. It is hoped that the Church as a whole will recognise the urgency of the need and that the £6,000 for which we appeal over and above ordinary contributions will be forthcoming before the end of the year.

Retrenchment.

The large decrease in the 1933 contributions in New Zealand and the greatly reduced value of copra given in the Solomons forced the Board to serious retrenchment. It was with a deep sense of sorrow that the Board agreed, with the exception of paragraph 2, to the following recommendations of the Chairman of the District :—

	£	s.	d.
1. The closing of the Hospital at Bilua, and retrenchment of the whole present Staff as agreed to by the Board. This would save in stipends and general expenses, about	1,300	0	0
2. The closing of the Sister's Home at Buka and retrenchment of Sister Common. This would save in stipends, etc.	200	0	0
3. Closing the Sister's Home at Bilua and retrenchment of Sister Grace McDonald. This would save about	200	0	0
4. Reduction of Schools and College by 20%	175	0	0
5. Plantations not to cost a penny more than they produce. This will save on last year's expenditure	218	0	0
6. Reduction on extension work on Bougainville and Buka	150	0	0
7. Reduction of Native Teaching Staff at Kokeqolo	20	0	0
8. Reduction of Children's Home at Kokeqolo ..	10	0	0
9. Reduction of Children's and Girls' Home Sasamuqa	25	0	0
10. Reduction on Boats and Travel	202	0	0
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	£2,500	0	0

11. Closing of Banga Plantation for present. This will not mean saving anything as it has paid its way for last two years, but will save a deficiency in future until copra rises in price.
12. Closing of Saw Mill. This also has not only paid its working expenses up to the present, but has been of very great assistance in buildings, house repairs, etc., but as we are not building or repairing now, we will close to save a loss.

The withdrawal of the doctor and nurses is a tragic blow to our work and it is to be hoped that it will awaken in our people a deeper and more searching interest in the supreme claims of the Missionary Activities of our Church.

For the time being the medical work is being maintained by Mrs. E. C. Leadley at Roviana, Nurse Cannon (in an honorary capacity) at Bougainville, and native medical assistants at Bilua and other parts of the district.

With these further withdrawals the number of our European Staff in the Solomons falls below that obtaining when we took over the field in 1922. At that time the staff was six ordained men, two laymen, and six Sisters, the numbers grew until in 1930 we had eight ordained men, two doctors, and ten Sisters. With the further retrenchment mentioned above, our white staff will have been reduced from twenty in 1930 to ten in 1934. The workers retrenched have been two ordained men, two doctors, and six Sisters. Surely such a record should arouse New Zealand Methodism to realise the seriousness of the situation and challenge it to greater effort.

Advance.

There is, however, a brighter side. In 1922 we took over a native staff of one minister and 74 catechists and teachers, whereas to-day we have 5 probationers, 202 catechists and teachers and a number of trained medical assistants—a wonderful increase of nearly 300 per cent. in twelve years.

But here we must face up to the fact that by reducing our white staff we are going to limit seriously the continuity of this vitally important work of training a native ministry that will always prove the chief human instrument in winning the people for Jesus Christ. By withdrawing our doctors and nurses, we are staying the work of training native medical assistants and thus withholding the great ministry of healing that these assistants are able to render.

M.W.M.U.

With gratitude we again acknowledge outstanding service and much inspiration from the Methodist Women's Missionary Union. Through the most critical year of the Society's history, they have been a veritable tower of strength. The Union and the various Auxiliaries have contributed over £700 to the Debt Reduction Fund and at the Union Conference manifested still further their vision and sympathy by assuring the Board of fixed financial support, irrespective of the number of Sisters on the Field. This will facilitate the wider development of the work among women and girls in which the Auxiliaries are particularly interested. More important still than their financial support has been the inspiration of their prayers and high service.

In October the Dominion Executive centre changed from Wellington to Dunedin. The Board places on record its gratitude for and high appreciation of the remarkably able and devoted work of Mrs. H. E. Pacey and her comrades of the retiring Executive. They have rendered outstanding service at a very difficult time and have exercised an inspiring leadership. We thank God for them and seek His blessing and guidance for Mrs. W. H. Duke and her Dunedin Executive, who will carry on the great task.

Bible Classes.

The Board expresses very sincere thanks for the continued support and interest of the Bible Classes in the work of winning the Western Solomons for Jesus Christ. The maintaining and deepening of this interest are vital to the future well-being of the work.

Miss Ada Lee was the Young Women's nomination as successor to Sister Ruth Grant and they generously and wisely made it possible for them to spend some time together at Roviana prior to Sister Ruth's sailing. Latest reports indicate that the confidence the Young Women had in Sister Ada is being fully justified as the latter is settling down to excellent work.

The personal interest of the Young Men centres in the Rev. A. H. Voyce, who, during the past eight years, has proved himself a very devoted and remarkably able missionary.

Much appreciated work has also been done for Debt Reduction by many of the Classes which has greatly encouraged the Board.

Sunday Schools.

In the support of teachers, students, and babies, in sacrificial efforts for Debt Reduction, in the distribution of the "Lotu" and in other ways, the teachers and scholars of the Sunday Schools have rendered splendid service. The fostering of the Missionary spirit in the Sunday Schools is of prime importance and efforts are being made to give to our children more and more that wider vision and sense of obligation and privilege that will assure success for the future missionary enterprise of the Church. At present a joint committee, representative of the Youth Department and Home and Foreign Missions, is seeking ways and means.

Staff Changes.

In addition to the withdrawal of workers mentioned above, there have been other changes in our staff. After twelve years of splendid service, the Rev. and Mrs. T. Dent returned to the Home Work last July. They were followed in December by the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bensley, who for fourteen years had served with outstanding success on the important circuit of Vella Lavella. After three years of beautiful and effective service, Sister Ruth Grant resigned during the year in preparation for her forthcoming marriage.

It is impossible to estimate the loss involved in the retirement of workers who through the years have acquired the language, translated the Scripture, taught the children, won the confidence and love of the people, and led them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Islands Synod has borne eloquent testimony of them and their service.

We are grateful indeed that the places of those retiring are being filled by workers of considerable promise. The Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Leadley, who went to the Field immediately after last Conference to take the place of Mr. and Mrs. Dent, have already created a very favourable impression and the medical work of Mrs. Leadley has called forth the praise and gratitude of the Synod.

Sister Ruth Grant's service was of such a high order that the place will be hard to fill, but Sister Ada Lee who, as the nominee of the Young Women's Bible Class Union, was appointed to this task last August, has the confidence of all who know her and has already made an excellent beginning.

The Rev. A. W. Silvester is the Board's nominee as the successor of Mr. Bensley and the nomination has been made with the utmost confidence that Mr. and Mrs. Silvester will prove worthy of the confidence reposed in them.

Nurse Vera Cannon, called of God to this high service, whose appointment by the Board had to be deferred for financial reasons, went to the Field in an honorary capacity as the guest of the Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Voyce and has been doing fine work. Owing to the generosity of the M.W.M.U., her appointment is now possible and she has joined the staff at Roviana.

Praise from the Resident Commissioner.

During the year the Resident Commissioner for the Solomon Islands paid his first visit to Roviana. The chairman states "He was shown round by myself, and saw what we were attempting in educational and other matters. I think that he was astonished at what he saw of the progress of the students, for he was pleased to say that no wonder that every native clerk in the Government service was from Roviana, as our Mission was very far ahead of any other in educational affairs. He took notes of everything, numbers attending school, arrangement of classes, subjects taught, the proficiency of scholars, etc., and seemed more than satisfied that we were doing what we could with our limited resources."

Faith and Courage of the Workers.

We cannot fail to be inspired by the faith and courage of our native and European workers on the field during these days of extreme difficulty. They see the need and are moved to real sacrifice in the effort to meet it. They know how wonderfully God is owning and blessing the work and that many of our difficulties are created by our successes. The problem is to keep pace with the development. God grant that this may stir us all in New Zealand to a fresh resolve that we will not rest until the Western Solomons have been won for Jesus Christ.

Challenge.

Christ's command; the urgent need; the field white unto harvest; the faith and courage of our workers on the Field; all constitute a challenge we cannot, dare not, ignore. We shall accept it the more readily as we bear in mind the answer of the recent Solomon Island Synod to the question: "What is the spiritual state of our circuits, and can any measures be adopted to promote the work of God therein?"

"That in rendering our Annual Reports we thank God for the achievements of the year. This has been a year of unusual difficulty, as we are now under-staffed and limited in such a way that even the necessary requirements of our work are not now available. The Medical Work is now but a shadow and other workers have had to lay down their tasks. We have observed with joy the spirit with which the Native Church is facing the position. The prayers of our Native Christians are more beseechingly urgent and their giving is more sacrificial. They feel this is a call to demonstrate their faith and steadfastness. It is also a time of great anxiety for them, that is, for our people in the British Solomon Islands. Faced with imprisonment because of taxes, they are the more determined that the Work of God that has brought them great spiritual deliverance, shall not suffer. We commend them to the love of God's people in the Home Church, that, with a great venture of faith and prayer, the Medical Work may be re-established and vacant positions filled. This is the burden of their prayers. May the Church cry, "In God's name it shall be done."

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

The returns for the year December 31st, 1934, show an income in New Zealand of £12,668 9s. 2d. Of this amount, £3,242 17s. 11d. was contributed specially for Debt Reduction. Ordinary income amounted to £9,425 11s. 3d. as compared with £9,090 19s. 0d. for the previous year. Circuits contributed an additional £378, the Women's Auxiliaries and Young Women's Bible Class Unions increased their contribution by £211, while the Young Men's Bible Class Movement giving was increased by £30. But for a drop in interest on investments, there would have been a much larger increase in income.

The income in the Solomon Islands is £1,347 2s. 6d., a decrease of £654 11s. 7d. on the income of the previous year. This decrease is largely accounted for by the loss of some Government grants for medical work and also by the exclusion of industrial undertakings from both the income and expenditure account owing to the loss that was being incurred through the low price of copra.

The expenditure for the year is £9,336 6s. 11d. in the Solomon Islands, being £336 6s. 11d. above the amount allocated. By resolution of the Board and on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Mission District, this excess expenditure is to be a first charge on the Mission District allocation for 1935.

The expenditure at the Home Base has been £1,762 9s. 7d., being £1,095 15s. 9d. for Mission Office expenses, £614 16s. 0d. interest on bank overdraft and loans and £51 17s. 10d. for sundry payments.

The overdraft at the Bank has been considerably reduced during the year and now stands at £5,309 10s. 2d. At the same date last year it was £8,106 11s. 7d.

The balance sheet shows £2,624 19s. 10d. owing to Burns Philp and Co., but late payments have reduced that amount to £889 19s. 10d.

Legacy money has been received to the amount of £500 12s. 6d. This, together with sundry donations has been placed to the credit of the Equipment Fund.

The total deficiency at the end of the year 1933 was £14,360 2s. 5d., but at the end of 1934 it is £11,443 7s. 3d., a reduction of £2,916 15s. 2d. This, together with the sum of £336 6s. 11d. overspent in the Mission District and which is to be deducted from the allocation for the present year, will show that the whole of the money contributed for Debt Reduction has been devoted to that purpose.

During the year, a house for the General Secretary has been built in Atherton Road, Epsom, at a cost, including furnishings, of £1,538 2s. 9d. No demand has been made on the General Fund to meet this amount. A loan of £1000 has been received from the Connexional Fire Insurance Board, to be repaid in 15 years by annual instalments. Private loans have provided the remainder of the above amount. The usual annual house allowance, £150, will meet all the annual expenditure on the house and furnishings and will assist in providing a valuable property for the Missionary Society.

The property is now managed by a Board of Trustees (under the Model Deed), appointed by the Board of Missions.

Publications.

The circulation of "The Open Door" shows a slight increase of 61, there being a quarterly issue of 5,180 copies. There has been a decrease of 222 in the circulation of "The Lotu," the number now issued quarterly being 6691. The Rev. E. P. Blamires has continued to edit "The Lotu" most capably. An effort is about to be made to get into touch with all Sunday Schools which do not take "The Lotu." The columns of "The Methodist Times" have also been freely used to give information about our Missionary work.

W. A. SINCLAIR }
A. J. BUTTLE } General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Treasurers' Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. Greetings.

That affectionate greetings be conveyed to the Native Church in the Western Solomons and the assurance that it is constantly in our thought and prayer. We thank God for the love and loyalty of our Native people through a very difficult year and pray that out of their difficulties there may come a deeper consciousness of the presence and power of God, and a wide extension of the Kingdom.

That hearty greetings be conveyed to all our Workers on the Field. Our hearts burn within us as we think of the way they have faced the abnormal conditions of the past year and won further triumphs for their Lord. We bear them up in prayer and commend them afresh to Him who has promised all-sufficient grace.

3. Thanks and Appreciation.

That the Island Synod's appreciation of the work of Dr. E. G. Sayers, Rev. T. and Mrs. Dent, Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bensley and the Sisters recently retired, be heartily endorsed and that the records be printed in the Conference Minutes.

Dr. Sayers.

DR. SAYERS.—That this Conference desires to place on record the fruitful and laborious period of service rendered to the cause of Medical Missions by Dr. E. G. Sayers, and greatly regrets the circumstances which made it necessary for him to relinquish this work. During his period of work among the natives of the British Solomon Islands, he was unsparing and painstaking, and ever regarded himself as sent by Christ as a minister of healing. The native people, men and women, trusted and loved him, and speak of him with thankfulness and gratitude, and continually pray that the way may be opened for his return. Whether this is realised or not, we wish for Dr. Sayers and his family every happiness and success, and we pray that God will make him a blessing to many.

REV. T. and MRS. DENT.—Conference expresses its regret that Rev. T. and Mrs. Dent, who have given a long term of service in the Mission District, had, through ill health, to leave the Field early in the year. Conference places on record its appreciation of their untiring and diligent service in the work of God.

Mr. Dent began his work on the Field as far back as 1922, whilst Mrs. Dent was in the District, as Missionary Sister, for some considerable time before this. Rev. T. and Mrs. Dent were stationed in the Marovo Lagoon for some years and won the affection of the people who still regret their departure. In the latter years, Mr. Dent gave faithful service to the Educational Department of the work, as Vice-Principal of the College and Head Master of the School at Roviana. He also assisted the Chairman in the administration of the District finances, and is greatly missed from the Synod gatherings. There are many evidences of the zeal of the Rev. T. and Mrs. Dent for the Work of God in the District, and Conference wishes them a bright and happy period in the Home Work.

REV. and MRS. A. A. BENSLEY.—That this Conference places on record its appreciation of the devoted services of the Rev. A. A. and Mrs. Bensley to the Methodist Church of New Zealand in the Western

Solomons, and, regretting the necessity for their departure, prays that the Divine blessing will attend them in their new sphere of service, and that they be long spared to carry on their earnest endeavours for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Rev. A. A. Bensley was the first New Zealand minister to be appointed to this Mission District. He entered upon his labours here in 1921, Mrs. Bensley, then Sister Constance, having preceded him by two years. Shortly after his arrival, Brother Bensley was placed in charge of the Vella Lavella Circuit, where he has spent almost the whole of his 14 years of Missionary service, covering a very difficult and formative period in the development of the natives of Vella Lavella and Ranonga. Under his care, the work of the church has progressed in every department. He has been a faithful Minister to his people and has striven zealously in their interests, whilst Mrs. Bensley has ably supported him and done her utmost to advance the welfare of the women and children. Brother Bensley's literary work has been very acceptable and the Vella Lavella people now rejoice in the possession of considerable portions of the Scriptures, many hymns, etc., in their own tongue. He loyally supported the Medical Work, and did much to ease the way for the Doctor and his assistants. He proved a capable Synod Secretary, and will be sorely missed from the annual gathering. The earnest services rendered by the Rev. A. A. and Mrs. Bensley for the Kingdom of Christ, their labours of love for the native people, and the generous hospitality given to all who cared to accept it, leave behind fragrant memories that will not soon be obliterated.

That this Conference expresses sincere appreciation of the splendid manner in which the Chairman and Staff of the Solomon Islands District have faced the necessity of severely reducing the expenditure in the District during the year.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Native workers for the self-sacrificing way in which they have helped to meet the very difficult financial situation by cheerfully accepting a reduction in stipend.

Retiring Lay Treasurer.—That Mr. Buttle's resignation as lay treasurer be accepted with sincere regret and that he be thanked for his valuable services during the past four years.

Mr. A. J. Buttle assumed office as lay treasurer in 1930 and has rendered very efficient and devoted service to the Missionary Cause. The recent difficult years have caused the Board considerable anxiety, and Mr. Buttle's cheerful courage and faith, together with his ability, have proved a source of strength and courage.

4. M.W.M.U.

- (a) That the Conference once again expresses its sincere thanks to the Women's Methodist Missionary Union for its loyal and inspirational support. The Conference specially appreciates the statesmanlike policy of the Union in granting a definite sum for the maintenance of the work on the Field irrespective of the number of Sisters employed. This will facilitate work among women and children throughout the District.
- (b) The Conference is deeply grateful for the splendid response of the Auxiliaries to the Debt Reduction Fund, they having contributed upwards of £450 in addition to the £300 granted by the Union, making the fine total of more than £750.

- (c) That the best thanks and appreciation of the Conference be extended to Mrs. H. E. Pacey and her Executive for valuable help and co-operation during their term of office.
- (d) The Conference knows that the same happy relationship will exist with Mrs. W. H. Duke and the new Executive and prays for them God's blessing and guidance.

5. Youth Department.

- (a) Y.W. & Y.M.B.C. Unions.—That the Conference heartily thanks the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Class Unions for their continued support and co-operation during the past year. In Miss Ada Lee and Rev. A. H. Voyce, the B.C. Unions have representatives on the Field who are rendering splendid service.
 - (b) The special contributions from the various Unions and Bible Classes for Debt Reduction have given encouragement and help to the Board, for which it expresses sincere thanks. The need and opportunities of the Work in the Western Solomons are so great as to demand our fullest co-operation and utmost effort.
 - (c) Sunday Schools.—That the best thanks of Conference be conveyed to the many Sunday Schools who, by ordinary contributions, support of teachers, students, and babies, and special efforts for Debt Reduction, have helped so wonderfully the Missionary Cause.
 - (d) That the Rev. E. P. Blamires' name be associated with this vote and he be asked to convey these thanks through the pages of "The Lotu."
6. That Dr. Laws be thanked for his inspirational advocacy of the Missionary Cause in the columns of the "Methodist Times."
7. That the sincere thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Revs. W. W. Avery, E. S. Harkness, V. Le C. Binet, F. H. Hayman, A. N. Scotter, B.A., F. Copeland, and Mr. W. C. Francis, for valuable deputation work.
8. That the best thanks of the Conference be conveyed to Dr. C. J. A. Griffin for his valuable service during the year.
9. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring members:— Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A., Messrs. J. Maginness, and C. Rayner; to District and Circuit Secretaries and Collectors, and "Open Door" and "Lotu" Agents; to all subscribers to general and debt reduction funds.

10. Literature.

That the best thanks of the Conference be conveyed to Rev. A. H. Scrivin, Editor of "The Open Door," and Rev. E. P. Blamires, Editor of "The Lotu," for their able editorship of the Missionary Papers, and that they be re-appointed.

That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be re-appointed Business Manager of "The Open Door" and "The Lotu."

11. Translation.

That the Conference heartily congratulates the Revs. V. Le C. Binet, A. A. Bensley, and A. H. Cropp, upon their translation work and prays that God's word thus available in the vernacular may win its widening way in the hearts of the people.

That appreciation be recorded of the British and Foreign Bible Society's valuable help in the publishing of these Scriptures.

12. Suggested Extension of Term Between Furloughs.

The Synod recommended that the period of service for European Missionaries on the Field be extended from three years to four years during the present financial depression.

That this Conference greatly appreciates the proposal of the Solomon Islands Synod that the term of service on the Field be extended from three to four years. In view, however, of the urgent need of maintaining the health of our Missionaries, and the necessity for a regular supply of Missionaries for deputation work, this Conference does not endorse the recommendation, but will gladly consider on its merits each request for extended term that may be preferred.

13. General Secretary's Visit to the Solomons.

That arrangements be made for the General Secretary to visit the Mission Field during this year, the time for the visit to be decided by the Board. That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be appointed Acting General Secretary during Mr. Scrivin's absence from New Zealand and that the honorarium be increased by a further £25.

14. Estimates.

That the Estimated Income and Expenditure for 1935 be adopted as follows:—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
New Zealand ..	£9,500	Solomon Islands ..	£8,900
Solomon Islands	1,500	Home Base ..	1,272
		Interest ..	500
		Debt Reduction ..	328
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	£11,000		£11,000
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15. Amendment of Law and Regulations.

Medical.—That clauses (b) and (c) Sec. 9, sub-sec. 2, on page 119 of Book of Laws be deleted or suspended, and in the event of a future appointment being made the matter be reviewed again.

Furloughs.—(1) Term of Furlough to read as follows:—

- (a) Missionaries, Lay Missionaries, and Lay Workers, except those under special agreement, shall be entitled to Furlough as follows:—
Five (5) months after periods of three (3) years' continuous service, at least two months of which shall be available for deputation work.
- (b) Missionary Sisters shall be entitled to Furlough as follows:—Six (6) months after periods of three (3) years' continuous service, if returning to the Field, at least two months of which to be available for deputation work. If not returning, the same conditions to obtain as apply to other workers under clauses (c) and (d).
- (c) For Workers—Ministerial and Lay—who serve for *only one* term, and who leave of their own accord for other than health reasons, 1 month's furlough and allowances.
- (d) For workers who serve for two or more terms of three years each, and are *not* returning to the Field for other than health reasons, three months' furlough and allowances.
- (e) In the event of the Board withdrawing a Missionary, or other Worker, from the Work, for any reason, it shall decide in each case the question of furlough and allowances due.

Island Synod.—That the following question be asked each year at the Representative Session of the Synod:—"What is the estimated income from the District for next year?"

16. That Conference tenders its thanks to the Rev. A. H. Scrivin for his work during the year, and congratulates him upon the success of his Debt Reduction Effort.
17. That the Board at its Annual Meeting be the body to elect the lay representative to Conference for the Solomon Islands District.
18. That the matter of the alteration of the term "Foreign" to "Overseas" be referred to organisations and Synods for their consideration.

19. Centenary of Fiji Methodism.

That the following greeting be conveyed to the Fijian Church:—This Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand heartily and affectionately greets you in this year of your Centenary. All Christendom has been thrilled by the triumphs of the Gospel in Fiji and we rejoice with you at the coming of the Kingdom of God into the hearts of your people. We rejoice also and are humbly grateful in remembrance that right through this wonderful Century, New Zealand has been closely associated with the Missionary enterprise in your Group. The beauty and reality of the Faith of Fiji have been manifested in the remarkable way in which the spiritual and material needs of your own people have been met; but especially in the going forth of your sons and daughters to the lonely malarial fields of New Britain, Papua and the Solomon Islands to proclaim the light and truth that had come to their own hearts and homes. Many scattered and lonely graves testify that they counted not their lives dear unto them. The last words of one of your great daughters as she was dying in Papua recently were: "I thank God He has permitted me to die for Papua." A few years ago, one of your sons barely recovered from serious illness, but preparing to return to what his friends called the land of death, wrote: "It matters not land nor sea, health nor sickness, life nor death, so long as the Kingdom of God goes on."

New Zealand's prayer for Fiji in this year of rejoicing is that the Kingdom of God will continue to grow in the hearts of her people and that she with us may not rest until all the peoples of the Pacific are won for Christ.

20. That the invitation to the President to represent the New Zealand Church be accepted and that the travelling expenses from N.Z. to Fiji and back be met by the Contingent Fund.

Appointments.

Treasurers for 1935	..	..	Rev. W. A. Sinclair
			Mr. T. L. Hames
Representatives on Missionary Council			The General Secretary, Chairman of Wellington District, Rev. E. P. Blamires, Mr. B. J. Lynneberg, Mrs. H. E. Pacey.
Auditor	..	..	.. Mr. L. Knight

Members of the Board for 1935.

The President of the Conference (Rev. J. H. Haslam), The Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. A. H. Scrivin, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, G. T. Marshall, E. T. Olds; A. B. Chappell, W. Walker, A. McBean, R. B. Tinsley, E. P. Blamires, E. S. Harkness, V. Le C. Binet, G. I. Laurensen, A. N. Scotter, B.A., F. Copeland, W. W. Avery, F. E. Leadley, A. A. Bensley; Messrs. W. S. MacKay, J. P. Blair, W. E. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, F. Penn, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, D. H. Thomas, R. Thomas, L. Peak, E. H. Burton, B. J. Lynneberg, C. E. Taylor, Frank Thompson, R. H. Nesbit, T. L. Hames; The President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary (Mrs. A. White), Misses E. M. Rishworth, S. A. Somerville, G. Griffith, Mesdames W. H. Duke, T. R. Hodder, F. Thompson.

District Secretaries for Foreign Missions.

AUCKLAND	..	..	REV. E. S. HARKNESS
SOUTH AUCKLAND	..	..	REV. F. HAYMAN.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	..	..	REV. J. D. GROCOTT
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	..	..	MR. C. E. TAYLOR
WELLINGTON	..	..	REV. F. E. LEADLEY
NELSON	..	..	REV. J. H. BAILEY
NORTH CANTERBURY	..	..	MR. F. 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 Rev. R. B. Tinsley and Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, A. G. Harris, 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. A. A. Bensley.

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. Minister of Motueka Circuit (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 Messrs. D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper and Mrs. Duke, Rev. W. W. Avery (Convener).

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SOUTHLAND: The Supt. Ministers and Circuit F. M. Secretaries of the Invercargill Circuits. Convener, Rev. O. S. Pearn.

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

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT 1934.

Under very difficult conditions, another year of activity has been carried on in fulfilment of our Department Motto "New Zealand for Christ." In every section of the work there have been peculiar difficulties to be faced by the Officers and Members of the Board and by each Member of the Staff. However, there has been much cause for gratitude to God for the way in which the work has been maintained and in some encouraging instances real advancement and consolidation effected. Our workers have been more and more thrown back upon the resources of God and as ever have found Him to be a safe stronghold.

The Home Mission Board and Standing Committees.

This Board has continued the policy of Quarterly Meetings, at which the business has been voluminous on each occasion. The members have attended in good numbers and have maintained a very helpful interest in the work.

The Standing Committees (1) Executive, (2) Spiritual Advance, and (3) Literature and Colporteur, have met frequently and maintained the activities of the Department in detail. They have carried out the policy of the Conference and Home Mission Board and have done valuable service in preparing the business for the Board meetings. A number of sub-committees have also rendered good service.

Finance.

This has been the hardest year for a considerable time from a financial standpoint. The position has been made more difficult for our General Fund because of the local difficulties in the Circuits and Home Mission Stations. At the beginning of these heavier depression years, many Circuits and Stations met their immediate obligations by increasing their overdraft to the limit. The result is that they are having great difficulties in meeting their current commitments, and added to this is the interest account, and in many cases

demands for repayments of the Loans. All this is not only making the Circuit demands on the Home Mission Fund more urgent, but is also making a natural limit to the ability of many of our supporters to maintain their subscriptions to the Home and Maori Mission Work. The income from Investments and from Mission Properties has also seriously declined. Thus, while the Balance Sheet to be presented to the Conference will show that we have considerably reduced the figure of expenditure, we have still had to report an increasing overdraft. This is adding to our anxiety because of the increasing interest account. However, we are continuing a careful oversight of all expenditure and are seeking to exploit every avenue of possible income.

Spiritual Advance.

At the beginning of the year, Rev. W. Walker resigned the Chairmanship of the Spiritual Advance Committee on account of ill-health and Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., was appointed in his place. The Board wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the energetic and discriminating leadership of Mr. Walker, exercised over a period of five years. To his initiative and resource the Board has been greatly indebted in the formulation of its annual programmes.

The Board has followed with interest the action of Circuits in regard to the Conference Resolutions on Spiritual Advance.

District Executives and similar organisations are to be commended for the way in which they have faced the problems of Church welfare in their own Districts and have tried to stimulate interest in aggressive work. It is widely felt that the remedy for most of our problems lies in a return to the spiritual intensity and soul-winning zeal that have ever characterised Methodism at its best, and which are the fruit of prayer, fellowship and fully consecrated Christian living. The necessity for progress on these lines has been emphasised by the Board in its communications with the Circuits.

At the beginning of the year, some of our leaders were concerned at a certain lack, or apparent lack of interest in the Programme adopted by the Conference. Eventually the excellent practical suggestion was put forward that two special Campaigns could be made to embrace and achieve the objectives which the Conference had set before the Church—"A Come-to-Church Campaign" to be followed by a "Church Membership Campaign." The suggestion met with general approval and the campaigns have been carried out simultaneously in nearly all districts, the former during August, and the latter during September. The Board communicated with all the circuits supplying practical suggestions for carrying through these campaigns. As these efforts have just concluded it is impossible to report fully on what has been achieved, but members of the Committee learn from several sources of excellent results where the campaigns have been taken up heartily. Recent reports in the "Methodist Times" confirm this.

A number of special missions have been held. Napier and Hastings have had very encouraging efforts. As in previous years, the staff and students of Trinity College have conducted Missions, notably at Dargaville, Warkworth, Pukekohe, Waihi and Hamilton. Open-air work has also been carried on by the students in the City of Auckland. Where Groups have been formed on the lines recommended in last year's programme, very encouraging results are reported. This movement appears to be meeting a very real need in the lives of a large number of our people, especially the young.

The Church shows signs of a deeper spiritual earnestness. Growing impatience with things as they are and much genuine longing for true progress are in evidence. These are promising signs. For ten years now, the Conference has been commending to the Church, Programmes for Spiritual Advance which have originated with the Spiritual Advance Committee and where they have been sympathetically carried out, genuine progress has been recorded.

Literature and Colporteur.

The Society continues to meet an increasing need for the best religious literature, and, considering the times, the output from the Book Depot gives cause for gratification. In the periodic reviews of the Trading Department during the year we have been pleased to notice the steady, though quiet, progress that has gone on in comparison with last year.

The volume of business done represents a fairly large increase in the sale of cheaper Devotional literature and it is pleasing to note that a heavy percentage of purchases is being recorded from the Youth of our Church.

Encouraging items from our Balance Sheet are that we record a Debit balance of only £58 3s. 8d. as against £175 9s. 1d. last year, while the nett profit on the working of the Bookroom is £62 7s. 2d. The economic situation has compelled the Society to keep the Colporteur Van off the road during the year. The periodical coming of the Van to the outlying settlements has been sorely missed and our general work of religious education and propaganda suffers in consequence.

We have tried to meet the situation caused by the withdrawal of the Van by asking our Country Ministers and our Home Missionaries to act as Literature agents wherever possible and their response has been enheartening.

With the coming of better days we hope to resume the normal activities and progressive programme of the Society in the carrying of good books to the people, which we re-affirm is part of the teaching ministry of the Church.

Conclusion.

Once more we conclude our report with a renewal of our confidence in the importance of our task. God has given us a heritage sacred with the memory of the service of many loyal workers in the past. A vision has been set before the Church and we must maintain the spiritual glow which alone will enable us to give a worthy lead in our own day and generation to the Maori and European inhabitants of these islands.

Signed on behalf of the Home Mission Board—

E. D. PATCHETT, CHAIRMAN
J. H. ALLEN, SECRETARY.
A. J. SEAMER, GENERAL SUPT.

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 Investments Fund 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 1935 be received and adopted.

7. Spiritual Advance.

That the Conference issues a call to the Church at large to give the work of Evangelism a place of utmost prominence in its activities during the coming year. It is our first charge. The Church would not appear to be willing at present to welcome an evangelist from overseas, but recent "Come to Christ" Campaigns in our cities and larger towns have shown that we have most effective evangelists within our own ranks. Our Church must not fail to use these evangelistic gifts which God has entrusted to us. To fail here is to be false to Him.

We regard it as a matter of the utmost importance that every minister should accept as part of his duties, the responsibility for evangelistic work. Success in this depends, however, on the co-operation of the pew. Evangelism is the universal obligation of believers—not a grace of the elect. Such co-operation needs to be encouraged and fostered by the minister. He must lead. Let all our ministers seek a fresh baptism of God's Spirit, and testify to a deeper experience among their people.

Some old methods will no longer be successful. We cannot now assume a devotional background to the life of the people. There is a call to create this background. It has to replace the ignorance, indifference and critical spirit so frequently in evidence.

Our proposals for 1935 relate (a) to ourselves and
(b) to the outsider.

(a) Evangelistic Work Among Our Own Members and Adherents.

We urge our ministers and preachers :—

- (1) By their pulpit and pastoral work to create a belief in, and an expectation of conversions.
- (2) To aim at securing decisions for Christ, especially in the Evening Services.
- (3) To endeavour to resuscitate the spirit of prayer among our members and to revive the after Church Prayer Meeting.
- (4) To follow up carefully the young people who may have been received into Church Membership and to encourage their attendance at some mid-week meeting in which prominence is given to Christian Fellowship.

In this connection we would emphasise the importance of Teacher Preparation Classes during the week. These classes preserve all that was best in the old Class Meetings and in addition make for increased efficiency in teaching the lessons learned.

- (5) To stress increasingly in their pulpit work, the Ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the value of the Morning Watch, or of some quiet hour, the importance of the Family Altar and of earnest efforts to win our children to God.
- (6) To deliver a special course of addresses during the year on the origin, history and distinctive notes of Methodism.
- (7) To arrange District Conventions for the study and planning of Evangelistic work throughout the District; and to release one or more of the ministers to conduct a consecutive series of Evangelistic Missions throughout the District, thus using and developing his special gifts. (The District Committee or Ministers' Fraternal to arrange suitable pulpit supplies for such ministers covering the whole period of his absence from his circuit).
- (8) To relate the Evangelism of our day to pressing social questions.

(b) Evangelistic Work Among Those Outside the Church.

In attempting to reach the outsider, we recommend the following methods :—

- (1) The personal witness among those we meet from day to day.
 - (2) Evangelistic Missions organised on the understanding that our own Church people will do their utmost to bring their friends and neighbours.
 - (3) Open-air work, not necessarily along the usual lines. Meetings which result from open-air discussion groups prove most successful.
 - (4) The Wayside Pulpit and Religious Plays which are leading to valuable contacts with outsiders.
 - (5) Personal contacts with the unemployed and in town and cities, the organisation of, and close contact with them in social, recreational and occupational clubs.
8. That Conference express its deep appreciation of the services rendered by the General Superintendent and its gratification that despite adverse conditions the work is being well maintained.
 9. That the Rev. A. J. Seamer be designated for re-appointment in 1936 to a further term as General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department.
 10. That the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be released from Circuit work as from April, 1935, to take up again his full duties as Assistant Superintendent.
 11. That the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be thanked for his services as Ministerial General Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent.
 12. That Mr. F. Penn be thanked for his services as Lay General Treasurer.
 13. That the Treasurers for 1935 be the Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn.
 14. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Auditors, Messrs. T. L. Hames and P. Dellow, for their services and that they be re-appointed.
 15. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the members of the Board and of the District Committees and especially to the officers of the Department and of the Standing Committees.
 16. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered Mr. W. S. Mackay for his services as Treasurer of the Literature and Colporteur Society.
 17. Recognising that many vital activities of the Church are completely dependent on the Home Mission Fund for support and that there is a more urgent need than ever for a buoyant Home Mission Fund in order that these activities might be carried forward effectively in the interests of the whole church at Home and Overseas Conference appeals to our people to give the Home Mission appeal due prominence and the utmost support this year.

Finance.

That, as the financial position of most of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations has been seriously weakening during the last few years and the Home Mission Fund, to which needy Circuits and Home Mission Stations look for support, is gravely handicapped by having to meet its rapidly increasing current account overdraft, the Conference resolve :

- (1) That Circuits and Home Mission Stations where necessary take immediate and adequate steps to re-organise their local

Circuit finances with a view to the extinction of Circuit Fund overdrafts and the more thorough organisation of some worthy method of systematic and direct giving so that the financial burden shall be more equitably distributed amongst our people as a whole.

- (2) That arrangements be made by the Home Mission Board and the District Home Mission Committees for a special Home Mission Fund debt reduction appeal in 1936, and that such methods be adopted in connection with the Special Appeal that will interfere least with local finance and ordinary appeals.
- (3) That, unless some extraordinary crisis occurs, no arrangements for any special connexional appeal other than the Home Mission Fund Debt Reduction Appeal be permitted until after 1936 at the earliest.
19. That in connection with the Appeal in 1936 a Week of Prayer and Self Denial be held during the month of May in North Auckland and the South Island; and during the month of October in the rest of the North Island and that suitable literature and envelopes be prepared by the Home Mission Department.
20. That the Special Appeal for the Home Mission Fund Debt Reduction be formally launched at a Luncheon Function during the sessions of the 1936 Conference.
21. That the conditions associated with the Savage Legacy be fulfilled, and a suitable Church be erected at Matata before December next. That the matter be left in the hands of the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
22. That the question of Lantern Slides for Home Mission Deputations be referred to the H.M. Board.
23. That the Conference direct that the Home Mission Board be the Standing Committee for the consideration of all evangelistic matters in the interval between Conferences, and that the Spiritual Advance section of the report of the Home Mission Board to Conference be considered by Committee D.
24. The Conference recognises that greater economy and efficiency could be secured in certain areas by the amalgamation of contiguous circuits, and suggests that Quarterly Meetings, District Committees, and Synods, consider the question as far as it may possibly concern their own District or area. So many factors peculiar to the local conditions play such an important part in the consideration of any proposals for alteration of boundaries and amalgamation of Circuits, that, generally speaking, the Conference prefers to leave these matters with the District Committees and Circuits concerned, in consultation with the General Superintendent. One important factor that should never be overlooked in Circuit amalgamation proposals is the necessity for developing the sense of local responsibility at every preaching place and where amalgamation takes place some provision should be made with this principle in view. In some cases probably sectional Quarterly Meetings should be held; also each preaching place might well carry a definite allocation of financial responsibility. The Conference recommends all District H.M. Committees and Synods to explore such possibilities of amalgamation of Circuits in their respective Districts.
25. That the Home Mission Board consider during the year the possible staffing requirements of the Church during the next five years, and report to the next Conference through the Examination Committee.

26. That the Grants made to any Circuit or Home Mission Station where the H.M. Board has guaranteed the repayment of the instalments upon loans from the Church Building and Loan Fund be conditional upon such Circuit or Home Mission Station paying such instalments on due date.
27. That the Ohura grant be regarded as special and be devoted to reducing the loan on the Parsonage site.
28. That as the Maori Choir will not be available in certain districts this year, Conference requests Circuit H.M. Committees to organise Home and Maori Festivals at all preaching places.

Home Mission Board, 1935.

The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), the Assistant Super. and Ministerial Treas. (Rev. G. I. Laurenson), the Lay General Treas. (Mr. F. Penn), the Senior Maori Super. (Rev. R. T. Haddon), Mr. J. Veale (Life Member), with the ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Rev. E. Te Tuhi, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Messrs. T. Clark, W. S. Mackay, J. J. Parker, L. E. Rhodes, F. C. 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, R. J. Adlington, A. Williams, W. J. Court, and C. K. Wigglesworth Miss Mather, Mrs. Stevens, Sister Ivy Jones, Miss Ida Buttle and Mrs. George Smith. Convener, The General Superintendent.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. F. J. Parker.
 SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. C. R. Taylor.
 TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. J. D. Grocott.
 HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. J. H. Allen.
 WELLINGTON—Rev. C. Blair.
 NELSON—Rev. A. O. Harris.
 NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. W. Rowe.
 SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. W. E. Moore.
 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. B. J. James
 SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT—Rev. E. B. Chambers.

District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, with the Revs. R. B. Tinsley and the Minister of Remuera Church, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, F. Penn, F. W. Stone, J. W. Reed, E. A. Astley and A. Williams. Convener, Rev. F. J. Parker.

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

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. J. D. Grocott.

WANGANUI, SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits ; Messrs. Bowater, Whitlock, F. Webb Jones, Newsome. Convener, Rev. J. W. Parker.

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, Rev. J. H. Allen.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. M. Bruce and H. H. Curry. Convener, Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. C. Blair.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Greymouth and Hokitika Circuits, 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, Geraldine 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. W. E. Moore.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. B. J. James.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, together with the Circuit H.M. Secretaries and Mrs. S. Brown. Convener, Rev. E. B. Chambers.

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

THE REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD ON THE MAORI WORK.

In seeking to present a faithful report of the present condition of our work, there comes first of all to our minds the thought of how the greater part of our Maori people have now definitely turned their faces towards Christ and are being steadily led by His Spirit out of the soul-deadening maze of superstitious beliefs and practice to the open and healthy fields of Christian light and love. At the same time there is in certain other Maori circles a distinct reactionary movement toward paganism. Some years ago we wrote in one of our Reports the following paragraph:—

“Almost all Europeans go to either one or other of two extremes in their view of the Maori. They either assume that the Maori can, in this generation, reach English standards in religion and ethics, or they go to the other extreme, and, despising the Maori, say that he cannot be lifted out of his ignorance, superstition, and non-morality. The Maori is one of the highest types of primitive people, and a potential equal with the European, but he has not yet attained, and in the very nature of things, cannot yet attain. But in the future he will reach a high standard if we render him, at this present most critical phase of his development, the assistance that is his due as our child in the Christian Faith. We have before us in the Maori Mission an intensely interesting test of our ability as a Church to grapple successfully with one of the world's most difficult problems. We are not dealing with a segregated race, nor with a decadent people, but with a virile race which, though increasing in numbers, yet can have no future as a distinct race, and must inevitably, unless State, Church, and Society reverse

their policies, merge with our own. In some districts the two races have already co-mingled to a surprising degree, and the present practical equality in educational advantages and rights of citizenship cannot but assist that development. Many of the educated natives and half-castes possess social gifts of a high order, and even our most exclusive social circles receive them as equals. These are the vanguard, the masses follow slowly, some very slowly indeed and painfully, but none the less surely.

“Our own Church is responsible before God and man for the Christian development of the twelve thousand descendants of the Tribes that God gave our Pioneer Missionaries. The urgency and importance of this task cannot be too strongly emphasised. We must be prepared to give this work a primary place in our Mission enterprises. The work will never be spectacular, but it is vital to the spiritual and social welfare of this Dominion. The fact that difficulties confront us on every hand should not dismay us. We must nerve ourselves for a stern and protracted struggle. We cannot fail.—WE DARE NOT fail.”

Since these words were written, our Mission has been tested as with fire but its work is still on the upgrade. It must be admitted, however, that in general many of the Movements towards higher social and spiritual life are heavily handicapped and sometimes distinctly misdirected by the influence of European and American superstitions and false social standards. These influences make their impact upon the mind of the rising generation chiefly through pernicious literature and subtly demoralising pictures produced to supply the demand of a sex-crazed and excitement loving public. While co-operating heartily with those who are seeking to minimise these evil influences, we are giving our best endeavours to constructive work, and if those whom God has blessed with material goods would provide us with the cash for the purchase of larger stocks and equipment, we could satisfy the hunger for literature and pictures by supplying types of such that would gradually purify and strengthen the social and spiritual ideals of the Maori people. Our statistics, which reveal steady advance, are given elsewhere, but the progress of the Work is more noticeable in the general influence our Mission wields with the tribes than in the actual increase of membership.

The finances of the Maori Circuits show no improvement for our members have found grave difficulty in providing even food for their children. We do, however, notice that there is developing amongst our Maori Circuit Officials a deeper sense of responsibility in regard to Church Finance Collections, though smaller than in earlier days, are now made more frequently and regularly. The work that has been, and is being done by our Deaconesses is meeting, subject to the limit of their numbers and ability the most urgent needs of the people throughout our very extensive fields. We commend their reports, which appear from time to time in “The Methodist Times,” to the careful attention of all who are interested in genuine Christian Mission Work. Those reports go to prove that there can scarcely be any more needy or more promising Missionary work in the world than that amongst the rising generation of Maoris and half-castes. We cannot speak too highly of the devotion of our Deaconesses and the large band of voluntary workers they have enlisted to assist them with Sunday School and general work.

During the year, several very successful special Missions have been held. A series held by the Revs. R. T. Haddon and E. Te Tuhi in North Auckland, and extending over a period of about 2 months, produced very definite and inspiring results.

Important questions affecting the general welfare of the Maori people have claimed a considerable amount of the time and thought of both the General Superintendent and the Senior Maori Superintendent. Without referring to these in detail, for many references to them have appeared in the public press and in "The Methodist Times," we are grateful to be able to report that the influence of our Mission helped very materially both in averting disasters which were threatening some of the people and in assisting to build up more worthy economic conditions and create a purer social atmosphere.

Signed on behalf of the Board—

E. D. PATCHETT, CHAIRMAN.

A. J. SEAMER, GENERAL SUPT.

R. T. HADDON, SENIOR MAORI SUPT.

MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND.

Treasurer's Report.

The sum of £3,000 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.

GEORGE I. LAURENSEN

F. PENN

General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers Statement of the Maori Girls' School Fund be received and adopted.
3. That the Conference place on record its gratification for the manner in which our Maori workers have carried on their duties under the stress of the present economic crisis.
4. That Conference record its appreciation of the valued service rendered by the members of the Maori Choirs as Deputations during the year.
5. That Conference record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Maori Mission by the large band of voluntary European workers, especially in the Sunday School section.

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

A.—AUCKLAND SOCIAL SERVICE MISSION.

REPORT 1934.

Still further progress in evangelistic, educational, and Social Service Work has characterised our Mission for another year. All branches of the work have been consolidated and extended, while new departments have been organised. Without the help of a large staff of voluntary workers, it would not have been possible to cope with the demands on our ever-expanding field of service.

In these foundation days, it is imperative to build slowly, but surely. Both Senior and Junior Membership have increased. The Missioner and Deaconess have paid special attention to building up the attendances and the efficiency of the services and meetings, and have met with increasing success. Much time has also been given to personal interviews, to relief of distress, the placing of boys and discharged prisoners in positions in both town and country, the Youth work, and the Mission finances.

Youth Work.

When we report that our Sunday School Hall is not large enough to cope with this work, you will realise the progress made during the year. Through the agency of Cubs, Scouts, Adventure Groups, Sunday School, Sunbeams, Young Men's and Young Women's Clubs, Young Worshippers' League, physical culture classes, debating and sewing groups, as well as a nursery on Thursday afternoons, we are able to train for the Kingdom of God between 200 and 250 young people, most of whom, a short time ago, were without any, or much, religious instruction.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

Almost every week, some medical man tells us that one of our sick mothers or children needs a good rest in some home by the seaside. Unfortunately, we have no place to which they may be sent. However, through the generosity of two friends, £55/5/- has been promised, while Mrs. G. B. Simpkin, of North Auckland, has without reservation placed a section at our disposal. The Mission authorities do not intend burdening themselves with a huge debt. Our first objective is a really good site, which we have in view. When that is cleared, we hope to build a place worth £1,000. The plans for this are now in the course of preparation, and the building will include all modern conveniences. We hope to open the building free of debt, and we are trusting that endowments will follow, as the running expenses will be heavy.

Alterations and Additions.

Signs have been erected in prominent places, including one over the back entrance in Wakefield Street. Footpaths and drainage have been set in order, while the whole interior of our property has been renovated and modernised. We have now a most helpful environment.

Prison Work.

The personal interviews at Mt. Eder are having a helpful effect upon the men. Letters of appreciation constantly inspire us. Two men have commenced correspondence courses, while others are encouraged to equip themselves for the future. Thirteen services have been conducted during the year, and these are well attended. We are grateful to many Bible Class folk, Church Choirs, Trinity College Students, and friends, for their assistance at these services.

During the year, the Missioner was placed on the Executive of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, and therefore has a larger sphere of usefulness. Many men who have committed minor offences are placed in gaol for short periods, and the Mission finds itself called upon to help support the wives and families. Thanks are due to the Prison officials for their unflinching courtesy.

Down and Out Work.

These meetings have been well attended, and a very reverent atmosphere prevails. Once more we record our very warmest appreciation of help in this direction. By striking a strong evangelistic note, our meetings have grown beyond recognition, and drunken men, methylated spirit drinkers, etc., all find themselves in an atmosphere of Worship. We thank God for the conversions which have resulted during the year. Hot pies and hot drinks are given free, and the attendances are indicated by the large number of meals (nearly 4,000) given during the year. This number applies only to the Saturday evening meetings.

Deaconess Work.

We congratulate Sister Rita Snowden on the partial recovery of her health. We are pleased to know that she is steadily building up. Her administrative and literary gifts, as well as her deep religious experience, have evidenced themselves among the women and children during the year. So wide and embracing is the work, that it is impossible for one woman to handle it all—we must not forget our voluntary workers who have stood by. We ought to have a Junior Deaconess assisting Sister Rita, but, at present, our funds cannot stand the strain. Mothers' Meetings, Sewing Guilds, visiting, personal interviews, and investigation, as well as exacting work among the youth, have been among the worth-while tasks that have claimed the Sister's attention.

Medical, Legal, Optical, Dentistry.

The services of a Doctor, who is both evangelist and medical adviser, have been a great acquisition to our work. Through the honorary services of Dr. Howie and other medical men, many have received relief of body and soul. Where necessary, medicine has been supplied free of charge, or cases sent straight to hospital. We deeply appreciate the services of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in assisting the Doctor, and attending to minor injuries. We record our thanks to the large number of solicitors who, from time to time, by their voluntary assistance, have made it possible for us to deal with immediate cases of distress. We express our gratitude also both to our Optician, Mr. C. Martyn, and our Dentist, Mr. H. D. Crump, who give their services so ungrudgingly.

New Building Fund.

On account of the financial depression, we have not pushed the claims of our Re-building Fund. (The present buildings are of wood, and are 84 years old). Nevertheless, this fund is gradually being augmented, and we are eagerly looking forward to the day when we shall have £20,000 with which to build.

Maori Work.

Quietly and unostentatiously, Mr. Manoah works among the Maoris at the gaol and in the City. In connection with Sister Ivy, he has recently commenced a special weekly service for Maoris in our Mission Hall. Mr. Manoah was a convert of the old East Street days, and as one of our Leaders, has a seat on our Board of Management.

Social Service Department.

A very efficient staff has been at work during the year, and hundreds of families, as well as individuals, have been assisted. In cash and goods received in this department, the Mission has been able to assist directly the poor and needy in material things, to the value of £1,002/13/-. The Mayor's Metropolitan Relief Committee has been the means of lightening our burden in this department, and we record our thanks to His Worship for his energetic work, and far-seeing policy. Throughout the year, your Missioner has served on this Committee, and has thus been able to render additional public service.

Irrespective of class and creed, the work has gone forward in the City for a number of years. Every week, many hundreds are assisted in some way or another, and we would appreciate from those who are charitably minded, some provision in their will for our Methodist Social Service Mission.

Social Service Association.

We are hoping that the Synod and Conference will approve of a recent move to form a District Social Service Association, which would supplement the work of the individual societies of the Church.

Finance.

The money business seems to be a never-ending problem. Our anxieties would be greatly relieved if more money were available. When work is progressing, there is need for further expenditure. The whole Church should be proud of the faithfulness of the Mission Officials, and the splendid service rendered by the Trustees of the Mission properties. There is behind our work a band of business men who have things well in hand, and who are keeping the expenses down to the minimum. Special thanks are due to the East Street Trustees for their generous help.

General.

An Evangelistic Mission during August was the means of winning a large number of converts. This has deepened our spiritual life to a great extent.

The services of Miss L. Williams in the secretarial work have been greatly appreciated by the Mission Officials. We express our indebtedness to the Trustees of the Prosperity Fund, and all the individuals and organisations that have so willingly assisted us. Sunday Services are well attended. Great interest has been roused in our work, and we are sure that such humanitarian service rendered to the whole community, is a national asset, and will commend itself to charitably minded citizens.

A. J. SEAMER, Superintendent.

A. EVERIL ORR, Missioner.

T. F. WALLIS }
WALTER WOOD } Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
 2. That the best thanks of Conference be tendered the Rev. A. E. Orr for his valuable services and to the voluntary workers associated with him.
3. **Board of Management for 1935.**

The General Supt. of H.M. Department (Chairman), the Chairman of the District, Revs. G. Frost, G. I. Laursen, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. Ranston, F. J. Parker, Miss L. Williams, Messrs. T. Clark, 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.

B.—METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION, DUNEDIN.

Annual Report, 1934.

In humility and gratitude the Board of Trustees presents the 44th annual report of the Central Mission.

Direct evangelism, thoughtfully planned ventures, elemental ministries, unconventional services have characterised the Mission's crusade for social righteousness and its effort to win those beyond reach of the ordinary services of the Church. It is difficult to gauge the magnitude and complexity of the work in these exceptional times. Developmental and institutional work, the projection of policies destined to influence succeeding generations, the

provision of extra accommodation, the problem of limited finance, have daily demanded organization and leadership. Our problems are increased by a shortage of key-men organized for evangelism and possessing organizing ability and administrative skill. The promise and potency of the work are so great that it seems the duty of the whole Connexion to assume in some practical way its privileges and responsibilities.

Capturing the Outsider.

The social and religious activities of the Mission are directed to induce transforming spiritual crises in the lives of those not yet won for Christ and to bring the outsider to the House of God. Instructional clubs, recreational organizations, personal interviews, social service and discourses on subjects vitally concerning the masses, linked with facilities for friendship-making, self-expression and freedom of worship have been coveted to speak straight to the hearts of the people. It seems that a degree of success has attended the diverse efforts of the leaders by the Sunday evening congregation which averages 1,100, and the numbers that gather in the Women's Guilds conducted by Sister Hazel and Sister Lenna.

Youth Work.

There are several young people's societies and tuitional classes encouraging self-expression and realisation. The Bible Classes—six in number—have a membership of 97. The membership of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate Schools is

Deaconess Work.

Both Sister Hazel and Sister Lenna have done magnificent work. Sister Hazel has just completed her tenth year of service at the Mission and Sister Lenna is in her third year.

Children's Health Camp and Rest Home.

Last Christmas 120 children enjoyed the healthful environment of the Home at Company Bay. The total expenditure to date including cost of property and equipment has been £1,450. During the year the property has been fenced and roaded and 800 trees planted for beauty and shelter. A concrete tank with an 8,000 gallon capacity now augments the water supply. Government medical officers have inspected and approved of the building and equipment; as a recognition of what has been achieved the Minister of Health has forwarded £25 from the Health Stamp Fund. Work is still going on at the camp and shortly a start will be made with the erection of 34 bedrooms and spacious sun shelters. The rate of progression will be determined by the financial support accorded. It is estimated the new buildings will cost £4,000.

Eventide Homes.

It is a matter for concern that no Church Home for aged people exists in connection with our Dominion Church. The Central Mission Trustees have decided to purchase an area of land adjacent the city and to erect bungalow homes for lonely, indigent, aged people. The Homes will be independent of each other, in the form of a square, with a central controlling institution. Each home will have a bed-sitting room, kitchenette, bathroom and large sun porch, costing approximately £450. The area will be beautified with gardens and shrubs. A hospital and dispensary will form part of the general equipment. Ultimately 20 homes will be built and the whole scheme will be under the supervision of a deaconess nurse specially trained for the work. The "Eventide Homes Fund" was established this year and already wide-spread interest has been created. The Trustees are convinced that public-spirited citizens will provide legacies and donations to enable the

scheme to fructify. The "Eventide Homes" will be available to all aged, needy people irrespective of religious belief. The Homes, property, &c., are estimated to cost £15,000. Gradually the fund will be built up and the scheme will proceed to completion. All legal firms have been supplied with particulars with a view to inspiring bequests.

The Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

The inauguration of a daily Radio Service has enabled the Mission to pursue a gracious ministry of comfort and counsel. The superintendent broadcasts a service every morning at 10.30 from one of the "B" Stations. Two thousand listeners have joined up in membership, and contribute weekly toward the social work undertaken by the superintendent. A box for this purpose has been sent to every member and the offerings so far have been most encouraging.

Social Service Department.

It is scarcely possible to summarise the work undertaken by this Department. Twenty-five miles away from the city men are engaged cutting down manuka which is conveyed by motor truck to the Mission wood depot where it is cut up and distributed to families in need of fuel. An amount is sold at market rates to defray costs. Christmas parcels were distributed and every week very many families have received assistance. Sixty thousand pounds of beef were purchased from the Government and distributed at reasonable rates to registered unemployed men and their dependents. For the year ending 30th September, 1934, the Social Service Department expended over £3,334/17/8. The income amounted to £3,192/14/-. In addition to this expenditure it is estimated that fully another £1,000 of goods donated by firms anxious to assist authenticated cases of distress, have been distributed. The Social Service Department is supported entirely by voluntary donations from individuals, business people and organizations, and here the Trustees would gratefully record such generous assistance and acknowledge with gratitude the support of all sections of the community. A bequest of £100 came from the estate of Mr. George Brown, a former member of the Mission.

Erection of Machine Room and Storerooms.

Early in September a two-storeyed brick and concrete building adjacent the Octagon Hall was completed to provide accommodation for tuitional classes in sewing and fitting. Machines are now available for mothers whose homes are minus one. About 60 mothers are being taught to sew and to reshape garments and to acquire a knowledge of cutting and fitting. The impartation of such knowledge is deemed of more practical value than the free distribution of ready made garments.

Honorary Service.

Very great assistance has been freely given by a barrister, dentist, chemist, doctor, and a city architect. The directress of the social service department is Mrs. J. Grant, who assisted by Mesdames Coulter and McAuslin, have supervised free of remuneration the entire distribution of relief. The time and energy expended by these noble women merits the unstinted praise of the church and the community. The work of Mr. H. H. Johnson as Secretary and Treasurer over a term of years is outstanding and unrivalled. Much praise is also due to Mrs. Neale.

The Mission Premises.

Structural renovation of the Octagon Hall cannot be indefinitely postponed. Minor repairs are constantly being effected but the whole of the exterior needs plastering. The front of the building needs modernising. The Stuart Street shops are regarded as temporary structures. £500 was paid off the mortgage this year leaving a total indebtedness on all the property of £20,500.

Plans for the Future.

This report reveals the pursuance of a policy of consolidation and progression. Gradually as finances permit institutional and social service will be extended. It should be possible to purchase a coal field adjacent the city and to provide free coal to the indigent aged and sick. The establishment of a dispensary, a furniture and boot repairing depot, the erection of a night shelter and the purchase of a trawling steamer, require thoughtful consideration.

General.

For 44 years the Central Mission has steadily rendered valuable service to the community and exerted spiritual influence upon many thousands of people. At times unorthodox methods are used and bold ventures attempted, with the one desire to build up Christian citizenship and nationhood. The work of the Mission is undenominational. Let us rejoice in it, and support the work with our prayers and gifts, and provide for its continuance in our last will and testament.

LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.
HARRY H. JOHNSON }
WILLIAM AITKEN } Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulates the Superintendent, Deaconesses, Officials and Honorary Workers on the splendid social and spiritual achievements of the past year. We desire to set on record that we regard Mr. Neale as a special gift of God to our Methodist Church for the particular service that he is rendering through the multifarious activities of the Mission. We express our confidence in his policies and labours and pray that God will continue to grant him health, strength and wisdom for the continuance of the same.
3. That the cordial thanks of Conference be tendered to Drs. Harty and McMillan; to the Honorary Dentists, Messrs. B. Bellhouse and R. Ritchie; to Mr. McDowell Smith, architect; Mr. W. Clifford, Chemist; Mr. Warrington Taylor, Solicitor; Mrs. J. Grant and Mr. H. H. Johnston who devote much time to the work of the Mission.

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

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Report for 1934.

The Sessions for 1934 commenced on February 3rd with the following students in residence:—

- 2nd year: Misses Constance Osborne, Lillian Davidson, Eileen Taylor and Heeni Te Teira.
1st year: Misses Edith Kathleen Beer, Margaret Joy Kippenberger and Irene Maude Hitchcock.

Fortnightly lectures have been given as under:—Old Testament—Rev. E. Drake; New Testament—Rev. H. Ryan; Theology—Rev. W. Rowe; Church History—Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.; English—Miss Chaplin, B.A.; Psychology—Mr. C. H. E. Graham, F.R.M.S.; Voice Production and Homiletics—Rev. J. C. Draper; Home Nursing—Nurse E. Borrows. The thanks of the Committee are due to these willing honorary workers.

In addition to lectures students have shared in practical work at the Christchurch Hospital Out-Patients Department, Essex Maternity Hospital and Christchurch Free Kindergarten. Four of the students conduct Bible-in-Schools lessons. Miss Hitchcock has worked under the direction of Nurse Maude of the District Nursing Association. Misses E. Beer, M. Kippenberger, and Heeni Te Teira have gained St. John Ambulance certificates for First Aid.

The Deaconess Convocation was held in Wellington on February 14 and 15 immediately prior to the Church Conference. A small attendance of eight met under the presidency of Sister Ruth. Sister Olive Coleman from England also attended and spoke on the programme of an English Convocation.

Deaconess Dedication Service took place at the Wellington Conference in February, when Sisters Olive Bott, Rangimarie Ellison and Jessie McKenzie were dedicated.

The facilities of our house and hostel have been regularly utilized by Bible Class Executives and Committees, Leadership Training Classes, Evening Missionary Group and other Committees.

The House Library.

During the year Deaconess House has been fortunate in receiving from the Rev. T. W. Vealie a large and valuable collection of books including the new Oxford Dictionary and the Encyclopedia Britannica. Mr. Vealie has put us under obligation for his generous gift which is daily proving its usefulness to our trainees. Mrs. J. Lomas and the executors of the late Rev. Samuel Lawry have also enriched our library by donating many useful volumes. The Committee records its gratitude for these timely gifts.

The Lady Superintendent.

After a period of outstanding service as Lady Superintendent, Miss Elsie Sewell accepted appointment to a larger sphere in the service of womanhood in connection with the Government Department of Labour. Miss Sewell possessed qualifications of a very high order and her personal characteristics enhanced their value. She sustained a high standard in all departments of the work of Deaconess House and exerted a widespread influence in her many sided contacts with the social work of the city. She carries to her new appointment the hearty goodwill of the Committee. Since the departure of Miss Sewell her place has been capably filled by Miss D. Fairweather who came to our assistance on the understanding that the appointment is to be only temporary. Miss Fairweather is sustaining all the best traditions of the Institution. The Committee is now in quest of a lady holding qualifications both of character and capacity that are essential for this important sphere of service.

Work of Our Deaconesses.

There are few things that stimulate interest in Deaconess work so much as the publication of the records of their practical activities in connection with circuits and institutions as well as amongst the Maoris and on the Solomon Island Mission field. It is therefore greatly to be regretted that so few deaconesses have complied with the regulation requiring them every August to furnish the Committee with a report of their work. The same default also has been made by those employing the services of deaconesses.

In these circumstances our report lacks this feature of interest. Miss Miriama Kirkwood has recently resigned from the Maori work. The Committee is awaiting information from the Rev. A. J. Seamer as to the dedication of Miss Marama Muriwai.

Spheres of Work Wanted.

The Committee is greatly concerned that through economic and other causes so few openings for trained women workers are offering. Miss Jessie McKenzie who has been engaged for part of the year on special service is still awaiting an appointment. Misses Lilian Davidson and Eileen Taylor are due to leave the Institution, and so far no door of service has opened to them. Miss Olive Holland who, since completing her term at Deaconess House, has undergone training as a hospital nurse has been granted permission to complete her midwifery course at Invercargill Hospital. Miss Holland will be available for appointment about June, 1935. Her personality and endowments make her ideally suited for work either in New Zealand or the Solomon Islands and Miss Holland will gladly enter any open door. Miss Constance Osborne who leaves the Institution this year will take up hospital training as a further equipment for service. Miss Ngati Mete is still undergoing nursing training at Christchurch Hospital.

Our Future Policy.

During the year the Committee has discussed with the Rev. A. J. Seamer the possibility of a closer co-operation between the Home Mission Department and the Institution. The need for Deaconesses in social service work in the cities as well as in the sphere of religious education becomes increasingly manifest. The financial resources of the circuits appear to be unequal to meeting the need. The Committee is giving earnest consideration to the whole question of the future policy of the Institution, the type of student needed and the nature of the training required to meet modern needs. The church cannot afford to ignore the training of women for Christian service and it is essential that the whole position should be explored afresh.

Finance.

The financial year does not end until 31st December but an interim statement presented by the treasurer, Mr. C. A. Newman shows the need for rigid economy. The mortgage debt on the building now stands at £1600 and the mortgage has been re-arranged at a lower interest rate. The closing of the Teachers' Training College during 1934 affected our normal revenue from the hostel. The consent of the Committee to forego as an exceptional measure the grants from the Foreign Mission Fund for the years 1933 and 1934 has seriously affected our financial position. Repairs to the building are urgently necessary. The Committee asks for the following grants for next Connexional year:—

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £100; Contingent Fund, £75; Home Mission Fund, £75; Foreign Mission Fund £50.

Foreign Mission Workers.

The Committee shares with the Methodist Women's Missionary Union the conviction that it is very desirable that all women workers accepted by the Foreign Mission Board should receive a specialized course of Training at Deaconess House before proceeding to the Foreign Mission field and recommends that this be done save in approved cases where exceptional circumstances exist.

The Committee records its thanks to the members of the Ladies' House Committee for their continued capable service.

Christchurch,
18th October, 1934.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, CHAIRMAN.
J. E. PURCHASE, SECRETARY.

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 Miss Elsie Sewell for the valuable services rendered by her during the period she held the office of Lady Superintendent.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to Miss D. Fairweather for the ability and success with which she has filled the position of Acting-Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Deaconess Institution, to the visiting Tutors, and the Committee for their efficient services.
5. That the Conference welcomes Miss Greig to the position of Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House and wishes her much happiness and success in her service.
6. That the Deaconess Institution Committee be empowered to allow any trained Maori Deaconess to retain official status after marriage provided that she is fully employed in Deaconess work under the Home Mission Department and that satisfactory arrangements are made with respect to her connection with the Retiring Fund.
7. 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, New Brighton and Edgeware Road; Rev. F. T. Read; Mesdames G. Bowron, Lamb, A. A. Sandford, C. Eaton, H. V. Free, Sister Mabel Morley, Misses E. Chaplin, B.A., and D. Fairweather, Messrs. C. A. Newman, G. Bowron, H. Chapman, C. H. E. Graham, F.R.M.S., J. E. Purchase, M.A., S. H. Maddren and M. Kershaw.
8. That special attention be directed to Regulations 8 and 9 Law Book, page 134, directing Deaconesses recognised by the Conference to furnish a report of their work to the Committee during the month of August and also directing Circuits, Committees or Boards employing a Deaconess or Deaconess Probationer to furnish the Committee during the same month with a report on the work of the Deaconesses with special reference to the requirements of the following year.
9. That the following grants to Deaconess Institution be approved :—

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	£100
Contingent Fund	£75
Home Mission Fund	£75
Foreign Mission Fund	£25
10. That to Regulation 6 Law Book page 132 be added the following :—
N.B.—Should a Deaconess or former Deaconess trained in the Institution desire to become a local preacher she shall be exempted from taking a written examination, but shall otherwise comply with the requirements of Regulation 176 Law Book page 45.
11. That in view of the desirability of women workers receiving a specialised course of training at Deaconess House before proceeding to the F.M. Field, the F.M. Board arrange for such training excepting in cases especially exempted by such Board after consultation with the Executive Committee of the M.W.M.U.; the granting of such exceptions to be reported to the committee of the Deaconess Institution.
12. That a special Commission be set up to consider and to report to next Synods and Conference on the Deaconess Institution and the training of women for Christian service.

That the following be the order of reference :—

- (a) The general question of the ministry of trained women in the employ of the Church.
- (b) The type of trainee, and the qualifications for admission including the entrance examination for European, Maori and special students.
- (c) Specialised courses for Solomon Island workers ; Maori Mission work ; Circuit, Departmental and Institutional work ; Youth Department and Religious Education.
- (d) The conditions governing the employment of qualified trainees including the assurance of continued engagement.
- (e) Sources of additional financial support for Deaconess Institution.
- (f) The possibility of the Home Mission Department financing women workers and the implications of such a policy.

That the Commission consist of the following persons :—Revs. Clarence Eaton, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. Drake, H. Ryan, Messrs. J. E. Purchase, M.A. (Convener), C. A. Newman, Mrs. G. Bowron, Sister Mabel Morley and Miss D. Fairweather with the following corresponding members :—Revs. Dr. Laws, A. J. Seamer, E. D. Patchett, A. H. Scrivin, E. P. Blamires, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., L. B. Neale, Messrs. F. Penn, W. S. Mackay, Mrs. W. H. Duke, Misses Rishworth, L. Hodder and E. Sewell, with power to add.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages ?

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

Report for 1934.

With profound thankfulness for the privilege of service on behalf of orphans and needy children, we present this, our twenty-first annual report.

The year has been marked by an unusual number of removals, viz. : 26, whereas admissions have numbered only 14, so that our present roll number is only 90. Of the removals five are of boys who have reached leaving age, and have obtained satisfactory situations on farms where they are doing well. Six girls are well placed in domestic positions, while the senior girl at Epworth, who still remains on our roll, has recently joined the office staff at the Public Hospital.

Master and Matron for Wesley Home.

In December, 1933, Miss Johnston, Matron at Wesley Home, for 5½ years, obtained extended leave of absence to visit Canada, owing to the serious illness of her sister who, however, passed away before her arrival. Subsequently, Miss Johnston, to her great regret, found herself unable to return, and her resignation was received with much regret. The Board were fortunate in securing the services for five months, of Mrs. Hutchins, as Acting-Matron, and in June last, out of 22 applications, Mr. R. and Mrs. Wild, esteemed youth workers of Broad Street Church, Palmerston North, were appointed as Master and Matron at Wesley Home, where they are rendering most acceptable service, as also are Miss Coatman, Matron at Epworth, and Miss Spooner, Matron at Buckland Road, Epsom.

Finance.

Finance has caused considerable concern during the year and a heavy overdraft has only been avoided by placing in the current account for the time being, the following sums from legacies, which otherwise would have been added to capital, viz.: £526 from the estate of the late John Scott, Dunedin; and £250, from the estate of the late George Winstone, Senr., Auckland.

The Board are fortunate in having as Clerical Treasurer the Rev. George Frost, who, in conjunction with Mr. A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer, is rendering very able service.

The Board gratefully acknowledged the help rendered by Christmas offerings, subscriptions, donations, and the fine work of the secretaries and collectors, and again urge the appointment of collectors for every congregation.

Attaining Our Majority.

Wesley Home, the first Methodist Orphanage in New Zealand, and the joint gift of Mrs. W. H. Smith (now Mrs. R. Caughey Preston) and her brother, Mr. A. C. Caughey, was opened on 20th December, 1913, and is therefore approaching its 21st birthday. To celebrate the occasion the Board has established a Birthday Fund and are issuing an illustrated birthday souvenir, price one shilling, and on 15th December held a birthday celebration at Wesley Home.

Children's Concert.

In June last a delightful entertainment, which reflected great credit on all concerned, was given by the children of our three Homes, in Scots' Hall. A wet night reduced the attendance, but those present enjoyed a great treat.

Well-Deserved Thanks.

The Ladies' Committee, with Mrs. Armitage as President and Mrs. Chris. Burton as Hon. Secretary, continue to render invaluable help, as also do our Hon. Physicians, Drs. Harold Pettit and Cyril Griffin, Messrs. C. Martyn and W. A. Taaffe, opticians, Mr. White, chemist, and Mrs. Wilson, hairdresser; our official collectors, Miss Ethel Mason and Mr. J. H. Whitburn, together with many other helpers too numerous to mention. To all of these we extend our grateful thanks.

Board of Management.

We recommend the following as the Board of Management for the ensuing 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, E. T. Olds, A. McBean, 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 Ch. J. Burton; 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 and J. S. Caughey; Rev. S. Griffith, Rev. G. Frost, Clerical Treasurer; Mr. A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer; Rev. A. Hopper, Secretary.

Approaching Retirement of Secretary.

The Rev. S. Griffith, who will have completed ten years in March next, as Secretary, and who, during most of this period, was also the Clerical Treasurer, has intimated his desire to retire at the end of March. The Board of Management, in accepting, with regret, Mr. Griffith's resignation, to take effect at the above date, place on record their grateful appreciation of Mr. Griffith's ardent and faithful services during the ten years in which he has held the above offices.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
S. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. Conference congratulates the Board of Management on the 21st birthday of the opening of "Wesley Home" and on the gratifying record of work done for the maintenance and training of orphans and other needy children. The Conference gratefully recognises the generous provision made from time to time by numerous benefactions by gifts or legacies whereby a second and third Home were opened respectively in 1922 and 1925. The Conference recommends to our people the Birthday Souvenir issued by the Board and urges all liberally to sustain this great work.
3. Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the work of the Matrons and their staffs; collectors and subscribers; Ladies' Committee; Honorary Physicians, Drs. W. H. Lettit and C. J. Griffin.
4. That the Treasurers, Rev. G. Frost and Mr. Len Caughey, be thanked and reappointed.
5. Conference regrets that the Rev. S. Griffith after 10 years of devoted service is compelled by advancing years to resign from his position of Secretary to the Board, and records its grateful appreciation of his faithful and efficient service in this office. He has served the highest interests of our Orphanage work with conspicuous zeal and ability, and retires with the goodwill of all his brethren. He now becomes a life member of the Board.
6. That the Board be as stated in the Report.

B.—MASTERTON CHILDRENS' HOME.

Report for 1934.

We sincerely thank God for His Providential care during the past year. We have had scarcely any sickness in the Home, while many properties suffered during the terrific hurricane which swept through the District, the Home was very slightly damaged. Many friends have shown their practical sympathy with our work for which we are grateful.

Support.

We thank the members of the Bible Classes for their gifts during the year. Special mention may be made of the help received from the Bible Classes of the Manawatu and Hawke's Bay District. In varying degrees we have received help from each of the 47 circuits comprising the area served by the Home, Masterton Circuit contributing the highest amount of cash donations. Those who are the most intimate with our work are our best supporters.

During the year a sum of £100 has been left to the Funds of the Home by the late Mr. George Gordon, of Masterton. Mrs. Murphy, a former resident of Masterton, has also left conditionally a property to the Home. The late Mr. W. Tucker of Carterton has left his estate (subject to certain life interests) to be divided equally between the Anglican and Methodist Orphanages in the Dominion. It is a valuable bequest. Mr. Tucker was an Anglican and Mrs. Tucker is a Methodist.

Staff.

There have been no changes in the staff during the year. Miss Allan, who has been Matron for eight years, continues to manage the Home efficiently and satisfactorily and is ably supported by members of the staff.

During the year eleven children have left the Home and four have been admitted, three of these being temporary cases. Miss Donald L.A.B., has freely given her services as music teacher and several of our girls have successfully passed the Royal School of Music Examinations.

A number of the boys and girls successfully passed the Wellington Sunday School Union Scripture Examinations; in the written Scripture Examinations held in the Home the elder boys and girls revealed a good knowledge of the portions studied during the year.

We express our appreciation of the continued services of Dr. Prior who has occupied the position of Honorary Physician since the Home opened more than thirteen years ago.

J. E. Parsons' Memorial Cot.

The L.Y.M's. of the Dominion have placed in the Home a cot in memory of the late Rev. J. Ernest Parsons, so well known for his interest in young people, who commenced his ministry in our Kuripuni Church, a few minutes walk from the Home.

J. H. HANDYSIDE, Chairman.

J. COCKER, Secretary-Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to Miss Donald, L.A.B. (Honorary Music Teacher); Dr. Prior (Honorary Physician) and the Rev. J. Cocker (Secretary) for valuable services rendered.
3. That the Committee for 1935 be:—Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, J. H. Handyside, H. S. Tate, Dr. Prior, Revs. J. Cocker and G. F. Stockwell; Miss Burton, Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, A. Pragnall and G. F. Stockwell; Secretary-Manager and Treasurer, Rev. J. Cocker; Chaplain, Rev. G. F. Stockwell; Honorary Physician, Dr. Prior.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE BOARD.

Report for 1934.

The routine work of our Children's Home has moved along much as in other years. The health of the Staff and the children has been well maintained and the happy home life continues to be one of the pleasing features of the Orphanage.

Good progress has been made educationally by the Children attending Public and High Schools. Another fine record has also been made in the Sunday School studies, as evidences in the recent Scripture examinations, when out of the 40 scholars who entered all but one passed—several gaining high marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, Manager and Matron, continue to exercise a splendid influence over the life and activities of the Home and we rejoice with them and the other members of the Staff in the high standard maintained. We appreciate, too, the very welcome assistance of the Ladies House Committee and also the valuable help rendered by ladies from the various Churches of the City and Suburbs.

We would make grateful mention of the way in which various Circuits have made gifts to the Commissariat Department and have also contributed by more direct financial assistance.

By the kind permission of the Christchurch City Council the annual street collection was made in August, when just over £1,000 was realised for the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Orphanages. Our share amounted to £259. Notwithstanding this help the ordinary working accounts for the nine months ending October 1st show a deficiency of £63. The Audited Balance Sheet, however, for the full year, as at December 31st will be presented at the ensuing Conference. This will also include the receipts and expenditure for the new Building and Grounds. At present these returns are incomplete.

The Board places on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the passing of Mr. John Gilmour, of Tai Tapu, whose death occurred in Wellington while attending last Conference. Mr. Gilmour had for many years been a member of the Board and in his own quiet way had rendered willing and valuable service, always taking a keen interest in all phases of our Orphanage work.

We have again to express our best thanks to Drs. A. J. Orchard and J. P. Whetter and to Mr. G. Sevicke Jones for professional services freely given, also to the Ladies House Committee, to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and the members of the Home Staff, and to all those who by their generous contributions have helped to support the Orphanage—particularly to the Circuits making special efforts on its behalf. The Board is more than ever in need of the continued support of all our South Island Circuits.

Last year our Annual Report went to the Synod on the eve of the Stonelaying Ceremony in connection with the new Orphanage Buildings. We are glad to say that event passed off most successfully. We now report that the great occasion of the opening of the completed Home will take place on Friday, November 9th, when the President of the Conference, Rev. Clarence Eaton (who is also Chairman of the Orphanage Board), will officiate. Further reference to this important advance—the successful consummation of long cherished hopes—will be made in a supplementary Report to be presented at the ensuing Conference.

A well illustrated Historical Souvenir has been prepared for the Board by the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt giving a full and most interesting account of the Orphanage work from its inception.

The Board again desires to place on record its deep sense of indebtedness for Divine help and guidance experienced in connection with the establishment of the new Home, and in all endeavours making for the good success of our work for His needy Little Ones.

CLARENCE EATON, CHAIRMAN.
ARTHUR HOPPER, HON. SECY.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTCHURCH.

Supplementary Report for Conference of 1935.

Following upon the Annual Report presented to the Synods of last year, the Board has pleasure in now advising the Conference of the successful completion of the Building Programme and the auspicious opening of the new Children's Home at Papanui on the 9th of November last, by the President of the Conference.

There has now been added to the Orphanage properties of the Church 12 acres of suburban land on which have been erected substantial Buildings which are the admiration of all who have been privileged to see them.

The beautifully appointed Girls' and Boys' Homes, linked together by the central administrative block for the accommodation of the Staff, and set in choice garden surroundings, make a sanctuary for homeless children of ideal excellence. The expenditure on land buildings and furnishings amounts to £26,350, and, together with the old site and erections thereon, the Board is now possessed of assets totalling £31,759.

But it must be pointed out to the Conference that though free of debt the Board has nevertheless made a great venture of faith in expending all its endowments on the new Buildings. We have now to face increasing maintenance charges wholly depending on the generosity of our friends to provide us with the necessary funds. The policy of the Board is to proceed to build up steadily an Endowment Fund to provide against the inevitable fluctuation of the amount of donations and subscriptions. We appeal to our sympathisers to bear our needs in mind when making their wills.

But the history of the past in relation to the Building Enterprise has been so full of remarkable providences that we confidently face the additional responsibility placed upon us by our increasing family of orphan children.

At the Annual Meeting of the Board held at Christchurch on February 6th a resolution was carried expressing our gratitude to the Father of Mercies for the Divine guidance and help enabling us to complete our task, and to open our beautiful building free of debt.

The Board also placed on record its appreciation of the outstanding services rendered by the Treasurer, Mr. George Bowron, and rejoiced that he had been permitted to see the fulfilment of a work for which he had toiled and planned for 20 years.

The following are nominated as constituting the personnel of the Board for 1935:—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in Christchurch, The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. A. Peters, C. E. Ward, F. T. Read, J. Featherston, W. Grigg, Jno. Harris and A. C. Lawry; Mesdames G. Bowron, C. Eaton, W. H. Seed, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Rowe, M. Opie and Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. E. W. Hall, G. Bowron, F. Thompson, W. T. Burley, M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, F. J. Carr, W. Dobbs, W. S. Worner, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., J. E. Purchase, M.A., R. W. Hawke, M.P., and L. G. K. Steven.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.
ARTHUR HOPPER, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its deep sense of indebtedness to the Divine Providence for the great success which has attended and crowned the building operations in connection with the new home just completed free of debt. Conference prays that the Divine blessing may richly rest upon the Matron, staff and children, and

that the work of mercy for which the Home stands may continually witness to the love and care of God for homeless children and needy boys and girls.

3. That the grateful thanks of the Conference be expressed for the unique and consecrated service given to the orphanage as Treasurer by Mr. Geo. Bowron. For long years he has devoted himself to the interests of the children and much of the success of this completed effort is due to the conspicuous financial ability and sacrificial devotion of the Treasurer.

That a letter be sent to Mr. Bowron expressing these sentiments and our sympathy in his severe illness.

4. That the heartfelt thanks of the Conference be extended to the Rev. A. Hopper for his faithful and efficient service as Secretary for six years. During this time of unusual activity in the planning and building of the new Home, he brought to this work much love, sympathy and insight.
5. That the Committee be as printed in the Supplementary Report.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A.—“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Report for 1934.

At the end of the last Connexional year the Rev. Percy R. Paris who, for ten years served the church as editor with distinction, relinquished his position and received the well-merited thanks of the Committee and the Conference for his outstanding service. The Connexion welcomed the appointment of the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., to fill the vacant position. Dr. Laws took up his tasks last April and the hopes associated with his appointment are being fulfilled. The paper is commending itself increasingly to our people and the list of subscribers is steadily growing issue by issue. There have been fewer losses of subscribers than usual and an energetic campaign for subscribers which was sustained over several months resulted in an enrolment of 454 new subscribers. From practically every circuit came the report that it was only the pressure of economic conditions that prevented many of our people taking the paper. It is confidently anticipated that with returning prosperity the number of our readers will be greatly increased. To our agents who have so cordially co-operated with us during the year the Committee tenders its hearty thanks.

From a number of circuits the suggestion came to the Committee to send parcels of each issue of the paper to the circuits and to booksellers on the basis of sale or return. The Committee has on other occasions definitely decided against this policy. On two occasions extended trial was given to the method, in one instance for three months and in another for six months. During these entire periods there were not enough copies sold in the aggregate to pay the postage on the copies sent for a single issue. It was an utter waste of papers and money, in spite of the fact that, for the experiment circuits and booksellers were specially selected so as to make the trial under the most favourable conditions possible.

The Committee is anxious to meet the circumstances of needy subscribers as far as possible. In some cases arrangements have been made with agents to collect the full year's subscription at the rate of 1/6 per month for the first five months of the subscription year, at the end of which period the full amount has been remitted to us. In these cases the paper is mailed direct to every subscriber. This does not cost any more for postage than

sending a parcel of papers to one address and it ensures immediate and regular delivery. The Committee is prepared to supply parcels fortnightly to agents who desire to collect the price of each paper as it is issued on condition that the circuit quarterly meeting will guarantee payment for all papers supplied but the methods previously mentioned are preferred.

The financial position of the paper is giving grave concern to the Committee. To meet the heavy loss on the year's working we have drawn upon our reserves to the amount of £249 19s. 9d. The cost of the special campaign for new subscribers including the issue of circulars, the circulation of sample copies, the payment of bonuses to agents, etc., was about £88. There has been an increase in publishing costs due mainly to the publication of two extra twenty-page issues and the more extended use of illustrations. There has also been increased expenditure on account of editorial service. General expenses increased by the replenishment of stationery stocks and by heavier postage charges due to the necessity created, in times of depression, for more frequent correspondence with agents and subscribers regarding the collection of accounts, and in the effort to promote increased circulation. A substantial sum was written off on account of debts that neither the agents nor the office could collect. Advertising revenue has also shown a small decline.

Until recent years, the Contingent Fund, in view of the many unpaid Connexional services rendered by the paper, paid half the amount of the honoraria of the Editors and all their incidental expenses. The Conference of 1932, as an emergency measure, relieved the Contingent Fund for one year but that relief has continued right through the period when our paper, in common with all church papers, is making a struggle for existence. The Committee is averse to increasing the price of the paper. In order to attain a satisfactory position we need at least one thousand additional subscribers. The Committee cannot contemplate with equanimity the continuing shrinkage of the small reserves built up in more prosperous times and it appeals to the whole Connexion to support the paper by extending its list of subscribers. We are confident that the merits of the paper are being increasingly recognised and feel certain that with a return to normal economic conditions there will be such a return of prosperity to our paper as may warrant consideration of the possibility of increasing its size and multiplying its attractions.

To the Editor, the Associate Editor (Rev. T. J. Wallis), the regular contributors to the columns of the paper, and also to our printers for their capable service always cheerfully rendered, the Committee expresses its sense of deep obligation.

With hearty unanimity the Committee nominates the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., for re-appointment as Editor, and with his approval, nominates the Rev. T. J. Wallis for re-appointment as Associate Editor.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the ensuing year :—
Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio) Convener; Revs. E. Drake, T. J. Wallis, C. Eaton, W. Rowe, W. Grigg; Messrs. H. Holland M.P. (Lay Treasurer), G. Bowron, W. A. Bascand, W. Dobbs, D. E. Parton and E. H. Andrews.

Christchurch

16th January, 1935.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Editor (Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.) and his co-workers for their services throughout the year in the interests of the paper.
3. That the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., be re-appointed Editor for the ensuing Connexional year, and the Rev. T. J. Wallis, Associate-Editor.
4. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be thanked for his efficient oversight as Business Manager, and that he be re-appointed.
5. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the report.
6. That gratification be expressed at the increase of subscribers and every effort be made to promote still further the circulation of the paper amongst our people.

B.—NEW CHURCH HYMN BOOK.

Throughout the year negotiations have been continued with the Australian General Conference Hymn Book Revision Committee, and the publishers in connection with the compilation of the Australian and New Zealand Supplement to the new hymn book. The members and corresponding members of our New Zealand Committee have been consulted about all details associated with the selection of hymns and the publication of the book. Matters have now reached finality excepting for a few details which have been left to the Australian Committee. The Convener of the Australian Committee expected to convey the final decisions to the English publishers by the middle of November so that supplies of the new book may be made available at the earliest possible date.

It should be known that the Supernumerary Funds of both the Australian and New Zealand churches receive from the publishers a substantial share of profits accruing from hymn books sold respectively in the Commonwealth and the Dominion. Arrangements in this connection were made when our New Zealand Church was associated with the General Conference. After mature consideration of all relevant circumstances it was then agreed that the most satisfactory way to conserve the interests of our church throughout Australasia in this matter was by the provision of a Supplement to the English edition. While this arrangement adds slightly to the size of the book it does not add to its selling price and it ensures that the Australian and New Zealand churches get an equitable share in any profit accruing from the sale of the book in these lands. There could be no such effective check on supplies of an English edition reaching our shores from English dealers as is the case in a distinctive edition supplied only by the publishing house. The present arrangement may not be ideal but those familiar with all the relevant circumstances and the intricacies of the problem have not yet been able to evolve a better method.

Much thought has been put by our New Zealand Committee into the preparation of both the main body of the book and the Supplement. Through all stages the English Committee has taken us into its fullest confidence and considerable work has been involved in keeping all members of the Committee, scattered as they are throughout the Dominion, fully posted concerning the progress of the work at all its stages. In the preparation of no previous edition has New Zealand been privileged to take so large a share.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Convener.

Christchurch,
10th November, 1934.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted and that the Hymn Book Committee be thanked for its work.
2. That the Chairmen of Districts be requested to arrange for the choirmasters in the larger centres of population to meet and to consider how best to facilitate the adoption of the new hymn book by our congregations.

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

Report.

Our Church has been represented at the Chaplain's Boards in the various Commands, and has also been represented in the Military Camps both in the North and South Islands. Chaplains have reported on their work amongst the Territorials and have been given every facility by the Military Authorities for doing their work. The officers and men have greatly appreciated the presence of the Padres in the Camps, and we feel that it is important that our Church should take its share in ministering to the spiritual needs of the thousands of men who are brought together in the annual Camps of the various Regiments in N.Z. The Rev. L. C. Horwood has been commissioned as a 4th class Chaplain. The names of Revs. C. G. Scrimgeour, J. E. Parsons and F. T. Harris have been removed from the list of Chaplains on the Reserve List.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. Rev. H. Sharp was thanked and re-appointed Convener.

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodians on Early Church Records, Libraries and Museums ?

The following have been received during the year from the persons named :—

A.—BY THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Rev. W. T. Blight : Rosebank Road (Avondale) Collection Book, 1908-1918.
2. Mr. W. E. Bate : Plans of Hastings Church and Shops.
3. Mr. T. A. Stringer : Bound Volumes "Methodist Times" 1915-1932.
4. Family of late Mr. W. S. Lovell-Smith : Bound volumes of "N.Z. Wesleyan" and "N.Z. Methodist" 1872-1886 and other books.
5. Mrs. Pinfold and Family of late Dr. Pinfold : (a) Many bound volumes of N.Z. Connexional paper 1870-1930 : (b) Large library of Wesleyana and books on Methodism.
6. Rev. G. B. Hinton :
 - (a) Ashburton Primitive Methodist Records 1875-1913.
 - (b) Baring Square Records 1877-1914.
 - (c) Geraldine Marriage Register 1876.
 - (d) Methven Quarterly Meeting Minute Book 1895-1905.
7. Rev. A. Hopper : (a) South Island Orphanage Minute Books, etc., 1912-1930. (b) Story of South Island Methodist Orphanage.
8. Rev. S. Griffith : Souvenir of Auckland Orphanages 1913-1934.

9. Executors of Rev. S. Lawry :
 - (a) Conference Minutes.
 - (b) Wesley's Journal (8 vols.) etc.
10. Rev. T. W. Vealie :
 - (a) Conference Minutes, etc.
 - (b) Addington Jubilee Souvenir, 1914.
 - (c) Ashburton Souvenir, 1926.
11. Rev. G. I. Laurenson : St. John's, Ponsonby, Souvenir 1877-1927.
12. Mr. F. Webb-Jones : Wanganui Diamond Jubilee Souvenir.
13. Rev. R. B. Gosnall : Hastings Jubilee Souvenir, 1884-1934.
14. Rev. W. E. Moore : Ravensbourne Jubilee Souvenir.
15. Miss S. E. Evans : Photo of Conference, 1880.
16. Miss Ward : Marriage Certificates issued to Rev. Robert Ward 1852-1874.
17. Mr. R. Sandford :
 - (a) Papanui Mutual Improvement Minute Book 1886-1889.
 - (b) St. Albans S.S. Minute Book 1901-1919.
18. Mr. M. Kershaw : Oldham Circuit Plan on calico 1847.
19. Books from the late Mr. C. G. Vogeler, Rev. J. Cocker, Mrs. Rountree and Mr. H. Fildes.
20. Rev. T. J. Wallis :
 - (a) Autobiographical Sketch of Rev. James Wallis.
 - (b) Copy of obituary tribute to Rev. James Wallis.

B.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

1. Mr. T. L. Hames, Remuera : Examples of Seal of Rev. John Waterhouse, 1839.
2. Rev. R. Grice, Rawene : Class Tickets, 1845-68.
3. Miss Beaumont, Auckland :
 - (a) Early Axminster and Auckland Plans.
 - (b) Official Instructions to Wesleyan Missionaries, 1834.
 - (c) Documents relating to T. J. Jagger, 1838.
4. Rev. T. G. Carr, Mt. Eden :
 - (a) Nelson plan 1868-9
 - (b) Letters of Wm. Kirk and Alex. Reid.
5. Mrs. Kirk, Otahuhu : Chant Book with J. Hobbs' signature.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT (Christchurch).

H. RANSTON (Auckland).

Joint Custodians.

C.—METHODIST MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH.

The following have been added to the Museum at the Connexional Office:—

1. From Mrs. Pinfold :
 - (a) Flaxman Plaque of John Wesley.
 - (b) Bust of John Wesley.
 - (c) Replica of Wesley's Tea Pot, etc.
2. From Rev. H. S. Kings:—
 - (a) Cannon-ball from ship "Boyd" 1809.
 - (b) Piece of timber from original Bell post at Mangungu, Hokianga.

Christchurch,
7th January, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

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 continues to grow. During the year books by the Rev. J. Buller have been received from the Rev. W. J. Williams and Mrs. J. Hitchens. "The Story of Aotea" by the Rev. T. G. Hammond has been received from Mrs. Hammond. Two collections of hymns and temperance songs by the Rev. Thomas Fee have come to hand. The Rev. J. Cocker has sent his book "Winning from Scratch" and also two volumes by the Rev. J. Hosking.

The Rev. T. Dent has supplied a copy of St. Mark's Gospel (Marovo) and "Sermon Outlines" (Roviana). The Rev. A. A. Bensley has sent three publications in the Bilua language and the Rev. A. H. Cropp two publications in the Petats dialect. These pioneer missionary publications will have increasing interest and value in coming years.

Christchurch,
7th January, 1935.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Connexional Secretary.

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 in future Question 51 be as follows:—"What is the Report of the Custodians on Early Church Records, Libraries and Museums."

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

COMMISSION ON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

The Commission has held three meetings during the year, and the matters referred to it by our last Conference have received careful attention. The Conference of 1934 directed Leaders' Meetings to keep the Commission posted with information gathered from their experience in giving effect to the resolutions of the Conference of 1933.

About thirty letters from circuits containing the desired information have been received during the present year, and the recommendations contained therein have been tabulated, in accordance with Conference directions, with a view to the presentation of a comprehensive statement to the Conference of 1936.

Certain suggested rules of Membership (See Resolution 6, Minutes, 1934, page 160), were referred to the Commission for consideration. Having duly considered the "Obligations of Church Membership" there suggested, the Commission makes the following recommendations thereon:—

Summary of General Rules for the Guidance of Church Members.

"That, as the Christian life demands a worthy ethical standard, the Church expects the co-operation of its members in the following:—

1. The observance of the Lord's Day as sacred.
2. Regular attendance at public worship.
3. Participation in Christian fellowship and observance of the Sacraments of the Church.

4. The recognition of the principle of Christian stewardship concerning time, talents, and money, and the discouragement of all lotteries, raffles, art unions, &c.
5. The promotion of personal total abstinence and the suppression of the liquor traffic.
6. The exercise of care in respect to amusements and the avoidance of such as are a snare to others and that do not promote Christian character.
7. The upholding of Christian ideals in relation to marriage and family life.
8. The exercise of personal integrity in business relations and the exalting of the motive of service in commercial and industrial life.
9. The promotion of goodwill in all personal and social relationships.
10. The fostering of international friendship and the promotion of world Christianity."

We recommend that the foregoing should not supersede Section III, pages 9 and 10, in the Book of Laws, but that it be considered a summary only of those General Rules, to be printed and circulated.

CLARENCE EATON,
(President of Conference), CHAIRMAN.
C. B. JORDAN, CONVENER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the final paragraph in the Report be referred to the Committee on Law Book Revision for further consideration.
3. That the Commission be re-appointed for one year, with the following members:—Revs. Clarence Eaton, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. P. Blamires, R. Richards, H. Ryan, W. B. Pickering and C. B. Jordan, M.A.B.D. (Convener). Misses D. Fairweather, E. Quigley; Messrs. Wm. C. Francis, W. Dobbs, W. L. Thomas, A. E. Lawry, A. Dingwall, and A. E. Haynes.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.—The President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference; Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, G. Frost, B. R. Hames, M.A., G. I. Laurenson, E. W. Hames, M.A., A. N. Scotter, B.A., O. Burnet, and C. Blair; Sister Lenna, Misses A. E. Hetherington and E. Sewell; with Messrs. S. G. McFarlane, M.A., D. C. Cameron, G. C. Burton and G. K. Wigglesworth.

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

(See Book of Laws, pp. 97, 98)

The President, Vice-President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt and Petone Circuits, Messrs. J. Veale, 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 LIV.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committees ?

(See Page 7).

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church including the Rulings of the President during the year ?

Committee on Law Revision

REPORT.

The Conference of 1934 adopted the following resolution:—

“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 the Conference from year to year, and to submit any recommendations which, in its judgment, may be necessary or desirable.”

The following committee was appointed :—Revs. Dr. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, E. D. Patchett, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, W. Dobbs.

To the Committee the following matters were also referred as per Minutes of Conference 1934 :—

1. Rules of Membership and Class Leaders (page 51).
2. Marriage of Probationers (page 162).
3. Marriage of Ministers (page 164).
4. Vice-Presidents and the Stationing Committee -(page 162).
5. Trial of Ministers (page 164).
6. Ministers serving with other organisations or without pastoral charge (page 163).
7. The appointment and functions of the Committee of Complaints and Appeals (page 164).
8. The Constitution of Conference (page 162).

Through pressure of work it has been found altogether impossible for the Christchurch convener of the Committee to take up this work during the year and it is now recommended that the Committee be enlarged by the addition of the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., Secretary of the Conference, and that he be appointed Convener.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Christchurch,

13th February, 1935.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

PRESIDENT'S RULINGS.

1. Invitation to Minister.

Question Submitted.—Is an invitation to a minister at the December Quarterly Meeting a valid one ?

At the September Quarterly Meeting an invitation was given to another minister and was not accepted ; then at the December Quarterly Meeting an invitation was extended to the Minister of the Circuit for the Fourth year.

RULING.—No invitation can be given at the December Quarterly Meeting on the following grounds :—

- (1) The requirements of Par. 205, p. 57, Book of Laws were fully met and a legal invitation was extended to another minister.
- (2) The calling of the Quarterly Meeting when the second invitation was extended was *ultra vires* the Regulations governing the calling of Adjourned Quarterly Meetings as set forth in Par. 201 p. 55 of the Book of Laws being not complied with.
- (3) Invitations to ministers can be extended only at the September Quarterly Meeting. No invitation can be extended at the December Quarterly Meeting.

2. Engagement of Agents between Conferences.

(par. 2, pg. 128, Book of Laws).

RULING.—No Circuit or Home Mission Station shall engage Supernumerary Ministers or other agents without the sanction of the Conference or alternatively the Sanction of the Chairman of the District and the Home Mission Board.

3. Lay Representative of the Solomon Islands Districts on the Stationing Committee.

No direction exists as to the proper body to nominate the lay representative of the Solomon Islands District to the Stationing Committee to balance the ministerial representative. As the nomination cannot be made by the Solomon Islands Synod, nor can the Synod meet like other Districts at the Conference to nominate, the proper body to nominate is the Foreign Mission Board at its Annual Meeting preceeding the Conference.

The Rulings were confirmed by the Conference.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions ?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

(See Minutes 1932, p. 131 ; 1933, p. 153 ; 1934, p. 164).

During the year a number of communications have been received by members of our Conference Committee.

The long-projected volume containing the Responses of the Churches to the Reports of the 1927 Conference was published during this year under the title of "Convictions." This marks a definite stage in progress, and provides valuable material for the future work of the Continuation Committee, and subsequent Conferences of the Movement for Re-union.

The chief event of the year was the meeting in September of the Continuation Committee which was held in Geneva. This was presided over by the Archbishop of York, and was attended by seventy-five persons representing thirteen countries and twenty-six Churches. The decision to hold the next World Conference in August, 1937, at Lausanne, was re-affirmed, and three Commissions were appointed to prepare material for the use of the Conference. The General subject will be : The Church in the Purpose of God ; with the following sub-divisions :—

- (1). The Church and the Word.
- (2). The Church and the World.
- (3). The Meaning of Grace.
 - (a) Grace and the Church.
 - (b) Grace and the Ministry.
 - (c) Grace and the Sacraments.

4. The Church's Fellowship in Life and Worship.
- (a) The Life of the Church as expressed in the Holy Communion.
 - (b) The Communion of Saints.
 - (c) The Church and the Churches: including such questions as those affecting Inter-communication, Federation, etc.

The Continuation Committee agreed that to ensure the success of the next World Conference it will be advisable for Churches, besides continuing their financial support of the Movement as in years past, to begin now to lay aside funds for the expenses of their delegates in 1937.

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 we express the hope that some N.Z. Methodist travelling in Europe in 1937 may be able to represent us at the Lausanne Conference that year.
4. That the Committee for 1935 be:—The President, Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, M.A. Rugby Pratt, A. N. Scotter, H. E. Bellhouse, P. R. Paris; Messrs. H. E. Pacey, H. P. Mourant, F. Thompson and A. H. Reed. Convener, Rev. P. R. Paris.

Conversation on the Work of God.

That a Committee be set up to arrange for the Conversation on the Work of God for next year; that the committee be the President-Elect, Rev. W. G. Slade, Mr. F. Thompson and the Secretary of Conference. (Convened).

Anniversary of American Methodism.

That the President's Committee of Advice be requested to prepare an appropriate message from this Conference to the American Methodist Churches on the attainment of the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Methodist Church in the United States.

Notices of Motion.

That the Standing Orders be so amended as to provide that notices of motion be not printed for circulation in the Conference and that instead they be referred to appropriate committees for consideration and report prior to discussion by the Conference.

Ministers Permitted to Rest.

That the status of Ministers permitted to rest for a year, left without pastoral charge and permitted to labour under other organisations, be considered by the Committee on Law Book Revision who shall report through the Synods to Conference.

Centenary of Victorian Methodism.

That the Rev. A. J. Seamer be appointed as our Official Representative and that the Rev. E. P. Blamires be associated with him and be given a letter of commendation.

Probationers and Marriage.

That in view of difficulties experienced in the stationing of married probationers and of misunderstandings in the Circuits concerning their status and of the financial embarrassments of the probationers themselves after marriage, the Conference cannot see its way to grant further permissions to probationers to marry except in very exceptional cases.

Civic Office and the Ministry.

That the memorials received upon this matter be referred to a special committee to report through the Synods to Conference, the committee to consist of the following:—Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, Revs. W. Walker and E. D. Patchett with Messrs. J. Stanton, T. Clark, W. S. Mackay and E. H. Burton, with Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mr. R. S. Maunder as corresponding members. Convener, Rev. W. Walker.

Bi-Centenary of Methodism.

That a committee be set up to consider in what way the N.Z. Methodist Church shall celebrate the Bi-Centenary of the foundation of Methodism. The Committee to consist of:—Revs. C. Eaton, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. W. C. Francis, H. W. Heslop, F. Thompson and W. Dobbs; Corresponding Members, The President Drs. Laws and Ranston, Revs. G. Frost, E. D. Patchett, the Secretary of Conference, Messrs. A. C. A. Sexton, B. J. Lynneberg, R. S. Maunder, C. E. Taylor. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

Society Stewards of City Missions.

The matter of increasing the number of society stewards in City Missions (sub-section 2 of par. 197, Section 8 pg. 51 of the Book of Laws; to the words "Provided that there shall not be more than eight Society Stewards for one Church" add "Except in the case of City Missions which shall be entitled to elect Society Stewards as required up to the number of 25") be referred to the Synods and Conference of 1936.

Wanganui Trust.

That the following be the Advisory Committee to co-operate with the Wanganui (Trinity) Trustees in regard to property matters—viz.: The General Secretary of Home Missions, the Chairman of the District, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer and C. E. Taylor.

Circuit Funds.

That the Question, "What is the State of the Circuit Funds in the Districts as reported to the previous Synods?" be added to the Conference Agenda.

Committee on Finance.

That a representative Committee be appointed to go carefully into the proposal during the year and report to next Conference. That the members of the Committee be:—The President, Revs. A. J. Seamer, A. H. Scrivin, Dr. Ranston, E. P. Blamires, and M. A. Rugby Pratt, representing the Departments.

AUCKLAND.—Dr. Laws, Rev. E. D. Patchett, Messrs. T. L. Hames and A. C. A. Sexton.

WELLINGTON.—Revs. P. R. Paris and F. E. Leadley, Messrs. B. J. Lynneberg and S. Roberts.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Revs. C. Eaton and E. Drake; Messrs. F. Thompson and J. H. Blackwell.

DUNEDIN.—Revs. C. H. Olds and L. B. Neale; Messrs. G. S. Gapper and D. C. Cameron; J. M. Thompson, Convener.

President's Committee of Advice.

That the Committee for 1935 be the Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, C. Eaton, E. P. Blamires, the Secretary of Conference, the Vice-President, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher, E. H. Burton and C. E. Taylor.

Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and reappointed Legal Adviser to the President.

Agenda Committee—1936 Conference.

Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. S. Kings and W. A. Burley, (Convener).

QUESTION LVI.—When and where shall the next Conference be held ?

On Thursday, February 13th, 1936 at 7 p.m. in Durham Street Church, Christchurch.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the Cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. J. H. Haslam, President of the Conference, for his able, inspiring and comprehensive inaugural address and that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Vice-President.—That the Vice-President, Mr. W. Charles Francis, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. Clarence Eaton 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. J. T. Johnson, for valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. Clarence Eaton 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 Trinity 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.

Musical Festival.—The Conference cordially congratulates the Organisers of the Musical Festival for the excellent concert programme rendered.

ADDRESS OF LOYALTY.

On the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester to Christchurch, a Loyal Address was presented on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The presentation was made immediately after the Civic Address at the Public Ceremony of Welcome held in Cranmer Square at noon on Saturday, January 19th., 1935.

The address was presented by the Rev. Clarence Eaton, President of the Conference, and Mr. H. Holland, M.P.

The address is handsomely printed on goatskin parchment with head and foot bands of purple and gold, the text being printed in black, embellished with the leading initials in scarlet, foolscap size of page with liberal use of script and old English types; printed by Bascands, Ltd. The whole is bound in a cover of New Zealand manufactured velvet calf, poked and hand painted with a design of the head of a Maori Chief, with as a background, the carved barge board of a Maori dwelling, a delightful work of art.

The following is the full text:—

To His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, Knight of the Garter, Knight of the Thistle, Knight of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Personal Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King.

MAY it please your Royal Highness,

On behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, we desire most humbly to present to you the renewed assurance of the loyalty of the Methodist people of this Dominion to the Throne and Person of your father our Most Gracious King George the Fifth.

We extend to you our most cordial welcome to these Islands and would assure you we are deeply sensible of the great honour conferred on us by the visit of your Royal Highness.

Our Methodist Church has watched the growth and aided the development of these Southern Islands ever since our first Missionary, Rev. Samuel Leigh, landed here in 1822 to labour sympathetically with the Missionaries of the Church of England in the uplift and regeneration of the Maori people.

We pray that your visit may not only be of advantage to this Dominion but that it may be to your Royal Highness a source of unalloyed gratification and pleasure and that throughout your journeyings you may be kept in safety under the Divine Protection.

On behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand,

CLARENCE EATON, President of the Conference.

JOHN T. JOHNSON, Vice-President.

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, Secretary.

REPLY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS.

Mr. President,—

I received with gratitude the message of renewed loyalty to the King, my father, which you gave to me on behalf of the Methodist People of New Zealand.

I am happy to pay my tribute of appreciation to the untiring efforts which the members of your Church have made from early days in the service of New Zealand and its people.

I thank you for your kindly welcome and good wishes to me, and I sincerely hope that you will long be spared to continue the inspiring record of your Church.

(Sgd.) HENRY.

**LOYAL ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY LORD BLEDISLOE, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
K.B.E., D.Sc.**

**Governor General in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and
its Dependencies.**

May it Please your Excellency :

It is the desire of the Methodist Church of New Zealand on the occasion, of your return to the Homeland, to express to yourself and to Lady Bledisloe our very sincere appreciation of your work and influence in this Dominion.

We greatly regret that the completion of your Excellency's term of Office as Governor-General necessitates your departure, and we wish you God-speed and pray that good health and much joy may be yours in the future.

We trust that you may retain many happy memories of your varied experiences in these Southern Lands, experiences which may enable you still to serve the interests of the Dominion in the coming years.

We greatly appreciate and value the splendid example of Christian Citizenship that you have set for New Zealand and the leadership that both Lady Bledisloe and yourself have given in all worthy causes.

We have especially valued the close association of your Excellency with the official life of the Christian Church and, as you leave our shores we can assure you that we shall cherish the memory of your many distinguished services and pray that the Divine Blessing may ever attend you.

For and on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

JONATHAN H. HASLAM, President of Conference.

W. CHAS. FRANCIS, Vice-President.

WM. A. BURLEY, Secretary.

February, 1935.

LETTER OF GREETING FROM ADMIRAL BYRD.

To the President and Members,
Methodist Conference of N.Z.,
Dunedin.

I certainly feel most pleased and honoured that you would want a message from me, and though I cannot feel that I deserve this attention from you, I must admit that I like it just the same.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot have the pleasure of being present at the Conference ; but this does not lessen the friendliness and warmth of the greetings I send you in which every member of my Expedition joins.

We wish you well and the greatest measure of success in the great work that you are doing.

Very sincerely yours,

R. E. BYRD.

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 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 a sufficient discharge.

Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. Buttle	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1906	Thomas G. Brooke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1907	William Slade	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Auckland	1908	Charles E. Beecroft	Samuel Lawry
Wellington	1909	Thomas Fee	Samuel Lawry
Dunedin	1910	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	Samuel Lawry
Christchurch	1911	George W. J. Spence	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1912	William Ready	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND (INDEPENDENT).

Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
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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. Cocker
Auckland	1901	Rev. W. S. Potter
Wellington	1902	Hon. C. M. Luke
Ashburton	1903	Rev. G. Clement
Wanganui	1904	Rev. E. Drake
Christchurch	1905	Rev. J. Sharp
Invercargill	1906	Mr. C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	1907	Rev. C. E. Ward
Dunedin	1908	Rev. J. Olphert
Auckland	1909	Rev. R. Raine
Timaru	1910	Rev. S. Henderson
Wellington	1911	Rev. G. H. Mann
Christchurch	1912	Rev. G. K. Smith
Wellington	1913	Hon. C. M. Luke, M.L.C.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Chas. H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. 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.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1869—Simmonds, Joseph H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1870—Ward, Charles E. (Sup.)
 „ Williams, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1871—Carr, Thomas G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1874—Jory, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)
 „ Standage, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)
 „ Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)
 „ Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C. (Sup.)
 „ Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)
 „ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)
 „ Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
 (Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.
 „ Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)
 „ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A. (Sup.)
 „ Read, Frederick T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Cocker, James (Sup.)
 „ Harding, Arthur (Sup.)
 „ Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)
 „ Raine, Robert (Sup.)
 „ Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward
 „ Elliott, William J. (Sup.)
 „ Frost, George (Sup.)
 „ Harrison, Colin C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)
 „ Henderson, Samuel (Sup.)
 „ Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur (Sup.)
 „ Richards, Thomas R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)
 „ Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
 F.R.E.S</p> <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis
 „ Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)
 „ Pybus, T. Arthur</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.
 „ Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H.
 „ Hunt, George P.
 „ Leadley, Frank E.
 „ Liversedge, Arthur
 „ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel
 „ Cook, George S. (Sup.)
 „ Eaton, Clarence
 „ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)
 „ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
 „ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas
 „ Oxbrow, Walter J.
 „ Patchett, Ernest D.
 „ Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.
 „ James, Benjamin J.
 „ Liddell, Ralph J.
 „ Seamer, Arthur J.</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.
 „ McBean, Angus
 „ Stockwell, George F.</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.
 „ Harris, John (Sup.)
 „ Metson, Basil
 „ Richards, Raymond</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*continued*

- 1906—Avery, William W.
 " Daniel, Herbert
 " Paris, Percy R.
 " Roberts, Charles M.
 " Ryan, Henry
 " White, Hedley
- 1907—Blair, Charles
 " Scott, W. Bramwell
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.
 " Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D.,
 F.R.E.S.
 " Martin, J. Frederick
 " Speer, William H.
 " Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cotton, Harry
 " McArthur, John D.
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
 " Harris, Archer, O
 " Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 " Richards, James
 " Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
 " Fowles, Albert H.
 " Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
 " Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S.
 " Richards, H. Leslie
 " Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
 " Hinton, George B.
 " Lawrence, Frederick B.
 " Scrivin, Arthur H.
 " Walker, William
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
 " Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
 " Burnet, Oswald
 " Foston, Charles A.
 " Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 " Olds, E. Thomas
 " Odell, Henry J.
 " Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.
 " Fordyce, Robert E.
 " Harkness, Edwin S.
 " Kendon, Charles H.
 " Metcalfe, John R.
 " Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
 " Chambers, Ernest B.
 " Dennis, John
 " Dent, Tom
 " Nelson, John R.
 " Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M.
 " Neal, Wallace S.
 " Parker, James W.
 " Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Cuming, William B.
 " Ford, Herbert
 " Gatman, William
 " Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Pickering, William B.
- 1921—Benny, Henry
 " Cropp, Allan H.
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry
 " Brooks, Leslie A. G.
 " Jack, J. Francis
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert
 " Hames, Eric W., M.A.
 " Orchard, Hector C.
 " Spencer, Herbert
- 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.
- 1925—Brown, F. Gardner
 " Peterson, Gordon R. H.
- 1926—Hall, James H.
 " Harris, G. Raymond
 " Voyce, Arthur H.
- 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.
- 1928—Grocott, John D.
 " Hailwood, Charlie O.
 " Handy, Francis J.
 " Hayman, Frank H.
 " Jeffrey, Howard H.

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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, Wesley, M.A.</p> <p>1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon
 „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
 F.R.E.S.
 „ Greenslade, William W. H.
 „ Moore, William E.
 „ Parker, Gordon
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O., M.A.</p> <p>1932—Alley, Donald C.
 „ Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald
 „ Hindmarsh, Sydney</p> | <p>1932—Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ 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> <p>1935—Burton, Ormond E. M.A.
 „ Duder, Clifford L.
 „ Hanna, L. Gordon
 „ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
 „ Mills, William A.
 „ Thornley, Robert
 „ Witheford, Arthur R.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1900—Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki
 1911—Kakuere, Hori
 „ Te Tuhi, Eruera
 „ Wilcox, Davis
 1914—Rakena, Rakena P.</p> | <p>1920—Tauroa, Matarae
 1928—Keepa Matene
 1930—Gina, Belshazzar
 1933—Kera, Nathan</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

of the

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

in connection with the

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work ; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M. = Home Missions. F.M. = Foreign Missions. M.M. = Maori Missions. C.S. = Connexional Secretary. Y.P. = Young Peoples' Department. Th.C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. 1	Allen, J. Henry, West St., Feilding	65
1932	.. 2	Alley, Donald C., River Parade, North Clyde, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	58
1895	.. S	Ashcroft, Arthur, c/o. 22 Alfred St., Palmerston N. (1935)	62
1906	.. 3	Avery, William W., 46 Brighton Rd., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W. 1	125
1924	.. 2	Ayrton, Moses, Springston Road, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	100
1924	.. 1	Bailey, John H., Pah Road, Motueka	83
1901	.. 1	Bailey, Samuel, Selwyn St., Leeston, Canterbury	101
1924	.. 3	Bateup, Frank, Rotorua	35
1894	.. S	Bellhouse, Harold E., Clifton Terrace Sumner, Christ- church, (1934).	92
1921	.. 5	Benny, Henry, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	77
1913	.. 1	Bensley, Arthur A., Thames St., Morrinsville	29
1914	.. 3	Binet, Vincent le C., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1907	.. 4	Blair, Charles, 235 Main Road, Karori, Wellington, W.3.	68
1923	.. 5	Blakemore, Albert, Tainui Street, Matamata, Waikato	34
1900	.. 14	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland N.I.	Y.P. 67
1904	.. 1	Blamires, Ernest O., Box 228, G.P.O. Wellington	67
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christ- church, N.W. 1 (1930)	89
1930	.. 2	Blight, J. Montgomery, Inglewood, Taranaki	45
1917	.. 5	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1922	.. 1	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christ- church, S.E. 1	92
1925	.. 1	Brown, F. Gardner, 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christ- church.	90
1916	.. 4	Brown, George E., 308 Macandre Rd., South Dunedin S.1	121
1924	.. 1	Brown, Hubert G., Roskill, Auckland	1
1910	.. 5	Burley, William A., M.A., 150 Hardy Street, Nelson	80
1914	.. 1	Burnet, Oswald, 136 Bank St., Whangarei	18

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1935	.. 1	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Webb St., Church, Wellington	67
1871	.. S	Carr, Thomas G., 33 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland S.I. (1915)	.. 4
1931	.. 1	Carr, Thomas H., Mowatt St., Waitara	.. 44
1931	.. 1	Carr, W. E. Allon, Tancred St., Hokitika	.. 88
1917	.. 2	Chambers, Ernest B., 232 Spey Street, Invercargill	.. 130
1896	.. 19	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C. 1.	.. 4
1933	.. 3	Chrystall, Bernard M. Waitoa, Waikato	.. 29
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dunedin S.1 (1923)	.. 118
1902	.. 2	Coatsworth, Thomas, King Street, Rangiora	.. 104
1890	.. S	Cocker, James, 46 Albert Street, Masterton (1922)	.. 76
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., 136 Abel Smith St., Wellington (1928)	.. 67
1915	.. 5	Cooke, Percy I., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin N. 1	.. 120
1905	.. 3	Copeland, Fred., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 43
1918	.. 4	Costain, Alfred M., 18 Coronation Street, Waimate	.. 111
1909	.. 3	Cotton, Harry, Hassard Street, Manaia, Taranaki	.. 49
1908	.. 1	Cox, Edwin T., M.A., Dunedin	.. 124
1921	.. 14	Cropp, Allan H. Buka, Solomon Islands	.. (7)
1919	.. 1	Cuming, William B., Greytown, Wairarapa	.. 74
1933	.. 2	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Greenmeadows, Napier	.. 55
1906	.. 3	Daniel, Herbert, 351 Palmerston Street, Gisborne	.. 57
1932	.. 2	Day, Reginald, Huntly	.. 33
1917	.. 4	Dennis, John, 32 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 32
1917	.. 2	Dent, Tom, Queen Street, Thames	.. 25
1929	.. 1	Dickens, Charles E., Reefton	.. 85
1893	.. 5	Drake, Edward, 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch C.1	90
1930	.. 2	Draper, Joseph C., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch, E.1	90
1935	.. 1	Duder, Clifford, L., Ohaeawai, Nth. Auckland	.. 23
1898	.. 3	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	81
1931	.. 4	Dudley, Raymond M.A., F.R.E.S., Wickstead St., Wanganni	51
1901	.. 3	Eaton, Clarence, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch, C.1	.. 89
1893	.. S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Avenue, Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1933)	.. 6
1903	.. 3	Emmit, Ernest S., M.C., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.. 7
1911	.. 3	Enticott, Walter J., Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 103
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch E.1 (1931)	.. 90
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, 9 Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1 (1913)	.. 92
1924	.. 5	Fiebig, Herbert, L., B.A., 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 109
1919	.. 5	Ford, Herbert, Woodend, Canterbury	.. 105
1916	.. 2	Fordyce, Robert E., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 66
1914	.. 2	Foston, Charles A., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 64
1911	.. 4	Fowles, Albert H., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	.. 98
1893	.. S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.. 4
1919	.. 3	Gatman, William, Onewa Rd., Birkenhead, Auckland N5.	8
1897	.. 34	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (4)
1934	.. 1	Goodman, George H., Taihape	.. 54
1912	.. 3	Gosnell, Robert, B., Queen Street, Hastings	.. 56
1931	.. 1	Greenslade, William W. H., Balclutha, Otago	.. 127
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington E.5 (1934)	.. 70
1882	.. S	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1920)	.. 4

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1888	.. S	Grigg, W., 144 Knowles St., St. Albans (1932)	.. 89
1928	.. 3	Grocott, John D., Paynter's Avenue, Fitzroy, New Plymouth	43
1928	.. 1	Hailwood, Charlie O., Regan Street East, Stratford	.. 46
1926	.. 3	Hall, James H., 53 Wellington Rd., Marton	.. 53
1927	.. 5	Hames, Bernard R., M.A., Taitua Street, Taumarunui	.. 42
1923	.. 3	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Roxburgh, Otago	.. 129
1928	.. 1	Handy, Francis J., 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland W.1	3
1935	.. 1	Hanna, L. Gordon, Hikurangi, Nth. Auckland	.. 22
1890	.. S	Harding, Arthur, 22 Raroa Road, Lower Hutt (1925)	.. 72
1916	.. 4	Harkness, Edwin S., 50 Grey St., East, Onehunga S.E.5	.. 9
1910	.. 4	Harris, Archer O., Franklin Street, Greymouth	.. 87
1926	.. 3	Harris, G. Raymond, Arney Street, Paeroa	.. 27
1905	.. S	Harris, John, 134 Springfield Rd., Christchurch (1935)	.. 91
1893	.. S	Harrison, Colin C., 36 Derwent St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2 (1933)	.. 70
1900	.. 1	Haslam, Jonathan H., 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington	.. 67
1928	.. 1	Hayman, Frank H., 38 Lake Rd., Frankton Junct.	.. 31
1894	.. S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland St., Vogelstown, New Plymouth (1934)	.. 43
1932	.. 1	Hickman, D. J. Donald, Warkworth, North Auckland	.. 14
1932	.. 2	Hindmarsh, Sydney, Wakefield, Nelson	.. 82
1912	.. 5	Hinton, George B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	.. 114
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, c/o Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, Cl. (1935)	.. 5
1929	.. 1	Horwood, Leonard C., Fuller St., Kaiapoi	.. 102
1900	.. 1	Hunt, George P., Devonport Rd., Tauranga	.. 36
1922	.. 3	Jack, J. Francis, Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 116
1903	.. 3	James, Benjamin J., 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin S.W.1	123
1932	.. 1	Jamieson, V. Roy, Kaeo, Nth. Auckland	.. 19
1919	.. 3	Jefferson, Alfred E., Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.. 39
1928	.. 1	Jeffreys, Howard H., Wesley St., Pukekohe	.. 12
1932	.. 2	Jenkin, William C., 3 Butler Street, Timaru	.. 110
1934	.. 2	John, John, Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	.. 37
1934	.. 2	Johnston, Andrew J., Mangonui, Nth. Auckland	.. 24
1882	.. S	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	4
1908	.. 3	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1	.. 94
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	.. 1	Keall, R. Purcell, Birkett St., Temuka	.. 112
1916	.. 2	Kendon, Charles H., Springston, R.D., Canterbury	.. 99
1929	.. 3	Kent, Arthur T., School Rd., Greendale, Canterbury	.. 106
1924	.. 2	Kings, Harry S., Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch N.1	96
1889	.. S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1935)	.. 6
1927	.. 2	Larsen, Norman P., Westport	.. 86
1927	.. 1	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Chamberlain Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland	H.M.
1912	.. 1	Lawrence, Frederick B., 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	.. 97
1885	.. S	Lawry, Albert C., St. Albans, Christchurch (1931)	.. 96
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Aldred Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1931)	.. 4
1930	.. 2	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (4)
1900	.. 4	Leadley, Frank E., 147 Hatatai Road, Wellington, E.2	.. 70

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1903	.. 1	Liddell, Ralph J., 230 High St., Dannevirke 59
1900	.. 1	Liversedge, Arthur, Oxford, Canterbury 107
1935	.. 1	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains ..	.. 26
1883	.. S	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morningside, Auckland, S.W. 1 (1920) ..	.. 1
1908	.. 3	Martin, J. Frederick, Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington ..	.. 71
1934	.. 2	Matthews, Howard C., 228 Seatoun Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington E.3 ..	.. 70
1909	.. 3	McArthur, John D., 21 Butler Street, Timaru ..	.. 108
1904	.. 6	McBean, Angus, 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 ..	.. 5
1930	.. 2	McDowell, Matthew A., Johnson St., Milton, Otago ..	.. 128
1924	.. 4	McGregor, Robert, Willowby, R.D., Ashburton ..	.. 115
1916	.. 16	Metcalfe, John R., Tiop, Solomon Islands ..	.. (6)
1905	.. 3	Metson, Basil, South Road, Hawera ..	.. 48
1935	.. 1	Mills, William A., Rolleston St., Rakaia ..	.. 117
1890	.. S	Mitchell, Arthur, 32 Orakau Rd., Greenwood's Cr., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1930) ..	.. 4
1933	.. 3	Mitchell, John L., Te Kuiti, King Country ..	.. 41
1931	.. 1	Moore, William, E., Geraldine ..	.. 113
1918	.. 3	Neal, Wallace S., Normanby Street, Dargaville, Northern Wairoa ..	.. 16
1911	.. 5	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin, C.2 ..	.. 119
1917	.. 2	Nelson, John R., Kirk Street, Otaki ..	.. 79
1875	.. S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907) ..	.. 43
1915	.. 1	Odell, Henry J., Madiera Steps, Napier ..	.. 55
1910	.. 2	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin C.2 ..	.. 118
1915	.. 1	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2 ..	.. 1
1888	.. S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland C3 (1932) ..	.. 4
1923	.. 4	Orchard, Hector C., Irk Street, Gore ..	.. 133
1933	.. 3	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1 ..	.. 2
1902	.. 1	Oxbrow, Walter J., Queen Street, Cambridge, Waikato ..	.. 30
1906	.. 1	Paris, Percy R., 38 Macfarlane St., Wellington ..	.. 67
1917	.. 3	Parker, Frederick J., 12 East Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 ..	.. 4
1931	.. 1	Parker, Gordon, Paparoa, Nth. Auckland ..	.. 15
1918	.. 1	Parker, James W., Dublin St., Wanganui ..	.. 52
1930	.. 2	Parker, Wesley, M.A., Riverton, Southland ..	.. 134
1929	.. 3	Parker, Walter, Papakura, Auckland ..	.. 11
1902	.. 5	Patchett, Ernest D., Selwyn Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 ..	.. 4
1933	.. 1	Patchett, Ralph E., Russell, Bay of Islands ..	.. 20
1931	.. 1	Payne, Herbert W., Otorohanga ..	.. 40
1924	.. 5	Pearn, Oliver S., 154 Elles Road, Invercargill ..	.. 131
1913	.. 3	Peat, Harold T., London Street, Hamilton ..	.. 31
1927	.. 3	Penn, Athol R., 12 Domet St., Opunake, Taranaki ..	.. 50
1892	.. S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Terrace, Johnsonville, (1928) ..	.. 71
1877	.. S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1920) ..	.. 91
1925	.. 3	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Ford Street, Opotiki ..	.. 38
1920	.. 2	Pickering, William B., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch, C.1. ..	.. 91
1902	.. 9	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 ..	.. C.S.
1897	.. 10	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers ..	.. 126
1892	.. S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington (1932) ..	.. 67
1901	.. 13	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3 ..	.. Th.C.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1927	.. 4	Raynor, Ivo M., Port Albert, North Auckland	.. 21
1889	.. 8	Read, Frederick T., 64 Lindsay Street, St. Albans, N.1 (1927)	96
1911	.. 3	Richards, H. Leslie, 23 Waldegrave, St., Palmerston North	63
1910	.. 1	Richards, James, 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington	68
1905	.. 3	Richards, Raymond, 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1	.. 93
1895	.. 8	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde St., Island Bay, Wellington, S2 (1935)	.. 67
1906	.. 2	Roberts, Charles M., Pahiatua	.. 61
1911	.. 5	Rowe, William, 3 Repton St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1	.. 96
1906	.. 3	Ryan, Henry, 43 Elizabeth St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	.. 95
1916	.. 1	Sage, Ernest E., Nelson St., Petone	.. 73
1907	.. 4	Scott, W. Bramwell, 24 Colombo Street, Wellington, S.1	69
1900	.. 4	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 278 Church St., Palmerston North	.. 62
1912	.. 3	Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1. (Private Address: 16 Atherton Rd., Epsom, S.E. 3)	.. F.M.
1903	.. 12	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1.	H.M.
1910	.. 6	Sharp, Harold A., 1 Knight's Rd., Lower Hutt	.. 72
1927	.. 1	Silvester, A. Wharton, Bilua, Vella Lavella, Solomon Is.	(5)
1869	.. 8	Simmonds, Joseph H, Princess St., Takanini, Auckland (1923)	.. 11
1891	.. 8	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E. 3, (1933)	.. 4
1918	.. 1	Skuse, Thomas, 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2	.. 122
1915	.. 5	Slade, William G., M.A., Cambridge Street, Levin	.. 78
1892	.. 4	Smith, G. Knowles, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.. 60
1908	.. 3	Speer, William H., Queen St., Waiuku, Auckland	.. 13
1923	.. 2	Spencer, Herbert, King Edward St., Eltham	.. 47
1875	.. 8	Standage, Charles H., Montpellier St., Mornington, Dunedin W.1 (1915)	.. 118
1904	.. 3	Stockwell, George F., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	.. 76
1924	.. 1	Taylor, Cecil R., Church St., Te Aroha	.. 28
1935	.. 1	Thornley, Robert, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	.. 89
1908	.. 5	Tinsley, Robert B., 11 Sherwood Street, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.W.1	.. 1
1934	.. 2	Tozer, Henry J., M.A., Ruawai, N. Wairoa	.. 17
1927	.. 2	Utting, Harry V., Main Road, Tua Marina, Blenheim	.. 84
1894	.. 8	Vealie, Thomas W., 22 Rolleston St., Wellington S.1 (1934)	67
1926	.. 10	Voyce, Arthur H., Siwai, Solomon Islands	.. (7)
1933	.. 3	Waite, Alfred E., Elizabeth Street, Bluff	.. 132
1912	.. 1	Walker, William, 22 Station Ter. Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	4
1885	.. 8	Wallis, T. Jackson, 26 Hendon St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1, (1928)	.. 96
1870	.. 8	Ward, Charles E., Canon St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1910)	.. 91
1914	.. 3	Werren, Samuel J., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, C.3	.. 1
1906	.. 1	White, Hedley, High St., Carterton	.. 75
1931	.. 1	Williams, David O., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin, W.1	.. 124
1870	.. 8	Williams, W. J., 688 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1914)	.. 1

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1932	.. 3	Williamson, Ivan S., 308 Macandrew Rd., South Dunedin S.1 121
1899	.. 3	Wills, William, 71 High Street, Blenheim 84
1935	.. 1	Witheyford, Arthur R., 1 Knight's Rd., Lower Hutt ..	.. 72
1901	.. 3	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B. Station Road, Otahuhu ..	.. 10
1887	.. S	Wrigley, James, Rawene Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 (1924) .. .. .	.. 8

MAORI MISISTERS.

1900	.. 27	Haddon, Robt., Tahupotiki, Normanby, Taranaki ..	.. (3)
1911	.. 6	Kirkwood, Hori, Pukekohe .. .. .	.. (1)
1928	.. 5	Keepa, Matene; Ngaruawahia .. .. .	.. (2)
1914	.. 8	Rakena, Rakena P.; Okaiawa, Taranaki .. .. .	.. (3)
1920	.. 2	Tauroa, Mataarae; Kawhia .. .. .	.. (2)
1911	.. 2	Te Tuhi, Eruera; Waima, Hokianga .. .. .	.. (1)
1911	.. 6	Wilcox, Davis; Waikare, Bay of Islands .. .. .	.. (1)

HOME MISSIONARIES.

			years
1904	—C. Aker, Halcombe .. .. .	..	1
1904	—W. T. Hooper (retired), Kilbirnie, Wellington .. .. .	..	4
1907	—S. Keen, Porirua, Wellington .. .. .	..	2
1908	—G. H. Bridgman, Rother Street, Oamaru (retired) .. .. .	..	9
1909	—C. W. Brown, Foxton .. .. .	..	1
1909	—T. W. Featherstone, Bayly Rd., Motoroa, New Plymouth .. .. .	..	2
1910	—C. Duncan, Maori Hill, Dunedin .. .. .	..	2
1911	—C. Strand (retired), Christchurch .. .. .	..	5
1913	—J. Common, Paraparaumu .. .. .	..	2
1914	—F. E. Foot, (retired) Anderson's Bay, Dunedin N.W.I .. .. .	..	1
1915	—J. H. Edmondson (retired) c/o. Rev. Parker, Warkworth .. .. .	..	3
1917	—A. L. Witheyford, Ngaruawahia .. .. .	..	1
1919	—J. W. Bayliss, Norsewood .. .. .	..	1
1919	—J. Belshaw (retired), New Lynn .. .. .	..	4
1921	—J. Thomas, Waikouaiti, Otago .. .. .	..	6
1922	—H. Ashworth, Gonville, Wanganui .. .. .	..	2
1922	—C. Robinson, Nightcaps .. .. .	..	1
1924	—R. T. Alexander, Ohura .. .. .	..	2
1924	—J. G. W. Grindlay, Okato, Taranaki .. .. .	..	3
1924	—G. Hall, Waihi .. .. .	..	4
1924	—B. H. N. Teague, Cromwell .. .. .	..	4
1924	—W. H. Wilson, Patea .. .. .	..	3
1925	—W. J. Henderson, Ravensbourne .. .. .	..	1
1925	—H. J. Malcolm, Otautau, Otago .. .. .	..	3
1925	—W. Wilson (resting), 15 Probert Chambers, Auckland .. .. .	..	3
1926	—F. O. Prosser, Island Bay, Wellington .. .. .	..	2
1926	—W. Sussex, Putaruru .. .. .	..	2
1926	—R. Tapp, Coromandel .. .. .	..	3
1927	—R. Grice, Rawene .. .. .	..	4
1928	—R. Coombridge, Granity .. .. .	..	4
1929	—F. Sanderson, Havelock, Nelson .. .. .	..	3
1930	—E. J. Clarke, Te Puke .. .. .	..	1
1930	—J. C. R. Ashworth, Edendale .. .. .	..	1
1930	—J. L. Woodhouse, Helensville .. .. .	..	2
1931	—W. Long, Waddington .. .. .	..	1
1931	—H. Whitfield, Hawarden, North Canterbury .. .. .	..	3
1932	—H. A. Cochrane, Murchison .. .. .	..	1
1932	—J. Sands, Kamo, Whangarei .. .. .	..	4

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1932—George Skuse, Raetihi	2
1933—C. H. Bell, Kohukohu, North Auckland	1
1933—E. H. Dalley, Silverdale, North Auckland	1
1933—R. S. Johnson, Kaukapakapa	2
1933—H. R. Wright, Pakiri, Warkworth	1
1934—A. O. Jones, Waipawa	2
1935—G. H. B. Pinnock, Lawrence	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

1918—Hone Tamati, Taumarere	2
1920—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan	6
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country	15
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	8
1924—Hone Taotahi, Matauri Bay, Kao	6
1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Pokeatua, King Country	9
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	7
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hanganiki, King Country	6
1930—Paahi Moke, New Plymouth	5
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	6
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	7
1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Waitotara, Taranaki	6
1931—Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland	5
1932—Hoani Hakaraia, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	5
1932—Hoani Waata, Aratapu, Northern Wairoa	4
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	3
1932—Te Uira Tuteao, Rahotu, Taranaki	4
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Batley, North Auckland	3
1933—D. Nathan, Rewiti, Helensville	3
1934—Hamiora Kingi, Waimate North	2
1934—Huru Wiperi, Horeke	2
1934—Wi Heemi Hongi, Kaikohe	2
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	2
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	2
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Cambridge	2
1934—Erueti Matete, Tuakau	2
1934—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai, Tuakau	2
1935—Hohepa Tutawhiao, Te Kuiti	1
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	1
1935—Tonga Taupau, Otewa, Otorohanga	1
1935—Hori Te Awa, Huntly	1
1935—Tuheke Poihipi, Puru, Thames	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga.
Sister Nicholls, Hamilton.
Sister Hobbs, Kawhia.
Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
Sister Atawhai, New Plymouth.
Sister Rangimarie, North Auckland.
Sister Ropata, Te Kuiti.
Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.
Sister Marama Muriwai, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
Sister Madeline Holland, Ratana Pa.
Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, via Tualagi, Solomon Islands.
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Bougainville, Solomon Islands.
Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
Nurse Vera Cannon, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands.

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GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1934.
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	Communicants
Auckland Central ..	6	..	4	3	10	..	1	15	..	760	..	242	276	570
Auckland S.S. Mission ..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	3	12	59	3	38	19	80
Auckland West ..	5	..	6	2	2	..	..	6	..	293	..	57	45	213
Auckland East ..	8	1	6	3	14	..	..	26	..	880	..	244	88	664
Auckland, Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	2	1	..	12	..	444	..	104	..	350
Auckland, Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	127	..	18	43	90
Auckland, Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	165	6	35	..	150
Auckland, Birkenhead ..	4	2	4	1	3	..	..	6	..	263	..	50	48	240
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	11	..	260	..	62	63	243
Otahuhu ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	10	6	208	2	50	74	160
Papakura ..	3	1	3	1	2	..	..	14	..	162	..	60	58	160
uokeohe ..	8	6	2	2	1	1	..	12	..	200	25	44	38	277
Waiuku ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	4	1	83	..	50	16	55
Mahurangi ..	3	10	1	1	1	1	..	4	..	78	..	30	..	85
Paparoa ..	5	9	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	77	..	37	34	75
N. Wairoa ..	5	15	..	2	1	..	..	10	..	162	..	55	56	95
Ruawai ..	1	10	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	104	..	24	32	85
Whangarei ..	2	10	1	1	1	1	..	3	5	160	..	22	36	100
Whangaroa ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	33	..	12	40	51
Bay of Islands ..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	23	..	13	5	42
Port Albert ..	3	4	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	73	..	28	47	63
Hikurangi ..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	51	..	39	47	27
Mangonui ..	3	6	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	55	..	14	4	40
Kaukapakapa ..	3	9	1	2	..	2	..	8	9	48	4	..	..	25
Helensville ..	1	6	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	46	..	8	..	40
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	2	10	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	47	..	28	13	62
Hokianga (Kohukohu) ..	2	12	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	68	2	22	69	58
Kawakawa Ohaeawai ..	2	11	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	56	4	31	24	52
Grand Totals ..	89	147	43	31	50	12	2	172	37	4985	46	1417	1176	4152

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	126	11	22	38	112
Te Aroha ..	4	3	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	207	..	54	60	120
Morrinsville ..	3	5	1	1	2	..	..	7	2	202	..	57	73	160
Paeroa ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	55	..	28	30	70
Cambridge ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	162	..	66	36	140
Hamilton ..	4	4	2	1	2	..	..	16	..	360	..	125	52	357
Hamilton East ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	125	..	75	52	170
Rotorua ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	1	74	..	24	31	90
Tauranga ..	1	10	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	112	..	54	14	49
Opotiki ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	60	9	21	36	30
Taumarunui ..	1	9	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	87	16	31	35	147
Te Awamutu ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	6	3	143	..	48	15	100
Matamata ..	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	122	..	46	17	130
Huntly ..	1	8	1	..	1	..	..	2	4	132	..	35	33	65
Whakatane ..	2	3	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	70	..	36	17	65
Otorohanga ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	66	..	46	37	60
Te Kuiti ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	74	..	33	35	65
Hauraki Plains ..	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	53	..	19	24	42
Home Mission Stations—														
Waihi ..	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	6	1	99	2	17	67	97
Putaruru ..	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	69	..	5	18	50
Te Puke ..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	59	..	23	20	40
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	1	41	..	14	22	41
Ohura ..	3	9	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	43	..	..	10	16
Coromandel ..	1	8	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	30	..	5	12	22
Grand Totals ..	48	111	17	21	19	7	..	95	14	2571	38	894	784	2238

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1934.

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	..	12	..	450	..	100	35	300
Waitara	3	9	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	144	..	19	10	90
Inglewood	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	6	1	95	..	28	49	60
Stratford	7	1	1	2	1	..	..	11	..	199	6	45	..	150
Eltham-Kaponga	3	5	1	2	1	..	..	6	..	147	..	31	16	105
Hawera	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	229	..	35	28	180
Manaia	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	109	7	42	22	80
Opunake	6	8	2	3	1	1	..	9	..	153	6	30	56	160
Wanganui	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	291	..	89	40	150
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	1	1	..	3	..	151	..	62	45	135
Marton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	81	..	42	33	40
Taihape	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	47	18	..	..	25
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	40	..	10	5	25
Patea	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	42	..	31	17	36
Gonville	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	110	5	25	13	75
Grand Totals	50	42	20	21	14	7	..	73	1	2288	42	589	369	1611

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	15	..	403	8	89	120	310
Hastings	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	13	9	413	25	124	77	290
Gisborne	4	3	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	224	..	63	57	200
Wairoa	1	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	29	..	20	25	40
Dannevirke	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	103	..	63	70	60
Woodville	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	82	3	9	25	60
Pahiatua	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	90	..	40	18	55
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	289	4	68	..	200
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	7	..	237	..	70	90	250
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	101	..	5	39	65
Feilding	6	2	2	2	1	1	..	10	..	287	..	94	60	220
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	113	6	7	29	80
Waipawa	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	60	..	28	22	40
Foxton-Shannon	2	3	2	1	..	1	..	5	7	63	..	16	7	40
Apiti	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	79	..	11	7	38
Norsewood	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	64	..	12	22	50
Grand Totals	39	29	16	17	13	5	..	80	20	2637	46	719	668	1998

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Taranaki Street	4	1	4	2	5	..	..	7	..	537	..	114	124	355
Thorndon	4	..	4	4	3	..	..	10	..	276	..	142	84	215
Wellington South	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	190	..	68	45	125
Wellington East	4	..	1	1	4	..	..	8	..	314	..	91	96	290
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	3	3	2	3	1	..	9	..	238	..	86	76	180
Lower Hutt	4	..	2	1	3	..	..	17	3	365	..	80	30	250
Petone	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	8	176	20	38	45	170
Greytown-Featherston	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	71	..	33	30	50
Carterton	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	135	..	25	10	100
Masterton	3	3	2	2	3	..	..	6	..	272	..	152	105	280
Eketahuna	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	76	..	17	47	50
Levin	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	146	..	62	..	100
Otaki	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	102	..	20	12	50
Home Mission Stations—														
Island Bay	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	5	84	..	33	16	70
Paraparamu	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	57	2	44	12	35
Upper Hutt	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	29	..	15	22	35
Grand Totals	44	18	26	21	28	4	..	90	17	3068	22	1020	754	2355

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1934.

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	1	4	1	1	..	..	6	..	302	..	63	56	225
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	9	..	147	..	50	11	140
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	7	..	99	..	20	..	50
Blenheim]	6	4	5	3	2	..	..	6	..	356	..	194	90	322
Motueka	1	4	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	115	..	17	15	75
Hokitika	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	71	..	12	9	44
Greymouth	3	3	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	190	..	34	119	150
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	73	..	21	12	50
Havelock	4	12	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	44	..	35	18	35
Murchison	1	6	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	34	..	21	16	30
Reefton	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	5	1	86	1	45	49	60
Granity	3	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	53	..	27	7	43
Grand Totals	33	39	20	13	9	4	..	54	1	1570	1	537	402	1224

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch—															
Durham Street	2	1	3	1	5	..	..	9	..	313	..	23	32	215
East	6	1	5	3	4	1	..	17	11	717	2	293	..	520	
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	7	..	172	..	44	12	75
Woolston	5	..	4	1	3	..	..	4	..	314	..	96	..	245
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1	..	..	3	..	250	2	70	97	220
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	267	31	141	64	275
Riccarton	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	131	2	69	19	105
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	4	..	394	..	64	45	305
Papanui	3	2	1	2	2	1	..	4	..	182	33	78	..	175	
Lytelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	73	..	20	15	70
Springston	5	2	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	138	..	30	39	100
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	118	..	30	10	60
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	227	..	72	51	120
Kaipoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	131	..	45	37	80
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	78	..	26	20	75
Rangiora	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	192	..	10	..	100
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	85	..	19	18	68
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	73	1	12	24	54
Oxford	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	86	..	24	21	65
Home Mission Stations—															
Hawarden	1	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	5	31	..	5	17	30
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	48	..	18	6	21
Grand Totals	66	18	30	27	33	4	..	98	16	4020	71	1189	527	2978	

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1934.

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	Communicants
Timaru	6	5	3	2	3	..	..	15	..	495	..	341	271	400
Waimate	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	142	..	39	24	105
Temuka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	125	..	30	25	102
Geraldine	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	98	..	11	19	90
Ashburton	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	14	..	297	..	92	75	210
Willowby	5	1	3	1	1	..	..	5	..	115	..	32	47	78
Oamaru	4	..	1	1	1	1	..	8	..	171	..	25	26	141
Rakaia-Methven	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	73	..	28	15	60
Mayfield (H.M.)	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	32	..	3	2	..
Grand Totals	25	23	11	9	10	1	1	54	..	1548	..	601	504	1186

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin—															
Trinity	3	..	3	1	3	1	..	7	..	234	1	75	35	175	
Central Mission	1	..	1	1	1	..	2	4	..	277	..	7	31	150	
Dundas Street	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	167	..	42	27	130
Cargill Road	2	1	3	1	2	..	..	7	..	209	3	41	..	200
St. Kilda	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	165	..	28	21	150
Caversham	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	153	..	10	..	100
Mornington	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	183	..	112	30	140
Roslyn	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	108	..	27	6	60
Port Chalmers	5	1	2	1	1	1	..	3	..	136	..	73	16	100	
Balclutha	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	65	..	28	22	45
Milton	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	82	10	12	28	30
Roxburgh	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	69	..	27	15	66
Invercargill Central	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	282	..	119	62	150
Invercargill, St. Peter's	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	6	172	..	92	26	160
Bluff	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	97	..	72	52	20
Gore	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	106	..	37	44	50
Riverton	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	6	84	..	..	..	60
Maori Hill	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	57	..	29	8	60
Waikouaiti	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	34	..	8	6	22
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	48	..	..	..	35
Edendale	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	31	..	..	8	20
Kaitangata	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	43	15	18	11	40
Lawrence	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	26	..	10	7	12	
Cromwell	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	41	..	20	10	25	
Otautau	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	3	61	..	27	18	35
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	61	..	41	43	40	
Grand Totals	48	16	21	25	20	11	2	66	18	2991	29	955	526	2075	

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1934.

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	Communi-cants
Auckland	89	147	43	31	50	12	2	172	37	4985	46	1417	1176	4152
South Auckland ..	48	111	17	21	19	7	..	95	14	2571	38	894	784	2238
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	50	42	20	21	14	7	..	73	1	2288	42	589	369	1611
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	39	29	16	17	13	5	..	80	14	2637	46	719	668	1998
Wellington	44	18	26	21	28	4	..	90	17	3068	22	1020	754	2355
Nelson	33	39	20	13	9	4	..	54	1	1570	1	537	402	1224
North Canterbury ..	66	18	30	27	33	4	..	98	16	4020	71	1189	527	2978
South Canterbury ..	25	23	11	9	10	1	1	54	..	1548	..	601	504	1186
Otago-Southland ..	48	16	21	25	20	11	2	66	18	2991	29	955	526	2075
Grand Totals, 1934	442	443	204	185	196	55	5	782	118	25678	295	7921	5710	19817
Grand Totals, 1933	441	453	202	185	198	52	10	776	57	25401	160	8064	5588	19212
Increases	1	..	2	..	..	3	..	6	61	277	135	..	122	605
Decreases .. ..	..	10	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	14	3	..

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches	18	Deaconesses ..	10
Other Preaching Places	118	Local Preachers	101 (Dec. 3)
Ministers	7 (Dec. 1).	Members	3764 (Inc. 3)
Home Missionaries	29 (Inc. 3).		

SUMMARY OF YOUTH RETURNS, September 30, 1934.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Schools	SCHOLARS, INCLUDING B.C. MEMBERS						Teachers, Officers and B.C. Leaders.			No. on Cradle Roll	SOCIETIES (Enrolment Totals)			Church Members, SENIOR				JUNIOR		INFANT		
		Primary	Junior & Intermediate	Young Women's B.C.	Young Men's B.C.	GRAND TOTAL	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	Scholars 13-15 ceased to attend	No. on Roll	Average Attendance		In Training Classes	Children's Sunday	Children's Weekdays	Young People's	Teachers &c. Church Roll	Received during Year	B.C. Members on Church Roll	Received during Year	No. on Church Roll	Received during Year	No. on Church Roll	Received during Year
Auckland ..	99	*1939	*2845	*957	901	*6642	4560	*155	791	709	82	*783	*939	1057	*1604	*636	*28	635	133	1222	177	*821	*102
South Auckland ..	62	*870	1423	*461	411	*3187	*2310	*54	*331	*256	..	315	*414	*217	*174	373	27	*312	*40	*702	*100	*661	*87
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	60	774	*963	407	341	2848	*1760	*40	401	*260	..	475	*295	*137	*219	267	*9	270	*16	*552	*40	329	85
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	42	742	*1222	479	*445	2888	2174	38	302	280	..	451	581	*264	*379	*253	*14	401	*72	692	*46	702	*55
Wellington ..	43	1239	*1816	550	555	*4160	*2930	*63	*423	*383	60	506	922	660	*693	362	32	430	75	956	*100	*537	*81
Nelson ..	32	*490	788	325	*276	*1879	*1420	66	218	192	*9	*247	*363	*159	*268	169	7	*214	46	452	58	*271	*91
North Canterbury ..	63	*1185	*1911	603	623	*4360	*3386	106	545	483	*28	*358	*797	*634	*798	465	50	559	86	1049	134	*490	70
South Canterbury ..	25	*329	648	254	*170	*1401	*1027	22	*178	*153	*15	*169	*345	*177	*241	*154	*6	*180	*23	*392	*49	*300	48
Otago-Southland ..	48	*914	1315	*496	*446	*3160	*2001	79	398	*306	38	*301	*749	*377	719	*349	*19	356	*57	893	*87	547	*70
1934 Totals	474	8482	12931	4532	4168	30525	21568	623	3587	3022	232	3605	5405	3682	5095	3028	192	3557	548	6910	791	4658	689
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
Increase ..	16	..	..	6	187	..	..	9	120	..	..	17	..	..	..	38	11	392	..	344	..	..	..
Decrease ..	..	325	498	..	..	362	757	..	..	77	41	..	594	364	244	..	..	..	48	..	123	103	170

N.B.—The Asterisk (*) Signifies Decreases

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1934.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Roviana	Vella L.	Choiseul	Boug. & Buka	Total
Churches	30	17	35	59	141
Other Preaching Places ..	10	..	3	34	47
European Missionaries ..	2	1	1	2	6
Missionary Sisters	2	..	1	1	4
Native Ministers .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
Native Ministers on Trial ..	2	..	1	2	5
Catechists and Native Teachers	45	19	38	100	202
Local Preachers	67	34	19	12	132
Class Leaders	54	19	34	2	109
European Members	5	2	6	11	24
Native Members	3360	1151	1160	160	5831
Native Members on Trial and Juniors	193	531	818	53	1595
Deaths	24	21	55	..	100
Removals	15	..	..	12	27
Sunday Schools	10	1	2	10	23
Sunday School Scholars ..	365	170	160	230	925
Day Schools	31	17	33	91	172
Day School Teachers	48	18	37	104	207
Day School Scholars	1033	320	843	1420	3616
Attendants at Public Worship	3370	1650	2726	5630	13376

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Finance for Period Ending January, 31st, 1935.

1934—					£	s.	d.
To	Repairs and Materials	..	..	..	3	5	3
„	Rates and Water	..	..	..	10	12	2
„	Mortgage	..	..	..	700	0	0
„	Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	200	0	0
„	Local Preachers Expenses	..	..	..	40	0	0
„	Savings Bank	..	..	..	36	18	0
					<hr/>	£990	15 5

					£	s.	d.
By	Balance last Statement—Mortgage	..	..	..	700	0	0
„	Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	200	0	0
„	Interest	..	..	..	6	6	0
„	W.H. and S. Ltd.	..	..	..	24	2	2
„	Rents	..	..	..	38	8	0
„	Savings Bank	..	..	..	21	19	3
					<hr/>	£990	15 5

By	Balance Brought forward—							
	Mortgage	..	..	..	£700	0	0
	Inscribed Stock	..	..	..	200	0	0
	Savings Bank	..	..	..	36	18	0

Examined, compared with vouchers and found correct.

F. W. EDWARDS, Accountant.

Auckland,

1st February, 1935.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st January 1934 to 30th November, 1934.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grant Methodist Youth Board ..			50 0 0	By Dr. Balance Forward 1/1/34 ..			336 15 10
„ Young Women's Bible Class Movement ..			25 0 0	„ Salary ..			247 10 0
„ Conference Youth Demonstration ..	21	11	4	„ House Allowance ..			137 10 0
Less Expenses ..	8	6	11	„ Telephone ..			4 5 0
			13 4 5	„ Travelling Expenses ..			100 0 0
„ Hire Season Ticket ..			0 13 7	„ Share Youth Office Expenses ..			50 0 0
„ Council of Religious Education (Two years) ..			100 0 0	„ Connexional Expenses ..			60 9 0
„ Contingent Fund ..			100 0 0	„ Postages, Stamps, Telegrams, Duplicating, etc			42 18 6
„ Commission on Hymn Books ..			0 13 0	„ Accident Insurance ..			3 9 5
„ Donations ..			8 2 0	„ Youth Office Library ..			1 1 0
„ Donation for Maori Sunday School Work ..			5 0 0	„ Interest and Bank Charges ..			9 2 3
„ Circuit Contributions ..			449 9 5				
„ Contribution from Literature Branch ..			100 0 0				
„ Dr. Balance Forward 30/11/34 ..			140 18 7				
			<u>£993 1 0</u>				<u>£993 1 0</u>

Audited and found correct:

C. V. TREGURTHA, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

14th December, 1934.

NOTE.—In order to permit the Statement of Receipts and Payments to be audited in time for Minutes of Conference it has been decided to close the year at 30th November. The above figures are therefore only for eleven months.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1934.

LIABILITIES				£	s.	d.
Special Reserves (temporary)	..	..		19	1	0
Accumulated Fund—						
1st October, 1933	..	..	498 9 5			
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for						
Year Ended 30th September, 1934	..	..	168 0 10			
				330	8	7
				£349 9 7		
ASSETS				£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank and in Hand	..	..		272	7	11
Sundry Debtors	..	..		40	16	10
Book Stocks	..	..		11	7	10
Typewriters, etc.	..	..		13	7	0
Sundry	..	..		11	10	0
				£349 9 7		

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th September, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.
Foreign Mission Board	..	..	..	271	0	0
Travelling Secretary Salary	..	..	..	144	7	8
Travelling Secretary, Expenses	..	..	..	166	19	9
Administration Expenses	..	..	..	63	17	10
Youth Board	..	..	..	65	0	0
Special Local Organising	..	..	..	28	14	6
				£739 19 9		
INCOME				£	s.	d.
Thankofferings	..	..	..	525	3	8
Special Offering—Sayers' Expenses	..	..	..	1	0	0
Trading Department—Nett Surplus	..	..	..	30	10	8
Book Sales Profit	..	..	..	2	17	7
Leaders' School nett Surplus	..	..	..	8	18	3
Post Office Savings Bank Interest	..	..	..	3	8	9
Excess of Expenditure over Income	..	..	..	168	0	10
				£739 19 9		

E. L. HOWE, Hon. Treasurer.

**NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS
MOVEMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended September 30th, 1930.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank and on Hand	1,564	12	4
Sales Books	70	16	2
Sales Sundry	0	4	11
Trading Department	62	4	1
Summer Schools	13	9	10
Interest Post Office Savings Bank	29	18	8
	<u>£1,741</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Travelling Secretary, Salary	160	0	0						
Travelling Secretary, Expenses	67	14	5						
	<u>227</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>						
Home Missions	160	0	0						
Foreign Missions	40	0	0						
Foreign Missions (Sister)	160	9	0						
S.S. Executive Council	25	0	0						
Youth Office	100	0	0						
Office Expenses	42	13	8						
General Expenses	16	7	11						
				<u>772</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>			
Conference Expenses				39	11	8			
Extension Work				52	0	0			
Special Missionary Fund				71	12	4			
Books				63	19	8			
Balance				741	17	4			
				<u>£1,741</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>			

Balance Sheet as at September 30th, 1934.

LIABILITIES

						£	s.	d.
Amount Budgeted	..	..	..	..	..	787	0	0
Ruth Grant Fund	..	..	..	..	..	82	5	5
General Reserve	..	..	..	..	..	175	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	..	..	..	..	..	377	7	5
						<hr/>		
						£1,421	12	10
						<hr/>		

ASSETS

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Banks—											
Ruth Grant Fund	..	..	..	..	..	82	5	5			
General Reserve	..	..	..	..	..	175	0	0			
General Fund	..	..	..	..	..	338	1	10			
Budget 1934-35 Unions	..	..	..	..	..	640	9	11			
General Fund	..	..	..	..	..	146	10	1			
						<hr/>			1,382	7	3
Typewriters	..	..	..	..	..	35	10	0			
Less Depreciation	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0			
						<hr/>			30	10	0
Half Share Typewriter Social Standards	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0			
Less Depreciation	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0			
						<hr/>			2	0	0
Books (T.S.)	..	..	..	..	..				6	15	7
						<hr/>			£1,421	12	10
						<hr/>					

Audited and found correct.

C. V. TREGURTHA, Hon. Auditor.

30th October, 1934.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME								
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Youth Office Expenses :												
Salaries (2) .. ..	..	..	..	249	2	6	By Allocations (as under)—			
Stationery and Printing	18	9	6	Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	100	0	0		
Postages	3	9	7	Y.M.B.C. Movement ..	100	0	0		
General Expenses	17	5	7	S.S. Executive Council ..	125	0	0		
Depreciation Office Equipment	12	3	6	..	<u>325</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Grant to S.S. Executive Council	50	0	0	.. Post Office Savings Bank Interest			0 12 11		
Excess of Income over Expenditure to Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	..		50 0 0		
Accumulated Fund	25	2	3						
				<u>£375</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>				<u>£375</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Accumulated Fund	145	11	3	Office Furniture and Equipment ..	94	15	6			
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure				Less Depreciation	12	3	6			
for year ending 30th Sept.,							82 12 0			
1934	25	2	3	Sundry Debtors				5 18 4		
				<u>170</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	Cash—						
							National Bank of New Zealand ..	38	5	11			
							Post Office Savings Bank (Depreciation Fund)	40	2	0			
							Petty Cash	3	15	3			
				<u>£170</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>82</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>			
											<u>£170</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Methodist Youth Board. In my opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true and correct position as disclosed by the Books of the Office for the twelve months ending 30th September, 1934.

N. ALLEN HUNT, A.R.A.N.Z., A.A.I.S.
 Hon. Auditor.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME								
Church Sites Fund—				Church Sites Fund—								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Grants: Foreign Mission Board ..	100	0	0	Grants: Fire Insurance Fund ..	50	0	0					
Otangiwai Church ..	7	10	0	Home Mission Fund ..	50	0	0					
Ohakune Church ..	25	0	0					100	0	0		
			132	10	0							
Exchange			0	1	3	Interest—						
Balance to Sites Fund ..			26	9	7	Mortgages	52	0	0			
Office Expenses—						Deposits	7	0	10			
Authorised Appropriation ..	195	0	0						59	0	10	
Stationery and General Expenses ..	34	1	4	229	1	4	Office Expenses—					
							Working Expenses Repaid ..	117	5	3		
Reserve Appropriation Account							Trust Contributions ..	43	13	0		
Surplus for 1934			24	1	3		Interest on Arrears ..	54	4	8		
							Interest on Deposits ..	16	13	1		
							Hymn Book Commission ..	21	6	7		
									253	2	7	
									<u>£412</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	
										<u>£412</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

Loan Account as at 30th September, 1934.

To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1933	£	s.	d.	By Loans Repaid	£	s.	d.		
„ New Loans Advanced	19,725	17	3	„ Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1934	2,084	9	6		
„ Rates on Trust Properties	3,080	2	0		20,725	15	10		
			4						
			£22,810	5	4				
To Balance							£22,810	5	4
			£20,725	15	10				

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

Christchurch, 24th October, 1934

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR C. REED }
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
 Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1934.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
£			s. d.			£			s. d.		
Accumulated Funds	18,658	12	11			Outstanding Loans ..	22,358	10	3		
Capital Account—						Less Working Exp. 1,089	6	10			
Thomas Emsly Bequest £1500						Less Interest	543	7	7		
H. Herbert Wake Bequest £50						1,632	14	5			
David Graham Bequest £50										20,725	15
Wm. H. Duke Bequest £100						Deposits—Super. Fund ..	646	16	5		
Samuel Lawry Bequest £50						P.O. Savings Bank ..	36	0	8		
Geo. Winstone Bequest £1000										682	17
	2,750		0			Invested for Church Sites Fund				1,000	0
						Deposits—Super. Fund ..				211	17
Trust Accounts (properties sold)						Church Sites Fund—					
					21,408	Mortgage Investments ..	1,000	0	0		
					1,211	Interest Due	15	12	0		
Church Sites Fund—					7	Interest Accrued ..	8	11	4		
As at 30th Sept., 1933 ..		317	14	7						1,024	3
Trust Properties for Investment											
											4
						Deposits—					
						P.O. Savings Bank ..	199	2	4		
						Supernumerary Fund ..	120	12	6		
										320	0
						Deposits—Super. Fund ..	125	10	1		
Increase for 1934						Bank of New Zealand ..	16	17	3		
										142	7
											4
Reserve Appropriation Account—											
As at 30th Sept., 1933 ..		118	6	1							
Surplus for 1934			24	1	3					£24,107	1
											6
										£24,107	1
											6

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H. de R. FLESHER }
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
 Christchurch, 24th October, 1934,

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR C. REED }
 A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st October, 1934.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1934, October 31st—			
To Rents and Interest Collected	3,297	7	0
„ Emsly Trust—Receipts	116	8	0
„ Bank of New Zealand—Balance Due	2,259	1	7
	£5,672 16 7		

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1933, October 31st—						
By Balance due Bank of New Zealand				2,144	13	7
1934, October, 31st—						
By General Expenses—						
Repairs and Maintenance	524	15	11			
Rates	624	13	2			
Insurance Premiums	160	18	10			
Interest	1,893	0	9			
Land Tax	52	1	10			
Audit Fee	8	8	0			
Secretary's Salary	50	0	0			
Commission on rents and Interest Collected	82	8	8			
Sundries	15	18	10			
	3,412 6 0					
„ Emsly Trust—Disbursements				115	17	0
	£5,672 16 7					

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.	}	Auditors.
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.		
J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.		

Auckland, 8th November, 1934.

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

Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st October, 1934.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs and Maintenance—									
Block No. 1				124	2	0			
Block No. 2				3	5	0			
Block No. 3				25	4	1			
Cottages				10	16	6			
Probert Chambers—									
Caretaker	163	16	0						
Electric Power Board	17	9	2						
Lift Maintenance	40	2	6						
Repairs	140	0	8						
				<u>361 8 4</u>					
Rates							524	15	11
Insurance Premiums							624	13	2
Interest—							160	18	10
Bank of New Zealand	102	0	9						
Auckland Sinking Fund Com- missioners	1,700	0	0						
Emsly Trust	91	0	0						
							<u>1,893 0 9</u>		
Sundries—									
Audit Fee	8	8	0						
Land Tax	52	1	10						
Bank Charges	1	0	0						
Account Books	3	19	9						
Fares and Stamps (2 years)	10	19	1						
Secretary's Salary	50	0	0						
2½% Commission on Rents and Interest Collected	82	8	8						
							<u>208 17 4</u>		
							<u>£3,412 6 0</u>		

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

Auckland, 8th November, 1934.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st October, 1934.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1933, October, 31st—						
To Balance	1,162	19	6			
1934, October 31st—						
To Rents Accrued	3,480	4	0			
„ Interest Accrued	7	10	0			
By Rents Received				3,289	17	0
„ Interest Received				7	10	0
„ Amount written off				54	1	6
„ Balance				1,299	5	0
				<u>£4,650 13 6</u>		
				<u>£4,650 13 6</u>		

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

Auckland, 8th November, 1934.

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

Balance Sheet—31st October, 1934.

LIABILITIES.			
		£	s. d.
Capital Account—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1934		36,565	4 6
Income Account—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1934		5,501	8 3
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners—			
Balance of Loan		34,000	0 0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account—			
At call		1,400	0 0
Bank of New Zealand—			
Balance at 31st October, 1934		2,259	1 7
Emsly Trust—			
Balance at 31st October, 1934		6	17 11
		£79,732	12 3
 MEMO.—Liability : Rates for year ending 31st May, 1935 ..		£585	4 6

ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.
Freehold Properties—			
Great North Road		55,220	7 3
Queen Street		24,312	5 0
		79,532	12 3
Balance Purchase—			
Avondale Property			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, 1934 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, 1934, as shown by the books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
 L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
 J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.

Auckland, 8th November, 1934.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet for the Year Ended Sept. 30th, 1934.

Treasurers : MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
October 1st, 1933—			
Balance Auckland Savings Bank	5	2	5
Rents	696	0	0
Interest	2	3	11
	<u>£703</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Interest Auckland Savings Bank	86	12	6
Paid off Mortgage	195	0	0
Paid Trinity College	275	0	0
Paid Wesley College	87	10	0
Land Tax	33	13	4
Commission	17	8	0
Sundries	0	6	6
Balance Auckland Savings Bank	7	16	0
	<u>£703</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
October 1st, 1933—			
Balance Due Auckland Savings Bank	1,780	0	0
	<u>£1,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	£	s.	d.
September 30th—			
Amounts paid off	195	0	0
Balance	1,585	0	0
	<u>£1,780</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

We have examined the Bank Book, vouchers and Balance Sheet and certify same to be correct.

ANDREW MESSER, F.R.A.,N.Z. }
 JAS. P. BLAIR } Auditors

November 17th, 1934.

JOHN W. SHACKLEFORD, Secretary.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1934.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balances at Bankers at Commencement of year	72 17 11	Cheque Books	2 0 0
Interest—Auckland Savings Bank	5 8 5	Stamps	4 0 0
Inscribed Stock Dividends	447 3 4	Bank Charges	1 0 0
		Secretary's Salary	25 0 0
		Rent	5 0 0
		Grants	442 0 10
		Balances at Bankers at end of year—	
		Bank of New Zealand	17 4 1
		Auckland Savings Bank	29 4 9
	£525 9 8		£525 9 8

Balance Sheet as at close of the day on 31st December, 1934.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Trust Fund—Maturity Value	11,180 0 0	Inscribed Stock—Maturity Value	11,180 0 0
Income Account	46 8 10	Cash—Balances at Bankers	46 8 10
	£11,226 8 10		£11,226 8 10

H. RANSTON }
 J. MARSDEN CAUGHEY } Treasurers

7th January, 1935.

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, 1934.

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EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS									
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.				
To	Remittance—Masterton Home	450	0	0	By	Interest	500	3	11
„	Repairs—Masterton Home	..	..	76	1	3	„	Rents	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,099	15	8
„	Repairs and Maintenance—Wellington	..	..	377	6	9							
„	Rates and Taxes	..	..	194	13	10							
„	Legal Expenses	..	..	40	8	6							
„	Insurances	..	..	24	7	0							
„	General Expenses	..	..	173	0	10							
„	Depreciation—Masterton Home	..	..	250	0	0							
„	Balance (being Excess of Income over Ex- penditure, transferred to Capital Account)			14	1	5							
				£1,599	19	7					£1,599	19	7

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31st December, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account—									
Balance at 31/12/33 ..	42,120	16	11				1,746	19	0
Add Balance from Revenue Ac. ..	14	1	5				738	9	8
	<u>42,134 18 4</u>						1,900	0	0
Capital Account—Masterton—							2,655	4	11
Balance at 31/12/33 ..	2,113	0	0				13	0	0
Add Bequests received during							11,300	0	0
Year	660	0	0				18,090	0	0
	<u>2,773 0 0</u>						857	0	0
Interest due to Masterton—							3,550	0	0
Gray Estate	37	19	9						
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock ..	46	12	0						
	<u>84 11 9</u>								
	<u>£44,992 10 1</u>						<u>4,141 16 6</u>		
	<u>£44,992 10 1</u>						<u>£44,992 10 1</u>		

I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ending 31st December, 1934, and certify that in my opinion the Balance Sheet as drawn up, exhibits the true and correct position of the Board, as shown by the said books at date 31st December, 1934.

Wellington, 15th February, 1935

T. R. RICHARDS, Chairman.

E. W. A. KELLOW, Acting-Treasurer.

W. J. HICKS, A.P.A. (N.Z.), Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1934.

1933, October 31st—		£	s.	d.
To Balance		6	6	11
1934, October 31st—				
To Interest from Mortgages		25	8	0
„ Interest from Deposit		91	0	0
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		£122 14 11		
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1934, October 31st—		£	s.	d.
By Theological College		110	0	0
„ Management to 31st October, 1933		5	17	0
„ Balance		6	17	11
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		£122 14 11		
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INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1934, October 31st—		£	s.	d.
To Capital		1900	0	0
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		£1,900 0 0		
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1934, October 31st—		£	s.	d.
By Freehold Mortgages		500	0	0
„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board		1,400	0	0
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		£1,900 0 0		
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Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

J. VEALE, Treasurer.

Auckland, 8th November, 1934.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1934.

RECEIPTS							£	s.	d.
1933, October 31st—									
Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	9	10
By Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	0	0
1933, November 30th—									
By Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	16	3
1934, April 30th—									
By Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	16	3
							<u>£223</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

PAYMENTS							£	s.	d.
1933, October 31st—									
Remit Treasurer .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	0	0
Disbursements .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
1933, November 30th—									
Land Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	9
Remit Treasurer .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	0	0
1934, April 30th—									
Remit Treasurer .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Bank Charges .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	14	7
							<u>£223</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

Balance £7 14 7

Examined and found correct.

LEN. H. BASSETT, Auditor.

14th November, 1934.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUSTEES.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th September, 1934.

CHAIRMAN—REV. F. COPELAND.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER—R. PEPPERELL, F.P.A. (N.Z.).

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance at Bank 1933		124	5 3	By Salary		50	0 0
„ Rents		687	0 5	„ Remitted to Home Mission Fund		695	0 0
„ Interest		94	5 0	„ Land Tax		41	8 0
„ Consent Fee		0	10 6	„ Borough Rates		18	17 3
„ Raetihi Mortgage Repaid		230	0 0	„ Audit Fee		2	2 0
				„ Bank Charge		1	0 0
				„ Stationery, Stamps, Exchange and Sundries		5	3 6
				„ Legal Expenses		6	0 0
				„ Deposited N.P. Savings Bank		230	0 0
				„ Balance Bank of New South Wales		86	10 5
		<u>£1,136</u>	<u>1 2</u>			<u>£1,136</u>	<u>1 2</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period ended 30th September, 1934. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked, and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits of the respective tenants' accounts and found these in order. It should be noted that although the statement purports to cover the period to the 30th September, 1934, in actual fact it covers the period to the 6th October, 1934.

VAL. DUFF, Public Accountant

New Plymouth, 5th November, 1934.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Re-Insurance—							
Church Risks	1,007	15	6	By Levies—Church Risks ..	1,955	12	5
Ministers' Risks	112	5	10	„ Premiums—Ministers' Risks ..	114	10	1
Mortgage Risks	7	18	8	„ Mortgage Risks ..	7	18	8
							2,078 1 2
			1,128 0 0	„ Mortgage Interest ..	342	3	1
Office Expenses—				„ Mortgage Interest Accrued ..	131	0	9
Authorised Appropriation ..	350	0	0				473 3 10
Stationery and General Expenses	32	18	11	„ Debenture Interest	604	10	9
			382 18 11	„ Debenture Interest Accrued	227	8	7
Fire Losses (4)	327	0	0				831 19 4
Less Reinsurance Cover	225	13	6	„ Debentures Conversion Prem.			541 8 7
			101 6 6	„ Interest—			
Investment Contingency Reserve				P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	17	16	5
Account			641 8 7	Super. Fund Deposit	15	13	9
Balance to P. and L. Appropriation							33 10 2
Account			2,124 1 7	„ Sundries			419 12 6
			£4,377 15 7				£4,377 15 7

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 13th November, 1934

Audited and found correct.
W. L. THOMAS }
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds ..			25,000	0			
Fire Loss Reserve A/c.			2,500	0	Mortgage Investments ..	9,700	0
Investment Contingency Reserve A/c. ..			841	8	7	131	0
P. and L. Appropriation A/c.	2,408	16	6				9,831
Less Fire Loss Res. A/c.	1,028	1	9				0
			1,380	14	9		
Less Appropriations Voted							
(1) Ordinary :							
Home Acquisition Fd. 298	10	0			Debenture Investments ..	18,726	0
Deaconess House Fd. ..	100	0	0		7	227	8
Foreign Mission Fund	100	0	0				18,953
Home Mission Fund ..	100	0	0				8
Benevolent Branch							7
Super. Fund ..	75	0	0		Wesley Training College—Loan		200
Church Sites Fund ..	50	0	0				0
Youth Department ..	50	0	0		Deposits—		
(2) Special :					Bank of New Zealand ..	170	0
Trinity College Council	200	0	0		Supernumerary Fund ..	1,411	18
Wesley Training College					3	24	6
Board ..	200	0	0				3
Foreign Mission Fund	100	0	0				1,606
Home Mission Fund	100	0	0				5
			1,373	10			1
					Levies in Arrear ..		42
							9
							9
Add Balance from Revenue							
Account ..	2,124	1	7				
			2,131	6			
Levies Prepaid ..			160	9			
			£30,633	4			£30,633
							4
							2

GEORGE J. SMITH }
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 13th November, 1934

Audited and found correct.
 W. L. THOMAS }
 E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statements of Receipts and Payments, 1934.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—Bank of N.Z. ..				6	9	1
„ Appropriations—						
Church Building and Loan Fund ..	195	0	0			
Fire Insurance Fund ..	350	0	0			
Supernumerary and Allied Funds ..	385	0	0			
Contingent Fund ..	180	0	0			
“Methodist Times” Fund ..	170	0	0			
				1,280	0	0
„ Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative) ..					19	9 6
				£1,305	18	7

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Stipend ..	375	0	0			
Less Economic Cut ..	18	15	0			
				356	5	0
„ House Allowance ..	175	0	0			
Less Charges ..	6	5	0			
				168	15	0
„ Connexional Charges ..					58	6 4
„ Clerks’ Salaries ..	508	7	9			
Less Economic Cut ..	15	0	0			
				493	7	9
„ Office Rent ..	135	0	0			
Less Lettings ..	8	8	9			
				126	11	3
„ Cleaning Charges ..					6	0 0
„ Telephone and Post Office Box ..					18	12 6
„ Bank Charges ..					1	0 0
„ Stationery and General Expenses ..					24	3 4
„ Office Equipment (Typewriter) ..					36	11 0
„ Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..					16	6 5
				£1,305	18	7

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

Christchurch,

24th January, 1935.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended
October 31st, 1934.**

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st November, 1933	360	8	10
Emsley Trust Board	110	0	0
Prince Albert College	275	0	0
Taranaki Street Trust	50	0	0
Pitt Street Trust	150	0	0
Trinity Collegiate Church	87	3	6
Connexional Fire Insurance	200	0	0
Contingent Fund	790	0	0
Home Mission Board	135	0	0
Congregational Church	80	0	0
Divinity Students' Contributions	165	10	0
College Reserve Fund	215	0	0
Hostel Fees	753	2	5
Rent—Moehau Street	77	4	0
Amounts collected under Ex-Students' Bonds	30	2	5
	<hr/>		
	£3,478	11	2
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PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
House and Service	958	2	4
Stipends	765	0	0
Tutors' Fees	55	0	0
Connexional Charges	128	13	0
Quarterages	136	0	0
Rent	95	6	0
Rates	429	0	4
Interest	104	0	0
Insurance	21	18	5
Telephones	34	5	0
University Fees	57	15	0
Camp Fees	5	0	0
Furnishings	113	6	0
Repairs	123	12	2
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Advertising	23	18	2
Bank Charges	4	10	6
Sundries	8	5	10
Site Acquisition Fund Interest	228	18	9
Amount Transferred to Reserve Fund as per Contra	30	2	5
Credit Balance, 31st October, 1934	155	17	3
	<hr/>		
	£3,478	11	2
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FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council, and compared same with Bank Books and am of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1934.

F. E. SUTHERLAND, Auditor.

15th November, 1934.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

RESERVE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, November 1st, 1933	255	0	9
Add Amounts Collected from Ex-Students	30	2	5
Bank Interest	3	17	11
	<hr/>		
	£289	1	1
Less Transferred to Trinity College General Account	215	0	0
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Cash in Bank October 31st, 1934	£74	1	1

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

NEW ORGAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Value of Invested Funds, Nov. 1st, 1933				300	0	0
Add, Cash in Bank	18	0	0			
Bank Interest	0	1	3			
			<hr/>	18	1	3
Fund as at October 31st, 1934				£318	1	3

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

SITE ACQUIREMENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft November 1st, 1933				4,709	6	11
Add, Legal Expenses				23	11	6
Repointing Brick Work	192	0	0			
Less Government Subsidy	50	4	0			
			<hr/>	141	16	0
Bank Interest and Charges				230	4	3
				<hr/>		
				5,104	18	8
Less, Deposits—						
Hamilton Church Trust	100	0	0			
Promises Received	5	0	0			
Refund Interest, General Account	228	18	9			
Refund Rent, General Account	79	18	8			
			<hr/>	413	17	5
Bank Overdraft, October 31st, 1934				£4,691	1	3

T. A. JOUGHIN }
FRANK M. WINSTONE } Hon. Treas.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared same with Bank Books and am of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1934.

F. E. SUTHERLAND, Auditor.

15th November, 1934.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to 30th September, 1934.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance	21	14	7
„ Collections	6	19	10
„ Deb. Interest and Premium	43	15	2
„ Savings Bank Interest	0	16	9
„ Refund on Account Temporary Loan to Baumber Collection	5	10	0
	£78	16	4

	£	s.	d.
To Books, Periodicals, etc.	37	6	3
„ Balance	41	10	1
	£78	16	4

Capital Account.

1934, September 30th—	£	s.	d.
To Capital	800	0	0
	£800	0	0

1934, September 30th—	£	s.	d.
By Auckland City Council Debentures	800	0	0
	£800	0	0

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

21st November, 1934.

H. RANSTON } Joint
F. SUTHERLAND } Treasurers.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.					
Loans on Fixed Deposit	..	6,000	0	0	Paerata Land at cost	..	15,832	12	0				
Plus Accrued Interest	..	60	0	0	College Buildings at cost	..	43,694	3	0				
					Improvements to Paerata Property	..	9,841	3	11				
			6,060	0	0				69,367	18	11		
Loan at Call	..			50	0	0							
Sundry Creditors	..			430	12	0							
Bank of New Zealand Long Term													
Mortgage Loan	..	11,390	0	0	City and Suburban Property at								
Plus Accrued Interest	..	189	16	8	Government Valuation—								
(Secured over Grafton Road					Grafton Road	..	21,958	0	0				
and Paerata Properties)					Three Kings	..	15,275	0	0				
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	42,075	11	0		Mt. Albert	..	15,280	0	0				
Plus accrued Interest	..	418	17	0	Dominion Road	..	3,120	0	0				
(Secured over Three Kings, Mt.					Waikowhai	..	3,865	0	0				
Albert and Waikowhai Properties)											59,498	0	0
War Memorial Fund (Maori)	..	175	12	0	Improvements to Properties—								
Plus Accrued Interest	..	10	10	8	Mt. Albert	..	430	9	7				
					Waikowhai	..	77	10	0				
			186	2	8								
Capital Account—													
Balance at 1/1/1934	..	85,621	4	3	Plant and Machinery—Paerata—								
Plus Reduction in Reserve for					1,264	8	3						
anticipated loss on Sale of					Less Depreciation	158	18	3					
Mt. Albert Sections	..	90	0	0					1,105	10	0		
			85,711	4	3	Motor Vehicles—Paerata—							
Less Loss on Rescission of Sale					470	0	0						
and Purchase Agreement					Less Depreciation	47	0	0					
over Three Kings section	74	19	9						423	0	0		
„ Loss on Sale of Kawhia													
Property	..	6	17	0									
Less Excess of Expenditure over					Furniture & Fittings—College	..	557	18	8				
Income for year	..	922	14	9	Equipment—College	..	1,645	11	0				
			1,004	11	6								
			84,706	12	9								

Balance Sheet—continued.

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	Mt. Albert Estate and Three Kings Purchasers—			
	Principal Outstanding ..	1,109	10	6
	Plus Accrued Interest ..	18	13	7
		1,128	4	1
	Less Reserve for anticipated loss	175	7	8
				952 16 5
	Loan on Mortgage	255	8	0
	Plus Accrued Interest and Proportion of Rates ..	5	7	0
				260 15 0
	Sundry Debtors—			
	For Rent and Rates ..	737	10	3
	Fees	537	4	9
	Sundries	1,043	3	9
		2,317	18	9
	Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	565	0	0
				1,752 18 9
	Payments in Advance			504 8 2
	Cash in Hand—			
	Paerata and Office			27 13 3
				£145,507 12 1
	£145,507 12 1			

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, 1934, 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.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1934.

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
208	To Advertising			121 16 2	By School Fees			3,206 11 0
	„ Bad Debts Written off ..			47 14 4	„ Laboratory Expenses—			
	„ Beneficiary Work—				Income	37 17 6		
	European	294	12	10	Less Expenditure	16 9 11		
	Island	3	11	0			21 7 7	
	Maori	250	7	0	„ Boys' Stationery—			
				548 10 10	Income	48 7 8		
	„ Depreciation			212 9 8	Less Expenditure	36 7 4		12 0 4
	„ Fuel and Light			269 12 2	„ Piano Fees—			
	„ Insurance			50 9 1	Income	6 17 9		
	„ Provisions—Bread	173	5	3	Less Expenditure	1 15 0		5 2 9
	Dairy Produce	312	17	9	„ Grants from Methodist Funds			500 0 0
	Groceries	221	14	3	„ Net Loss transferred to Income			1,044 10 3
	Meat	198	1	3	and Expenditure Account ..			
	Sundries	145	5	5				
				1,051 3 11				
	„ Rates			34 13 9				
	„ Repairs and Maintenance			191 3 5				
	„ Reserve for Bad Debts			85 0 0				
	„ Salaries			1,275 5 0				
	„ Sports			24 3 10				
	„ Stationery			30 0 2				
	„ Sundry Expenses			222 15 3				
	„ Wages			624 14 4				
				£4,789 11 11				£4,789 11 11

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1934.

By Departmental Losses as under—			By Departmental Profits as under:—		
Garden and Orchard ..	48	10 7	Bees	152	7 2
No. 4 Dairy	11	15 6	Nos. 1 and 2 Cattle and Dairy ..	65	16 4
		60 6 1	No. 3 Cattle and Dairy	41	5 4
.. Net Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..	864	1 5	Pigs	219	6 6
			Poultry	95	2 3
			Flock Sheep	6	2 9
			Stud Sheep	344	7 2
		<u>£924 7 6</u>			<u>£924 7 6</u>

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1934.

To			By		
Audit Fees	21	0 0	Sale of Timber	94	13 1
.. Bad Debts—Rent and Rates ..	57	3 11	.. Reduction in Reserve for Bad Debts ..	70	0 0
.. Bad Debts—Mt. Albert Sections ..	126	1 8	.. Dividends	50	0 0
.. Commission	5	5 0	.. Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	1,041	16 4
.. Insurance	5	6 4			
.. Legal and Collection Expenses ..	63	13 6			
.. Office Expenses	18	17 6			
.. Printing, Stationery and Advertising ..	12	19 11			
.. Rates	623	19 7			
.. Rent—Board Room	21	4 0			
.. Repairs and Maintenance	5	11 0			
.. Salary—Secretary	280	0 0			
.. Sundry Expenses	3	0 2			
.. Travelling Expenses	7	1 10			
.. Valuation Fee	5	5 0			
		<u>£1,256 9 5</u>			<u>£1,256 9 5</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1934.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2,705	9	6	By Rents Received from—			
				Grafton Road Property	937	0	11
				Three Kings Property	750	9	5
				Mt. Albert Property	507	6	1
				Dominion Road Property	140	4	9
				Waikowhai Property	370	8	4
	£2,705	9	6		£2,705	9	6

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1934.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	1,622	14	3	By Interest from—			
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan	569	10	0	Mt. Albert Estate	23	15	0
„ Interest on Fixed Deposits	250	10	8	Three Kings Estate	8	15	4
				Kawhia Property	4	5	6
				„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..	2,405	19	1
	£2,442	14	11		£2,442	14	11

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest	2,405	19	1	By Rents	2,705	9	6
„ Loss on College	1,044	10	3	„ Profit on Farm	864	1	5
„ General Expenses	1,041	16	4	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income— transferred to Capital Account	922	14	9
	£4,492	5	8		£4,492	5	8

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1934.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Wages and Salaries	1,301	16	0	By Gross Profits on—	1,039	12	11
„ Sundry Expenses	805	10	0	Nos. 1 and 2 Cattle and Dairy	777	3	7
„ Seeds and Manure	634	0	7	Pigs	627	3	3
„ Depreciation written off	185	18	3	Nos. 3 Cattle and Dairy	555	12	5
„ Lorry Expenses	130	0	11	Stud Sheep	424	2	3
„ Horse and Tractor Expenses	64	11	10	Poultry	276	2	10
„ Repairs and Maintenance	66	13	11	Flock Sheep	253	5	1
„ Rates and Insurance	39	11	5	Bees	139	2	0
„ Net Profit transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account	864	1	5	Garden			
	<u>£4,092</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£4,092</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1934.

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME						
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
To	Annuities	8,488	5	5								
	„ Furniture Grants ..	375	0	0								
		375		0	8,863	5	5					
	„ Office Expenses—											
	Authorised Appropriation	385	0	0								
	Less Received from Allied Funds ..	79	0	0								
		306		0								
	Stationery and General Expenses	50	18	5								
	Legal Expenses	12	7	5								
	Auditors' Fees	25	4	0								
	Actuarial Examination and Reports	70	2	3								
		464		12	1							
	„ Investment Fluctuation Reserve Account			1,354	19	3						
	„ Amount of Fund as at 30/11/33, less adjustments	147,179		18	1							
	„ Increase of Funds as at 30/11/34	913	10	1								
		148,093		8	2							
						By Amount of Funds as at 30/11/33						
						147,194		12		0		
								14		13 11		
						147,179		18		1		
	„ Personal Subscriptions			1,651	9	11						
	„ Circuit Levies			2,484	10	6						
								4,136		0 5		
	„ Interest—											
	Debentures			1,208	13	8						
	Mortgages 5,583 6 2											
	Less Doubtful Debt Provision 100 0 0											
						5,483		6		2		
	Deposits			6	1	8						
	Arrears Personal Subscriptions			60	5	2						
	Unpaid Purchase of Benefits			5	0	0						
						6,763		6		8		
	Less—											
	Interest on Overdraft 3 3 6											
	Interest to Allied Funds 824 6 5											
	Interest to Depositor A/cs. 869 3 7											
						1,696		13		6		
								5,066		13 2		
	„ Freehold Revenue—											
	Epworth Chambers			1,507	15	6						
	Less Worcester Street 4 14 10											
						1,503		0		8		
	Less Depreciation			500	0	0						
						1,003		0		8		

	35 13 4
„ Fire Insurance Rebates	
„ Debenture Conversion Premiums	1,354 19 3
	£158,776 4 11

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

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1934.

	LIABILITIES				ASSETS.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per									
Revenue Account				148,093	8	2	Investments—		
Allied Funds—							Mortgages	105,871	12 4
Benevolent Fund	695	3	7				Debentures	26,750	0 0
General Purposes Trust Board	225	2	4					132,621	12 4
Deaconess' Retiring Fund ..	4,287	15	10				Less Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts		
Home Acquirement Fund ..	7,185	0	7				Reserve	3,375	8 7
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund	9,953	19	8				Plus Debenture Conversion Premium	1,354	19 3
				22,347	2	0		4,730	7 10
Canterbury Methodist S.S.								127,891	4 6
Union	222	2	0				Freehold Properties—		
Church Building and Loan Fund	879	8	2				Epworth Chambers ..	48,094	2 5
Church Sites Fund	212	7	0				Worcester Street	4,118	15 8
Church Trusts Investments	210	16	7					52,212	18 1
Christchurch Conference— Arrangements Committ.	9	17	6				Less Epworth Chambers De- preciation Res.	350	0 0
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	1,858	19	0				Plus further Res.	500	0 0
Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home	590	1	9					850	0 0
								51,362	18 1

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—Balance Sheet—continued.

"Methodist Times" .. 874 1 10 Methodist Women's Mission- ary Union .. 614 1 6 do. do. .. 32 5 4 Removal Expenses Fund .. 484 19 11 Church Trust Deposits (8) .. 2,220 9 3 Personal Deposits (38) .. 12,090 16 1 <hr/> Freeholds— Rates Accrued .. 270 14 3 Lift Maintenance Accrued .. 4 1 5 <hr/> 274 15 8 Less Land Tax Prepaid .. 12 14 2 <hr/> Suspense Account 5 0 0 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">262 1 6 5 0 0</div> <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">£191,007 17 7</div>	Deposits— Bank of New Zealand .. 202 8 1 P.O. Savings Bank .. 11 5 9 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">213 13 10</div> Interest— Mortgages due .. 4,806 17 7 Mortgages accrued .. 1,227 1 11 Debentures accrued .. 328 13 9 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">6,362 13 3</div> Purchase of Benefits, Bal. due .. 100 0 0 Circuit Levies— Arrears 198 15 0 Accrued 416 8 8 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">615 3 8</div> Personal Subscriptions— Arrears 906 13 1 Interest due 129 5 7 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">1,035 18 8</div> Furniture Grant repayable, plus Interest 43 8 1 Freehold Properties— Rents due 349 0 7 Rents Accrued 116 2 2 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">465 2 9</div> Mortgagors' Stock Accounts and Farm Working Accounts .. 2,914 8 7 General Treasurers Melbourne Prepaid 3 6 2 <hr/> <div style="text-align: right;">£191,007 17 7</div>
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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, 1934

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, December 19th, 1934.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND, BENEVOLENT BRANCH.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1934.

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EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grants	189	0 0	By Balance 30/11/33		
„ Exchanges	0	9 0	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	788	1 9
			189 9 0	„ Donations—			
„ Exchanges on Annuities	.. ..	56	1 11	Fire Insurance Fund	.. ..	75	0 0
Less Refund	.. ..	5	8 7	Special	.. ..	5	5 0
			50 13 4			80	5 0
„ Authorised Appropriation	.. ..	3	0 0	„ Interest—			
„ Debenture Commission and Exgs.	.. ..	0	13 1	Debenture Investments	.. ..	43	5 0
			3 13 1	Super. Fund Deposits	.. ..	27	7 3
„ Balance—						70	12 3
Super. Fund Capital Account	.. ..	400	0 0				
Revenue Account	.. ..	295	3 7				
			695 3 7				
			£938 19 0			£938 19 0	

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
				£	s.	d.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Capital Account			1,400	0	0		Piampin Bequest—						
Balance Revenue Account			295	3	7		Blenheim Borough Council Deb. ..	500	0	0			
							Christchurch Drainage Board Deb.	500	0	0			
							<u>1,000</u>				0	0	
							Penrose Bequest—						
							Capital Account Deposit Super.				400	0	0
							Fund						
							Revenue Account—						
							Deposit Super. Fund				295	3	7
											<u>£1,695</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
											<u>£1,695</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

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, 1934.

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, 19th December, 1934.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Withdrawals				136	5	11	Personal Subscriptions	753	16	2
Interest Credited Personal Accounts				222	7	1	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	298	10	0
Office Expenses—							Interest: Supernumerary Fund Deposit	256	9	3
Authorised Appropriation	20	0	0							
Stationery and General Expenses	5	8	7							
				25	8	7				
Balance to Personal Accounts, less										
Charges										
				924	13	10				
				£1,308	15	5		£1,308	15	5

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	7,159	13	8	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	7,185	0	7
Reserve	25	6	11				
				£7,185	7,185	0	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, 1934.

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 December 19th, 1934.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME								
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
Retiring Allowances	.. ..			603	16	8	Contributions—				
Interest Credited Personal Accounts			352	3	4	Personal	326	0	0		
Office Expenses—							Circuit	259	10	0		
Authorized Appropriation	45	0	0			Home Mission Board	267	0	0		
Stationery and General Expenses	4	16	5			Foreign Mission Board	20	0	0		
					49	16	5					
Balance—to Personal Accounts, less							Interest—					
Charges				239	19	Supernumerary Fund Deposit		370	1	5
							Christchurch City Council Deb.		3	4	9
										872	10	0
					£1,245	16	2			£1,245	16	2

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS							
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
Personal Accounts	.. ..			9,271	10	11	Deposit—			
Reserve Fund			537	13	9	Supernumerary Fund	9,953	19	8
Accumulated Funds—											
Centenary Gift	.. ..	100	0	0						
Inscribed Stock Profit	.. ..	44	15	0						
					144	15	0				
					£9,953	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, 1934.

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, December 19th, 1934.

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Accounts for Year Ended 30th November, 1934.

Contributors' Accounts.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME						
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Retiring Allowances		685	14	9	By Balance as at 30/11/1933	..	..	4,159 7 8
„ Reserve Account		12	2	6	„ Contributions—			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1934		4,041	7	2	Personal .. ..	..	..	177 0 0
							Circuit .. ..	..	..	62 0 0
							Home Mission Fund	..	..	63 0 0
							Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	121 5 0
										423 5 0
							„ Interest .. ..	..	..	156 11 9
				<u>£4,739</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>				<u>£4,739 4 5</u>

Reserve Account.

				£	s.	d.				
To Interest to Deposit Accounts	..	..		156	11	9	By Balance as at 30/11/1933	..	..	240 16 9
„ Office Expenses—							„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	164 8 9
Authorised Appropriation	..	..		11	0	0	„ Benefits Surrendered	..	..	12 2 6
Stationery and General Expenses	..	..		3	7	7				
										14 7 7
„ Balance as at 30/11/1934	..	..		246	8	8				
				<u>£417</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>				<u>£417 8 0</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
			£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	4,041	7	2	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	..	..	4,287 15 10
Reserve Fund	..	..	246	8	8				
			<u>£4,287 15 10</u>						<u>£4,287 15 10</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, 1934.

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, January 11th, 1935

The Methodist Church of New Zealand, Childrens' Fund for the Year Ending 31st December, 1934.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st January 1934	..				502	18	2
„ Circuit Levies—							
Auckland	..	332	3	0			
South Auckland	..	171	12	6			
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	112	3	6			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	125	6	0			
Wellington	..	206	8	3			
Nelson	..	87	18	6			
North Canterbury	..	249	8	3			
South Canterbury	..	94	5	9			
Otago-Southland	..	169	9	10			
					1,548	15	7
					<u>£2,051</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments as per Warrant—							
Auckland	..	375	15	0			
South Auckland	..	157	10	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	123	5	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	146	5	0			
Wellington	..	184	10	0			
Nelson	..	81	0	0			
North Canterbury	..	261	0	0			
South Canterbury	..	54	0	0			
Otago-Southland	..	204	15	0			
					1,588	0	0
Mrs. Parsons (sent to Manchester)					9	0	0
Sundry Payments—							
Chairmans Exchanges	..	2	19	0			
Bank Charge, Keeping Account	..	1	0	0			
Stationery, Exchange, Stamps and							
New Cash Book	..	1	5	6			
					5	4	6
					1,602	4	6
Due by South Auckland	..	8	15	0			
Due by South Canterbury	..	8	7	6			
Credit at B.N.S.W., Wellington	..	432	6	9			
					449	9	3
					<u>£2,051</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

E. W. A. KELLOW }
 FRANK E. LEADLEY } Treasurers.
 8th February, 1935.

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, 1934.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1934, Jan. 1st—				1,674	8	10			
To Circuit Levies —									
District:									
Auckland	504	10	6						
South Auckland ..	272	17	0						
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	196	7	6						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	190	12	0						
Wellington	305	2	6						
Nelson	133	7	3						
North Canterbury ..	365	11	3						
South Canterbury ..	132	2	3						
Otago-Southland ..	284	18	0						
				2,385	8	3			
.. Synod Collections —									
Auckland		8	3						
South Auckland									
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	3	7	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	2	5	6						
Wellington	2	1	8						
Nelson	5	0	0						
North Canterbury ..	3	17	6						
South Canterbury ..	2	19	8						
Otago-Southland ..	6	6	0						
				31	5	7			
.. Sales —									
Agenda	20	10	0						
Minutes	17	10	3						
Law Books, etc. ..	11	1	2						
				49	1	5			
By Cost of Wellington Conference —									
(a) Travelling:									
Equalisation Fund ..	195	0	3						
Official Representatives ..	122	9	6						
							317	9	9
(b) Printing:									
Agenda	94	11	8						
Minutes	106	4	6						
Other	13	14	0						
Stationery, etc. ..	20	0	0						
							234	10	2
.. District Expenses —									
Chairmen's Travelling and other expenses—									
Auckland	40	11	11						
South Auckland	19	11	2						
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	24	19	4						
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	29	14	0						
Wellington	29	16	3						
Nelson	28	10	3						
North Canterbury ..	32	18	9						
South Canterbury ..	28	13	10						
Otago-Southland ..	23	8	0						
							258	3	6
.. Synod Expenses —									
Auckland	51	0	8						
South Auckland	18	8	10						
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	13	11	6						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	15	8	4						

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—continued.

„ Refunds, Travelling Expenses	3 9 0	Wellington	8 15 11	
„ Interest on Bank Deposits ..	12 10 0	Nelson	19 0 0	
		North Canterbury ..	8 19 3	
		South Canterbury ..	6 18 3	
		Otago-Southland	27 15 10	
				169 18 7
		„ Ministerial Supply—		
		District :		
		Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	7 10 0	
		Wellington	9 0 0	
		North Canterbury ..	39 0 0	
		Otago-Southland	6 0 0	
				61 10 0
		„ Connexional Payments—		
		Presidents' Travelling ..	54 7 0	
		Presidents' Postages ..	12 10 0	
		Presidents' Supply ..	5 5 0	
		Secretary of Conference		
		Postages, etc.	12 10 0	
		Printing	64 4 11	
		Medical Examinations ..	7 7 0	
		Sundry	9 14 7	
				165 18 6
		„ Grants—		
		Theological College ..	740 0 0	
		Connexional Secretary's Dept.	180 0 0	
		For Affliction	10 0 0	
		Deaconess Fund	75 0 0	
		University Fees	30 0 0	
		Council Religious Education	20 0 0	
		Wesley College Trust ..	100 0 0	
		Youth Department ..	100 0 0	
		H.M. Fund for Wanganui Trust	150 0 0	
				1,405 0 0

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—*continued.*

	.. Hon. Treasurers—
	Postages, Stationery, etc. .. 4 0 0
	Bank Exchange, Interest, etc. .. 5 13 6
	9 13 6
	.. Balances Due by Chairmen—
	District :
	Auckland 205 15 5
	South Auckland 13 10 0
	Taranaki-Wanganui 80 0 0
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu 70 16 6
	Wellington 25 0 0
	Nelson 22 17 0
	North Canterbury 99 18 1
	South Canterbury 6 15 0
	Otago-Southland 51 3 11
	.. Total Balance held by or due to
	Chairmen 575 15 11
	.. Bank of New Zealand: Kaiapoi
	Deposit 250 0 0
	.. Bank of New Zealand: Kaiapoi
	Current Account 708 3 2
	1,533 19 1
£4,156 3 1	£4,156 3 1

J. H. BLACKWELL
O. BURNET

} Hon. Treasurers.

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments and compared same with the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund; and I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the said Statement correctly sets forth the affairs of the Fund.

Christchurch,
8th February, 1935.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ended 31st December, 1934.

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RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Cash in Hand 1st January, 1934—				Removal Expenses			510 10 4
Supernumerary Fund	468	9	8	Sundry Expenses (Stamps, etc.) ..			8 17 2
Bank of New Zealand	3	13	7	Refund Circuit Levies			42 0 0
P.O. Savings Bank	515	2	8	Cash in Hand 31/12/34—			
				Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..	484	19	11
				P.O. Savings Bank	783	19	0
Circuit Levies Paid			987 5 11	Bank of New Zealand	6	1	4
Interest earned			824 8 7				<u>1,275 0 3</u>
			24 13 3				<u>£1,836 7 9</u>
			<u>£1,836 7 9</u>				

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended December 31st, 1934.

TREASURERS: Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. A. J. Buttle.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance Brought Forward—			14,360	2	5	By New Zealand Contributions—			
Solomon Islands District—						General Fund 1933 account	187	11	8
Stipends and Allowances ..	5,150	13	4			1934 account	7,085	17	4
Freight and Customs ..	362	6	3						
Boats and Travelling ..	1,676	17	1					7,273	9
Schools and College ..	829	7	9			Women's Auxiliaries (including			0
Properties, Current Expenses	343	6	8			amount from Y.W.B.C.			
General Expenses ..	973	15	10			Movement)	1,242	7	6
			9,336	6	11	Y.M.B.C. Movement ..	306	0	0
Interest on Overdrafts and loans—			614	16	0	Native Teachers & Students	162	15	0
New Zealand Office—Working						Orphans	57	10	0
Expenses—						Interest	330	1	1
Salaries	489	15	0			Debt Reduction Fund ..	3,242	17	11
House allowance 5 months	62	10	0			Publications Profit ..	53	8	8
Connexional Charges ..	51	0	0					5,395	0
Deputation and Travelling	101	6	6			Solomon Islands Contributions—			
Exchanges, Stamps, etc.	70	6	4			Subscriptions and Collections—			
Printing and Stationery ..	150	4	5			Roviana Circuit	450	0	0
Office Rent, Telephones ..	90	18	9			Vella Lavella	268	2	6
Auditor's Fee	10	10	0			Choiseul	330	0	0
Theological College ..	25	0	0			Bougainville	78	12	0
Sundries	44	4	9					1,126	14
			1,095	15	9	Medical Dept. Fees and			
Sundry Payments—						Subsidies	220	8	0
Legal Expenses	1	11	0					220	8
Child's Allowance	10	10	0			Equipment Fund—			
Grant Dr. Sayers	33	10	4			Legacies	500	12	6
Sundries	6	6	6			Donations	31	0	0
			51	17	10			531	12

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Income and Expenditure Account—*continued.*

" Equipment Fund—			" Atherton Road Property—		
Atherton Road Section ..	48	11 3	Loan on first Mortgage ..	1,000	0 0
Projector, etc. ..	29	12 6	Connexional Fire Ins. Fund		
Balance in Hand ..	453	8 9	Loan at Call ..	525	0 0
		531 12 6	Rent Allowance from		
			General Account ..	62	10 0
" Atherton Road Property—				1,587	10 0
Builder	1,215	10 3			
Architect	79	8 0	" Balance—Deficit		11,443 7 3
Furnishings	243	4 6			
Auckland Savings Bank Trust					
Account	49	7 3			
		1,587 10 0			
		£27,578 1 5			£27,578 1 5

Audited and found correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc., Auditor.

N.B.—£336 overspent in the Islands District will be charged against next years allocation, thus reducing the Debt by the full amount contributed for that purpose.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1934 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Property).

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Islands—				Balance at Auckland Bank	..	49	7 3
Circuit Balances	1,080	3	1	Cash in Hand—Solomon Islands	..	441	8 2
Personal Balances	52	13	5	Sundry Debtors—Solomon Islands	..	777	9 6
Burns Philp and Co. Ltd. ..	2,624	19	10	Stock on Hand—Solomon Islands	..	2,558	1 9
Other Creditors	427	14	3	Advance Payments (1935)	..	2,279	0 5
				Medical Mission Fund Assets—			
			4,185 10 7	20 Colonial Sugar Refining Co.,			
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand—				Shares of £20 each value at £25			
Auckland. (Plus Accrued Interest				each (12½%) .. ..	..	500	0 0
and secured over Working Capital				Equipment and Replacement Fund			
and Medical Mission Fund Assets)			5,309 10 2	Assets—Methodist F.M. Society			
Loans at Call—4%	560	0	0	Trust Association Debentures, 5%	..	200	0 0
on Fixed Deposit 5%	1,200	0	0	Working Capital Fund Assets—			
			1,760 0 0	£200 Mt. Eden Borough 4%			
Proceeds of Debentures issued by				Debentures	200	0	0
Methodist F.M. Socty. Trust Assn.			3,600 0 0	£200 Auckland City Council 4½%			
Special Funds—				Debentures	200	0	0
Medical Mission ("Helena Goldie"				£1500 Auckland Transport Board			
Hospital Fund)	1,331	3	6	4½% Debentures	1,467	10	0
Medical Mission Investment Fund	600	0	0	£1,115 N.Z. Govt. 4% Stock ..	1,115	0	0
Equipment Fund	453	8	9	Fuller and Sons Debentures 6½%,			
Atherton Rd. Trust Account ..	49	7	3	less 20%	1,000	0	0
			2,433 19 6	Methodist F.M. Society Trust			
				Assn. Debentures 5% 100 0 0			
				Less Held in Trust for future			
				income	40	0	0
					60	0	0

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet—continued.

	N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Union Ltd.			
	Shares 5%	.. ..	7 10 0	
	Loans on Mortgage 6½%, less 20%		3,200 0 0	
			<u>7,250 0 0</u>	
	Capital Account Overdrawn—			
	Balance brot. ford. 1/1/34		6,150 8 4	
	Less Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year		2,916 15 2	
			<u>3,233 13 2</u>	3,233 13 2
	Working Capital loaned to General Account		959 14 1	
	Deficit as per Income and Expendi- ture Account ..		<u>£11,443 7 3</u>	
				<u>£17,289 0 3</u>
				<u>£17,289 0 3</u>

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, 1934, as shown by its books. I have obtained all the information I have required, and have accepted, subject to the amendment of certain clerical errors, the Solomon Islands Returns on the certificate of the Revs. J. F. Goldie and J. R. Metcalfe. The value of the Solomon Islands Properties has been expressly excluded from the above Balance Sheet.

Auckland,
23rd January, 1935.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z., etc.,
Auditor.

FOREIGN MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS, 1934.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Central	..	..	..	188	17	8
Auckland Central, 1933	..	..	..	6	5	2
Auckland Social Service Mission	..	..	..	3	5	0
Auckland West	..	..	..	72	17	8
Auckland East	..	..	..	443	2	10
Auckland, Avondale	..	..	..	233	2	0
Auckland, Avondale, 1933	..	..	..	5	13	0
Auckland, Devonport	..	..	..	24	8	0
Auckland, Takapuna	..	..	..	33	4	3
Auckland, Birkenhead	..	..	..	72	2	5
Auckland, Birkenhead, 1933	..	..	..	21	0	0
Onehunga	..	..	..	54	6	0
Otahuhu	..	..	..	45	5	2
Papakura	..	..	..	14	17	10
Pukekohe	..	..	..	41	4	10
Waiuku	..	..	..	50	0	0
Mahurangi	..	..	..	17	11	10
Paparoa	..	..	..	21	1	10
Northern Wairoa	..	..	..	35	1	1
Ruawai	..	..	..	7	18	6
Whangarei	..	..	..	15	10	7
Whangaroa	..	..	..	4	6	2
Bay of Islands	..	..	..	2	3	5
Port Albert	..	..	..	81	8	9
Hikurangi	..	..	..	3	6	3
Mangonui	..	..	..	1	10	0
Helensville	..	..	..	14	2	6
Hokianga	..	..	..	5	5	0
Ohaeawai	..	..	..	2	0	0
				£1,520 17 9		

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	66	5	0
Te Aroha	90	5	10
Te Aroha, 1933	1	0	0
Morrinsville	74	7	10
Paeroa	10	17	0
Cambridge	135	16	1
Hamilton	59	7	2
Hamilton East	45	10	9
Rotorua	21	2	10
Tauranga	36	11	8
Opotiki	7	17	4
Taumarunui	16	11	6
Te Awamutu	64	2	4
Matamata	33	5	7
Huntly	6	3	6
Whakatane	7	8	2
Otorohanga	19	12	10
Hauraki Plains	4	2	0
Te Kuiti	16	13	4
Ngaruawahia	1	14	11
Waihi	36	6	6
Te Puke	6	9	6
Ohura	4	0	3
Putaruru	4	14	9
Coromandel	10	16	10
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	£781	3	6
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TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	93	15	5
Waitara	8	17	1
Waitara, 1933	2	14	1
Inglewood	5	14	1
Inglewood, 1933	3	10	6
Stratford	29	0	6
Eltham	14	6	9
Kaponga	4	18	6
Hawera	79	15	8
Manaia	15	11	7
Manaia, 1933	4	18	4
Opunake	68	7	10
Wanganui	67	12	2
Wanganui North	47	3	0
Marton	15	2	7
Raetihi Ohakune	2	3	10
Taihape	2	2	0
Gonville	23	8	0
Patea	5	5	0
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	£494	6	11
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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Napier	99	5	0
Hastings	126	8	5
Gisborne	18	5	5
Gisborne, 1933	4	13	11
Wairoa	5	13	4
Dannevirke	23	14	11
Woodville	23	6	7
Pahiatua	35	0	0
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	108	13	7
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	123	16	3
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	29	11	10
Feilding	251	2	0
Sanson-Rongotea	38	2	4
Waipawa	10	11	5
Foxton-Shannon	5	0	2
Apiti	3	7	9
Norsewood	4	1	8
	<u>£910</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington, Taranaki Street	155	2	2
Wellington, Thorndon	85	15	10
Wellington South	59	10	6
Wellington South, 1933	11	0	11
Wellington East	116	1	7
Johnsonville-Ngaio	150	4	5
Hutt	86	16	6
Petone	12	0	11
Greytown-Featherston	7	15	7
Carterton	30	4	0
Masterton	102	13	6
Eketahuna	16	10	5
Levin	60	18	4
Levin, 1933	1	0	0
Otaki	12	14	9
Island Bay	3	11	5
Paraparaumu	7	5	8
Upper Hutt	3	5	4
	<u>£922</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	179	12	0
Richmond	19	18	11
Richmond, 1933	18	4	9
Wakefield-Dovedale	14	14	11
Blenheim	131	6	10
Motueka	55	3	10
Hokitika	20	18	1
Greymouth	25	0	6
Westport	11	5	5
Havelock	1	13	8
Murchison	3	10	8
Reefton			
Granity	4	11	1
	<u>£486</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Durham Street	94	0	4
Durham Street, 1933	1	10	0
Christchurch East	214	1	6
Christchurch East, 1933	17	4	2
Christchurch, Cambridge Terrace	17	2	2
Christchurch, Woolston	69	12	6
Christchurch, Woolston, 1933	2	17	6
Christchurch, Sydenham	50	7	8
Christchurch, Sydenham, 1933	0	6	0
Christchurch, Addington	25	4	5
Christchurch, Riccarton	24	14	11
Christchurch, St. Albans	69	8	11
Christchurch, St. Albans, 1933	4	3	1
Christchurch, Papanui	87	18	0
Lyttelton	13	4	3
Springston	12	15	7
Springston, 1933	8	13	9
Tai Tapu	26	12	6
Leeston	20	13	2
Kaiapoi	34	2	6
Ohoka	7	0	8
Ohoka, 1933	20	0	8
Rangiora	49	11	8
Woodend	28	6	1
Greendale	17	19	6
Oxford	8	6	4
Hawarden			
Hawarden, 1933	2	7	6
Waddington	8	4	0
Waddington, 1933	7	17	0
	<u>£944</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Timaru	84	15	3
Timaru, 1933	2	6	0
Waimate	22	10	6
Waimate, 1933	25	3	5
Temuka	34	17	5
Geraldine	27	15	2
Ashburton	92	0	10
Willowby	22	16	3
Oamaru	41	15	4
Rakaia-Methven	8	13	3
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	£362	13	5

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Dunedin, Trinity	76	5	0
Dunedin, Central Mission	41	8	10
Dunedin, Dundas Street	12	9	5
Dunedin, Cargill Road	44	4	10
Dunedin, St. Kilda	28	18	6
Dunedin, Caversham	36	19	10
Dunedin, Mornington	38	13	3
Dunedin, Roslyn	31	8	0
Port Chalmers	23	17	8
Balclutha	3	6	10
Balclutha, 1933	7	10	6
Milton	15	6	1
Milton, 1933	7	6	5
Roxburgh	7	17	6
Invercargill, Central	71	0	3
Invercargill, St. Peter's	52	3	0
Bluff	2	16	10
Gore	26	13	0
Riverton			
Maori Hill	12	6	5
Waikouaiti	10	16	0
Mosgiel	4	18	2
Edendale	10	13	8
Kaitangata	1	17	9
Lawrence	2	14	3
Cromwell	7	13	1
Otautau	16	17	5
Nightcaps-Tuatapere	10	0	0
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	£606	2	6

SUMMARY.

Districts—	£	s.	d.
Auckland	1,520	17	9
South Auckland .. .	781	3	6
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .	494	6	11
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .	910	14	7
Wellington	922	11	10
Nelson	486	0	8
North Canterbury	944	6	4
South Canterbury	362	13	5
Otago Southland	606	2	6
Special Debt Reduction	3,242	17	11
Womens Auxiliaries	1,242	7	6
Treasurer's List	770	16	6
Publications	53	8	8
Interest—General	250	1	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. Owen 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
	£12,668	9	2

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1934.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Overdraft at Commercial Bank ..	286	11	0	Sundry Debtors ..	174	2	5
<i>Plus</i> Accrued Interest ..	2	5	0	Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	15	0	0
			288 16 0				159 2 5
Trade Creditors ..			116 9 6	Stock on Hand Bookroom ..			757 18 7
Deposits at Call ..			296 8 6	Dodge Motor Van equipped ..	376	0	0
Capital Account—				<i>Less</i> Depreciation ..	75	4	0
Balance at 1/8/33 ..		707	4 6				300 16 0
<i>Less</i> Loss—Van 120 10 10				Office and Bookroom Equipment ..	129	12	0
Deduct net profit Bookroom 62 7 2				<i>Less</i> Depreciation ..	12	19	2
		58	3 8				116 12 10
			649 0 10	Lantern and Slides ..	18	15	0
			<u>£1,350 14 10</u>	<i>Less</i> Depreciation ..	2	10	0
							16 5 0
							<u>£1,350 14 10</u>

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that, in our opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st July, 1934. We have accepted the certificates of Mr. T. W. Hemer as to the value of the Stock on Hand and the amount of the Trade Creditors.

Auckland,

29th August, 1934,

J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.

A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z.

Hon. Auditors,

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.
Trading and Profit and Loss Account for Year Ended 31st July, 1934.

	Bookroom			Van			Total		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
To Stock 1/8/33 ..	902	15 4		82	11 8		985	7 0	
.. Purchases ..	776	13 7		24	8 0		801	1 7	
.. Gross Profit— Book Room ..	343	6 0					343	6 0	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>14 11</u>	<u>106 19</u>	<u>8 21</u>	<u>29 14</u>	<u>7</u>			
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
To Loss on Van from Trading Account ..				18	3 1		18	3 1	
.. Salaries ..	533	0 0					533	0 0	
.. Depreciation ..	15	9 2		75	4 0		90	13 2	
.. Rent ..	54	10 0					54	10 0	
.. Stamps ..	48	12 3					48	12 3	
.. Printing and Stationer ..	26	6 0					26	6 0	
.. Office and Bookroom exes. ..	14	16 10					14	16 10	
.. Audit Fees to 31/7/33 ..	12	12 0					12	12 0	
.. Advertising ..	12	10 0					12	10 0	
.. Van Insurance ..				10	4 9		10	4 9	
.. Van Running Expenses ..				10	16 0		10	16 0	
.. Interest ..	32	4 4					32	4 4	
.. Van Expenses ..				6	3 0		6	3 0	
.. Freight ..	7	19 7					7	19 7	
.. General Expenses ..	2	12 10					2	12 10	
.. Insurance ..	1	19 0					1	19 0	
.. Net Profit—Bookroom to Capital Account ..	62	7 2					62	7 2	
	<u>824</u>	<u>19 2</u>	<u>120 10 10</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>10 0</u>				

	Bookroom			Van			Total		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
By Sales ..	1264	16 4		88	16 7		1352	12 11	
.. Stock in hand ..	757	18 7					757	18 7	
.. Loss on Van Trading ..				18	3 1		18	3 1	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>14 11</u>	<u>106 19</u>	<u>8 21</u>	<u>29 14</u>	<u>7</u>			
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
By Gross Profit Bookroom from Trading A/c. ..	343	6 0					343	6 0	
.. Payments for work done ..	338	18 6					338	18 6	
.. Subscriptions ..	142	14 8					142	14 8	
.. Net Loss on Van to Capital Account ..				120	10 10		120	10 10	
	<u>824</u>	<u>19 2</u>	<u>120 10 10</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>10 0</u>				

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 31st December, 1934.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Advance on Mortgage through Duncan Cotterill and Co.	1,600	0	0
Depreciation Account	900	0	0
City Council Rates for 1934	45	13	6
Interest on Mortgage due 13th January, 1935	36	0	0
Excess Assets over Liabilities	2,853	7	4
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	£5,435 0 10		

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Deaconess House Property	5,000	0	0
Furnishings (£400 less Depreciation 10%)	360	0	0
Balance at Bank of N.Z.	75	0	10
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	£5,435 0 10		

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer.

Methodist Deaconess Institution.

14th January, 1935.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1934.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance forward 1st January, 1934						
Unexpended Balance of Special Donation (Miss Holland)	10	0	0			
Amount at Credit of Supernumerary Fund	488	2	0			
Balance at Bank of N.Z.	14	8	2			
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				512	10	2

Conference Grants—

Home Mission Board	75	0	0			
Contingent Fund	75	0	0			
Connexional Insurance Fund	100	0	0			
	<hr/>			250	0	0

Associate Subscriptions	29	7	0			
Donations	12	4	0			
	<hr/>			41	11	0

Rents	58	0	0			
Interest from Supernumerary Fund	10	11	10			
	<hr/>			68	11	10

Contribution to Students' Cost of Training	10	0	0			
Miscellaneous	1	3	1			
	<hr/>			1	3	1

New Loan Advance on Mortgage from Duncan and Cotterill (J. M. Furze Trust)	1600	0	0			
	<hr/>			1600	0	0

Hostel Receipts	462	8	4			
	<hr/>			462	8	4
	<hr/>			£2,946	4	5

Accounts due for Payment—

City Council Rates	45	13	6			
Interest (January 13)	36	0	0			
	<hr/>			£81	13	6

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.
Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
House Accounts		359	18	2				
Salaries		254	13	4				
Students' Uniforms		29	12	7				
Drapery		16	5	7				
Goods, Replacements, etc.		16	7	2				
						676	16	10
Repayment of Loan S.I. Orphanage					2,000	0	0	
Interest		75	0	0				
Arranging New Loan of £1,600 (Fees)		15	9	6				
Insurances		24	17	7				
Rates (Water)		3	11	8				
Telephone		10	10	0				
Bank Charges, Postage, etc.		2	9	0				
						131	17	9
Maintenance, etc.		11	10	6				
Repairs to Roof		23	6	0				
Shelving		4	19	0				
Advertising		8	5	1				
						48	0	7
Periodicals, etc.						4	8	5
On Account Miss Holland						10	0	0
Balance at Bank of N.Z.						75	0	10
						£2,946 4 5		

Audited and found correct.

H. W. HESLOP, Auditor.

C. A. NEWMAN, Treasurer.

January 14th, 1935.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended 17th October, 1934.
TREASURERS: REV. G. FROST, MR. A. LEN. CAUGHEY.

RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
1934—October 17th—					1933—October 17th.				
Balance in hand Peak, K. and N.				13	16	7	By Balance, B.N.Z. Overdraft ..		559 11 11
Revenue—					Revenue—Salaries		1,246	15	2
	Circuit Collections and Subs. ..	701	17	8	Commission	20	10	11	
	Sunday Schools and Y.P. Societies ..	24	7	2	Provisions	686	15	7	
	General Donations	43	15	0	Furnishings	16	10	7	
	City Collections	131	8	0	Drapery, Boots, Repairs ..	60	15	1	
	Maintenance Fees	1,358	14	3	Fuel and Light	160	14	9	
	Discount and Exchange	13	8	2	Seeds and Manure	22	0	4	
	Interest	126	4	5	Printing and Stationery ..	55	14	9	
	Dividends	489	6	7	Medical and Dental	12	18	6	
	Rents	74	18	1	Stamps, Telegrams, Telephone	40	2	8	
	Sale of Stock	3	9	10	Travelling Expenses	13	0	2	
	Refunds, etc.	19	7	3	Interest	179	16	8	
				2,986	Repairs	97	7	2	
				16	Insurance	66	16	11	
				5	Bank Charges and Exchange	2	13	3	
	Capital—				Matron's Petty Cash	58	10	0	
	Bequest—J. Scott	526	6	0	Audit Fee	8	8	0	
	Geo. Winstone	250	0	0	Office Rent	19	12	1	
				776	Rates and Taxes	111	19	8	
				6	Sundry Expenses	9	16	8	
				0	Wesley College Fees	11	0	0	
									2,901 18 11
					Capital—Reduction of Mortgage..				134 9 2
					Balance—Cash in hand ..				3 10 0
					Cash in Bank of New Zealand				177 9 0
									£3,776 19 0
									£3,776 19 0
									£3,776 19 0

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Goods value £53/14/9 have been
 donated per City Collector

£3,776 19 0

£3,776 19 0

Revenue Account.

	1934—October 17th		£	s.	d.		1934—October 17th—		£	s.	d.
21 22	To Expenditure as per above Statement .. ..	..	2,901	18	11		Receipts as per above Statement		2,986	16	5
	„ Depreciation of Furniture .. ..	..	104	0	0		Capital Account—Deficiency		19	2	6
			£3,005 18 11						£3,005 18 11		

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1934.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—Bank of New Zealand ..				105	10	6
„ Endowment and Legacies—						
Interest Cooper Estate	42	19	2			
Interest Skinner Estate	19	5	0			
Interest Gray Estate	37	10	0			
Collections Lyms Cot.	9	0	0			
			—	108	14	2
„ Maintenance—						
Donations	45	10	0			
Collections	223	11	8			
Maintenance Fees	309	3	2			
Grant—The Board of Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowment	450	0	0			
			—	1,028	4	10
				£1,242	9	6

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Staff Salaries and Wages				432	15	10
„ General House Supplies	368	2	6			
„ Lighting and Heating	85	14	2			
„ Drapery, Clothing, Boots	90	0	2			
„ Hospital Fees, Medicine	4	18	9			
„ Printing, Advertising and Telephones	35	1	8			
„ Stamps, Stationery, etc.	10	19	10			
„ Repairs and Renewals	29	13	6			
„ Accident Insurance	1	9	3			
„ Travelling, Expenses and Sundries	22	8	3			
			—	648	8	1
„ Prizes Newcombe Trust				2	0	0
„ Rev. Parsons' Memorial Cot.				9	0	0
„ Balance, Bank of New Zealand				150	5	7
				£1,242	9	6

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME—MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1934.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors				59	16	8
Newcombe Trust Endowment, 31/12/33	2	2	9			
Less Prizes Awarded	2	0	0			
				0	2	9
Balance—Being excess of Assets over Liabilities				455	6	2
				<u>£515</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash Bank of New Zealand				150	5	7
Furnishings, etc.	405	0	0			
Less Depreciation	40	0	0			
				<u>365</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
				<u>£515</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</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, 1934.

ARCH. H. DANIEL }
 F. E. WELLS } Auditors.
 J. COCKER, Treasurer.

Masterton, 7th January, 1935.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Statement Showing Receipts and Payments during the Year Ended 31st December, 1934.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank—1st Jan., 1934			111 8 1	By Balance due to Treas, 1/1/34			0 6 1
„ Petty Cash in Hand			4 2 4	„ Maintenance Account—			
„ Maintenance Account—				Salaries and Wages	610	4	2
Donations and Collections	405	18	10	General House Supplies	514	9	11
Maintenance Fees	844	2	0	Lighting and Heating	115	14	5
Interest:	179	8	4	Draperies, Clothing			
Christchurch Street Collection	259	9	5	and Boots	146	3	3
			1,688 18 7	Less Refunds	3	6	11
„ (Interest Accrued amounting to					142	16	4
£1/6/6 has been added to				Printing, Stationery,			
Deposit Accounts)				Stamps, Audit,			
„ Endowment Account—				Telephone, Ex-			
John Scott Estate	263	3	0	change, Advertis-			
Eliza Slater Estate	51	5	0	ing, etc.	48	5	6
Theresia Wisker Estate	13	10	0	Fire and Accident			
Ellen M. Smith Estate	152	14	0	Insurance	15	15	1
Sara Andrew Estate	10	0	0	Less Refunds	0	10	6
Rev. S. Lawry Estate	50	0	0		15	4	7
Geo. Winstone Estate	250	0	0	Renewals and Repairs	100	1	5
A. Cowie Estate (per Mr. H.				Sundries	21	13	3
de R. Flesher)	50	0	0				
S. W. Worner	100	0	0		1,568	9	7
Anonymous (2)	200	0	0	„ Rates and Taxes			39 19 7
			1,140 12 0	„ Peter Johansen—Assistance at			
„ Withdrawal of Deposits			14,429 14 4	College			5 0 0
„ Sale of Cow			2 10 0	„ Deposits with Supernumerary			
„ Building Subsidy			1,469 10 11	Board			700 0 0

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

„ Loans Repaid	2,400 0 0	„ Withdrawal by Miss Barker of her Interest in the Jones' Trust	21 15 4
„ Receipts at opening of New Home 300 17 1		„ New Home Buildings ..	16,631 14 10
Less Expenses 120 15 4		„ New Home Grounds Improve- ments	488 4 5
	180 1 9	„ New Furnishings	995 15 9
		„ Tennis Courts and Accessories ..	254 0 0
		„ Balance at Bank of New Zealand 711 6 2	
		Less Unpresented Cheque .. 8 10 0	
			702 16 2
		„ Petty Cash in Hand ..	13 8 10
		„ Cash in Hand of Treasurer ..	5 7 5
	<u>£21,426 18 0</u>		<u>£21,426 18 0</u>

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December, 1934.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Permanent Endowment Fund		950	0 0	Freehold Property—				
Maintenance Reserve Account		150	0 0	Old Home and 5				
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		30,659	9 2	Acres Land ..	5,572	17 5		
				Bungalow ..	1,143	18 5		
					<u> </u>		6,716	15 10
				Less Transfer from				
				"Property Re-				
				serve Acct." ..	1,750	0 0		
				Estimated value				
				of portions of				
				Old Home re-				
				moved to New				
				Home Grounds	400	0 0		
				Additional Reserve				
				against loss ..	1,266	15 10		
					<u> </u>		3,416	15 10
								3,300 0 0
				New Home Buildings—				
				Expended to 31st				
				December, 1933	3,233	10 10		
				Expended during				
				year ..	16,631	14 10		
				Estimated value				
				of portions of				
				Old Home re-				
				moved to New				
				Home Grounds				
				and deducted				
				above ..	400	0 0		
					<u> </u>		20,265	5 8
				New Home Grounds				
				—12 Acres, Ex-				
				pended to 31st				
				December, 1933	4,035	11 3		
				Expended during				
				the year ..	488	4 5		
					<u> </u>		4,523	15 8

Statement of Assets and Liabilities—continued.

	New Home Furnishings—			
	Removed from			
	Old Home and			
	Bungalow	324	0	0
	Less Depreciation	32	0	0
		292	0	0
	Purchased during			
	the year ..	995	15	9
			1,287	15
	Tennis Courts and Accessories		254	0
				0
				26,330
				17
				1
	Investments and Deposits—			
	Sundry Deposits ..	1,036	19	8
	Post Office Savings Bank ..	20	0	0
	N.Z. Farmers' Association—			
	Secured Deposit Stock ..	350	0	0
				1,406
				19
				8
	Cash Balances—			
	Petty Cash in Hand ..	13	8	10
	Bank of New Zealand ..	702	16	2
	Balance due by Treasurer ..	5	7	5
				721
				12
				5
		£31,759	9	2
				£31,759
				9
				2

I have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for the year ended 31st December, 1934.

Owing to the fact that the Endowment Account has been almost entirely used for the purchase of grounds and the erection and furnishing of the New Home and is no longer interest bearing it has ceased to exist as such. I have been informed, however, that of the amount originally shown under this heading, £950 was donated on condition that only the Income therefrom should be used, hence interest bearing investments or deposits for this amount must always be included in the assets. The remainder has been transferred to the excess of assets over liabilities.

The Furnishings in the Old Home and Bungalow have been transferred to the New Home and they have been included in the accounts at the same figure as at last balancing date less the usual depreciation. I have accepted the Treasurer's statement as to the existence of this asset. Documentary evidence has been produced supporting the existence of 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, 1934, according to the best of my information and explanations given to me.

Christchurch,
2nd February, 1935.

F. E. TWYFORD, F.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1934.

EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing			955 8 2	Subscriptions	974	11	9
Editors' Honoraria	98	2	6	Less Agents' Commission	49	18	8
Editors' Incidental Expenses	13	15	6				
			<u>111 18 0</u>	Advertisements			924 13 1
Special Expenses—				Interest			164 9 0
Subscriber Campaign, etc.			88 0 7	Nett Loss			32 6 7
Office Expenses—							<u>249 19 9</u>
Authorised Appropriation	170	0	0				
Stationery and General Expenses	46	1	8				
			<u>216 1 8</u>				
			<u>£1,371 8 5</u>				<u>£1,371 8 5</u>

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Christchurch, 28th January, 1935.

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"METHODIST TIMES."
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1934.

	LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Unexpired Values—				
Subscriptions	338	3 2	323	9 10
Advertisements	63	10 8	5	1 9
	401	13 10	318	8 1
Contingent Reserve Account		500 0 0		
Accumulated Funds 31/12/1933 ..	481	8 11	23	5 6
Less Net Loss	249	19 9		
	231	9 2	295	2 7
			51	8 8
			Deposits—	
			Bank of New Zealand	47 15 7
			Post Office Savings Bank ..	7 0 2
			Supernumerary Fund	731 16 0
			786	11 9
	£1,133	3 0	£1,133	3 0

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**RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND
CHILDREN'S FUND, 1935.**

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	After	Children's
		Fund		Exemption	Fund
		Levy 6%		Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland Central ..	1092 0 0	65 10 5	732 0 0	51 4 9
Foreign Mission Dept. ..	275 0 0	16 10 0	175 0 0	12 5 0
Home Mission Dept. ..	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Auckland Social Service				
Mission ..	160 0 0	9 12 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Auckland West ..	400 0 0	24 0 0	240 0 0	16 16 0
" East ..	738 0 0	44 5 8	438 0 0	30 13 0
Trinity Theo. College ..	765 0 0	45 18 0	565 0 0	39 11 0
Auckland Avondale ..	510 0 0	30 12 0	310 0 0	21 14 0
" Devonport ..	180 0 0	10 16 0	80 0 0	5 12 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 ..	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
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 ..	214 10 0	12 17 4	114 10 0	8 0 4
Waiuku ..	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Mahurangi ..	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
" H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Paparoa ..	170 0 0	10 4 0	70 0 0	4 18 0
Dargaville ..	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Ruawai ..	132 10 0	7 19 0	72 10 0	5 1 6
Whangarei ..	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
" H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Whangaroa ..	162 0 0	9 14 4	62 0 0	4 6 9
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 ..	117 0 0	7 0 4		
Mangonui ..	140 0 0	8 8 0	80 0 0	5 12 0
Kakakawa-Ohaeawai				
H.M. Stations—				
Kaukapakapa (2) ..		8 0 0		
Helensville ..		4 0 0		
Hokianga (2) ..		8 0 0		
Bombay-Tuakau ..		4 0 0		
	7716 0 0	494 19 1	4539 0 0	317 16 4

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	232	0 0	13 18	4	132	0 0	9 4	9
Hauraki Plains	140	0 0	8 8	0	80	0 0	5 12	0
Paeroa	200	0 0	12 0	0	100	0 0	7 0	0
Te Aroha	260	0 0	15 12	0	160	0 0	11 4	0
Morrinsville	327	0 0	19 12	4	167	0 0	11 13	9
Cambridge	250	0 0	15 0	0	150	0 0	10 10	0
Hamilton	500	0 0	30 0	0	300	0 0	21 0	0
Hamilton East	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
Matamata	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
Whakatane	160	0 0	9 12	0	100	0 0	7 0	0
Opotiki	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Te Awamutu	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Otorohanga	200	0 0	12 0	0	100	0 0	7 0	0
Te Kuiti	180	0 0	10 16	0	120	0 0	8 8	0
Taumarunui	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
H.M. Stations :—								
Kawhia			4 0	0				
Ngaruawahia			4 0	0				
Waihi			4 0	0				
Te Puke			4 0	0				
Ohura			4 0	0				
Putaruru			4 0	0				
Coromandel			4 0	0				
	4184	0 0	279 0	8	2384	0 0	165 17	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	495	0 0	29 14	0	295	0 0	20 13	0
Waitara	200	0 0	12 0	0	100	0 0	7 0	0
Inglewood	208	6 8	12 10	0	108	6 8	7 12	0
Stratford	225	0 0	13 10	0	125	0 0	8 15	0
Eltham-Kaponga	235	0 0	14 2	0	135	0 0	9 9	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
Marton	200	0 0	12 0	0	100	0 0	7 0	0
Taihape					125	0 0	8 15	0
H.M. Stations :—								
Raetihi-Ohakune			4 0	0				
Gonville			4 0	0				
Patea			4 0	0				
	2688	6 8	181 6	0	1653	6 8	115 15	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 6%	Exemption	Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Napier	430 0 0	25 16 0	270 0 0	18 18 0
Hastings	285 0 0	17 2 0	185 0 0	12 19 0
Gisborne	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Wairoa	120 0 0	7 4 0	60 0 0	4 4 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
Pahiatua	202 10 0	12 3 0	102 10 0	7 3 6
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
„ „ (Cuba St.)	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe ..	230 0 0	13 16 0	130 0 0	9 2 0
Fielding	275 0 0	16 10 0	175 0 0	12 5 0
„ H.M.		4 0 0		
Sanson-Rongotea	234 0 0	14 0 9	134 0 0	9 7 9
H.M. Stations :—				
Waipawa		4 0 0		
Foxton-Shannon		4 0 0		
Apiti		4 0 0		
Norsewood		4 0 0		
	2991 10 0	199 9 9	1671 10 0	124 0 3

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 6%	Exemption	Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington—				
Taranaki Street	660 0 0	39 12 0	460 0 0	32 4 0
Young Peoples 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	420 0 0	25 4 0	260 0 0	18 4 0
Eketahuna	209 0 0	12 10 9	109 0 0	7 12 9
Levin	262 10 0	15 15 0	162 10 0	11 7 6
Otaki	243 15 0	14 12 6	143 15 0	10 1 0
H.M. Stations :—				
Island Bay		4 0 0		
Paraparaumu		4 0 0		
Upper Hutt		4 0 0		
	4972 15 0	314 7 3	3072 15 0	215 1 9

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 6%	Exemption	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
Wakefield-Dovedale	80 0 0	4 16 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Blenheim	500 0 0	30 0 0	300 0 0	21 0 0
Motueka	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Hokitika	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Greymouth	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Westport	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Reefton			125 0 0	8 15 0
H.M. Stations:—				
Havelock		4 0 0		
Murchison		4 0 0		
Granity		4 0 0		
	2055 0 0	135 6 0	1400 0 0	98 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 6%	Exemption	Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch—				
Durham Street	510 0 0	30 12 0	350 0 0	24 10 0
Connexional Secretary	356 5 0	21 7 6	256 5 0	17 18 0
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 18 0	13 3 9	119 18 0	8 8 4
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	507 10 0	30 9 0	307 10 0	21 10 6
Papanui	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Lyttelton	240 0 0	14 8 0	140 0 0	9 16 0
Springston	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Tai Tapu	160 0 0	9 12 0	60 0 0	4 4 0
Leeston	231 5 0	13 17 6	131 5 0	9 3 9
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	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Oxford	190 0 0	11 8 0	90 0 0	6 6 0
H.M. Stations:—				
Hawarden		4 0 0		
Waddington		4 0 0		
	5894 18 0	362 13 9	3484 18 0	244 4 7

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Timaru—								
Bank Street	275	0 0	16	10 0	175	0 0	12	5 0
Woodland Street ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Kensington-Pareora ..	160	0 0	9	12 0	100	0 0	7	0 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	115	0 0	6	18 0	115	0 0	8	1 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 ..	144	0 0	8	12 9	84	0 0	5	17 9
H.M. Station:—								
Mayfield			4	0 0				
	2119	0 0	127	2 9	1299	0 0	90	18 9

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Dunedin—								
Trinity	262	10 0	15	15 0	162	10 0	11	7 6
" H.M.			4	0 0				
Central Mission ..	300	0 0	18	0 0	200	0 0	14	0 0
Dundas Street ..	236	0 0	14	3 3	136	0 0	9	10 4
Cargill Road	347	5 0	20	16 8	187	5 0	13	2 0
St. Kilda	235	0 0	14	2 0	135	0 0	9	9 0
Caversham	220	0 0	13	4 0	120	0 0	8	8 0
Mornington	230	0 0	13	16 0	130	0 0	9	2 0
Roslyn	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Port Chalmers	212	0 0	12	14 4	112	0 0	7	16 9
" H.M.			4	0 0				
Balclutha	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Milton	212	10 0	12	15 0	112	10 0	7	17 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
Invercargill, St. Peters	275	0 0	16	10 0	175	0 0	12	5 0
Bluff	194	0 0	11	12 9	94	0 0	6	12 0
Gore	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Riverton	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
H.M. Stations:—								
Maori Hill			4	0 0				
Waikouaiti-Palmerston			4	0 0				
Mosgiel			4	0 0				
Edendale			4	0 0				
Kaitangata			4	0 0				
Lawrence			4	0 0				
Cromwell			4	0 0				
Otautau-Tuatapere ..			4	0 0				
Nightcaps			4	0 0				
	4119	5 0	287	3 0	2329	5 0	163	2 7

METHODIST HOME MISSION

ESTIMATES INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME.

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland District				1,035	0	0
South Auckland District				560	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District				320	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District				464	0	0
Wellington District				500	0	0
Nelson District				418	0	0
North Canterbury District				769	0	0
South Canterbury District				299	0	0
Otago-Southland District				503	0	0
				4,877	0	0
Properties				1,100	0	0
Investments				1,000	0	0
Special For Social and Religious Work amongst the Maoris:—						
Methodist Women's Missionary Union		7	85	0	0	0
Methodist Y.W.B.C. Movement			160	0	0	0
Wellington Char. and Educ. Trust			360	0	0	0
				1,305	0	0
Miscellaneous				200	0	0
				£8,482	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

	£	s.	d.
Minister—Stipend	190	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Minister—Travelling	60	0	0
Minister—Travelling	60	0	0
13 H.M.'s—Grants for Travel- ling Expenses	200	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	100	0	0
Travelling	20	0	0
To Investment Board	20	0	0
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	£1,215	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Rawene	10	0	0
Kaukapakapa	10	0	0
Silverdale	10	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	20	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

	£	s.	d.
Mahurangi (if two agents)	75	0	0
Northern Wairoa (if second appointment made)	40	0	0
Whangarei (Kamo)	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Bay of Islands	15	0	0
Hikurangi	20	0	0
Mangonui	15	0	0
Paparoa	40	0	0
Whangaroa	30	0	0
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	£305	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend	180	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Minister—Stipend	180	0	0
Travelling	20	0	0

Home Missionary, Te Kuiti,

Rural—

Stipend	50	0	0
Rent	50	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

	£	s.	d.
17 H.M.'s—Grants for Travelling Expenses ..	272	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	135	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	40	0	0
Deaconess Supply Travelling ..	26	0	0
Ngaruawahia (Special) ..	50	0	0
To Investment Board ..	100	0	0
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	£1,523	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	25	0	0
Te Puke ..	35	0	0
Ngaruawahia ..	30	0	0
Ohura (Special Parsonage) ..	10	0	0
Kawhia ..	50	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Hauraki Plains ..	30	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Whakatane ..	15	0	0
Matata ..	40	0	0
Paeroa ..	30	0	0
Tauranga ..	10	0	0
Opotiki ..	40	0	0
Taumarunui ..	75	0	0
Otorohanga ..	25	0	0
Huntly ..	5	0	0
Morrinsville ..	20	0	0
Te Kuiti ..	30	0	0
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	£470	0	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Senior Superintendent—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Rent ..	40	0	0
Minister—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	40	0	0
Rent ..	10	0	0

12 H.M.'s—Grants for Travelling Expenses ..	170	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	26	0	0
To Grey Institute, Rent ..	39	0	0
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	£1,220	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Patea ..	35	0	0
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	10	0	0
Taihape ..	40	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Waitara ..	15	0	0
Inglewood ..	45	0	0
Marton ..	35	0	0
Manafa ..	10	0	0
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	£190	0	0

Special.

Wanganui ..	150	0	0
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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.
Waipawa ..	20	0	0
Foxton-Shannon ..	10	0	0
Apiti ..	5	0	0
Norsewood ..	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Walroa ..	60	0	0
Dannevirke ..	15	0	0
Woodville ..	20	0	0
Pahiatua ..	10	0	0
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	£160	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	45	0	0
Upper Hutt ..	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Eketahuna ..	50	0	0
Greytown-Featherston ..	50	0	0
Otaki ..	30	0	0
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	£195	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ..	40	0	0
Granity ..	45	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Westport ..	15	0	0
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	£100	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden ..	10	0	0
Waddington ..	25	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Addington ..	20	0	0
St. Albans ..	20	0	0
Lytelton ..	15	0	0
Springton ..	10	0	0
Tai Tapu ..	15	0	0
Ohoka ..	15	0	0
Oxford ..	40	0	0
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	£170	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	35	0	0
Temuka (Maori) ..	5	0	0
Rakala-Methven ..	10	0	0
Geraldine ..	20	0	0
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	£70	0	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Nightcaps ..	15	0	0
Waikouaiti ..	10	0	0
Edendale ..	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Port Chalmers ..	45	0	0
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne) ..	20	0	0
Port Chalmers (Maori) ..	10	0	0
Roxburgh ..	15	0	0
Milton ..	30	0	0
Riverton ..	35	0	0
Riverton (Maori) ..	5	0	0
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	£205	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

GENERAL.			General Superintendent.		
Maori Work.			£	s.	d.
Sunday School Material ..	£	s. d.	Stipend	250	0 0
Printing Leaflets ..	10	0 0	House Allowance ..	150	0 0
Evangelistic Missions and Workers' Conference ..	10	0 0	Travelling	100	0 0
Special — South Island Travelling ..	60	0 0		<u>£500</u>	<u>0 0</u>
Deaconess Students ..	50	0 0	Assistant Superintendent.		
Theological Students ..	40	0 0	Stipend, £225; 3 quarters ..	168	15 0
"Methodist Times" ..	20	0 0	Rent, £130; 3 quarters ..	97	10 0
Contingencies ..	5	0 0	Travelling, £100; 3 quarters ..	75	0 0
	50	0 0		<u>£341</u>	<u>5 0</u>
	<u>£245</u>	<u>0 0</u>	Connexional Charges ..	£92	10 0
Miscellaneous.			General Treasurers.		
H.M. Retiring Fund ..	300	0 0	Book-keeping	120	0 0
Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	100	0 0	Incidental Travelling Expenses ..	15	0 0
H.M. Deputation Expenses ..	100	0 0		<u>£135</u>	<u>0 0</u>
Ministerial Supplies ..	200	0 0	Depreciation Account.		
Theological Institution ..	135	0 0	Hudson Car	£100	0 0
Deaconess House ..	75	0 0	Office Expenses.		
Interest and Bank Charges ..	260	0 0	Secretarial	128	0 0
Church Sites Fund ..	50	0 0	Rent	65	0 0
Printing ..	250	0 0	Telephone	28	0 0
Advertising Space, "Methodist Times" ..	12	10 0	Light and Heating ..	10	0 0
Spiritual Advance ..	25	0 0	Postage and Telegrams ..	40	0 0
Contingencies ..	400	0 0		<u>£271</u>	<u>0 0</u>
	<u>£1,907</u>	<u>10 0</u>			

SUMMARY—HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1935.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Circuits	4,877	0 0	Maori	4,203	0 0
Properties	1,100	0 0	General	5,362	5 0
Investments	1,000	0 0		<u>9,565</u>	<u>5 0</u>
Special for Maori Work ..	1,305	0 0			
Miscellaneous	200	0 0			
	8,482	0 0			
Special, to be Raised by Maori Choir ..	500	0 0			
	£8,982	0 0			
Dr. Balance, 1935 ..	3,951	3 11	Dr. Balance, 1934 ..	3,367	18 11
	<u>£12,933</u>	<u>3 11</u>		<u>£12,933</u>	<u>3 11</u>

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for 1934.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. I. LAURENSEN and Mr. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
	Circuits.					
Auckland Central	116	6	5			
Ditto, 1933	1	12	0			
Auckland Social Service Mission	5	7	1			
Auckland West	31	4	9			
Ditto, 1933	1	12	5			
Auckland East	287	3	9			
Ditto, 1933	12	14	6			
Auckland, Avondale	102	7	10			
Ditto, 1933	2	1	3			
Devonport	15	11	0			
Takapuna	35	7	2			
Ditto, 1933	18	19	6			
Birkenhead	47	7	2			
Onehunga	34	1	5			
Otahuhu	48	7	3			
Papakura	15	0	1			
Pukekohe	17	9	8			
Waiuku	29	16	9			
Mahurangi	24	11	11			
Paparoa	31	10	0			
Northern Wairoa	30	5	0			
Ruawai	17	13	4			
Whangarei	36	16	8			
Whangaroa	16	18	0			
Bay of Islands	19	12	5			
Port Albert	18	12	9			
Hikurangi	17	15	10			
Mangonui	25	2	2			
Maori Missions	43	18	9			

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa	16	5	10			
Helensville	11	10	5			
Hokianga						
Rawene	19	19	3			
Kohukohu	24	10	9			
Ohaeawai	14	9	6			
	<hr/>			1,192	27	7

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	Circuits.		
Thames	54	19	11
Te Aroha	54	17	2
Ditto, 1933	1	10	0
Morrinsville	56	17	5
Paeroa	13	0	9
Cambridge	63	0	0
Hamilton	66	15	4
Ditto, 1933	6	5	7
Hamilton East	35	15	9
Rotorua	14	10	8
Ditto, 1933	0	10	0
Tauranga	25	2	5
Opotiki	10	8	0
Taumarunui	12	4	1
Te Awamutu	43	3	5
Ditto, 1933	3	18	0

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Auckland	1,225	0	0			
Waikato - King Country	1,454	0	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	1,229	0	0			
South Island	50	0	0			
	<hr/>			3,958	0	0
				Special.		
Deaconess Students	40	0	0			
Sunday School Materials	10	0	0			
Printing Leaflets	10	0	0			
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0			
Evangelistic Missions	60	0	0			
Grant—Ngaruawahia	50	0	0			
Theological Student	20	0	0			
	<hr/>			195	0	0
				<hr/>		
				£4,153	0	0

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Hokianga (Rawene)	10	0	0
Kaukapakapa	26	5	0
Kaukapakapa (Special)	5	0	0
Silverdale (1 qr.)	5	0	0
Ohaeawai	10	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Whangarei	23	15	0
Mahurangi	70	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Auckland S.S. Mission (1 qr.)	10	0	0
Devonport	32	10	0
Paparoa	35	0	0
Ruawai	13	15	0
Whangaroa	11	5	0
Bay of Islands	15	0	0
Mangonui	15	0	0
Ditto, Special	20	0	0
Port Albert (1 qr.)	8	15	0
Otahuhu (1 qr.)	5	0	0
Northern Wairoa (1 qr.)	8	15	0
Ditto, Special	25	0	0
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			350 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel	32	10	0
Ditto, Special	10	0	0
Te Puke	30	0	0
Ngaruawahia	30	0	0
Kawhia, Special	100	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 24th January, 1935.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s.	£	s.	d.
Matamata ..	25	11			
Ditto, 1933 ..	1	0			
Huntly ..	8	9			
Ditto, 1933 ..	1	0			
Whakatane ..	17	14			
Otorohanga ..	29	14			
Hauraki Plains ..	7	12			
Te Kuiti ..	13	5			
Maori Missions ..	79	10			
Home Mission Stations.					
Ngaruawahia ..	6	10			
Waihi ..	27	0			
Te Puke ..	8	5			
Ohura ..	10	12			
Putaruru ..	14	16			
Coromandel ..	6	16			
			719	5	11
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.					
Circuits.					
New Plymouth ..	64	19	11		
Waitara ..	11	5	11		
Ditto, 1933 ..	18	17	7		
Inglewood ..	2	6	1		
Stratford ..	34	9	10		
Eltham-Kaponga ..	12	18	6		
Hawera ..	28	2	6		
Manala ..	13	13	10		
Opunake ..	28	19	6		
Wanganui ..	52	12	0		
Wanganui North ..	10	16	10		
Marton ..	11	15	10		
Maori Missions ..	34	10	0		
Home Mission Stations.					
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	18	1	8		
Taihape ..	5	11	3		
Gonville ..	16	1	0		
Patea ..	12	1	0		
			377	3	3
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.					
Circuits.					
Napier ..	67	5	2		
Hastings ..	26	16	9		
Ditto, 1933 ..	50	15	4		
Gisborne ..	12	2	0		
Waioa ..	9	1	0		
Dannevirke ..	5	19	10		
Woodville ..	10	11	7		
Pahiatua ..	18	16	5		
Palmerston North—					
St. Paul's ..	75	10	5		
Cuba Street ..	37	10	9		
Ashhurst-Bun-					
thorpe ..	12	9	6		
Feilding ..	103	15	4		
Ditto, 1933 ..	1	16	0		
Sanson-Rongotea ..	17	0	6		
Ditto, 1933 ..	0	10	0		
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.					
Home Mission Stations.					
Patea ..	42	10	0		
Gonville ..	15	0	0		
Raetihi ..	12	10	0		
Ditto, Special ..	50	0	0		
Taihape ..	15	0	0		
Circuits with Home Missionaries.					
Wanganui North					
(1 qr.) ..	12	10	0		
Waitara ..	35	0	0		
Aided Circuits.					
Wanganui,					
Special/ ..	150	0	0		
Inglewood ..	45	0	0		
Marton ..	40	0	0		
Manala ..	15	0	0		
Kaponga (1 qr.) ..	15	0	0		
			447	10	0
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.					
Home Mission Stations.					
Norsewood ..	20	0	0		
Waipawa ..	35	0	0		
Foxton (1 qr.) ..	2	10	0		
Aided Circuits.					
Napier (Green					
Meadows) ..	25	0	0		
Waioa ..	57	10	0		
Woodville ..	18	15	0		
Pahiatua ..	21	5	0		
Dannevirke ..	26	5	0		
Ashhurst (1 qr.) ..	2	10	0		
			208	15	0
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.					
Home Mission Stations.					
Paraparaumu ..	41	5	0		
Upper Hutt ..	31	5	0		
Island Bay (1					
qr.) ..	12	10	0		

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HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for 1934—Continued.

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Home Mission Stations.			
Waipawa ..	8	0	5
Foxton-Shannon ..	3	16	2
Apti ..	8	4	9
Norsewood ..	11	6	6
	481	8	5

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
Taranaki Street ..	78	19	1
Thorndon ..	56	14	7
Wellington South ..	7	16	8
Ditto, 1933 ..	2	10	0
Wellington East ..	60	0	1
Johnsonville- Ngalo ..	52	1	0
Ditto, 1933 ..	0	7	0
Hutt ..	59	1	4
Petone ..	4	12	10
Ditto, 1933 ..	4	6	0
Greytown ..	12	6	1
Carterton ..	21	18	2
Masterton ..	73	14	7
Eketahuna ..	18	18	2
Levin ..	46	0	6
Otaki ..	14	13	0

Home Mission Stations.			
Island Bay ..	2	13	1
Paraparaumu ..	6	0	0
Upper Hutt ..	5	5	0
	527	17	2

NELSON DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
Nelson ..	151	18	7
Richmond ..	31	16	9
Wakefield-Dove- dale ..	18	17	6
Blenheim ..	119	5	8
Motueka ..	40	5	10
Hokitika ..	20	17	0
Greymouth ..	26	18	4
Westport	11	9	10

Home Mission Stations.			
Havelock ..	8	2	8
Murchison ..	9	8	9
Reefton ..	30	0	0
Granity ..	18	2	3
	487	3	2

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
Durham Street ..	85	18	10
Christchurch East ..	178	5	11
Cambridge Ter- race ..	14	15	10
Woolston ..	55	16	1
Sydenham ..	27	11	0
Addington ..	59	14	7

EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.
Aided Circuits.			
Thorndon ..	16	5	0
Greytown- Featherston ..	65	0	0
Eketahuna ..	53	15	0
Otaki ..	36	5	0
Johnsonville (1 qr.) ..	3	15	0
Masterton ..	15	0	0
	275	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Murchison ..	16	5	0
Granity ..	47	10	0
Havelock ..	22	10	0
Aided Circuits.			
Westport ..	26	5	0
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0
Hokitika ..	17	10	0
	140	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Hawarden ..	10	0	0
Waddington ..	25	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Papanui ..	31	5	0
Aided Circuits.			
Lytelton ..	20	0	0
Springston ..	15	0	0
Tal Tapu ..	20	0	0
Ohoka ..	15	0	0
Greendale ..	22	10	0
Oxford ..	40	0	0
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0
St. Albans ..	17	10	0
Sydenham (1 qr.) ..	3	15	0
Addington (Lincoln Rd.) ..	18	15	0
	248	15	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			
Aided Circuits.			
Temuka ..	20	0	0
Ditto, (Maori) ..	6	5	0
Rakaia-Methven ..	21	5	0
	47	10	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.			
Home Mission Stations.			
Otautau ..	11	5	0
Cromwell ..	11	5	0
Waikouaiti ..	10	0	0
Nightcaps ..	21	5	0
Kaitangata ..	18	15	0
Ditto, Special ..	11	3	1
Mosgiel (1 qr.) ..	20	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for 1934—Continued.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Riccarton ..	26	0 9			
St. Albans ..	45	6 9			
Ditto, 1933..	3	5 6			
Papanui ..	46	15 0			
Lyttelton ..	19	0 0			
Springston ..	20	13 5			
Tai Tapu ..	13	14 8			
Leeston ..	34	8 0			
Kaipoi ..	83	10 6			
Ohoka ..	24	15 0			
Ditto, 1933..	3	9 0			
Rangiora ..	42	11 9			
Woodend-Sefton ..	9	16 0			
Greendale ..	22	9 9			
Oxford ..	12	7 7			
Home Mission Stations.					
Hawarden ..	8	10 2			
Waddington ..	10	2 11			
			848	19 0	
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.					
Circuits.					
Timaru ..	81	8 5			
Waimate ..	41	8 1			
Temuka ..	30	16 8			
Geraldine ..	21	18 8			
Ashburton ..	108	18 6			
Willowby ..	19	1 0			
Ōamaru ..	35	16 0			
Rakaia-Methven	12	7 10			
Home Mission Station.					
Mayfield ..	2	14 0			
			354	9 2	
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.					
Circuits.					
Dunedin Trinity	72	18 10			
Central Mission	34	3 6			
Dundas Street ..	19	1 0			
Cargill Road ..	30	19 3			
Ditto, 1933..	5	0 0			
St. Kilda ..	26	6 10			
Caversham ..	22	9 6			
Mornington, plus £5 ..	24	16 9			
Roslyn ..	16	10 4			
Ditto, 1933 ..	2	0 0			
Port Chalmers..	30	8 9			
Balclutha ..	18	10 5			
Milton ..	23	9 1			
Roxburgh ..	20	11 9			
Invercargill—					
Central ..	84	6 8			
St. Peters ..	44	8 7			
Bluff ..	11	16 9			
Gore ..	42	8 6			
Riverton ..	16	17 0			
Home Mission Stations.					
Maori Hill ..	7	18 8			
Waikouaiti ..	14	13 6			
Mosgiel ..	7	9 3			
Cargill Rd. (St. Clair)	17	10 0			
Port Chalmers..	52	10 0			
Ditto (Ravensbourne)	27	10 0			
Ditto (Maori)	10	0 0			
Roxburgh ..	25	0 0			
Milton ..	36	5 0			
Riverton ..	36	5 0			
Ditto (Maori)	3	15 0			
Roslyn (1 qr.)..	3	15 0			
Balclutha (1 qr.)	6	5 0			
Bluff (1 qr.) ..	2	10 0			
Caversham (1 qr.)	17	10 0			
			342	8 1	
CIRCUITS ..			£2,601	3 1	
GENERAL.					
General Superintendent—					
Stipend ..	250	0 0			
House Allowance	143	15 0			
Travelling ..	143	6 0			
Treasurer, Incidental Expenses	11	5 0			
			548	6 0	
Connexional Charges			52	8 8	
Office.					
Rent ..	63	3 0			
Telephones (including F.M.)	21	6 6			
Electric Power and Lighting (see refunds)	22	12 7			
Book-keeping ..	120	0 0			
Secretarial Work	128	0 0			
			355	2 1	
Printing and Stationery.					
Annual Reports	46	17 3			
Leaflets, Promise Cards, Deputation, Printing, Adv., etc.	319	11 0			
Other Printing and Stationery	52	18 9			
			419	7 0	
Postages and Telegrams ..	79	10 1			
Code, P & T... ..	2	0 0			
			81	10 1	
Interest, etc.					
Interest on overdraft ..	222	5 8			
Cheque Books and Bank Charges	3	0 0			
Exchange, etc ..	20	0 0			
			245	5 8	
Deputation Expenses ..			146	1 1	

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24th JANUARY, 1935.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. I. LAURENSEN AND MR. F. PENN.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Capital Account Awaiting Investment, 22/1/34 ..				2,268	9	7
"	Cash on Account Capital—						
	G. H. Ward ..	50	0	0			
	Ellen Smith ..	5	0	0			
	Rev. S. Lawry ..	50	0	0			
	G. Winstone ..	1,000	0	0			
	G. Sowerby ..	23	0	0			
	J. Sheat ..	2	18	9			
	Anon ..	50	0	0			
	Jabez Allot ..	50	0	0			
	Te Kuiti Parsonage ..	440	0	0			
	Dunedin Drainage ..	100	0	0			
	Christchurch Gas Co. ..	300	0	0			
	Car Replacement ..	100	0	0			
	Car Replacement, Interest..	5	0	0			
	Furniture Replacement ..	20	0	0			
	Furniture Replacement, Interest ..	1	0	0			
					2,196	18	9
"	Interest, etc., Received on Account H.M. Fund Int. on Capital Awaiting Investment ..	141	19	2			
"	Interest on—						
	Auckland Investments ..	692	15	5			
	Wake Estate ..	204	17	6			
	Account Canterbury Investment (Inscribed Stock)..	32	3	6			
	Canterbury Direct, on Account Debentures ..	13	9	0			
	H.M. Parsonages ..	67	14	0			
					1,152	18	7
"	Memorials—						
	Mrs. Ann Carvell, 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. R. Parker				
Blenheim	5	0	0	
Mr. Frank O. White, Blenheim	5	0	0	
Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim	5	0	0	
Rev. and Mrs. Baumber, Christchurch	5	0	0	
Mr. J. A. Smith, See Mornington Circuit	5	0	0	
				65 0 0
Interest on Account Mission Property	201	13	0	
				201 13 0
				<u>£5,884 19 11</u>

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METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT JANUARY 24th, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Legacies and Memorial Gifts							By Loans on Mortgage				11,375	0	0
as at 24/1/34	21,392	12	3				Debentures (Excluding Canterbury Investment)				225	0	0
Car Replacement	100	0	0				Government Inscribed Stock (Excluding Canterbury Investment)				2,550	0	0
Furniture Replacement	20	0	0				Properties				5,005	2	8
				21,512	12	3	Lodged with Wesley T. College				350	0	0
.. New Capital Received During Year—							Canterbury Investment, Inscribed Stock				800	0	0
Legacies—							.. Capital Awaiting Investment—						
G. H. Ward	50	0	0				Canterbury Debentures,						
Ellen Smith	5	0	0				Matured	300	0	0			
S. Lawry	50	0	0				General	2,018	8	4			
G. Winstone	1,000	0	0				Te Kuiti Mission Furniture	41	0	0			
G. Sowerby	23	0	0				Car Replacement	205	0	0			
J. Sheat	2	18	9								2,564	8	4
Anon	50	0	0										
Jabez Allot	50	0	0										
.. Replacement—													
Car Replacement	100	0	0										
Furniture Replacement	20	0	0										
Interest on Replacement	6	0	0										
				1,356	18	9							
				<u>£22,869</u>	11	0					<u>£22,869</u>	11	0

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.

6th February, 1935.

T. L. HAMES } Hon. Auditors.
P. BELLOW }

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15th, 1935.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. FROST and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1934			0 15 7	By Payments H.M. Fund	250	0	0
" Rents—				" Office Rent	8	10	6
Kaeo	52	0	0	" Rates	29	4	10
Newark	25	0	0	" Water Rights	9	19	6
Mangungu	0	10	0	" Bank Charges	1	4	0
Mangawhare	36	11	0	" Stamps, etc.	1	13	0
			114 1 0	" Cr. Balance			310 11 10
" From Loan on Mortgage	201	13	0				27 17 9
" From Fixed Deposit W.T.C. ...	12	0	0				
			213 13 0				
			£328 9 7				£328 9 7

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.	
	£	s. d.
NIL.	By Mortgages	11,500 0 0
	" Properties	4,471 16 8
	" Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.	300 0 0
	" Credit, Bank of New Zealand	27 17 9
		£16,299 14 5

6th February, 1935.

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES }
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