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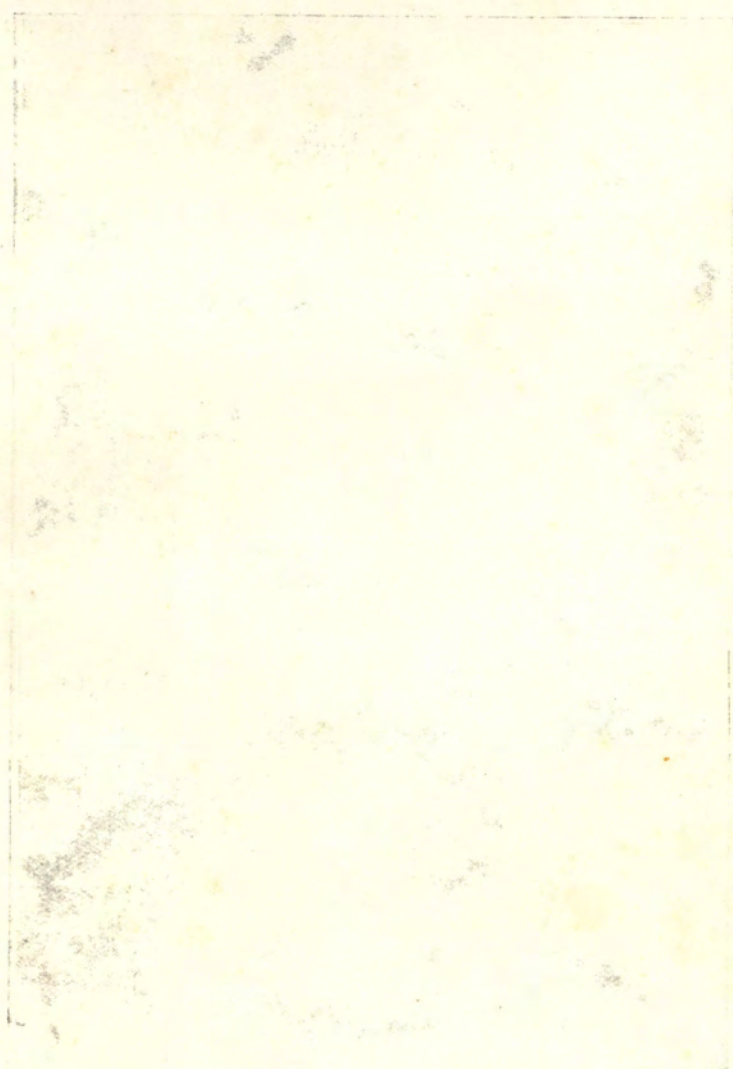
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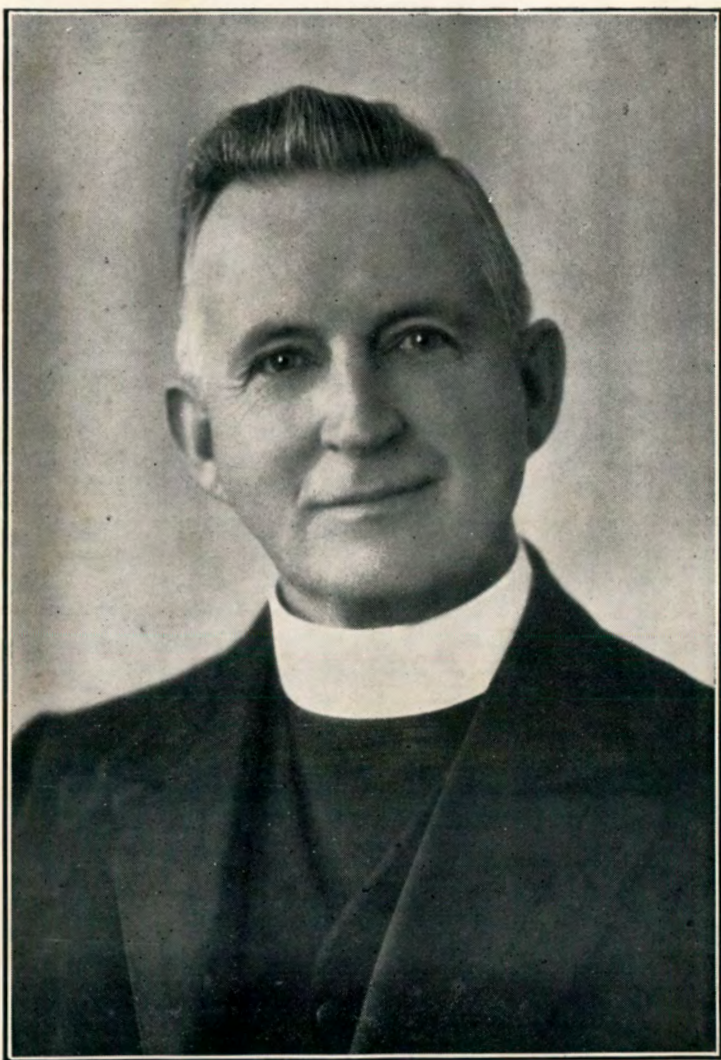
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference,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

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

A Scheme of Annual and General Conferences was determined by the Australasian Conference of 1873.

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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The Session was opened by the Rev. E. Percy Blamires, Retiring President, after which the Rev. Fred. Copeland was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Henry Robert French was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. Richard Hampton, retiring Vice-President.

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

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Auckland Central Mission	M. Souster
Auckland West	Mrs. G. Smith
Auckland East	J. Tyler
Auckland East	W. Ambury
"	A. Williams

Auckland District—continued.

Auckland (Avondale)	..	..	..	A. C. Marshall
Auckland "	..	..	..	T. W. Hemer
Auckland (Devonport)	..	..	..	A. W. Parker
Auckland (Takapuna)	..	..	..	Mrs. Teasdale
Auckland (Birkenhead)	..	..	..	A. Wilson
Onehunga	..	..	..	C. E. Goode
Otahuhu	..	..	..	E. H. Burton
Papakura	..	..	..	Mrs. A. C. A. Sexton
Pukekohe	..	..	..	P. T. Field
Waiuku	..	..	..	A. Oldfield
Mahurangi	..	..	..	Mrs. Rennie
Paparoa ..	..	..	..	E. Fenwick
Dargaville	..	..	..	C. N. Taylor
Ruawai ..	..	..	..	W. Simpkin
Whangarei	..	..	..
Whangaroa	..	..	..	J. W. Hayes*
Bay of Islands	..	..	..
Port Albert	..	..	..	H. Neal
Hikurangi				
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai				
Mangonui				

South Auckland District.

Thames ..	..	..	..	Miss D. Gleeson
Hauraki Plains	..	..	..	C. W. Schultz
Paeroa ..	..	..	..
Te Aroha	..	..	..	P. Trebilco
Waihi ..	..	..	..	F. Paltridge
Morrinsville	..	..	..	P. Rushton
Cambridge	..	..	..	M. Butler*
Hamilton	..	..	..	W. B. L. Williams
Hamilton	..	..	..	J. C. Tietjens
Hamilton East	..	..	..	J. T. Bryant
Ngaruawahia	..	..	..	A. L. Witheford
Huntly ..	..	..	..	Mrs. T. Reekie
Matamata	..	..	..	J. F. Vosper
Putaruru	..	..	..
Rotorua ..	..	..	..	W. A. F. Goddard
Tauranga	..	..	..	E. Austen
Whakatane	..	..	..
Opotiki ..	..	..	..
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	H. Raine
Otorohanga	E. W. Tozer
Te Kuiti	
Taumarunui	G. W. Sherson

Taranaki Wanganui District.

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New Plymouth	A. E. Berry
Waitara	
Inglewood	A. J. Reeve
Stratford	
Eltham-Kaponga	J. Cocker
Hawera ..	..	..	..	S. J. Bennett
Manaia ..	..	..	..	D. J. Blair
Opunake ..	..	..	..	T. P. Hughson, senr.*
Wanganui	..	..	..	F. Webb Jones
Wanganui North	..	..	..	Mrs. J. W. Parker
Marton ..	..	..	..	F. W. Pearce
Taihape ..	..	..	..

Hawke's Bay Manawatu District.

Napier	Miss D. Collister
Hastings	H. R. French
Gisborne	
Wairoa	
Dannevirke	
Woodville	J. A. Phelan
Pahiatua	A. J. Patchett
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Palmerston North (Cuba Street) ..	A. H. Fisher
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Feilding	C. J. Hart
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Wellington Central	L. J. Clark
"	Miss Hodder
Wellington (Thorndon)	Mrs. H. Payne
"	
Wellington South	H. Smith*
Wellington East	W. F. Stock
Johnsonville-Ngaio	F. Shepherd
Hutt	J. M. Thompson
Petone	F. Lockwood
Greytown-Featherston	
Carterton	J. A. Ordish
Masterton	W. McDonald
Eketahuna	
Levin	H. Sorenson
Otaki	W. J. Willis

Nelson District.

Nelson	A. A. Lucas
Richmond	J. Jordan*
Wakefield-Dovedale	Mrs. G. Nuttall*
Motueka	C. S. Cresswell*
Blenheim	F. H. Southgate
"	Miss E. J. Avery
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North Canterbury District.

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"	Wm. C. Francis
"	R. Pepperell
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Christchurch (Woolston)	A. Holden
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"	A. Williams, J.P.
Christchurch (Papanui)	
Lyttelton	C. H. Virtue
Springston	

North Canterbury District—*continued.*

Tai Tapu	W. H. Marshall
Leeston	S. W. Worner
Kaiapoi	Mrs. J. H. Blackwell
Ohoka	
Rangiora	C. S. Ayers
Woodend-Sefton	
Greendale	
Oxford	L. Watson*

South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	H. H. Brown
Timaru (Woodland Street)	
Timaru South	
Waimate	Mrs. K. Kippenberger
Temuka	H. Oldham
Geraldine	P. Davis*
Ashburton	Miss E. A. Watson*
Willowby	G. H. B. Lill*
Oamaru	Mrs. H. Grocott
Rakaia-Methven	

Otago Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	Miss Adams
Dunedin Central Mission	H. F. Pellett
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	J. T. Barclay
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	
Dunedin (Caversham)	Mrs. James*
Dunedin (Mornington)	Mrs. G. Davidson
Dunedin (Roslyn)	
Port Chalmers	G. Crosbie
Balclutha	
Milton	
Roxburgh	Miss B. Watson*
Invercargill (Central)	A. Noble*
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	
Bluff	
Gore	
Riverton	Mrs. W. Parker

Solomon Islands District.

J. E. Astley.

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"	H. Whitfield
Foreign Mission Department	T. L. Hames
Youth Department	N. R. Seddon
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Waikato	{ Te Uira Tuteao
Auckland	Sister Nicholls
	Sister Marie Ellison

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

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

Who have travelled four years.

Passed with honours: Bernard M. Chrystall.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

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

Who have travelled three years.

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

Who have travelled two years.

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

Who have travelled one year.

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

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

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

Leslie C. Clements
Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
Ernest S. Hoddinott
William R. Laws
Ashleigh K. Petch
John Silvester
J. C. Aldwyn Williams

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

John D. Collister, M.Sc.
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
James Stanley Waite
John K. Watson

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

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

John B. Dawson
Haddon C. Dixon
Leslie R. M. Gilmore
Lawrence Greenslade
Leslie A. D. Hayman

Maharaia Winiata (From President's list of Reserve)
Harold K. Brown is received for training and is placed on the President's
List of Reserve.

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

Paul Havea, having been received by the Tongan Conference into Full
Connexion, is now given the same status in the Solomon Islands
District under the New Zealand Conference, the Chairman of the
Solomon Islands District to arrange for his Ordination.

Naphtali Fotu, is due for Ordination, and is recommended to the Tongan
Conference for Ordination.

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

Belshazzar Gina
who has travelled six years.
Aaron Kotosoma
who has travelled four years.
Nathan Kera
Usaia Sotutu
who have travelled three years.

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?

SECOND YEAR: A. P. Dorrian.

FIRST YEAR: W. H. Gregory.

P. Johansen.

W. J. Trusttum.

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

Joseph H. Simmonds

William J. Williams

Charles H. Standage

John Harris

Robert Tahupotiki Haddon

Davis Wilcox

George H. Bridgman (Home Missionary)

Joseph Henry Simmonds.—Joseph Henry Simmonds was the last of a band of notable Ministers who entered the old Wesleyan Ministry in the 'Sixties and early 'Seventies of the last century. Commencing his Ministry as far back as 1869, he served the church for fifty-four years in the active work with distinction and ability until his retirement in 1923. At the outset of his Ministry, he engaged for three years in Missionary work in Fiji. Returning to the Home work, for a period of twenty-one years he served in several important Circuits, both town and country, in various parts of the Dominion, being specially noted for his fresh and scholarly presentation of the Gospel. His was distinctly a teaching Ministry. He specially delighted to assist young men who were preparing for the work of the Christian Ministry.

For fifteen years he was Governor of the Theological College from 1896 to 1911. The students who were in residence at Prince Albert College and elsewhere during those years held him in high regard for his personal worth, fine Christian spirit, wise understanding of student life and the stimulus which he gave to their thinking. For twenty-eight years he was Principal of Wesley Training College. It was chiefly through his instrumentality that the splendid site at Paerata was selected and purchased and the College buildings erected. To him also belongs the credit of formulating the scheme to blend Native and European boys in a Secondary School. The College at Paerata remains as a splendid memorial to his fidelity and energy and will long continue to bless the youth of the Dominion, especially its Native population. In 1895 he was elected President of the Conference.

For several years he served as a member of the Auckland University Council and in various ways served a wider public. He made exceedingly valuable contributions to Afforestation. His book "Trees From Other Lands, Eucalyptus in New Zealand," has become a standard work. He contributed several articles to "The Journal of Agriculture" and other periodicals. He retired from the active work in 1923 and during a long and quiet eventide he read widely and thought deeply on philosophic and scientific as well as theological questions.

Then, with undisturbed faith and confidence in an ever loving God and Saviour, on June 30th, 1936, at the advanced age of 91, he passed peacefully away.

He was a man of kindly spirit, unselfish life, high ideals and noble character whose work and influence will abide through many years.

William J. Williams.—The Rev. W. J. Williams, who passed away at Auckland on May 11th, 1936, was the last remaining of a succession of able and devoted men who, after training for the ministry in England, came to New Zealand and entered the service of the Church. He was born in Cornwall and received his theological education at Richmond College. He brought overseas an ardent pride in Methodism, an understanding of its characteristic message and spirit, and a broad sympathy with progressive movements within the Church, which gave him from the commencement of his ministry a place of distinction and influence among us. He specially took rank as one of our ablest preachers and the list of important circuits to which he was appointed is a tribute to his ability. His competence in the conduct of Connexional affairs is indicated by the fact that he was at times Chairman of the Canterbury, Nelson, Wellington and South Canterbury Districts; that on two occasions he was elected Secretary of the Conference, and that he attained the Presidential Chair in 1888 after eighteen years of service. For three years he filled the responsible position of Principal of the Theological College, then located at Three Kings, and as Editor of the Connexional paper, an office which he held with the greatest distinction for many years, he exerted a wide and valuable influence in the affairs of the Church.

He arrived in New Zealand in 1870, and the earlier part of his active ministry coincided with what may be called the formative years of our New Zealand Church, when its constitution was taking shape and differentiating itself, in important particulars, from that of the Australian Methodism with which we were then closely connected. The movement for a separate and self-governing Conference, extended from 1881 to 1910 in which year it attained success. Far-reaching amendments to the constitution, affecting the status of laymen and the working of the itinerant system, were advocated; the Connexional Secretary's office, with its efficiency and influence upon the temporalities of the Church, was established; and Methodist Union was consummated in two stages, first between the Wesleyan, Free Methodist and Bible Christian Churches in 1896 and later between this United Body and the Primitive Methodist Church in 1913. These great enterprises were not carried into effect without prolonged discussion and patient surmounting of grave difficulties. During many of these years Mr. Williams occupied the editorial chair and he cast the whole weight of his powerful influence in favour of constitutional reform and liberal advancement. There was not a single such movement which he did not advocate with remarkable information and power, and that not only with his pen but in debate in the courts of the Church. It was this intimate acquaintance with the development of our polity and organisation, and his interest in the history of the Church that led to his selection as the author of the Centenary History of New Zealand Methodism.

So keen and active a mind could not limit itself to purely denominational affairs. He stood among the stalwarts who advocated Temperance Reform and no righteous cause in the land was denied his advocacy and support. He had further the aptitudes and outlook of a publicist, keeping himself well informed by wide and discriminating reading, and maintaining his interest to the last in world movements and the tendencies of modern thought. This it may well have been that kindled the mind of his brilliant son, Dr. Harold Williams, who achieved an international reputation, and whose Life-Story, published but a few months before his father's death, brought rare joy to his last days.

Mr. Williams became a supernumerary in 1914, after an active ministry of forty-four years. His long eventide was gladdened by the esteem and secure affection of his brethren and by the grateful recogni-

tion of the Church he had so ably served. He was called to his reward in his ninetieth year and his works do follow him. To us and to the Church there is left the memory of a faithful and Christlike life which those who knew him best will cherish to the last.

Charles H. Standage was born in 1848 at Cambletown, Tasmania, where his father Mr. C. O. Standage was schoolmaster.

After a number of years in business he felt a definite call to the ministry and after training at Horton College, Ross, he was appointed as a probationer at Stanley and Fingall each for two years. He was ordained in 1879 by the Rev. Spencer Williams and then decided to come to New Zealand where he laboured diligently for thirty-six years in many important Circuits. In 1915, he became a Supernumerary and after a quiet eventide, on June 8th, 1936, he passed peacefully away to his reward.

Of a gentle and unassuming disposition, greatly beloved by his brother ministers and by all to whom he ministered he fulfilled a gracious and faithful ministry the fruits of which still abide.

John Harris.—After much suffering, borne with wonderful patience and cheerfulness, John Harris passed to his reward on August 27th, 1936, leaving behind him a gracious memory of loving personality and wonderful friendship. He 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 was not able to proceed to his heart's desire.

Afterwards he married and came to New South Wales in 1894 and New Zealand in 1901. The following year he was persuaded by Rev. J. Nixon to take up work for the Primitive Methodist Church, and three years later he was received into the Ministry. There followed 26 years of service spent chiefly in Canterbury. While at Cambridge Terrace he gave six years as Hon. Secretary to the Board of the South Island Orphanage. He was also elected Secretary of the North Canterbury Synod, and Convener of Conference Public Questions Committee. Then serious illness made it necessary for him to have two years superannuation. Partially restored by rest he was appointed to the Woolston Circuit where he spent two years of fruitful service. Another breakdown made it imperative that he apply for permanent superannuation.

During the remaining months he gradually weakened but remained to the end his old bright self, never complaining. His many friends who came to see him were impressed with his bright faith and courage. He was a good preacher, a devoted pastor, and a loyal friend.

Robert Tahupotiki Haddon was received by the Conference of 1898 as a student for the Native Ministry and for two years underwent training at Three Kings College. He was admitted on probation in 1900 and was ordained at the Auckland Conference of 1904. He was the son of a Scottish pioneer and a Maori chieftainess. Like most half-castes, he leaned chiefly to his Maori people and, being of high lineage, took his place as a chief amongst them. His mother had had the great privilege of training in the homes of some of our early Missionaries and after her marriage sustained a high standard of domestic and social activities, but was ever the Maori chieftainess and trained her children to adhere to the highest Maori culture. She passed away while Tahupotiki was still in his teens, but he followed in her footsteps and assumed heavy responsibility with regard to the training of the younger members of the family.

Later he was drawn into association at Parihaka and elsewhere with the leading Tohangas of that period and, being one of the leading descendants of the great chief, Titokowaru, he was taken through a course of study in Maori mystic law. But through all these experiences the Christian teaching he had received from his mother proved to be the greatest influence in his life and his anchor held firmly though many storms swept over him. In early manhood, he came under the influence of the Rev. T. G. Hammond and Mr. John Nicholls and under the guidance of these men of God he early took a definite stand for Christ and the Church and was led to offer himself as a candidate for the Ministry. After an all too brief course of training at Three Kings College, he returned to assist Rev. T. G. Hammond in what seemed then an almost impossible task—to re-open the door for Gospel work amongst the Taranaki tribes who had been so greatly embittered through the confiscation of their lands.

His career as a Minister has been a successful and distinguished one. He quickly became one of the most outstanding orators in the Dominion amongst both Europeans and Maoris. All through the years of his ministry, he emphasised the evangelistic note.

Mr. Tahupotiki Haddon has for 35 years been recognised as the leading temperance reformer amongst the Maori people and he either himself initiated, or associated in the initiation, of the most valuable temperance legislation that has been enacted for the safeguarding of the welfare of his race.

By the death of Mr. Haddon, the Maori race has lost one of its greatest leaders, and the Europeans of this land a great personality and a true friend. Mr. Haddon adorned the Native Ministry. He worthily sustained the noble traditions of an earlier generation of workers and was an unfailing source of inspiration to those who, in this generation, have striven to exercise among the Maoris a ministry of grace and power, rich in converting influence.

Davis Pou Wilcox was a direct descendant of the first convert won by our Mission in the Waima District, Hokianga—Mohi Tawhai, the paramount chief of that area and whose name will ever live in New Zealand history as the Honourable Mohi Tawhai, the first Maori chief called to advise Her Majesty's Government.

Mr. Pou Wilcox was educated in the Native Village School and at Three Kings College, later settling down among his people as a practical farmer. Toward middle life, he experienced spiritual awakening during a series of special services that had been organised by our Mission in North Auckland, and was led to offer his services for the work of the Native Ministry. The Rev. Wm. Gittos brought his name before the Auckland Synod of 1910 and he was sent on to the following Conference where he was unanimously accepted as a Probationer.

Physical infirmities necessitated semi-retirement in 1930, but returning to his old home at Waikare he continued ministering to the people of that area until his death.

Mr. Wilcox was thoughtful and spiritually minded. His sermons were of more than average merit and he was greatly loved by his parishioners. During the years of his ministry, he was called upon to attempt many difficult tasks and to combat pernicious and destructive influences. He faced opposition courageously and gradually wore down old prejudices as he helped to guide his people along wise lines for their permanent benefit.

Although suffering from physical disabilities, he was chosen by the Maoris of the Waikare district to be their recognised leader from the time of his returning to take up residence among them.

The Ngapuhi tribe in particular, and the whole of his race as well as the Church, has suffered a grievous loss in the passing of a brother beloved, a spiritually minded minister, and a wise counsellor.

George Hocking Bridgman.—George Hocking Bridgman was born in Cornwall in the year 1852, and at an early age came with his parents to New Zealand, settling in the north. Early in life he yielded himself to Christ and at once began to work actively for Him. Hearing the call of God to fuller service he entered Home Mission work in 1888 and laboured with outstanding success in several important H.M. Stations. In 1901 he was compelled by eye trouble to give up, for a time, the work he loved so well, but in 1907 he re-entered and with renewed zeal served the Church for twenty years more.

Mr. Bridgman was ever a loyal servant of Jesus Christ and the Methodist Church. In all his preaching the Gospel note was clearly sounded and his appeal for decisions brought a wonderful response. As a Pastor, Mr. Bridgman was loved and trusted by his people into whose homes his coming was a benediction. As a personal worker his ministry was richly blessed and at his death his widow received many touching tributes from those whom he had led into the Kingdom long years ago. Enthusiastic in all good works, Mr. Bridgman never counted the cost nor reckoned the sacrifice in his Master's service. On his retirement in 1927, Mr. Bridgman took up residence in Oamaru where he continued to serve, not only his own church, but every church as opportunity offered. Early on the morning of September 3rd, 1936, he heard the Home call and went to be with the Lord he loved so well and served so faithfully.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Nixon	Jacob Featherston
Thomas Fee	William Grigg
Alfred Peters	John Olphert
Samuel Griffith	Robert Raine
T. Francis Jones	William A. Sinclair
George T. Marshall	William J. Elliott
T. Jackson Wallis	George Frost
George Clement	Colin C. Harrison
Thomas A. Joughin	Samuel Henderson
James Wrigley	Thomas W. Vealie
Frederick T. Read	Fred. Greenwood
Arthur Harding	Percy N. Knight, B.A.
Samuel H. D. Peryman	Arthur Ashcroft
Arthur Mitchell	Thomas R. Richards
Albert C. Lawry	Arthur Hopper
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.	Edward Drake
Henry L. Blamires	Harold E. Bellhouse
George S. Cook	

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.
 Albert H. Fowles, for another year.
 William H. Speer, for one year.

Thomas R. B. Woolloxall.—After thirty-six years in the active ministry the Rev. T. R. B. Woolloxall becomes a Supernumerary. He was born in England in 1873, and his early life was spent in travelling in the theatrical profession. During 1890 he made his home in Wellington and there sought to improve his education. It was there he made the discovery that in Jesus there was a character that no actor could impersonate, and that discovery brought about his conversion. He joined the Primitive Methodist Church in 1897 and took up work among the young people of the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

He was received as a probationer in 1901. For many years he proved himself a faithful and successful minister in country circuits and at the latter end of his ministry showed himself an able preacher and efficient pastor for 17 years in the Auckland district, including important City and Suburban churches.

He acted as Chairman of the Literature and Colporteur Society and also for the Committee in publishing the "Book of Sacraments and other Services." He is a fervid evangelical preacher and on several occasions has seen revivals break out. He retires because of ill health and we wish for him a long and useful eventide.

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

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

W. T. Hooper
C. Strand
J. H. Edmondson
J. Belshaw

F. E. Foot
A. L. Witheford
J. Common

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

H. Ashworth

Harold Ashworth.—Mr. Harold Ashworth was born at Manchester in 1879 where the first 30 years of his life were spent. Commencing work at the age of 14 years, he received a good grounding in business activities. He passed the test as a fully accredited local preacher at 18, in the Cheet-ham Hill circuit, Manchester, continuing in the work up to the time of coming to New Zealand. He was also an efficient Organist and Choir-master having served in that capacity for 22 years in several Methodist Churches.

Coming to New Zealand in 1920 he was accepted as a Home Missionary, and has done faithful service in the various stations to which he has been appointed.

Being highly esteemed by his brethren in the Home Mission ranks, he has been accorded the honour of representing them at the Annual Conference for the last seven years.

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

Ernest O. Blamires who is permitted to act 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?

Clarence T. J. Luxton offers.

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

- (a) Tom Dent who is transferred to the Queensland Conference.
- (b) Victor Mead, L.Th., who is received from the Queensland Conference.

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?

Bernard R. Hames, M.A., who has resigned.

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

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

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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. H. L. Fiebig, B.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.

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First Year	Rev. G. R. Harris
Second Year	Rev. A. M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
Third Year	Rev. E. B. Chambers
Wesley's Sermons	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
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Church History	Rev. E. E. Sage
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Psychology of Religion (Selbie)	Rev. B. Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Christianity and Ethics (Alexander)	Rev. O. Burnet
Christ and Modern Education (Raven)	..	..	Rev. E. Drake
Altar, Cross and Community (Lofthouse)	..	..	Rev. J. D. McArthur
The Holy Spirit in Faith and Experience (Humphries)	..	..	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie)	..	..	Rev. P. R. Paris
Religions of the World (Barton)	..	..	Rev. H. L. Richards
The Methodist Law Book	..	..	Rev. G. F. Stockwell
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. H. Ryan
New Testament	..	..	Rev. F. E. Leadley
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	..	..	Rev. H. A. Sharp
New Test. Intro.	..	..	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
N. T. Exegesis	..	..	Rev. W. Wills
Homiletics	..	..	Rev. W. Walker
Pastoral Theology	..	..	Rev. A. Blakemore
Greek	..	..	Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
Mental and Moral Philosophy	..	..	Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.
English	..	..	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., & Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.
Religious Education	..	..	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.
Elocution and Public Speaking	..	..	Revs. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., E. T. Olds and Mr. K. M. Griffin, M.Sc.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	..	..	Rev. E. S. Harkness
Bible Knowledge II	..	..	Rev. J. Richards
Theology	..	..	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	..	..	Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.
Geography and History	..	..	Rev. H. J. Odell
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) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons and Books 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 27, and the second section on Tuesday, November 30. The Examination of Candidates for the Ministry shall commence on Tuesday, September 21, and of Home Missionary Probationers on Tuesday, November 30.

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: 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)—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. (1938: H. W. Robinson's "The Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit.")
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. Raven's "Christ and Modern Education." (1938 : Yeaxlee's "The Approach to Religious Education.")
8. Barton's Religions of the World, Chapters X-XVI.
9. Barry's Relevance of the Church.

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.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE AND THEOLOGY.

1. Bible Knowledge I : A General Knowledge of the Old and New Testaments : Text Books, Maclear's Primers.
2. Bible Knowledge II : 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.—Whitcombe's Intermediate Geography.
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.—Whitcombe's Intermediate Arithmetic.

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.

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 Rev. E. S. Emmitt be thanked for his services as Oral Examiner.
2. That the Oral Examiner every alternate year be a member of Trinity College Staff, and the appointment in other years be made by the Examination Committee; the Examiner in 1938 to be Rev. W. T. Blight.
3. That Rev. W. G. Slade be thanked and re-appointed as Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
4. That the tutors in N. T. Greek be thanked for their services and the following be the tutors for the ensuing year:—1st year, Rev. G. R. Harris; 2nd year, Rev. R. Dudley; 3rd year, Rev. Wesley Parker 4th year, Rev. E. W. Hames.
5. That Conference considers that the time is not yet ripe for extending the regular period of training for Students to four years. Special cases, however, may arise, and these shall be dealt with individually by the Examination Committee on the report of the Board of Studies.
6. **Board of Studies Recommendations.** (See Minutes, 1936, p. 29, par. 7a).

(a). That the method of Tutorial guidance for Probationers by Correspondence be extended.

(b). That in subjects thus supervised Probationers be granted a pass not only on the result of the Examinations, but also upon satisfactory work under the Tutor during the year.

(c). That more opportunity should be given for men to specialise in some subject. Apart from O.T. and N.T. and Theology, two subjects should be enough; but all subjects should be more thoroughly studied than at present. In every subject suitable books should be recommended: the Probationers would be expected to acquire a thorough knowledge of the subject. The Examination should be on the whole subject rather than on the subject-matter of one text book as at present.

(d). That, suitable men be allowed to present a thesis, embodying the results of special research, and that this thesis be substituted for the examination in that subject.

(e). That, should the Examination Committee approve of the principles set forth in the above recommendations, the Committee should appoint a special Committee to formulate detailed plans during the year for presentation to the Conference through the Examination Committee.

RESOLUTION.—That the principle of the above recommendations be approved and the matter be referred to the following special committee to prepare details for the Conference of 1938:—The Board of Studies with Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, J. H. Haslam, A. N. Scotter, C. B. Jordan, W. A. Burley, W. G. Slade, H. L. Fiebig and D. O. Williams.

7. **Board of Studies Recommendation** (See Minutes, 1936, p. 29, par. 7b).

(a). That the general principle of lay representation on the Conference Examination Committee be approved.

(b). That the representation suggested be one layman from each District Synod: and that nominations for the following Conference be made by Conference on the recommendation of the Examination Committee.

RESOLUTION.—That the above be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for further consideration.

8. That the following be a Committee to revise the List of Books recommended to Probationers, Home Missionaries, and Maori Probationers:— President of Conference, Revs. E. P. Blamires, W. A. Burley, Dr. Ranston, W. T. Blight, J. H. Haslam, G. I. Laurensen and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners (Convener).
9. That Rev. R. Thornley be congratulated upon having secured his M.A. Degree, and that permission be given to record the same in the Minutes, and that permission be given to Rev. Victor Mead to have the degree of L.Th. printed in the Minutes.
10. That the Secretary be authorised to collect and mark Candidates' Written Sermons and Book Lists prior to sending them to the respective District Ministerial Committees.
11. That the paragraph on "Increased instruction in Teacher Training and Youth Work" contained in Trinity College Council report (see Question 40) be adopted.

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

AUCKLAND.

OTAHUHU, PAPA KURA AND PUKEKOHE.—That a Commission be set up to consider during the year the boundaries and staffing of the Otahuhu, Papakura, and Pukekohe Circuits, the commission to consist of five members from each circuit appointed by the March Quarterly Meeting, including the Minister, together with the District Chairman, the Rev. W. T. Blight, and Mr. S. E. Chappell to report through Synod to Conference. Convener, Rev. P. I. Cooke.

KAITAIA.—That a married minister be stationed at Kaitaia in 1938 with a suitable grant.

KAIKOHE.—That with a view to the development of our Church work in the Far North, the Chairman of the Auckland District in consultation with the Acting Superintendent of Home Missions and the Rev. E. Te Tuhi convene a meeting of the circuits concerned and adjacent circuits to discuss the whole question of policy, and report to Conference through Synod.

WHANGAREI-HIKURANGI.—That these Circuits be recommended to consider the question of amalgamation, retaining the present staffing, findings to be reported to next Conference through Synod.

BOMBAY-TUAKAU.—That the matter of place of residence of the Agent be referred for decision to the Home Mission Board in consultation with the Chairman of the District—with power to act.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

OHURA.—That the Ohura H.M. Station be transferred to the Taranaki District.
NGARUAWAHIA.—That Ngauruawahia Circuit be constituted a Home Mission Station.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

INGLEWOOD.—That Inglewood Circuit be constituted a Home Mission Station.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

FOXTON-SHANNON.—That the question of possible amalgamation with Levin be considered during the year by the Quarterly Meeting concerned, a report to be furnished to Conference through the respective Synods.

NORSEWOOD.—That the present arrangement whereby Norsewood Home Mission Station is worked from Dannevirke be continued.

NELSON.

WESTPORT.—That the matter of attaching Waimangaroa to the Westport Circuit be considered by that Circuit and the Granity H.M. Station during the year, a report to be presented to next Conference through the Synod.

MURCHISON.—That the boundaries between Murchison Home Mission Station and Reefton Circuit be altered so that the southern end of the Maruia Valley (Springs Junction) became part of the Reefton Circuit.

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

WELLINGTON.

JOHNSONVILLE-NGAIO.—That a married probationer be appointed as second agent ; if such agent is not available a married Home Missionary be appointed.

MASTERTON (Kuripuni).—That a Home Missionary be appointed as second Agent in the Masterton Circuit.

WELLINGTON EAST.—That a second ordained married minister be appointed in 1938, and that the appointment of Probationer be re-dated from that year.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

WANGANUI NORTH.—That the staffing be one Ordained Minister and a Home Missionary.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

BLUFF.—That a married Ordained minister with a suitable grant be appointed.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted ?

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

OHURA.—That the Home Mission Board investigate the possibility of placing an agent in the Whangamomana Districts.

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

(a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for a second year.

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

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

Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for an eighth year

Wellington East (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

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

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

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

Timaru South is due, but is relieved for a third year.

Rakaia-Methven is due, but is relieved for a second year.

(b). That Circuit obligations be fulfilled in the following order :—

Wellington East.

Mangonui.

Durham Street (2nd).

Timaru South.

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. FRED. COPELAND.

Vice-President : MR. HARRY R. FRENCH.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1937.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 135 and (1) to (8) 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, Eric W. Hames, M.A., Samuel J. Werren, Hubert G. Brown; George T. Marshall, Thomas A. Joughin, John Olphert (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.
THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur H. Scrivin, General Secretary.
THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur J. Seamer, General Superintendent.
George I. Laurensen, Assistant Superintendent.
- 2. Auckland Methodist Central Mission.**—A. Everil Orr. A Deaconess.
- 3. Auckland West.**—Francis J. Handy, A Home Missionary (Grey Lynn), Percy N. Knight, B.A. (Supernumerary).
- 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; Samuel Griffith, T. Francis Jones, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., (Fellow of Trinity College), 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., Resident Tutor.
- 5. Auckland (Avondale).**—Harold A. Sharp, Ralph J. Liddell (Glen Eden); a Home Missionary (New Lynn); Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Harold A. Sharp.
- 6. Auckland (Devonport).**—Bernard M. Chrystall, William J. Elliott (Supernumerary).

7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.; Thomas R. B Woolloxall -(Supernumerary).
8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—William Gatman; Jas. Wrigley (Supernumerary).
9. **Onehunga**.—John D. Grocott.
10. **Otahuhu**.—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.
11. **Papakura**.—Ivo M. Raynor.
12. **Pukekohe**.—Howard H. Jeffreys.
Wesley Training College, Paerata.—Howard H. Jeffreys, Chaplain.
13. **Waiuku**.—Vincent le C. Binet.
14. **Mahurangi**.—D. J. Donald Hickman (Warkworth); A Home Missionary
15. **Paparoa**.—Gordon Parker.
16. **Dargaville**.—V. Roy Jamieson. A Home Missionary (Kaihu).
17. **Ruawai**.—H. Ian K. Hopper.
18. **Whangarei**.—Oswald Burnet; a Home Missionary. William H. Speer (Supernumerary).
19. **Whangaroa**.—Frank Bateup (Kaeo), (who shall supervise the Hokianga H.M. Station and Ohacawai-Kawakawa Circuit and act as adviser to the Maori workers throughout the Whangaroa, Mangonui, Bay of Islands and Hokianga Counties).
20. **Bay of Islands**.—William R. Francis.
21. **Port Albert**.—Herbert Ford.
22. **Hikurangi**.—Alfred Sanft.
23. **Kawakawa-Ohacawai**.—Arthur R. Witheford.
24. **Mangonui**.—Andrew J. Johnston.
- Maori Mission**.—Home Mission Department: Eruera Te Tuhi, Senior Maori Superintendent. (Tuakau).
- (1) **Auckland**.—
Rakena P. Rakena (Waima).
Hori Kakuere (Pukekohe).
13 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.
- BOMBAY**—Tuakau.—A Home Missionary.
- KAUKAPAKAPA-SILVERDALE**—A Home Missionary.
- HELENSVILLE**.—A Home Missionary.
- HOKIANGA**.—A Home Missionary (Rawene).
A Home Missionary (Kohukohu).
- COLPORTEUR WORK**.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

WILLIAM WALKER, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

25. **Thames**.—Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
26. **Hauraki Plains**.—Clifford L. Duder.
27. **Paeroa**.—Raymond Richards.
28. **Waihi**.—Reginald Day.

29. **Te Aroha**.—Cecil R. Taylor.
 30. **Morrinsville**.—Arthur A. Bensley, Robert W. Mayson (Waitoa).
 31. **Cambridge**.—Walter J. Oxbrow.
 32. **Hamilton**.—Robert B. Tinsley (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station), Frank H. Hayman.
 33. **Hamilton East**.—George E. Brown.
 34. **Huntly**.—John Churchill.
 35. **Matamata**.—Herbert Daniel.
 36. **Putaruru**.—Leslie T. Norwell.
 37. **Rotorua**.—John L. Mitchell.
 38. **Tauranga**.—George P. Hunt.
 39. **Whakatane**.—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
 40. **Opotiki**.—William C. Jenkin (who shall supervise Whakatane Circuit).
 41. **Te Awamutu**.—Herbert Spencer.
 42. **Otorohanga**.—Herbert W. Payne.
 43. **Te Kuiti**.—James H. Hall.
 44. **Taumarunui**.—Gordon R. H. Peterson
 - (2) **Waikato**—
Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).
10 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
 - (3) **King Country**—
Under Senior Maori Superintendent. One Wanted.
12 Home Missionaries.
2 Deaconesses.
- NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.
 KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.
 TE PUKE.—A Home Missionary.
 COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

WALTER J. OXBROW, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

45. **New Plymouth**.—Fred Copeland President of the Conference, Victor Mead, L.Th. A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
46. **Waitara**.—Thomas H. Carr.
47. **Stratford**.—Charlie O. Hailwood.
48. **Eltham-Kaponga**.—Edwin S. Harkness.
49. **Hawera**.—Basil Metson, George S. Cook (Supernumerary)
50. **Manaia**.—Harry Cottom.
51. **Opunake**.—Athol R. Penn, A. Home Missionary.
52. **Wanganui**.—Raymond Dudley M.A., F.R.E.S. (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
53. **Wanganui North**.—James W. Parker; A Home Missionary.
54. **Marton**.—William B. Cuming.

55. Taihape.—George H. Goodman.

(4) Taranaki-Waimarino—

Matarae Tauroa (Okaiawa)

12 Home Missionaries

3 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

GONVILLE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

FRED. COPELAND, President of the Conference,
Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

56. Napier.—Henry J. Odell, William A. Mills (Greenmeadows).

57. Hastings.—Robert B. Gosnell.

58. Gisborne.—Frank E. Leadley; a Home Missionary.

59. Wairoa.—One wanted.

60. Dannevirke.—Alfred E. Waite.

61. Woodville.—Thomas Coatsworth.

62. Pahiatua.—Charles M. Roberts.

63. Palmerston North (St. Paul's)—Matthew A. McDowell; Arthur Ashcroft (Supernumerary).

64. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Albert Blakemore.

65. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Charles A. Foston.

66. Feilding.—J. Henry Allen; a Home Missionary.

67. Sanson-Rongotea.—Robert E. Fordyce.

WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.

FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

HENRY J. ODELL, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

68. Wellington Central.—Percy R. Paris, Jonathan H. Haslam (Brooklyn), Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Webb St.); Robert Raine, Thomas W. Vealie, Thomas R. Richards (Supernumeraries).

Ernest O. Blamires with permission to act as Secretary of the Bible in Schools League.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—E. Percy Blamires, Youth Director. Henry J. Tozer, M.A., who is permitted to act as travelling Secretary of the Y.M.B.C. Movement.

69. **Wellington** (Thorndon).—James Richards, Alfred M. Costain (Karori).
70. **Wellington South**.—Walter Parker.
71. **Wellington East**.—William G. Slade, M.A., James S. Willoughby; A. Home Missionary (Island Bay); Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood (Supernumeraries).
72. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—J. Frederick Martin, a Home Missionary (Porirua); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
73. **Hutt**.—Harold T. Peat, Robert Thornley, M.A.; Arthur Harding (Supernumerary).
74. **Petone**.—Ernest E. Sage.
75. **Greytown-Featherston**.—One wanted.
76. **Carterton**.—Hedley White, (Who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
77. **Masterton**.—George F. Stockwell, A Home Missionary. Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, George F. Stockwell.
78. **Eketahuna**.—Sydney Hindmarsh.
79. **Levin**.—John Dennis.
80. **Otaki**.—John R. Nelson.
PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

PERCY R. PARIS, Chairman of the District.
JONATHAN H. HASLAM, Financial Secretary.

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

81. **Nelson**.—William Rowe (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Circuit.)
82. **Richmond**.—Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
83. **Wakefield-Dovedale**.—George E. Beckingsale.
84. **Motueka**.—John H. Bailey.
85. **Blenheim**.—John D. McArthur.
Harry V. Utting (Tua Marina).
86. **Reefton**.—Charles E. Dickens.
87. **Westport**.—Norman P. Larsen (who shall supervise the Granity H.M. Station).
88. **Greymouth**.—William Wills.
89. **Hokitika**.—W. E. Allon Carr.
HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN D. McARTHUR, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

90. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Clarence Eaton, John John (Cashmere Hills); William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires (Supernumeraries).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
91. **Christchurch East**.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., F. Gardner Brown, Joseph C. Draper; Jacob Featherston, Albert H. Fowles (Supernumeraries).

92. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—William B. Pickering; Alfred Peters (Supernumerary).
93. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Leslie A. G. Brooks, One Wanted (Sumner); Thomas Fee, Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumeraries).
94. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Wesley Parker, M.A.
95. **Christchurch** (Addington).—G. Raymond Harris.
96. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—Archer O. Harris.
97. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—William A. Burley, M.A., Harry S. Kings; Albert C. Lawry, T. Jackson Wallis, Frederick T. Read, Edward Drake (Supernumeraries).
98. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Frederick B. Lawrence.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPLAIN.—Frederick B. Lawrence.
99. **Lyttelton**.—Walter J. Enticott.
100. **Springston**.—Charles H. Kendon.
101. **Tai Tapu**.—Moses Ayrton.
102. **Leeston**.—Samuel Bailey.
103. **Kaiapoi**.—Leonard C. Horwood.
104. **Ohoka**.—Henry Benny.
105. **Rangiora**.—Henry Ryan.
106. **Woodend-Sefton**.—Wallace S. Neal.
107. **Greendale**.—Robert McGregor.
108. **Oxford**.—Arthur Liversedge.
HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

CLARENCE EATON,

Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

109. **Timaru** (Banks St.)—Benjamin J. James.
110. **Timaru** (Woodland St.)—Charles Blair.
111. **Timaru South**.—Howard C. Matthews.
112. **Waimate**.—H. Leslie Richards.
113. **Temuka**.—R. Purcell Keall.
114. **Geraldine**.—William E. Moore.
115. **Ashburton**.—Angus McBean. A Deaconess.
116. **Willowby**.—William W. Avery.
117. **Oamaru**.—J. Francis Jack.
118. **Rakaia-Methven**.—L. Gordon Hanna.

ANGUS McBEAN, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

119. **Dunedin** (Trinity).—Charles H. Olds, B.A.; A Home Missionary; George Clement (Supernumerary).
120. **Dunedin** (Central Mission).—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Bert M. Tasker, B.A.; A Deaconess.

121. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street).—Alfred E. Jefferson.
 122. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road).—Hector C. Orchard, A Home Missionary. (St. Clair).
 123. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda).—Thomas Skuse.
 124. **Dunedin** (Caversham).—Ralph E. Patchett.
 125. **Dunedin** (Morningside).—David O. Williams, M.A., Edwin T. Cox, M.A. (without pastoral charge).
 126. **Dunedin** (Roslyn).—Ivan S. Williamson.
 127. **Port Chalmers**.—T. Arthur Pybus, A Home Missionary (Ravensbourne).
 128. **Balclutha**.—William W. H. Greenslade.
 129. **Milton**.—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
 130. **Roxburgh**.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S. (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
 131. **Invercargill** (Central).—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations).
 132. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's).—George B. Hinton.
 133. **Bluff**.—G. Knowles Smith.
 134. **Gore**.—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. Station)
 135. **Riverton**.—J. Montgomery Blight.
- 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-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.
NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

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

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

(5) **Roviana Circuit**—

John Francis Goldie.
 E. Clarence Leadley.
 One Wanted.
 Two Missionary Sisters.
 One Nursing Sister
 Naphthali Fotu (Simbo).
 Paul Havea (Marovo).
 Belshazzar Gina, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.
 Nathan Kera " " " "
 Seven Native Catechists.
 Thirty-eight Native Teachers.
 Eight Native Medical Assistants.
 One Native Nurse.

DISTRICT TRAINING COLLEGE :

John F. Goldie, Principal.
 E. Clarence Leadley, Vice-Principal.

(6) **Vella Lavella Circuit—**

A. Wharton E. Silvester (Bilua).
One Missionary Sister (Nurse).
Two Native Catechists.
Eighteen Native Teachers.
Two Native Medical Assistants.

(7) **Choiseul Circuit—**

John R. Metcalfe.
One Missionary Sister.
One Missionary Sister Wanted.
Three Native Catechists.
Thirty-four Native Teachers.
Two Native Medical Assistants.

(8) **Bougainville and Buka Circuit—**

Allan H. Cropp (Buka).
A. Harry Voyce (Buin).
Donald C. Alley (Teop).
One Missionary Sister (Buka).
One Missionary Sister Wanted (Siwai).
Eroni Kotosoma (Teop).
Uzziah Sotutu (Buka).
129 Native Teachers.
Three Native Medical Assistants.

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

(2) It is understood that the Chairman of the district shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

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.

Raymond Preston is a minister of the Australasian 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, 1937.

Auckland District—

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Rd) Supply.
Auckland West (Grey Lynn). Supply. (Rev. P. N. Knight, B.A.).
Auckland East (Newmarket). Supply. (Rev. A. Mitchell).
Avondale—(3rd) Supply.
Bombay-Tuakau—A. P. Dorrian.
Helensville—E. H. Dalley.
Kaukapakapa—Silverdale, A. O. Jones.
Hokianga (Rawene)—H. A. Cochrane.
Hokianga (Kohukohu)—C. H. Bell.

Home Mission Department—
Colporteur Work (vacant).

MAORI MISSION—

Matauri Bay, Kaero—Hone Taotahi.
Batley—Supply.
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—

Ngaruawahia.—Supply (V. C. Thomas).
Te Puke—W. J. Hughes.
Coromandel—W. H. Wilson.
Kawhia—Supply.

MAORI MISSION—

Te Kuiti—John Nicholls.
Te Kuiti Rural—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
Pukeatua—Hauotu Hapimana.
Ohiapopoko—Te Aho Pihama.
Cambridge—Heemi Rihimona.
Mokau—Supply.
Raglan—Honehone Kereopa.
Marokopa—Paki Kinita.
Kinohaku—Aihe Huirama
Otorohanga (Otewa)—Hoani Tonga.
Whatawhata—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa—Supply.
Huntly—Hori Awa.
Rangiriri—Supply.
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Te Kohanga—Remi H. Kukutai.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Thames (Puru)—Tuheke Poihipi.
Aotea, Kawhia—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa, Kawhia—Taima Rangawhenua.
Te Kopua, Te Awamutu—Tahuna Herangi.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns)—T. W. Featherstone.
Opunake (Okato). Green Hall.
Patea—R. C. Patchett.
Gonville—C. W. Brown.
Raetihi-Ohakune—W. J. Trusttum.
Wanganui North (2nd)—H. W. Burley (Wanganui East).
Douglas. (Under Stratford Superintendent).
Inglewood—Supply. (H. Ashworth).
Ohura—R. T. Alexander.

MAORI MISSION—

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

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Feilding (Halcombe)—C. Aker.
Foxton-Shannon—R. Grice.
Apiti—R. Coombridge.
Norsewood—Vacant. (Under Dannevirke Circuit Superintendent)
Waipawa—S. Keen.
Wairoa—J. H. Woolford.

Wellington District—

Wellington East (Island Bay)—F. O. Prosser.
Upper Hutt—Supply (Sister Edith K. Beer).
Johnsonville (Porirua)—W. L. Long.
Paraparaumu—H. Whitfield.
Masterton (Kuripuni)—G. V. Thomas.
Greytown-Featherston—W. Falkingham.

Nelson District—

Havelock—P. C. Johansen.
Murchison—G. W. Crammond.
Granity—F. Sanderson.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch, Addington (Lincoln Rd)—Supply. (Rev. W. Grigg).
Christchurch, St. Albans (Bryndwr)—Supply. (Rev. A. C. Lawry).
Christchurch East (Wainoni)—Supply.
Christchurch (Woolston)—Supply. (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse).
" " 2nd Supply (Rev. F. T. Read).
Waddington—H. J. Malcolm.
Hawarden—Harold K. Brown.

Otago-Southland District—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—H. R. Wright.
Port Chalmers (Ravensbourne)—W. J. Henderson.
Dunedin (N.E. Valley)—Supply.
Cargill Road (St. Clair)—Supply. (F. E. Foot).
Dunedin (Maori Hill). C. Duncan.
Mosgiel—Supply. (N. Challenger).
Lawrence—A. Collins.
Cromwell—N. Hendra.
Kaitangata—W. H. Gregory.
Edendale—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Otautau-Tuatapere—C. Robinson.
Nightcaps—W. MacDonald.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1937.

I.—Home Work.

- 1918—Sister Hazel Hamilton, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
- *1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Methodist Central Mission, Auckland.
- *1930—Sister Lenna Button, Central Mission, Auckland.
- *1936—Sister Edith K. Beer, Upper Hutt.
- *1936—Sister Margaret J. Kippenberger, Pitt Street, Auckland.

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.
- *1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, New Plymouth.
- *1932—Sister Rangimarie Ellison, Kaipara and Waikato Heads (C/o Home Mission Office).
- *1933—Sister Olive Bott, Te Kuiti.
- *1934—Sister Marama Muriwai, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
- *1935—Sister O. Madeleine Holland, Ratana Pa.
- *1936—Sister Heeni Te Teira, North Auckland (c/o Home Mission Office)
- *1936—Sister Rona Taylor, Kawhia.

III.—Foreign Work—

- *1920—Sister Elizabeth Common, Solomon Islands.
- 1922—Sister Ethel McMillan.
- 1924—Sister Lina Jones.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon.
- 1936—Sister Edna White.

IV.—Awaiting Appointment.

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

V.—Retired for Special Service.

- *1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, B. and F. Bible Society, Wellington.
- *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, 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.
- 1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, resting.

VII.—Extra-Mural Student.

- *Miss Constance L. Osborne, Public Hospital, Christchurch.

*Trained in Deaconess House.

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 (President of Conference).
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Henry J. Odell.
Wellington—Percy R. Paris.
Nelson—John D. McArthur.
North Canterbury—Clarence Eaton.
South Canterbury—Angus McBean.
Otago-Southland—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—George E. Brown.
Auckland—Frederick J. Parker.
South Auckland—Cecil R. Taylor.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Basil Metson.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Robert B. Gosnell.
Wellington—Alfred M. Costain.
Nelson—Norman P. Larsen.
North Canterbury—Henry Ryan.
South Canterbury—Charles Blair.
Otago-Southland—Ernest B. Chambers.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1938 ?

President—Percy R. Paris.
Secretary—William A. Burley, M.A.

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

REPORT FOR 1936.

Census returns not being available until early in the New Year, it is impossible to draw comparisons with the population development. A full report dealing with this can be presented next year.

From some quarters reports are received of spiritual quickening. Unfortunately it is too early yet for the results to be felt. This year we have again to report serious decreases in important returns. We can hope that next year, when the results of the new spiritual life are being felt, the decreases will have been turned into increases.

General Returns.

Members are referred to the General Summary printed at the end of the Agenda. The following table will give at a glance the position as revealed this year.

Increases			Decreases.		
Churches	..	2	Other Preaching Places	..	27
Schoolrooms	..	8	Parsonages	..	1
Deaconesses	..	1	Ministers and Probationers	..	1
Infant Members	..	373	Home Missionaries	..	4
			Local Preachers	..	6
			Class Leaders	..	24
			Members on Roll	..	215
			Members on Probation	..	69
			Junior Members	..	114
			Communicants	..	701

For the first time, several Circuits are this year returning Infant Members. The decrease of 27 Other Preaching Places is serious. Auckland District reports a loss of 27 and the South Auckland District a loss of 9 Preaching Places. These are the largest decreases. District Secretaries report that these have been carefully investigated and Synods are satisfied that adequate reasons have been given. For instance in one Circuit reporting last year 5 Churches and 15 Preaching Places, 6 Churches and only 7 Preaching Places are reported this year. The Superintendent explains that he has no knowledge of more than the 7 Preaching Places returned, which the Circuit is working. It is evident that insufficient care has been taken in the compilation of returns.

Once again attention is called to Class Leaders. Suggestions have been made that a different name might be used for this column, clarifying the position. As the Group method is being largely adopted perhaps the term Group Leaders might be substituted for the time honoured one of Class Leaders.

The number of Members on Probation returned is the smallest for some years. The loss of Junior Members, though serious, is not quite so large as that recorded last year.

The following table gives the position in relation to Members on the Roll and of Communicants.

District			Members on Roll		Communicants			Percentage attending Communion	
			Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease		
Auckland	4917	..	69	4082	52	..	83.6
South Auckland	2613	..	17	2028	..	208	77.6
Taranaki-Wanganui	2341	53	..	1586	..	167	67.2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	2546	..	92	1826	..	179	71.8
Wellington	3031	17	..	2304	9	..	76.3
Nelson	1580	..	12	1124	..	45	71.1
North Canterbury	3847	..	79	2802	..	111	72.8
South Canterbury	1480	..	16	1172	79	..	79.2
Otago-Southland	2838	..	14	1939	..	131	68.3
Totals			25,193	70	299	18,854	140	841	74.9

Not since 1931 have these returns been so low. In 1932 we returned :—
 Members on Roll Communicants
 25,390 18,932

Compared with these figures, our present returns show a loss of :—
 197 Members.
 78 Communicants.

The only increases over this period are :—

	Members on Roll		Communicants
Auckland	139
South Auckland	72	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	64	17
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	99	..
Nelson	34	..

Attendants on Public Worship.

In accordance with the direction of last Conference, these returns have been asked for this year. I desire to express my appreciation of the great assistance given by the District Secretaries in seeking to secure as correct a return as possible under the conditions. Many Superintendents report that their figures, compiled according to the directions given, do not give a correct return of the attendants in their Circuits. Many church members attend one service only and are consequently not included in the return.

The following figures give the return over periods during the last 16 years :—

District	1921	1926	1931	1936
Auckland	16234	16028	15028	13975
South Auckland ..	6813	7797	7389	6213
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	7166	7242	6260	4642
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	6711	6888	5970	5386
Wellington	8492	7421	7689	6552
Nelson	4058	4270	4511	3838
North Canterbury ..	10223	10104	9669	7773
South Canterbury ..	4751	4720	4239	2813
Otago-Southland ..	9244	8139	7767	6168
Totals	73692	72609	68522	57360

In the year following Church Union, the figures returned were :—

Totals, 1914 : 81,713.

Doubtless the war was in some measure responsible for the falling off recorded seven years late in 1921.

Figures do not give a true estimate of the work done in various Circuits, yet we must face the fact of a declining church attendance. The following figures are interesting and informative.

Members on Roll	25,193
S.S. Scholars	19,666
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	44,859

These indicate that we have in our churches approximately 12,500 attendants on Public Worship who are not definitely linked up in church membership. Of these 4,000 are B.C. members who are neither Senior nor Junior Church Members, leaving 8,500 adherents who are neither in Membership nor connected with our Youth Work. When these figures are analysed, it is found that we have two church members for every adherent. Considering the vast crowds of the unchurched we have in our country, this number touched by Methodism is painfully small. Surely as a church we are not satisfied with such a position.

Maori Work.

I am indebted to the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department for the greater portion of the following.

Up to this year, excepting two years some thirty years back, when a young enthusiast tried to correct the method, the Maori Membership returns have included the Junior Members.

Last year the request was made that the Senior and Junior returns should be given separately. The Superintendents report that they have done this as far as practicable. They also report that they find it most difficult to establish a satisfactory membership test which would be universally adhered to. This should not surprise us when we remember how unsatisfactory our European Membership tests are and that modern Maori standards of life are neither Native nor European.

The total returns, as shown below, reveal a definite increase in all Districts, particularly in Waikato. The total increase in membership, including Junior, is 1088. It will be noticed that Junior and Infant Membership are bracketed together. Other increases recorded are:—

Other Preaching Places	3
Home Missionaries	1
Decreases :	
Ministers	1
Churches	1

A comparison with last year is as follows:—

		Churches	Other Preaching Places.	Ministers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Members	
								Junior & Infant	Senior
1935	..	18	121	7	32	11	196	3821	
1936	..	17	124	6	33	11	196	2143	2762

Youth Work.

The returns under this head are not as complete as could be wished, several schools having failed to forward their figures in time for the compilation of this report. One suburban school, whose returns were late last year, has defaulted again this year and the returns upon which the report is based are in this case those of 1934.

Sunday Schools.

The new forms furnished by the Youth Department make it more difficult to arrive at a satisfactory comparison with previous years, though from the statistical standpoint they will be of increasing usefulness as the years pass.

Reference to the Summary of Sunday School Returns will show a serious decrease this year of 1,099 scholars. In view of the decrease reported last year and the time given to this problem by the Department during the year, the position calls for most careful consideration.

A reference to the report of last year shows that the Primary Department was responsible for 70% of the decrease and the Junior and Intermediate Department for 30%. This year the position is reversed. The Beginners and Primary Departments return 15% of the decrease while the Junior and Intermediate Departments show 85% of the decrease.

Bible Classes.

For a second year a decrease is reported under this heading, though not so serious as last year. The figures show as follows:—

			Increase	Decrease
Y.W.B.C.	..	..	42	..
Y.M.B.C.	..	..	..	228

This gives a net decrease of 173. The Auckland District show a fine Y.W.B.C. increase and a slight increase in the Y.M.B.C. column. This is the only District showing increases in both Unions.

Under the new schedules we are able to gauge the strength of Junior B.C. Church Membership. Previous years have incorporated this return with the Sunday Schools and it has been impossible to discover how many B.C. members were also Junior Church Members. This year we have 1240 returned as Junior Church Members. This does not include two Circuit returns. In the Senior Church Membership we have reported a roll of 2679, a decrease of 345, twelve more than reported last year.

In considering B.C. membership this year it must be borne in mind that B.C. Leaders are now included in B.C. Membership returns and not as Teachers and Leaders as on the older forms. Probably last year many B.C. Leaders were returned as Class Members, though a percentage would not be. Remembering that we have over 400 Bible Classes in the Dominion, this fact must not be lost sight of.

It is possible that the new forms issued by the Department this year may have caused a little confusion in some quarters. Some of the details, particularly on the B.C. forms, are for the information of the B.C. Movements. If Circuit Superintendents give a careful oversight to the compilation of the figures required, we shall be able to arrive at a very fair estimate of the condition of our Youth Work.

GEO. E. BROWN,

Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. While appreciating the difficulty of arriving at accurate and satisfactory returns for Attendants on Public Worship, Conference is nevertheless profoundly concerned at the tendency to disregard the Lord's Day which is indicated. In view of the approaching bi-centenary of Methodism, Circuits are urged to engage in an aggressive campaign to reach the non-church goer.
3. Conference once again calls the attention of Local Youth Committees, Leaders and Quarterly Meetings to the serious losses reported in Sunday School and Bible Class work, both in attendance and in the Senior Church Membership. Conference expresses its appreciation of the fine work of the Youth Department, but impresses upon Circuits the tremendous importance of local effort. The responsibility for developing our Youth work rests with the individual Circuits who are called to greater effort and enthusiasm in this most important service.

4. That this Conference records its grateful thanks to God for the signs of spiritual quickening reported in several quarters, and for the continued development of our Maori work. We cannot, however, close our eyes to the further reported decreases in Church Members and in Communicants. Believing that these are indications of a Spiritual sickness requiring urgent remedies, and remembering our Lord's promise of the greater things which shall be done, we call upon our people to a fresh consecration to Christ and the surrender of the whole self in His service, depending wholly upon Him for strength for each moment. We believe that only as Methodism proclaims and teaches the necessity for scriptural holiness, and stresses the work of the Holy Spirit in the individual and the community can we regain that spiritual vitality so marked in early Methodism and meet the clamant needs of to-day.
5. That Conference requests the Spiritual Advance Committee to incorporate Resolutions 2, 3, 4, in a letter to be sent to the March Quarterly Meetings.
6. That the General Statistical Secretary in consultation with the H.M. Executive prepare a report on the Census returns, to be presented to next Conference.
7. That the Secretary, the Rev. G. E. Brown, be thanked and re-appointed.

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

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

Report 1936.

The Committee has been occupied during the year in carrying out the directions of the last Conference and in an investigation into the problem of leisure.

Study for May Synods.

As directed by Conference the Committee published an outline study for May Synods on the subject of "Psychology and the Ministry." This work proved a somewhat large undertaking and the Committee regrets that the pamphlet was too late in appearing to be used by all Synods. A copy of the pamphlet was sent to all ministers and home missionaries. The Committee received no reports from Synods on the subject.

Section 4 of last year's report was referred back to the Committee for fuller statement and this expansion was given in the pamphlet.

Junior Membership and Grading.

Conference directed the Welfare Committee and the Youth Board to investigate the question of what constitutes Junior Church Membership. The Youth Board however, were unable to co-operate this year and the Welfare Committee recommends that the matter together with the related question of Grading (Minutes 1936, p. 157), be held over till next year.

Dancing Question. (Minutes 1936, p. 49).

The Committee has given very careful consideration to the dancing question and submits the following report :—A questionnaire on the subject was printed and sent to the Wellington and North Canterbury District Committees. The questions were designed to furnish a cross section of opinion on critical aspects of the dancing problem but we regret that we did

not receive the degree of co-operation for which we had hoped. No reply has been received from the Wellington Committee. North Canterbury Committee forwarded the following resolution:—"That having carefully considered the questionnaire prepared by the Welfare of the Church Committee, this District Executive is of the opinion that no useful purpose can be served by detailed answers to all the questions submitted, and that in view of the grave moral perils associated with mixed dancing this executive requests the Conference to reaffirm the historic attitude of the Methodist Church in warning our young people of its dangers and to continue in its refusal to allow dancing upon our Church Property."

In the view of the Welfare Committee the crucial points of the problem are as follows:—

1. Is dancing morally wrong apart from its associations?
2. Has the Church any duty to provide a suitable "outlet" for adolescent emotional energy?
3. Could the Church arrange and control dances so that they would be morally safe for those who engage in them.

We cannot recommend that dancing be allowed on Church property, for the following reasons:—

1. **Structural Difficulties.**—(a) Church halls are in most cases without suitable dressing room accommodation.
(b) Floors of Church halls are in most cases unsuitable for dancing.
2. **Organisation Difficulties.**—(a) It would be impracticable to provide always good dance orchestras. (b) The Church dances would probably attract a large proportion of learners and this would make the dances unattractive to the proficient.
3. **Control Difficulties.**—The difficulty of excluding undesirables and of prohibiting the use of intoxicants would make the problem of oversight so onerous as to be impracticable.

For these reasons we conclude that the Church Dances would serve as a training ground for those who, having learned to dance on our properties, would then seek the more brilliant outside dance halls. Church dances would therefore rather aggravate than solve the dancing problem.

We therefore make the following recommendations:—

1. That our Young People be warned in Bible Class discussions and personal talks of the subtle evils associated with the modern dance halls and be urged either to abstain from dancing, or to make a wise choice of the dances they attend.
2. That the Conference continue in its refusal to allow dancing on Church Property.
3. That Conference instruct the Youth Board to consider the whole question of improving the standard of Young People's socials from the points of view both of decorum and attractiveness.
4. That in view of the publicity attending the discussion of the dancing question Conference issue a manifesto setting out the reasoned basis of its decisions on the matter.

The Problem of Leisure.

The Welfare Committee has spent time during the year in a consideration of the Problem of Leisure.

Our discussions proved the great magnitude of this and related problems and ranged from the specifically religious question of the "long week end" to the question of the inability of those inadequately housed to make wise use of leisure time.

We are not in a position to make a full pronouncement on this problem but seek to awaken interest in its study, and to launch an educational programme among our people in the proper use of free time.

From the beginning God made the beneficent provision of one day's rest in seven for mankind, and despite pharisaic legal quibbling Jesus Christ kept reminding the people of His day, that the Sabbath was a privilege not a problem, a gift not a burden. "The sabbath was made for man and not man for the sabbath." We feel that this simple and commonsense attitude should be ours when we approach the specifically modern problem of leisure.

We therefore submit the following commonsense approaches as being worthy of inclusion in discussions on the topic of leisure.

Increasing leisure time offers a wealth of opportunities for securing a harmonious development of our powers and potentialities.

The Apostle Paul speaks of the wise man redeeming the time and we submit that leisure time stands in need of a triple redemption.

1. **Redeem the time for rest.**—The pace of modern life is ever increasing and some authorities are suggesting that the human constitution may soon be incapable of bearing the strain. Mental tension is growing; noise is increasing; until the demand for rest and relaxation becomes urgent. Relaxation is an individual necessity and the power to relax should be cultivated from childhood.
2. **Redeem the time for neglected interests.**—The robot is the unique creation of the machine age. Work in modern factories tends to be reduced to the monotonous repetition of a few action patterns. Specialisation is the motto of our day not only in workshops and factories but even in the wide fields of scientific research. Such concentration of necessity means the sacrificing of many interesting and beneficial activities. Leisure in modern times offers a great compensation for the cultivation of neglected interests. Leisure is opening the way for fuller development of our powers in artistic and creatively satisfying enterprises, activities furthered for their own sake and not for the sake of pecuniary gain. Perhaps in the modern world's leisure time the spirit of the medieval guild craftsmen may be recaptured.
3. **Redeem the time for the widest interests.**—Normal human development is a progression from wider to wider interests.

From the first ego-centricity of the baby the way leads through the fellowship of marriage and the wider service of the family to the widest human sympathies of that victorious old age with its crowning interest in the whole family of mankind. By this widening of our interests from primitive self-centred existence to world interest and service nature seems to be challenging us to fulfil the sacrificial requirements of the Kingdom fellowship.

The sad condition of many old people whose interests revert to those of a child when their own families have grown is very often if not always the result of failure to respond to nature's challenge to the widest human sympathies. Nature seems to be speaking in tones echoing the Gospel Message of love and sacrifice, and urging us into the Kingdom of God.

These wide sympathies are the crown of the abundant life and their cultivation should have first claim on our leisure time.

C. H. OLDS, Chairman.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. **Dancing.**—That the whole section on Dancing be referred back to the Committee.
3. **The Problem of Leisure.**
 1. That Conference impress upon all ministers, and B.C. Leaders the need of educating our people in the use of leisure.
 2. That efforts be made to set out in a commonsense way the great opportunities leisure offers for the harmonious development of all our powers.
 3. That our people be urged to consider the claims of the following on leisure time:—
 - (a) Rest and Relaxation.
 - (b) The cultivation of interesting activities sacrificed in the highly specialised work of these modern times.
 - (c) The cultivation of the widest human interests in God's family and the fullest devotion to the cause of God and His Kingdom.
 - (d) Personal soul-winning through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and so bringing people into the Kingdom of God.
4. **Committee for 1937.**—Chairman of District (Rev. C. H. Olds), Rev. L. B. Neale, Superintendents of Cargill Road, Roslyn and Mornington Circuits. Messrs. C. F. Roberts, G. Henderson, E. J. King, A. H. Harman, Dr. Lyth and Sister Hazel. Convener, Rev. D. O. Williams.

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

Annual Report 1937.

Since our last Annual Meeting many of our Local Preachers have entered into rest—some of them veterans who have given long and signal service to our Church: to the friends and relatives of all these brethren we extend our sincere sympathy.

Periodical Communications.

During the year 1,766 letters containing Outlines of Sermons, Resumes of addresses and other helpful matter were sent to our members: from replies received it is evident that the Executive's object in sending these communications has been achieved.

Long Service Diplomas.

Six Long Service Diplomas have been presented during the year.

Whittome's Efficiency Course.

Twenty copies of this valuable book have been presented to men who have been publicly received as fully-accredited local preachers: we appeal to Ministers to arrange for this presentation at the service in which the local preacher is being received.

Public Reception Services.

We request our Ministers to use the form of service arranged by Conference for the Reception of Local Preachers and that the Reception Service be held on Sunday and not at a Week-night service or at a Quarterly Meeting.

Correspondence Course.

Five ministers residing in Christchurch graciously consented to act as Tutors under this Course: our Executive desires to extend heartfelt thanks to the Tutors for undertaking this work and regrets that so far they have met with little encouragement: it is hoped that some scheme may be devised which will result in a more adequate representation of the members of our Association as students under this valuable system of training.

Book Scheme.

Only two orders were received during the year: in all likelihood the Executive will at an early date issue a new Book List in which helpful books of recent publication will be included.

Written Examinations for Local Preachers.

The Branches have been consulted regarding the suggestion that the written examination be a Dominion one and under the auspices of the Conference Board of Examiners. The branches favour the suggestion and this matter will be further considered at our Annual Meeting and in Conference.

Bi-Centenary Celebrations.

We have noted, with satisfaction, that the Conference Committee charged with this business, has suggested that Local Preachers should take some part in these celebrations.

WM. S. MACKAY, President.

R. J. ADLINGTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the curriculum and examination for Local Preachers be referred to the Dominion Executive for further consideration during the year, in consultation with the Board of Examiners.
3. That the issue of a certificate to all who are received on Full Plan be referred to the Local Preachers' Association Dominion Executive.
4. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Local Preachers and that the work of the Association be commended to all our Local Preachers.
5. That the Dominion Executive again be located in Auckland consisting of:— President, W. S. Mackay; Secretary, R. J. Adlington; Treasurer, P. Dellow; Messrs. T. Clark, J. F. Roberts, W. R. Bungay, S. E. Chappell, T. L. Hames, J. W. Cocks, E. R. Warburton, T. W. Hamer and W. E. D. Beatt.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Annual Report, 1936.

Branch Activities.

During the year a few branches have ceased to meet, but new branches have been started; while the movement is not growing rapidly many branches have been re-vitalised, and others, especially in City centres, are being established on a firmer basis.

Men's Sundays.

Acting upon the suggestion put forward at the last Annual meeting many branches arranged services on two Sundays last year and other branches adopted this innovation for the first time; these special services, conducted throughout by men of the congregation, have been rich in spiritual blessing.

District Committees.

Nine Synods appointed District Committees and one Synod authorised the District Executive to appoint one. We appeal to these Committees to make an earnest endeavour to form new branches and to do their utmost to foster the Movement.

Signed, on behalf of the Executive,
M. KERSHAW.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. The Conference calls upon the members of the Men's Fellowship to co-operate more closely with the Minister in carrying out all Church activities, including Sunday School and Bible Class work; it invites them to take a more active and practical interest in all the Departmental work of our Connexion; to organise, or to take some part in the organisation of the Annual efforts on behalf of Home and Foreign Missions; and it suggests 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 a membership fee of 1/- per member be levied; that 50% of the levy of 3d. per member be retained by the District Committee and 50% be forwarded by the District Treasurer to the Dominion Treasurer.
5. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the assistance given by the various Branches of the Fellowship to the Foreign Mission Deputations during the past year.
6. That the Dominion Executive be Messrs. Rupert Pearce (Secretary), M. Kershaw (Treasurer), W. C. Francis, H. Chapman, F. Thompson, C. Sandford and W. A. Bascand; Corresponding Members: Auckland, Mr. L. E. Rhodes; Wellington: Mr. W. F. Stock; Dunedin, Mr. C. F. Roberts.

District Committees.

AUCKLAND.—Chairman of District, Superintendent Ministers of the following Circuits:—Auckland Central, Auckland West, Avondale, Devonport, Birkenhead, Takapuna, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Revs. W. Walker, F. J. Parker, and S. J. Werren; Messrs. J. M. C. Barker, V. E. Wills, A. Williams, E. C. Dare, E. J. Hutson, H. L. Featherstone, F. Skinner, J. W. Cocks, A. D. Whitehead, W. S. Mackay, L. E. Rhodes (Convener).

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs. F. Hawkins, W. B. Young, C. E. Paterson, D. Bradley, W. Wheatley, J. C. Tietjens, with R. P. Kilham (Convener).

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

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Messrs. T. R. Hodder (Convener), H. S. Tate, C. E. Taylor and G. H. Stiles.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COMMITTEE.—Messrs. W. G. Venables, H. Linyard, D. B. Clough and H. R. French.

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 District, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.; Messrs. Wm. C. Francis, W. L. Thomas, M. Kershaw, R. Laine, L. G. K. Steven, D. McBurney with power to add. Mr. W. L. Thomas to call the first meeting, and arrange a Convener.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru Circuits; Messrs. A. G. Foster, J. H. Hulston, C. W. Keinan, E. C. J. Foot, W. M. Hocking and J. Day, Mr. A. G. Foster (Convener).

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive.

D.—AUCKLAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Annual Report, 1936.

Regular meetings have been held during the year, and further steps made in co-ordinating the work of the various branches of our social service. The Orphanage Board has been approached regarding a combined report for 1937.

Orphanages.

The Orphanage Board has received several legacies (subject to life or other interests) and these will go to the Capital account. Subscriptions and donations were still needed for maintenance and upkeep. It is encouraging to report that preliminary steps have been taken in the matter of a scheme for a new central block of buildings.

Central Mission.

Nearly 300 young people are being trained in citizenship. Since the Annual Report was published, £400 has been received for the Health Camp building, making a total of £1,100 in hand. The contract for the administrative block has been let for £1,500. It is expected to take 150 to 200 children at the Camp this Christmas, and to maintain it throughout the year. Those in need have been assisted to the extent of £1,300, and £1,150 has been administered on behalf of the Pensions Department. There have been worthy results from Prison services and visitation. The Franklin Road work has gradually been consolidated and extended. The Jubilee of the "Helping Hand" Mission has inspired all those who attended, and the acquirement of a Parsonage will enable the Mission to take an ordained man next year.

Martin Brothers Memorial Rest Home.

In accordance with the wish of the donor, arrangements have been made for the registration of the Trust under the Religious and Charitable Trusts Act. When that transaction is finalised, the whole matter of the gift of the home, and the need of gifts, or bequests, to enable the Home to operate as an Old People's Home, will be placed before our Methodist people per the medium of the "Methodist Times." In the meantime, the property is well let, and is being kept in order by the tenants. All necessary repairs have been attended to, and after allowing for the payment of rates, the balance at the bank to the credit of the Trust amounts to £54/11/-.

Hospital Chaplain.

Over 5000 visits have been paid to the sick in the Public Hospital and Infirmary. Rev. Arthur Mitchell's work in this direction is deserving of our very sincere thanks. While most churches have contributed to the Chaplain's Fund, over nine churches have not contributed anything during the year.

Deaconess and Maori Work.

Sister Ivy's work among the Maori girls has been concentrated at the Mission, and a temporary building erected for the purpose. Sister Nicholls, with her two assistants in the Waikato, has achieved admirable results among the Maori women and children. Sister Eleanor Dobby, in the Hokianga, Sisters Heeni Te Teira and Rangimarie Ellison, in North Auckland, Sister Olive Bott in Te Kuiti, and Sister Rona Taylor in Kawhia, have commended their faithful and devoted work among the Maori people.

Finance.

No legacies have been received during the year, but the Association feels confident that as time goes on, charitably minded people will remember the magnificent humanitarian work of the Auckland Methodist Social Service Association.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

A. EVERIL ORR, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

A.—ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1936.

1. District Youth Director Policy.

During the year, the Board has been active in furthering its major policy of a forward move by submitting to District and Local Youth Committees its recommendations in regard to District Directors, and the development of responsibilities for Youth Work by the proposed establishment of five Area Councils.

These proposals are considered by the Board to be essential for the true family life of our Church, and are but the logical working out of the basis of organisation already approved by Conference and incorporated in the Law Book for the youth life of the Church.

In order to carry out the resolution of last Conference, to submit this policy to District and Local Youth Committees, the Board issued a revised report in May last, and arranged for Miss Lorna Hodder, our Youth Office Secretary, to go as a deputation from the Board to these committees and lay the proposals before them. The result has been encouraging in most quarters. At least there is a clearer vision of the situation and need, and a recognition that the proposals challenge acceptance or some equally constructive alternative.

A special report, with recommendations is submitted on this question.

2. Peace Education.

There is no more urgent moral problem in the world to-day than that of war and peace, and as it is of such vital importance to our youth, the Board has given considerable time and thought as to how best the minds and hearts of our young people can be helped in facing the question from a Christian point of view.

It is gladly recognised that the great masses of the people, as well as Church members abhor the thought of war; and yet they have not found any adequate solution to the problem. The Christian Church in general has not yet given an undivided answer to the world in the name of her risen Lord. It is the faith of many Christian people, that in this, as in all moral problems, only the mind and grace of God can, through His Holy and Catholic Church, be the means of saving the peoples of the earth. It is in this faith, and with the spirit of obedience to the divine will, that an effort is being made to present to our youth a statement setting out the two main schools of thought held by Christian people.

To this end, a pamphlet is about to be published by the Board for distribution to B.C. leaders and Senior Sunday School teachers. It is clearly understood that, although Christian thought is divided on this question, the mind and purpose of God is not divided, and that it is the fundamental task and function of the Church to discover that mind and declare it to the world in thought and action.

Some have advised the Board to let the matter drop. This, in the mind of the Board, is both impracticable and undesirable. Youth is claiming our guidance and to evade the issue would be a tragic dereliction of duty. In this issue we ask for the sympathetic co-operation and support of the whole church.

3. Membership.

The last Conference instructed the Board to study the causes of the decline in youth membership and report. A separate report with recommendations is submitted.

4. Junior Church Membership.

This question has been reviewed and a short statement with questions will be submitted to Local Youth Committees and Leaders' Meetings in 1937. When replies are received the matter will be again reviewed and recommendations submitted.

5. Sunday School Work.

When a report that might occupy many pages has to be compressed into a paragraph, we can only offer a glimpse of our many-sided work. The study of many questions and problems is a continuous responsibility and we keep touch with other countries as well as with helpful literature. There are daily events in our contacts with schools and teachers, and there are interviews and letters innumerable. Local Conferences with teaching staffs have been held in town and country; also District Conventions on Public holidays. The Correspondence Sunday School has grown. The adoption of Maori Schools by pakeha schools has continued. Tutorials were given to theological students, and addresses to parents in several places. The Schools make much use of our office, and they appreciate our Lesson literature, also the printed and typed pamphlets on many subjects that we supply gratis to all who apply. As our Master set the child in the midst, so in all our Executive work we endeavour to keep the living child and his need in the focus of our vision.

The Director has travelled more extensively than ever during the year. His duties as President have claimed a big share of his time and service, but he has nevertheless seized all possible opportunities to meet groups of teachers and leaders and parents in conference. Frequently they have gathered to a centre from a wide area, but isolated H.M. stations have also been visited.

The World's S.S. Conference was held in July at Oslo, Norway, news of which has been published in the "Methodist Times." We were well represented there by Miss Helga Lynneberg, of Wellington.

6. Y.W.B.C. Movement.

There are many things in the life of the Young Women's Movement to gladden Executive Officers. Everywhere there are groups and individuals who are reaching out to a deeper experience of the Christian faith; who realise that the Christian Church is faced with a spiritual crisis and that the Movement has its part to play in helping young women and girls to a right relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Many avenues are being explored for more concentrated thinking and planning towards this, the supreme aim and purpose of the Movement. In the quality and depth of this seeking on the part of consecrated Officers and Leaders lies the power of the Movement.

It is not surprising, therefore, that attention is being focussed on Summer Schools, Easter Camps and Class Leadership. It is recognised that class leaders hold the strategic positions, and only as there is a convinced and creative leadership can foundation principles and essential values be taught to the young people in the classes. For this reason an attempt is being made to change the nature of the work of the Travelling Secretary. Time and study with small groups of Leaders, where held, have proved worthwhile and the contact with individual girls who are potential leaders is of inestimable value.

The Christian Church being the 'body through which Christ works to-day' suggests that the most powerful public witness our girls can make is through entrance into full Church membership. To this end the adult Church must, by its teaching and living, lead the way.

7. Y.M.B.C. Movement.

The Movement has for some time been at a stage of development where its organization and main work proceeds almost as a matter of course. We can never be satisfied with the rate of progress, and it is clear that no very great further advance will be possible as the Movement is constituted at present. Very valuable work will continue to be done, but an intensification of work and leadership is needed.

There is a naturally intensifying interest in Social questions on the part of youth, which looks to the Church for clear and positive leadership. One of Youth's major difficulties to-day, is their bewilderment with their relationship to Society. They feel that to be a follower of Our Lord is to live a life of daring, of discipline, of radical and revolutionary service. On the other hand, the Social order confronts them like an impenetrable wall and rarely do they find within it definite and clear expression of Sacrificial Christian life.

We appreciate the action of Conference in releasing Rev. Henry Tozer for the office of Travelling Secretary. Favourable reports have been received as to the value of his work and his influence upon members and leaders.

Every endeavour is being made to restore our financial contribution to overseas missions and to arouse interest in Home and overseas Missions. A significant feature, more important than the financial aspect, is that in addition to one gifted member, Dr. Alan Rutter going abroad for special study preparatory to work as a Missionary Doctor, two other members of our National Executive have arranged to go to Fiji, one for six months and the other for one year, to assist Mr. W. E. Donnelly, a former Travelling Secretary, in the Methodist Mission School.

These facts, with the knowledge that many of our members are entering the special avenues of service provided by the Church, through the Ministry, Home and overseas Missions, the Sunday School, and as officers of the Church, cause us to feel a sense of growing usefulness in and unity with the Church. These avenues alone, however, are not enough.

8. District and Local Youth Committees.

It has always been the policy of the Board to develop the responsibility of these committees, and to that end the Y.P. Director gives attention to this work, in so far as time permits, with the large amount of S.S. work undertaken. Much remains to be done and the Board hopes to intensify action through the District Youth Committees. Policy matters such as the District Director policy have been submitted for their recommendations or alternative proposals. The Board would welcome such groups making a careful study of the vital problems underlying the Christian life of youth to-day, and forwarding suggestions, as well as carrying out such suggestions in their districts.

The Local Youth Committee is the Body to consider all vital youth issues in the local church such as membership, worship, communion services, church relationships, recreation, all as affecting children and youth.

While co-ordination of work in administration is a necessary and valuable function of this committee, it is relatively a minor one, and every Minister and youth leader is urged to make this group the spiritual fellowship centre, through which childhood and youth is brought into a real unity with the local church. No school or class is an end or entity of itself, it fulfils its function only as it becomes and remains a living part of the whole Church.

9. Youth Office.

The service rendered to schools and classes throughout the year by Miss Hodder and her staff cannot be tabulated. In addition to the routine of issuing supplies, correspondence, and administration, there are many personal contacts with callers from some part of the Dominion or overseas, as well as letters of enquiry for advice or help. The Office fills an important place in the youth life of our Church.

10. N.Z. Council of Religious Education.

The Director has not been free to give the usual amount of time to this work, but a very important development was the Vacation School of Religious Study held at Christ's College, Christchurch, during one week of the May vacation. It was a wonderful fellowship, and brought together ministers and teachers of many denominations. The theme of study was "The Incarnation" and able lecturers daily gave tutorials which lit up this doctrine, and relevant books of the Bible, particularly Jeremiah and St. John. It was the first venture of its kind in New Zealand and the Council has abundant evidence that it was greatly appreciated.

11. Conclusion.

The membership of the church is largely dependent on the inflow of young life and this inflow must ever be through individuals, mainly in adolescent years, giving their faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ.

This is the fundamental and permanent aim of our work. The methods by which such a result is attained, must ever be brought into line with modern knowledge and experience. Youth's concern to-day is not so much a matter of rewards or punishments in the future life, as the establishment of the Kingdom of God here on earth. What other sign can be give but an adult church radiant with the presence and power of Her risen Lord, a Church leading the kingdoms of this world from war, greed, domination and lust to the heaven on earth of goodness, truth and beauty made visible through every church member by the grace and power of God.

To all workers, helpers, teachers and leaders in scattered country places and in busy cities we give greetings and thanks. Likewise to all who have refreshed with hospitality our Director, Travelling and Office Secretaries, we give thanks.

J. H. HASLAM, Chairman.

R. S. MAUNDER, Hon. Secretary.

B.—Special Report on District Youth Director Policy. To Synods and Conference.

Introduction.

The following is a summary of Dr. Kagawa's speech at the recent World Sunday School Convention in Norway :—

"Of late some Japanese pastors have wanted to ignore the value of Sunday School training, because they think that the Sunday School is not important. They think that true Christianity is in evangelistic preaching. They believe that the Sunday School is relying too much on human psychology and a humanitarian interpretation of religion. But this kind of misunderstanding comes from an assumption that the Sunday School and religious education are against evangelistic preaching. To my mind the Sunday School by its religious education is a wonderful method of evangelisation. I can never say that religious education is opposed to evangelism. After continuing for more than twenty-six years . . . in adult slum work . . . , I must confess that I made a serious mistake in my own method of evangelisation. There is only one way to get Christianity into that kind of Society and that is through religious education. Unless we have a good method of educational evangelism, there is little chance of evangelising a nation. There is no difference between ordinary evangelism and religious education. Religious education is a long-time evangelistic method. In this sense the graded Sunday School is a wonderful evangelical organisation for giving a good religion to children. Therefore, we can say that the Sunday School is a combination of a sacred shrine where children may worship and an educational organ for opening up the religious consciousness of children."

These statements strongly express the Board's conviction. The Board's proposals herewith are "a long-time evangelistic method," and as such, warrant the support of the whole Church.

The 1936 Conference resolved as follows :—

"That the Local and District Youth Committees give consideration to the question of the Youth Board's Decentralization Policy through the year, a report to be given by the Youth Board through the Synods."

In accordance with the above resolution the Board immediately reviewed the whole position and issued an eight page report, setting out in detail, the need, organisation and financial proposals of the scheme.

This report was sent to the Committees concerned, and Miss Lorna Hodder, Youth Office Secretary, was sent as a deputation to explain the report. She met about 112 members of district Youth Committees and about 760 members of Local Youth Committees.

Aim of the Scheme.

The three objectives of this policy of which the first is paramount are :—

1. **Concentration on Child Training.** Teaching the Teachers, by systematic contact and Practical Demonstration in Teaching Methods. Helpful Contact with parents.
2. An awakened and virile **Youth Leadership** in every Church. Vitalising the Local Youth Committee.
3. **Co-ordinated Fellowship** of all sections within the local church, not only of one Youth Section with another, but of the whole Youth Section with the Church. Conscious direction of sectional energies into one main stream of creative Christian living.

The following is a summary of the method proposed for meeting the above aim and is set out under the headings of Organisation, Areas, Finance, Directors :—

Organisation.

In place of the three National Executive Councils, i.e. Sunday School, Y.W.B.C. and Y.M.B.C., each responsible for the work of a full time travelling Director or Secretary, who over a period of two or three years visit each youth section in the Dominion, the Decentralization Policy provides for Five Area Youth Councils, each with its own Youth Director.

The Councils to consist of five representatives each of the Ministers, Laymen, S.S., Y.W.B.C., and Y.M.B.C. representatives.

The nomination of these Councils to be through Synods to Conference.

Area Councils will be responsible for the work of the Directors, Local Youth Committees and the area budget.

The National responsibility would rest with the existing Youth Board, who would co-ordinate the policy of the Area Councils and be responsible to Conference.

Final approval in all matters of importance will rest with Conference.

Areas.

The proposed five areas will include the following Synod boundaries :—

1. Auckland.
2. South Auckland, Taranaki-Wanganui.
3. Wellington, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.
4. North Canterbury-Nelson.
5. Otago-Southland-South Canterbury.

Finance.

The gross expenditure on youth work in 1935 was £1,603.

With five Directors the estimated expenditure is £2,800, £500 being available from trading, grants, etc., leaving £2,300 to be raised in Areas, an average of £460 each.

The Quarterly meetings are the foundation of all Methodist Organisation and it is their responsibility to make provision for all aspects of church life and work, including that of childhood and youth. Therefore, it is proposed that the raising of the area finances be the responsibility of Quarterly meetings. The Area Councils will recommend circuit allocations through Synods to Conference. The Quarterly meetings to divide the allocation between their local youth committees to raise from Church members, Bible Classes, and Sunday Schools. If the allocation were accepted on a uniform basis by all circuits, then, as an illustration, a circuit having say, 200 senior members, 80 Bible Class members, and 80 Sunday School scholars (excluding primary) would be £20. (being Senior members £5, B.C's. £11 and S.S. £4).

It is proposed that the budget be raised a year in advance.

The Missionary interest and contributions by Bible Class members and Sunday Schools to be organised by Local Youth Committees and paid through Quarterly Meetings.

Directors.

The five Directors will be selected from the ablest men and women available, with suitable training and experience.

The Youth Board, after conferring with a National Youth Convention, will submit nominations to Conference for appointment for a term of six years. The importance of the qualifications, training, status and work of the Directors is fully realised, and a special report on this matter will be issued for the approval of Conference, before any nominations are submitted.

Conclusion.

The above report and policy are summed up in the following principle :—

The objective of the Youth Department is the decentralization of its work into five areas, each area having a youth Director working in the interests of the three sections of the department.

RECOMMENDATION.

That the above report be submitted to Special Quarterly Meetings between May and October 1937, inclusive.

C.—SPECIAL REPORT ON YOUTH WORK STATISTICS.

Conference Remit.

"This Conference views with deep concern the serious decrease of membership and attendance in nearly all branches of Church life, but particularly those affecting Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, and commends to the Youth Board and all Local Youth Committees an earnest study throughout the year of the causes thereof."

Statistical Returns.

The Conference Minutes show the following returns during the last ten years :—

Year	S.S. Membership		Y.W.B.C.	Y.M.B.C.	Senior B.C.	Junior on
	Primary	Jun. & Int.			Church Roll	Church Roll
1926		23936	3400	2962	1537	5851
1927		23973	3573	3024	1859	5585
1928	9358	13821	3977	3375	2125	6605
1929	9254	13228	3728	3209	2339	6961
1930	8732	13325	3959	3407	2560	6468
1931	8914	13335	4159	3544	2883	6767
1932	8867	13447	4629	4112	3192	7046
1933	8807	13429	4526	3981	3165	6566
1934	8482	12931	4532	4168	3357	6910
1935	8034	12731	4401	3896	3024	6581

This shows a decline of over 1000 members over a period in each Sunday school section, an increase of 1000 members in each B.C. section, a 100% increase in B.C. senior church membership, and about 800 increase in Junior church membership.

The Situation.

(a) **Sunday Schools.**—The decline in S.S. returns is much less than that in England, and the figures compare closely with census returns. The position has been definitely helped by an increase in the teaching staff. The change in social conditions greatly affects the attendance of children, and on the whole our S.Ss. are slow in re-adjusting themselves to meet the changing world, and at the same time to make full use of the modern training, etc., that is available.

To grip the situation our schools must become real centres of evangelistic long-time religious education. This means vital personal leadership by teachers who are spiritually alive, and mentally equipped for the task.

(b) **Bible Classes.**—The B.C. returns show the result and benefit of stimulating work as the result of Movement and Union activity, Travelling Secretaries work, Camps, and Summer Schools, etc. While there is ample scope for increased membership, the essential issue is the development of a church consciousness.

Conditions for Progress Within the Schools.

These may be summarised as follows :—

1. The evangelistic aim.
2. The constant care and oversight by the adult church.
3. Suitable buildings and equipment, clean and tidy.
4. Worship well conducted.
5. Good grading in all departments including organized clubs.
6. Adequate lesson literature and Teachers' Library.
7. Teachers in training, meeting in fellowship through Local Youth Committee, etc., on vital problems.
8. Teachers making adequate contact with each class member.

Church's Responsibility.

Early parenthood is a time when many cease their church and B.C. attendance, and it is here that the church has a unique opportunity for offering help and training. Young parents' groups should be formed to help them in training their own children.

An awakened Church consciousness is essential, and this should result in a real care for each stage of childhood and youth. This can be expressed in Infant membership linked with the cradle roll, teachers and leaders trained as sub-pastors, adequate preparation classes for Junior and Senior Church Membership. Further, Quarterly Meetings have a serious responsibility in regard to the whole youth life.

Large numbers of children in our country are outside a Sunday School because of church division, and while the division lasts, many children will be neglected because no section of the church can or will accept the responsibility.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Youth Board be received and adopted.
2. That it be a recommendation to the Youth Board that the Annual Report should take the form of a brief survey of the year's work.
3. That the statements of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheets of the Youth Board, S.S. Executive Council, Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C. Movements be received and adopted.
4. That the Annual Statistics of Sunday Schools and Bible Classes be received and adopted.
5. That the following recommendations re Youth Department Return Forms be referred to the Youth Board :—
 - (a) That heading No. 8 be amended to read "new members by promotion from Sunday Schools." A new heading to be inserted reading "number left and now regularly attending church" to be numbered 9. Heading at present numbered 9 to be altered to 10 on the Bible Class side of the return.
 - (b) That another form should be brought into use for recording the Methodist Girls and Boys and Young People attending Inter-denominational classes with particulars of Methodist church membership shown.
 - (c) That Bible Class Leaders, both in respect to Roll, Average Attendance and Church Members, be shown separately from Bible Class Members on the Youth Department Statistical return.
6. That the special Report on Youth Work Statistics be received and adopted.

7. That the following recommendations be adopted :—

- (a) That in view of the need for vigilance in following up with constant nurture each individual life that comes into the care of the church and the Sunday School the Youth Board be recommended to suggest to Local Youth Committees the use of individual progress cards towards this end.
- (b) Feeling that a very definite leakage in our Youth Work takes place through the long absences or irregular attendence of scholars and B.C. members not being reported to the Youth Committee, we recommend that at each meeting of the Youth Committee, a report be presented by the Sunday Schools and B.Cs., containing a list of members who have left since the previous meeting and setting out the reasons why they have left.
- (c) That Leaders' Meetings be urged to consider provision for the continuity of fellowship and systematic Bible study by forming adult groups to which the Senior membership of the young men's and young women's Bible Classes may be promoted.
We urge that the syllabus for groups of young married people include subjects related to home-making and child-training.
Also that the co-operation of existing organisations (such as Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Guild) be sought in giving effect to the above recommendations.
- (d) That the problem of the Intermediates be urged upon L.Y.Cs. for their consideration, using the material on the subject which the Office can supply.

8. **Junior Membership.**—That the Youth Board be asked to consider whether Junior Church Members attaining 16 years of age, not becoming Senior Members, should continue to be shown as Junior Church Members on the Youth Department Statistical Returns.

9. That the Report on District Youth Director Policy be received and referred back to the Board for further consideration.

10. **Co-ordination of Youth Work.**—That the North Canterbury Synod's proposals on pages 74 and 75 Conference Agenda, 1937, be referred to the Youth Board and that the Youth Board submit these and any other proposals to the District Youth Committees for consideration during the year and report to the Board prior to Synods, 1937.

11. That the Travelling Secretaries of the Bible Class Movements and the Youth Board office Secretary when invited may be regarded in all Church Courts as representatives of the Youth Board and Department.

12. That Ministers and Home Missionaries be requested to arrange meetings in May, 1937, of Local Youth Committees, or if not functioning, of combined Sunday School Teachers and Bible Class Officers to discuss and take action in the following matters.

- (a) An efficient Gradle Roll Department as part of the Sunday School organisation.
- (b) An active organisation to immediately follow up absentee Sunday School Scholars and Bible Class members.
- (c) Sunday School Scholars and Bible Class members transferring from one District to another, to be preceded by the transfer form (Issued by the Youth Department) supplying the new address.
- (d) A Young Worshippers League in every Church, with an Adult interested staff, and part of the Church service to be specially planned to appeal to the child mind.

- (e) Look-Out Committee to interview new arrivals as they come into the district.
- (f) Junior Membership preparation classes and Reception services (in Sunday School) to be held annually, if members available.
- (g) Senior Membership preparation class and Reception service to be held annually, if members available.
- (h) An annual recruiting Campaign for Sunday School Scholars and Bible Class members, conducted by Sunday School Scholars and Bible Class members, and members of the Adult Church.
- (i) Formation of Local or Circuit Youth Committees, if not at present functioning.
- (j) Formation of Local or Circuit Tutorial Classes for Leadership and Teacher Training.

13. Amendments to Law Book.

- (a) That Paragraph 272, page 25, of the Amendments and the additions be amended to read as follows :—"The Sunday School Staffs, Bible Classes and all other Youth Organisations shall arrange their own programme of Study and work, control their own finance and generally arrange their own affairs in co-operation with and subject to the oversight of the Local Youth Committee and in harmony with the purpose of the Methodist Church."
- (b) That the following be added to paragraph 265, Book of Laws :—"Chairmen of Districts shall be ex-officio members of the Executives of their District Sunday School Unions if such exist, and of the Young Men's and Young Women's District Bible Class Unions."
- (c) That paragraph 271, Clause 7, be deleted and the following be substituted therefor. (7) Receive and consider Reports of the Annual election of senior Bible Class leaders and Sunday School officers and nominate Leaders of the Intermediate and Junior Bible Classes.

14. **Long Service Diploma.**—That regulation 14, page 64, Minutes of Conference 1936 be rescinded.

15. That District Youth Committees and Circuits adjacent to seaside beaches be urged to consider the possibilities of work among children on those beaches.

16. That the New Zealand Bible in Schools League be recommended to take action with a view to extending the teaching under the Nelson System in the Secondary Schools.

17. That the Home Mission Board consider the appointment of a gifted young minister who shall visit the large factories of the Dominion, Student Conferences, Universities, Summer Schools, W.E.A. and Teachers, Motor Camps, Nurses Homes, Youth Organizations, Conferences, Boarding Establishments, with a view to linking up youth with the church and its organizational activities, and as a means of creating Christian character and knowledge.

18. **The training of Youth in Church Loyalty and Church Membership.**—That appreciating the fact that the Bible Class Syllabus and Sunday School Lessons are giving a place to subjects which promote Church Membership and Loyalty we urge the Youth Department to make sure that these subjects are well maintained in future publications.

19. **Proposed Pamphlet on Peace.**—That in view of Conference setting up a Committee on the Peace Question, Conference directs that no official publications on this question be issued.

Youth Board for 1937.

Chairman of Wellington District.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES : Revs. J. H. Haslam, W. Slade, E. E. Sage, and O. E. Burton ; Messrs. C. A. Russell, G. C. Burton, H. J. Steptoe and R. S. Maunder.

S.S. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES : Rev. P. R. Paris, Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Messrs. W. H. Johnston and N. R. Seddon.

Y.W.B.C. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ; Sister Winifred Beaumont, Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer, Misses D. Horwood and H. Beach.

Y.M.B.C. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES : Messrs. J. H. Claridge, A. J. Birtles, C. E. Gardiner and S. G. Andrews.

DISTRICT YOUTH COMMITTEES.

AUCKLAND.—Revs. E. D. Patchett (Chairman of District), W. T. Blight, H. G. Brown, E. W. Hames, Misses R. Joynt, E. Booth, L. Hendra, M. Waddingham ; Messrs. H. Dixon, S. Jack, E. P. Salmon, W. J. Court, R. Howell, S. Brooker, T. W. Hemer, A. D. Whitehead ; Secretary, Rev. H. G. Brown, Representative to Synod, Mr. W. J. Court.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of District, Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits ; Laymen : Messrs. J. Jebson, F. Scotter ; Y.W.B.C. Union : Mrs. W. J. Earle ; Misses E. Burnett, E. Smith, W. Blacklock and R. Tietjens ; Y.M.B.C. Union : Messrs. F. H. Mead, L. Hall, H. C. Wood ; District S.S.U. : Miss H. E. Wood and Mr. C. F. Primmer ; Secretary and Synod Representative : Mr. L. C. Hall.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District ; Revs. B. Metson, H. Cottom and A. R. Penn ; Mr. E. Yearbury, Miss D. Sheat, Mr. E. M. Marshall (Lay Reps.) ; Messrs. W. T. Johnson, D. R. Wills, N. R. Lewis (Y.M.B.C. Reps.), Misses C. Squires, F. Yearbury and B. Metson (Y.W.B.C. Reps.), Rev. C. O. Hailwood, Miss D. Bennett, M. L. Fox ; (S.S. Reps.), Synod Representative, Mr. D. R. Wills ; District Secretary, Rev. A. R. Penn.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District ; the Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits ; Mrs. R. Horn ; Misses E. Beale and B. Symes ; Messrs. G. C. Laws, H. R. French, G. W. Venables, J. H. Oldham, C. Smith, W. Everett, M. Richards, R. Lovie, H. Rowlands and L. A. Davis. Secretary and Representative to Synod, Mr. J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON.—Revs. J. H. Haslam, J. Richards and F. O. Prosser ; Messrs. E. L. Howe, A. Brooks, T. Lewis, A. G. Worboys, W. E. Howe, J. Cable and J. Walker ; Misses E. Sellars and I. Highet, F. Shepherd. Secretary and Synod Representative, Miss F. Shephard.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Nelson, Motueka, Richmond Circuits, together with Messrs. L. G. White, H. A. Holdaway, J. Heath, A. J. H. Boyes, H. B. Savage, M. A. Nightingale, H. R. Holdaway, J. Hurrell ; Misses J. Bannister, E. A. Turner, R. G. G. Johnson. Youth Secretary and Synod Representative, Mr. R. C. A. Marshall.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District ; Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. L. Fiebig, G. R. Harris, Messrs. W. Chas. Francis, W. A. Bascand, H. Chapman (Secretary and Synod Representative). Y.W.B.C. ; Misses L. Hooker, H. R. Barrell, M. Flatman ; Y.M.B.C. ; Messrs. A. T. Gandell, E. H. Smith, A. Dingwall ; S.S.U. : Miss G. Jones, Messrs. R. G. Pearce and J. N. Lewis.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of District; Revs. C. Blair, R. P. Keall, H. L. Richards, H. C. Matthews, Messrs. J. I. Hayman, — England, A. G. Foster (Secretary), W. Hocking, S. Blanchard, L. Johansen, Misses D. Sides, M. Blanchard, W. Daniels, Mrs. Earnshaw, Mrs. R. R. McAlister. Synod Representative, A. G. Foster.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Revs. C. H. Olds (Chairman of District), I. S. Williamson, D. O. Williams, Messrs. W. A. Brown, C. Chirnside, E. J. Lukey, R. McKinlay, A. T. McIndoe, K. Mitchell, Sister Lenna, Misses O. McCrone, E. Nixon, Mr. G. Densem, Mr. E. J. King; Rev. I. S. Williamson (Secretary,) and Representative to Synod).

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

A.—REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

The last Conference removed from the consideration of the Committee the questions of Marriage, Divorce, Birth Control, Communism, and Dancing.

The Committee has met regularly during the year and studied a number of matters, including Penal Reform, Sunday Observance, Gambling, and the Liquor Traffic. The subject of Unemployment has been in abeyance awaiting the full implications of the new Government's legislation.

Peace.

We supported the President of the Conference in his letter to the Prime Minister declaring that "the Methodist Church of New Zealand, profoundly concerned at the perils to world peace resulting from the growing disregard of international obligations and the world-wide increase in armaments and their destructive powers, earnestly requests the Government to take action in the direction of an international conference being convened at the earliest practicable date, to grapple with the economic and territorial causes of the international tensions which threaten war, and to make a resolute attempt to prove to each nation that it will be treated with justice and goodwill." (N.B.—A similar letter was presented to His Majesty's Government in Great Britain by the Methodist Church there).

Omission of letters D.G. from New Coinage.

In replying to the President on this matter the Prime Minister said that the design for the obverse or "head" side of the coins is determined by the Imperial Authorities. The design used is the standard one and appears on all new issues of coins. When objections to the omission were first raised the matter was referred to the Imperial Authorities who advised that the design had been approved by a Special Committee including a personal representative of His Majesty the King. In the circumstances the New Zealand Government do not propose to take any further action in the matter.

Bible in Schools.

Since January 1st, 1936, the Bible in Schools League has been working under a new constitution and increasing efficiency has resulted. A permeation of the community with the educational principles on which the League is based is steadily proceeding. It is more widely admitted that to relate a system of education to the nature of the child necessarily involves religious teaching. A deputation which waited on the Minister of Education during the year was cordially received, and emphasised the need for a Christian system of education in a Christian land. A new Education Bill will shortly be introduced by the Government, and how far it will accord with Christian principles will depend in part on the pressure exerted by all the Churches. The League is giving consideration at present to the policy of approaching the Government with the request for a referendum.

Under the provisions allowed by Education Boards much is being done to atone for the deficiencies in the State system. Every Board grants some facilities by reducing the hours for secular instruction where Committees consent. In this way at least half an hour each week may be used for religious instruction. Under five Boards, Canterbury, Wanganui, Otago, Auckland and Hawke's Bay, a daily religious observance may similarly be arranged and it is quite likely other Boards may follow suit with this permissive arrangement. In Otago, where the Board granted these additional facilities this year, the greatest use is being made of them, and already over twenty schools are opening with religious observances under the supervision of the teachers, either in the assembly of the whole school, or in the several classes. Thus in the last few months some thousands of children have been provided with the opportunity for a daily recognition of God and use of the Bible. Testimonies from the teachers as to the smoothness of working and the improved tone of the school are most encouraging. There is comparatively little use of the full facilities possible in Canterbury, and much more could be done in inducing teachers in the Wanganui Education area to arrange for these opening observances.

There are still some School Committees which refuse to grant permission to ministers and others to give a weekly lesson on the Bible. Fortunately they are exceptional cases rather than indicative of the sentiment of the community as a whole. The conditions obtainable under the Boards vary greatly, and in certain cases make it difficult to carry on the work even when local sympathies are in evidence. A process of general development is seen however, and hindrances are gradually but surely being removed. As difficulties arise under one Board, reference to the experience under another Board reveals the method successfully adopted there and there is seldom any difficulty that has not previously been met and overcome.

Recent League publications are:—"Suggestions for Bible Lessons in Primary Schools" and "Services of Worship for use in the State Schools of Otago." They are strongly commended.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

Peace.

1. This Conference having already emphatically denied the inevitability of war and declared that war is incompatible with the spirit of religion, and inconsistent with the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, feels that a way must be found to bring under impartial survey the economic grievances and other inequalities out of which the anxieties and fears of nations grow, and which account in large measure for the fateful race in armaments.

Conference urges that the League of Nations, acting in conjunction with those States not included in its membership, should convene, after due preparations, but at the earliest practicable date a World Conference on these subjects, open to all States. The subjects with which such a conference should deal would necessarily include protective tariffs and financial obstacles to world trade, inability to obtain raw materials, and an outlet for excess population, and the future administration of the colonial possessions and mandated territories.

2. This Conference expresses its grave concern at the universal movement toward re-armament, believing that such re-armament is provocative of war.

3. This Conference supports the proposal put forward by the Foreign Secretary (Mr. Anthony Eden) and by Sir Samuel Hoare, that steps be taken to separate the Treaty of Versailles from the Covenant of the League of Nations. That this resolution be forwarded to the Government and the High Commissioner of New Zealand.
4. This Conference affirms that justice and law must reign if we are to reach a better world order, that greater observation of solemn pledges and covenants of nations is an all important step to that end.
5. The Conference passionately believes that in the renovated earth as contemplated by Jesus Christ there is no room for fratricidal strife, and therefore this Conference reaffirms its abhorrence of war and all its works.

Believing, however, that from the very beginning Christian statesmen have had to legislate not for an ideal society, but for the world as it is, we recognise that it is the province and duty of wise statesmanship to take such measures as are necessary to meet any national emergency and to strengthen the forces represented by the League of Nations, whose high purpose is the enforcement of international law and the maintenance of world peace.

6. That the following District Committees be appointed to examine in fellowship those aspects of Peace and War concerning which united judgment has not yet been recorded by the Conference; in each case the Chairman of the District to be ex-officio Chairman:—

AUCKLAND: Revs. E. S. Emmitt E. T. Olds, S. J. Werren, W. T. Blight, Messrs. E. H. Burton, L. E. Rhodes, W. S. Mackay, E. P. Salmon. Convener, Rev. S. J. Werren.

WELLINGTON: Revs. J. H. Haslam, E. P. Blamires, P. Paris, W. G. Slade, H. T. Peat, O. E. Burton, Messrs. Binet Brown, R. Hardie-Boys, R. S. Maunder, A. C. Barrington. Convener, Rev. P. Paris.

CHRISTCHURCH: Revs. W. A. Burley, F. B. Lawrence, H. Ryan, H. L. Fiebig, Messrs. W. C. Francis, A. Holden, H. Chapman, A. Dingwall. Convener, Rev. H. L. Fiebig.

DUNEDIN: Revs. L. B. Neale, T. Skuse, B. Tasker, D. O. Williams, Messrs. D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper, E. J. Lukey, A. H. Harman. Convener, Rev. D. O. Williams.

These District Committees to send their findings to the Public Questions Committee in Wellington by August 31st, that they may be co-ordinated and sent to the Synods.

7. That the Government be requested to repeal immediately the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act.

Coinage.

That in view of the Coronation and the prospect of a new coinage Conference once more approach the Prime Minister to have the letters D.G. and D.F. restored to the New Zealand coinage.

Bible in Schools.

1. That the resolutions of previous Conferences in support of the Bible in Schools League be reaffirmed.
2. That the Rev. E. O. Blamires and his work be commended to all our circuits.

3. That, while appreciating all that ministers and others are doing in teaching the Bible under the permissive systems of the Education Boards, special attention be drawn to the opportunities available under the Auckland, Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, Canterbury and Otago Boards, and ministers urged to co-operate in inducing suitable teachers to provide for the opening observances each day.
4. That, where a School Committee refuses to permit of any religious teaching or Bible reading, the request be made locally for the taking of a referendum of the parents.
5. That all our preachers be urged to make special reference to the question of religious education in day schools during the month of May, either on Bible Sunday (first Sunday) or on some suitable day about that time.

Gambling.

1. (a) In view of the widespread and increasing prevalence of the gambling and betting mania and the insidious evils attendant upon such, Conference counsels the people of our Church to abstain from participation in any form of gambling, and to do all in their power to lessen its sway in the community. We further urge that instruction in the evils of gambling be given by Youth workers of the Church.
- (b) Conference urges our people to discourage the use of guessing Competitions in connection with Church activities.
- (c) In view of the tendency to centralize racing permits and thus increase the number of days of racing, Conference urges that the facilities for racing permits should be reduced rather than increased.
2. That Conference notes with grave concern the encouragement of the gambling spirit in some of our public schools through "Raffles, etc." in connection with school carnivals. It protests against children being used to sell tickets for the same, and urges the Education Authorities to discourage the practice.
3. That Conference instructs the Public Questions Committee to approach the Public Questions Committees of other Churches with a view to the publication of suitable literature in a combined educational attack upon the gambling evil.

The Liquor Traffic.

1. In view of the accumulating scientific evidence of the disastrous effects of alcohol, thereby strengthening the case against the liquor traffic, Conference reaffirms its conviction that the Liquor Traffic is a prolific cause of moral waste, domestic misery, industrial disturbance, and a chief hindrance to the establishment of the Kingdom of God.
2. That the Conference inaugurates :—
 - (a) An intensive Temperance Educational campaign in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Churches ; and for the formation of Bands of Hope.
 - (b) The launching of a pledge signing campaign.
3. That Conference set up a special Committee, to sit during the year, to draft the details of the plan of campaign. The Committee to be the Public Questions Committee, the Youth Board and Sunday School Executive and the following corresponding members :—Revs. E. S. Emmitt and J. Olphert, Messrs. H. R. French, W. S. Mackay, W. Dobbs, C. E. Bellringer and C. E. Taylor. Convener, The Convener of the Public Questions Committee.

4. That the Conference heartily commend the Minister of Transport for his great activities and endeavours to stamp out the disastrous practices of motorists under the influence of liquor and for bringing greater safety on the roads.
5. That warning be given by our ministers and youth leaders to all our people against providing or partaking of intoxicants at weddings or other festive gatherings.
6. That no redistribution of licenses should be considered without taking a poll of the residents in the immediate locality to which any license is desired to be transferred and that if the majority oppose such transfer the license it is proposed to transfer shall lapse.
7. This Conference expresses its sincere hope that the Government will not afford any opportunities for advertising intoxicating liquors through the facilities afforded by Commercial Radio Stations, and by hoardings of the Railway Department.
8. That Conference views with alarm the suggestion to grant Tourist Licenses in No-License districts and recommends conference to urge our people to take every opportunity of opposing any action in that direction.
9. That Conference approach the Government with a view to having the liquor laws strictly observed especially in regard to hours of trading and the sale of drink to juveniles.
10. That the Methodist church in New Zealand, which, for over a century has served the Maori Race, is alarmed at the evidence of the decadence of some members of this noble race through the consumption of alcoholic liquors and urges the Government to take immediate action to deal with the evil.
11. Seeing that the New Zealand Alliance is calling a great Temperance Congress in Wellington in April, Conference urges that our churches co-operate in sending representatives to the Congress.
12. That Conference declares that it is against the National interests for any increase to be made in the hours of sale of alcoholic liquors.

Public Questions Committee for 1937.

Revs. J. H. Haslam, E. O. Blamires, P. R. Paris, J. F. Martin, J. Richards, H. T. Peat, W. G. Slade, M.A., A. M. Costain, W. Parker, O. E. Burton, M.A., F. O. Prosser,; Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Miss L. Hodder; Messrs. S. T. S. Martin, B. J. Lynneberg, C. A. Russell, R. S. Maunder, C. H. Hain, LL.B., T. H. Crosbie, H. E. Pacey, W. Binet Brown, M.A., and W. F. Stock. Convener, Rev. A. M. Costain.

B.—MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND BIRTH CONTROL.

The following provisional outlines in the above questions are submitted :—

In view of the far reaching implications of the subjects under review, the Conference remits these findings, to the Synods of 1937 for their consideration and report to the special Committee, in time to make a definite statement for the guidance of our Ministers and people at the Conference of 1938.

Ministers are increasingly requested to re-marry divorced persons. On the question of Birth Control and cognate subjects, both Ministers and people are in need of authoritative information, and of instruction, before advice can be given. It should be observed that the position is increasingly a moral problem, and it is narrowed to one of personal responsibility, in view of the advance of improved contraceptive methods as advocated by some members of the Medical profession.

The statistics embodied herewith uncover an alarming state of affairs.

The Christian Ideal of Marriage.

The Christian ideal of Marriage is seen in the statements and attitude of Jesus. It is a Divine institution ordained in the laws and necessities of our being, and is a part of the natural order as God designed it.

The Marriage state in the early Christian Church was looked upon as normal, its sanctity re-inforced by the high standard of Christ and recognised as close and binding and was illustrated by the simile of the union between Christ and His Church. Husband and wife are considered as "joint heirs of the Grace of Life," (1 Peter 3 : 1-9), and marriage should neither be abused nor broken without very serious cause. Mutual faithfulness is enjoined.

Apart from the specific cases of divorce and re-marriage quoted in the New Testament (and dealt with in the section following on Divorce and Re-Marriage) the above principle is laid down, and the practical application appears to have been left to the experience of the Church.

The ideal may not have been nearly realised and the application of the "letter" of the New Testament has not been rigidly enforced, nor has it been rigidly observed ; but the principle as developed in the New Testament, and more or less exemplified in the Christian Church since, is clear, and it is the duty of Christians to maintain the high standard of marriage, duly remembering one of the purposes of matrimony is for the continuance of human life under the discipline and order of the home and family. We must urge this upon all Christians, and seek as far as possible to embody it in our legislation and social usage.

Divorce and Re-marriage.

(1) According to the teaching of our Lord in Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18, marriage is indissoluble. In His words in Matthew 5/32 and 19:3-9, it is dissoluble on one ground only, that of fornication or sexual unchastity. The exceptive clauses in the Matthaean passages are held by most New Testament Scholars to be authentic words of Jesus. Thus unchastity is regarded by our Lord as the one ground for the dissolution of marriage.

The Apostle Paul's teaching is found in 1 Corinthians, Ch. 7, vv. 8 ff. In verses 10-11 he gives it as a word of the Lord that neither wife nor husband should leave each other, referring in these cases to Christian couples. In verse 39 there is a similar word : a wife is bound for so long time as her husband lives. If a wife leaves her husband, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to him. In verses 12ff, where the reference is to married couples divided in religion, Paul gives his own private opinion, which he distinguishes as "say I, not the Lord." If either husband or wife have unbelieving partners, and these partners are willing to continue the marriage, it is to continue. But if the unbelieving wife or husband is determined to separate, the other partner is to let him or her go. The Christian brother or sister "is not under bondage" in such circumstances. The Christian is forbidden to dismiss his or her partner, but he or she is not forbidden to accept separation. Many students interpret the "not under bondage" as freedom to marry again ; others, that it refers only to separation without re-marriage, in view of verse 11.

(2). A small minority of the Committee believes that the Church should take the strict interpretation of our Lord's words as to Christian marriage being dissoluble on the one ground only, unchastity. The majority on various grounds take another view. Arguing that our Lord's words may have had reference only to specific cases before Him, and that He was not legislating for the different circumstances of to-day : also that on Christ's own principles as laid down in the Gospels, other things, such as insanity, cruelty, desertion, etc., are the equivalent of unchastity in morally breaking up the marriage bond, they hold that marriage is also dissoluble for these reasons. While thus rejecting the strict letter of our Lord's teaching, they believe that, in the circumstances of to-day, they are preserving its true spirit.

(3). The Conference recognises that it is not the province of the Church to say what is, or what is not, a valid marriage. But it is her province to give or withhold her blessing with respect to a Marriage or a re-marriage which she approves or disapproves. Whatever the State may do, the Church herself must be guided by the highest spiritual principles in what she does, especially remembering that a Christian solution is offered through the exercise of repentance and forgiveness.

(4). The Conference affirms the following from the report on page 68 of the 1936 Minutes of Conference :—That a minister may re-marry a divorced person or persons if he is satisfied after consultation with both parties to the proposed re-marriage that in entering into the same they have a sincere and honest purpose and attitude of mind which is in conformity with the Church's view of what marriage should mean and stand for.

Birth Control.

The Committee believes that Christian marriage has as its basis the procreation of children and their nurture and care, and that parenthood is the greatest privilege and duty of men and women. It would strongly condemn any limitation of the family which springs from selfishness, unrestricted indulgence, or a callous refusal to accept parenthood and its responsibilities.

At the same time, we are aware of many factors, social, economic, and physical leading to a limitation in the size of families, and a spacing of births. An ominous fact emerges that whatever be the extent of racial limitation by a greater protection of life, the main danger of race suicide comes from deliberate resolve to prevent reproduction.

The seriousness of the position is shown by the following statement of medical men :—

"From an article published recently in the 'N.Z. Medical Journal' it is apparent that the abortion rate in the community is rising, so that now at least one in every eight pregnancies ends in abortion. Of these abortions at least half are induced. The big majority of these induced abortions are the result of illegal instrumentation and show a high rate of maternal mortality. In view of these facts it is felt that it is wise for the Church to utter a warning to its people of these dangers. Rather than be placed in a situation, on account of economic stress or ill health, of having to face the possibility of termination of a pregnancy, it would be wiser for people to obtain from medical men advice as to ways and means of contraception."

The following statistics, referred to in the preamble, were largely a basis for the foregoing findings :—In New Zealand from 1931 to 1935, 145 women died of septic abortion, 112 of them married women who died leaving over 338 motherless children. One in eight pregnancies ends in abortion. From 1924 to 1935 there were 1442 notified septic miscarriages, and 219 deaths. The problem is more largely among married than among single women.

The incidence of divorce in New Zealand is 7.5 per 100, and it is significant that "by far the greater number of divorces, no matter on what ground obtained, arise out of marriages following upon the conception of a first child. From 1930 to 1934 there were 15,322 children born in New Zealand whose conception took place either prior to marriage or without subsequent marriage. This total probably represents nearly one quarter of the children born during this period.

We would emphasise the fact that the most serious trouble is ethical. Obviously no country has secured governance of sexual problems satisfactory to biological needs.

The Churches should consider collectively these problems and the suggestion is offered that an inter-church Committee be formed and all available matter submitted thereto with a view to a collective statement. This need not prevent the procedure referred to in the opening paragraphs of the main report.

Conclusion.

We recognise the valuable exploratory work of previous Committees and submit the above for such further clarification, additions, or amendments, as may be necessary. Between the principle of absolute indissolubility of marriage when once contracted, and the somewhat loose provisions of recent trends of easier divorce, there lies a mean which this Committee does not claim to have defined. That this may be reached in due course, we most earnestly pray, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit thereto.

E. S. EMMITT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the matter of providing literature instructing young people on the problem and duties of marriage and assistance to married people and the establishment of Courts of Domestic Relations be referred to the Committee.
3. That Conference request the Government to prohibit the sale of contraceptives to Juveniles and young unmarried people.
4. That the Committee be thanked and re-appointed; Convener, Rev. E. S. Emmitt.

C.—REPORT ON IMMIGRATION.

The question of Immigration has been prominently before Parliament and the Public during the year. Discussions have been carefully followed, resolutions of public bodies noted, and we were in touch with the Empire Congress of Chambers of Commerce on the matter. There is no likelihood of large-scale immigration for some time to come.

During the past twelve months, notice was received from England of one Methodist arriving in the Dominion. She was welcomed, and brought into fellowship with the nearest congregation.

We have met a number of Methodist visitors to the Dominion, some of whom we have entertained. In this we have been helped by the officials of Wesley Church, and Mr. R. H. Nesbitt, the Australian Trade Commissioner.

PERCY PARIS,

Chief Immigration Officer.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted, and that the Rev. Percy Paris be thanked and reappointed.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Interim Report of General Secretary.

Schedule forms for property and trust returns were issued to all circuits and home mission stations throughout the Dominion on 1st September. The forms were, in every case, accompanied by very clear instructions for both treasurers and auditors so as to facilitate the work of the District Secretaries for Church Property.

To assist local trust treasurers particulars were filled in showing :—

1. The balance brought forward last year.
2. Money reported last year as being held for special purposes.
3. Details of the amounts of insurance cover held in the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.
4. Mortgage debts to the Loan Fund and other lenders as shown in last year's returns.

In some cases last year trust treasurers reported a wrong amount as owing to the Loan Fund. In these cases a slip was attached to the schedule form showing what the correct amount should have been. No doubt the various District Secretaries will follow up this action by making a careful comparison of the amounts returned this year with the amounts that appear on the district summary of current loans which has been supplied to the various Synods. These summaries show the exact relation of trusts to the Loan Fund as at 30th September.

Considerable trouble has been taken to assist all trust treasurers to send in correct and consistent returns. This simplifies the work alike of local treasurers and auditors and should reduce the labours of the District Secretaries.

Christchurch,
19th October, 1936.

M. A. RUGBY, PRATT,
General Secretary for Church Property.

GENERAL REPORT.

1.—Properties Acquired.

Auckland Central Mission—About 1 acre at Sandringham. Cost £900.

Beach Haven (Birkenhead)—Section. Cost £60.

Oruaitia—Section and Church. Gift of Mrs. Martha Foster.

Kaitaia—Sections exchanged.

Invercargill (St. Peter's)—1 rood for parsonage. Cost £100.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Mount Eden—Extensions to School. Cost £107.

Fencourt (Cambridge)—School erected. Cost £122. Debt £45.

Tauranga—Cloak rooms built. Cost £70. No debt.

Thames—Cottage renovated. Cost £225. Debt £193.

Levin—Church erected. Cost £2,700. Debt £500.

Pahiatua—School erected. Cost £430. Debt £100.

Redcliffs (Woolston)—School erected. Cost £415. Debt £250.

Lower Pareora (Timaru)—Bible Class room built. Cost £32. No debt.

Kensington (Timaru)—Kitchen and B.C. Room. Cost £126. Debt £100.

Invercargill Central—Church (amended figures). Cost £5,334. Debt £950.

Invercargill (St. Peter's)—New parsonage erected. Cost including section £1,051. Debt £988.

Otautau—Additions to Church. Cost £170. No debt.

Cromwell—Additions to parsonage. Cost £60. Debt £20.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Auckland Central Mission—Property at Henderson sold £350. Proceeds to Campbell's Bay Health Home.

Birkenhead—Section sold £125. Proceeds applied purchase of Beach Haven Section.

Kaitaia—Section exchanged for another.

Hamilton East—Section £150. Proceeds to repay mortgage.
Kaponga—Section sold for £55. Proceeds to repay Trust debt.
Maranui (Wellington East)—Two allotments sold for £800. Proceeds to repay mortgage £398/10/9 balance to be held in trust for new church fund.
Featherston—Shed sold for removal £15. Proceeds to Featherston Trust.
Napier—Marine Parade property sold £800. Proceeds to pay off mortgages.
Hawarden—Section sold £50. Half proceeds for parsonage repairs, half to reduce debt to Loan Fund.
Oxford—Section sold £42. Proceeds for Bible Class rooms.
Miller's Flat (Roxburgh)—Section sold £10. Proceeds for Roxburgh new parsonage fund.

4.—Current Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account ..	6,304	9	4
„ Balance from last year held for Special purposes ..	21,431	7	4
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	3,395	0	0
„ Loans from other sources	3,268	15	6
„ All other Receipts	54,779	14	6
Total Receipts	89,179	6	8
Debit Balances	17,878	1	4
TOTAL	£107,057	8	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance from last year	17,999	19	9
„ Loan Fund Instalments	2,633	8	9
„ Other Loans repaid	6,554	7	6
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft ..	7,181	7	9
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	13,657	6	4
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..	29,971	12	5
Total Expenditure	77,998	2	6
Credit Balances	5,292	11	5
Balances held for Special purposes	23,766	14	1
TOTAL	£107,057	8	0

5.—Statement of Debts.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	171,774	2	8
Add New Loans received during year	8,381	2	11
TOTAL	£180,155	5	7
Deduct Loans repaid during year	9,814	4	0
Amount of Mortgage Debt as at end of year	£170,341	1	7
Unpaid General Accounts	£1,235	11	5
Unpaid Interest	374	6	2

6. Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances reported	£763,214	5	4
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7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

In the preparation of the district returns the District Secretaries for Church Property have rendered valuable and capable service. Some have filled their office for many years. Mr. W. D. Pike now enters upon his twenty-first year of service. Mr. F. C. Daniell who has served us well in South Auckland district and Mr. G. E. Turney who has rendered equal service in Otago-Southland district now retire from office. To them both the thanks of the Conference are due. Several of the District Secretaries make severe criticisms of the carelessness and incapacity manifested in the preparation of the very simple schedule forms. Allowance is made for the inexperience of some local trust treasurers but some superintendent ministers are inexcusably dilatory in sending in their returns which are often so carelessly compiled that they need careful checking and much correction. The following are the nominations of District Secretaries for the ensuing year:—

Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 61 Valley Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2.

South Auckland—Mr. J. T. Bryant, Matangi, Waikato.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, 293 Devon Street West, New Plymouth.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Road, Feilding.

Wellington—Mr. S. T. S. Martin, 11 Millward Street, Wellington, S.1.

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

North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, 13 Cholmondeley Avenue, Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1.

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

Otago-Southland—Mr. G. S. Gapper, 12 Heriot Row, Dunedin.

8.—General.

The improving economic condition is reflected in the financial returns. The aggregate receipts show an increase of £6,176/8/8 over the previous year. The debit balances reported are £118/16/3 less than a year ago. The aggregate expenditure of the trusts is £4,370/4/6 more than last year. A total sum of £9,187/16/3 has been paid in reduction of loans as against £8,697/17/10 the previous year. The credit balances held by trusts are £288/16/4 less than a year ago. The amounts held in trust for special purposes aggregate £23,766/14/1. This is £1,977/14/0 more than last year. The insurance cover against fire loss again shows a substantial increase.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Christchurch,

General Secretary for Church Property.

11th December, 1936.

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 special appreciation be expressed of the work done by Mr. F. C. Daniell and Mr. G. E. Turney who now relinquish office after a period of capable and devoted service.
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 stock, funds or other Government Securities of New Zealand, or of the Commonwealth of Australia, or any State thereof.
 - (b) On real securities in New Zealand.
 - (c) In the bonds, debentures, or other securities of any municipal Corporation or County Council, or Water Supply Board, or River Board or Road Board or Town Board or Electric Power Board in New Zealand having authority to borrow money.
 - (d) On deposit in any bank carrying on business in New Zealand under authority of any Act of General Assembly, or in the Post Office Savings Bank established under "The Post and Telegraph Act, 1908," or in any savings bank constituted under "The Savings Bank Act, 1908."

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

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Report for 1936.

During the financial year ended 30th September, the amount received in repayment of current loans has been £2,484/8/6. This is £285/4/9 less than the repayments of the previous year in which special efforts were made by several trusts to prepay current loans. The loan moneys of the Fund have been increased to £21,650 by a transfer of £225 from the Office Expenses Account to the Accumulated Funds. The amount of loans current at the end of the financial year was £21,399/17/6.

Sites Fund.

Grants totalling £131 have been made from the Sites Fund as follow :—Northcote £75, Kawhia £50 and Oruaiti £6. The current revenue exceeded the grants by £29/19/7. As pointed out last year the revenue of the Sites Fund is derived in part from the interest on the investment of a sum of £1000 of moneys held in trust by the Treasurers of the Loan Fund. As the capital sum may be called up at any time, continued revenue from this source is uncertain. The only assured revenue is represented by the annual grants from the Fire Insurance Board and the Home Mission Board.

Loans Repaid.

During the year and up to 16th October loans have been fully repaid by the following trusts :—Roskill, Ponsonby, Warkworth, Cambridge, Maeroa, Kaponga and Brooklyn Churches. Small loans to Opotiki and Whakatane churches guaranteed by the Home Mission Board have also been fully repaid. Other loans fully repaid are those on the Picton and East Belt Sunday Schools, and on the parsonages at Linwood, Repton Street and Addington.

Rearrangements and New Loans.

Loans have been re-arranged on Richmond-Linwood parsonage and Gore school hall. Former loans have been rearranged with additional advances for Eketahuna and Beckenham trusts.

New loans have been advanced as follow :—Ponsonby Church £200, Richmond Avenue £55, Helensville £25, Fencourt Hall £50, Manaia Church £50, Motueka Parsonage £400, Dundas Street Church £550, Invercargill Central Church £1000, Riverton Parsonage £30, and Ohai Church £20.

Current Loans.

The following table shows the loans current in each District and the liabilities to the Fund including charges for working expenses and interest as at 30th September.

District	Loans	Liabilities			Arrears and Interest		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	15	2,848	7	1	926	9	5
South Auckland	19	4,516	5	3	1,420	0	3
Taranaki-Wanganui	9	2,553	14	7	130	14	7
H.B.-Manawatu	7	1,674	14	0	225	19	3
Wellington	8	1,841	6	8	157	5	2
Nelson	7	776	19	0	28	12	9
North Canterbury	17	4,940	11	4	280	9	10
South Canterbury	2	407	18	9	—		
Otago-Southland	13	3,469	8	10	1,103	14	3
Totals	97	£23,029	5	6	£4,273	5	6

Auckland District.

Devonport and Vauxhall have made appreciated repayments during the year. The case of Mangere East calls for attention. Otahuhu is making a new arrangement and Kohukohu expects soon to liquidate its long-standing debt.

South Auckland District.

Opotiki, Whakatane and Taneatua call for special attention in view of the long-standing liabilities. Te Puke also has become a problem in recent years. The vacant sections at Kakahi and Kerepehi acquired many years ago are a source of expense and no use is apparently being made of the properties.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

Inglewood is considerably in arrears in repayment of its small loan. The parsonage site acquired at Rangataua in 1910 is apparently not being used and a sum of £51/2/5 is due to the Loan Fund in respect of the property.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

The position of the Gisborne church trust still continues unsatisfactory and arrears are accumulating. Wairoa has gone backward during the year. Dannevirke has improved its position by the generous donation of a lady supporter and the amount now outstanding is £47/19/2.

Wellington District.

The only loan in this District calling for special attention is that to Miramar, which is keeping part of the capital of the fund out of circulation. Johnsonville trust has now reduced its arrears to £14/9/2. Eketahuna has rearranged its finances on a satisfactory basis.

Nelson District.

The Havelock parsonage trust is slightly in arrears with its recent loan. The Flaxbourne Site has on it a small liability of £23/13/-, whereas a sum of £2 stands to the credit of the Seddon Site trust account. Both these sites should, in the judgment of the Committee be taken over by the Blenheim trustees.

North Canterbury District.

The Hawarden parsonage loan arrears have been reduced to £96/4/10 by part of the proceeds of the sale of surplus land. The North Brighton Section liability stands at £87/11/-. The only other cases of arrears are those of Cashmere School (£22/19/3) and Papanui School (£64/14/9).

South Canterbury District.

The only current loan in this District is to the Timaru (Bank Street) trust and repayments are always promptly made.

Otago-Southland District.

St. Clair and Caversham loans present a problem. Mornington trust which has lapsed in recent years was granted a respite from repayments for one year by the last Conference. Its loan was re-arranged in May, 1935, to give easier conditions and it is expected that regular repayments will be resumed at the end of the current Connexional year. The trusts of Dundas Street church, Riverton parsonage and Nightcaps parsonage which all received loans in 1935 have all fallen into arrears in repayment. Such a position is much to be regretted.

Instalments in Arrears.

It should be pointed out that loans are free of interest. A nominal charge of 10/- per annum per £100 of loan is made during the period of loan currency to cover the cost of working the Fund. The trustees upon receiving a loan enter into a legal covenant to make prompt and regular repayments and in case of default in payment of any instalment they "promise and agree to pay interest thereon." If instalments are not promptly paid, the very purpose of the Fund—that of keeping money in constant movement for fresh enterprises—is frustrated. Default prevents help being extended to others, for if the capital of the Fund becomes frozen, it cannot be re-lent to other needy trusts. When money is re-lent it again begins to earn the working expenses of the Fund. To compensate for loss through default and to remove any inducement to trustees to get behind in their payments, interest is charged but on the amount of arrears of instalments only. With a few trusts whose own needs have been met by a loan there is a disposition to ignore the needs of others and to seek to escape at the same time, the conditions by which they agreed to abide when they received the loan.

Breach of Rules.

On the part of some trusts there is a disposition to ignore the Church Property Regulations, particularly Regulation 6 on page 188 of the Law Book as now amended. This regulation requires that the sanction of the Loan Fund Committee shall first be obtained for all purchases, all sales and all mortgages ; as well as for leases of church property for periods over seven years and for all erections, enlargements and structural alterations of buildings. This rule has been infringed by the Auckland Central Mission trustees who paid a deposit on the purchase of a parsonage property without consent, and by the Napier trustees who negotiated a sale of a Marine Parade property without having first referred the matter to the Committee. Many of the gravest property problems confronting the Connexion to-day have been created by disregard of our regulations.

Committee for 1937.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year :—The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District (ex officio), the Rev. Edward Drake, The Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Riccarton and St. Albans circuits together with Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, R. W. Brighting, J. H. Kidd, H. J. S. Harrington, E. D. Sincok, F. W. J. Belton and R. Laine. Mr. J. McIndoe and Mr. H. Harrison retire after a term of valuable service and to them cordial thanks are due.

The Synods are asked to nominate the District Advisory Committees for the next Connexional year.

SALES AND MORTGAGES SANCTIONED.

The Committee has given its sanction to the following :—

1.—SALES.

Auckland Central Mission.—(a) Sale of property at Henderson, proceeds for buildings at Campbell's Bay Health Camp and Rest Home ; (b) Sale of surplus parsonage section for not less than £175 cash.

Onehunga.—Sale of two Grey Street sections for not less than £150 each. Proceeds to be used (1) to liquidate debt on Penrose section, (2) to reimburse Onehunga trustees for recent rates paid on sections and (3) balance to be held in trust for developmental work and not used for meeting current expenditure.

Birkenhead.—(a) Parsonage building and one eighth acre for not less than £700. Proceeds to be held in trust for erection of new parsonage. (b) Two sections facing Glenfield Road for not less than £150 each, and one facing Zion Road for not less than £125. Proceeds to be held in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for future developmental work in Birkenhead Circuit and not to be used for current expenses of either trust or circuit.

Northcote.—Sale of corner section for not less than £110 net and another section for £100. First charge on proceeds to be the refund of Sites Fund grant.

Kaitaia.—Exchange of sections sanctioned.

Kaponga.—Sale of Manaia Road section for not less than £75, proceeds to be held in trust for school hall.

Napier.—House on Marine Parade for £800. Proceeds to reduce trust overdraft at Bank.

Hastings.—Area adjoining parsonage (less than half acre) for not less than £260 subject to covenant exempting trustees from liability for boundary fences. Proceeds to be credited towards final instalments in repayment of current loan from the Fund.

Apiti.—Sale of about an acre for not less than £24, subject to fencing exemption covenant. Proceeds for renovation of parsonage.

Thorndon.—Sale of Goring Street house for £1200. Proceeds to be applied to reduce mortgage debt.

Maranui.—Sale of Queen's Drive section for not less than £400. Proceeds to be held in trust for new church at Maranui in accordance with provisions of Trustee Act, 1908.

Kumara.—Sale of land and buildings for £70 net. Proceeds to be held in trust for new school at Greymouth.

Hawarden.—Section for £50. Half proceeds to reduce debt to Loan Fund, balance to renovate parsonage.

Queenstown.—Sale of property for £250. Proceeds plus a sum of £278 now held in trust to be used to provide a new parsonage at Gore.

Miller's Flat.—Section for £10 net, proceeds for Roxburgh new parsonage fund.

2.—MORTGAGES, Etc.

Stratford Shops.—Sanction to lodge deeds as security against loan or bank overdraft up to £3,000.

Oamaru.—Sanction to lodge deeds to secure bank overdraft for £300.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

Christchurch,

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

19th October, 1936.

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, except that it be a recommendation to the Gore Parsonage Trustees to set aside a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Queenstown property for Church Extension work in the Gore Circuit or in the Southland District.

(N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1938).

3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.

4. That the District Advisory Committees be as named below together with the respective District Chairmen and District Property Secretaries as members ex-officio.

(a) AUCKLAND : Revs. G. Frost, E. T. Olds, Messrs. J. Tyler and J. W. Shackelford.

(b) SOUTH AUCKLAND : The ministers of the Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits ; Messrs. E. J. Davey, W. B. L. Williams, J. C. Tietjens, W. B. Young and 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, Senr., and R. Pepperill.

(d) HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU : The Superintendents of the Palmerston North, Feilding and Hastings Circuits. Messrs. G. H. Stiles and T. R. Hodder.

- (e) WELLINGTON: Rev. A. M. Costain, Messrs. B. J. Lynneberg and C. H. Hain, LL.B.
- (f) NELSON: The ministers of the Blenheim Circuit, Messrs. C. W. Parker, F. H. Southgate, J. S. White.
- (g) SOUTH CANTERBURY: The ministers of the Timaru, Temuka and Ashburton Circuits; Messrs. W. G. Irwin, J. W. Holdgate, A. W. Barnett and G. H. B. Lill.
- (h) OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev. L. B. Neale, Messrs. C. F. Roberts, D. C. Cameron, and as Southland sub-committee, the superintendent of the Invercargill Central Circuit, Messrs. A. S. Froggatt, A. Noble.

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

During the year the following Deeds have been received for safe custody :

Oruaiti	Certificate of Title Vol. 677, folio 161.
Te Kuiti	Certificate of Title, Vol. 203, folio 125.
Havelock, Marlborough	Certificate of Title, Vol. 38, folio 185.
Dovedale	Certificate of Title Vol. 68, folio 51.
Sydenham	Certificate of Title Vol. 180, folio 180
Beckenham	Certificate of Title, Vol. 275, folio 157.
Kensington	Certificate of Title, Vol. 20, folio 64.

There are many Deeds still in the hands of local trusts. Others are held by legal firms where there are no mortgage requirements to be fulfilled. It is advisable that wherever possible all church deeds be in the hands of the Custodian.

Many trusts are in need of revision. The names of persons who died or resigned many years ago are still left on the register. No charge is made for removing names from the Register, but a small fee is charged for new registrations. It is known that some persons are acting as trustees without having been registered. No person can legally act as a trustee until the Authorised Representative has issued a certificate of registration.

Alterations in the Register of Trustees have been made affecting the following properties :—Prince Albert College, Mount Roskill, Franklin Road, St. John's (Ponsonby), Great North Road, New Lynn, Northcote, Beach Haven, Walmsley Road (Mangere), Otahuhu, Dargaville, Mangawhare, Whangarei, Paparata, Kaitaia, Oruaiti, Rawene, Hamilton, Hamilton East, Leamington, Waitoa, Putaruru, Whakatane, Te Kuiti, Matiere, Ohura, St. Aubyn, Waitara, Manaia, Okaiawa, Gonville, Sanson, Marton, Taihape, Napier, Cuba Street (Palmerston North), Feilding, Halcombe, Pahiatua, Foxton, Taranaki Street (Wellington), Karori, Petone, Masterton, Kuripuni, Mauriceville, Paraparaumu, Paekakariki, Waikanae, Stoke, Murchison, Waimangaroa, Cashmere, New Brighton, Shirley, Durham Street South, Rugby Street, Edgeware Road, Bryndwr, Opawa, Lincoln Road, Leeston, Ohoka, Horrelville, Swannanoa, East Eyreton, Woodlands Street (Timaru), Kingsdown, Dunedin Mission, Roslyn, Maori Hill, St. Kilda, Purakanui, Broad Bay, Roxburgh, Invercargill Central, Otautau, Wild Bush.

Seventy-eight trusts have come under revision. These changes have involved the removal of 194 trustees from the Register and the registration of 210 new trustees.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Custodian and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,

19th October, 1936.

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 1937-1938.
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 Ending 31st October, 1936.

The members of the Board have to report a slight increase in the amount of rents received for the year. On the other hand, the expenditure on repairs and maintenance is somewhat increased despite every effort to keep this item as low as possible and only repairs that were absolutely necessary have been undertaken.

The sum of £250 has been contributed to the College during the year.

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

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland,
18th November, 1936.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2.—REPORT OF PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

By direction of last Synod a number of the Trustees, with the Chairman Rev. E. T. Olds, met with other representatives, to discuss the desirability and possibility of re-establishing the Secondary School. A report of this meeting will be presented by the Convener, Rev. W. T. Blight.

The Trustees are in full sympathy with the proposal but recognise the difficulties, and also their duty and responsibility to the Trust.

Twenty-nine years of the lease of fifty years have now passed, and the debt of £8,743 has only been reduced to £1,420 by reason of the liberal grants to Trinity and Wesley Colleges of £2,740.

Provision has to be made to meet a considerable sum for present improvements, and also for any other buildings the Lessee may desire to erect which according to the terms of Lease he is entitled to do.

The necessity to reduce future grants was reported last year, and accordingly this year the Trustees resolved that the sum of £200 be given to Trinity College for the year commencing 1st April, 1937, and £100 for the year commencing 1st April, 1938, and that all other revenue be conserved for the purpose of the Prince Albert College Trust.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

September, 1936.

J. W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

Report for Year Ending 31st December, 1936.

It may be partly owing to the increased expenditure of the present Government on social services that the applications for help from the Fund were fewer than last year. The majority of the applications were cases of real need, and it was with feelings of regret that the Board, owing to its limited resources, was unable to assist these more liberally. The conversion of part of the N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock means a further reduction in the income of £35/18/- through the interest falling from 4% to 3%.

During the year Dr. Laws, owing to ill-health, resigned from chairmanship of the Board, and subsequently as a member of the Board. His work on the Board has been invaluable, and was always carried through with characteristic thoroughness and ability. The step was greatly regretted by the Board who place on record their thanks for, and their appreciation of the high quality of the services he has rendered.

T. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman.

4th January, 1937.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

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

Report for Conference, 1937.

In presenting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1936, the Board would place on record its sincere appreciation of the work of the Masterton Children's Home Committee, Chairman, Secretary, and the matron Miss Allan, for their untiring efforts on behalf of the children in their care.

During the year the Board were faced with payment to the Wellington City Council of the sum of £1,636/3/9 for new roading and better access to the Board's property at Kelburn, this payment has been treated as Capital expenditure and added to value of property.

It will be noticed in statement of Receipts and Expenditure that the sum of £237/17/0 has been expended for repairs and maintenance, it must be borne in mind, however, that the houses on the property at Kelburn are between forty and fifty years old, and are in constant need of attention, and in addition there was an extensive slip on one of the properties, and a heavy retaining wall had to be erected in consequence.

Although the Revenue Account shows a balance of £158/11/7 excess of expenditure over income it must be noted in the accounts that the following items have been charged to expenditure :—

	£	s.	d.
Remittances Masterton Home ..	450	0	0
Depreciation Masterton Home ..	150	0	0
Grant Wesley College ..	100	0	0
Grant Home Mission Fund ..	360	0	0
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	£1,060	0	0

The Grants to the Home Mission Fund and Paerata College have been specially earmarked for Maori purposes only.

In conclusion the Board have much pleasure in sending a unanimous recommendation to Conference for the re-appointment of the Rev. P. R. Paris as Chairman of the Board, and the Committee at Masterton as now constituted.

E. W. A. KELLOW,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

The Report and Financial Statement were received and adopted.

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

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

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

Annual Report.

During the year, in accordance with the wish of the Donor, arrangements have been made for the Registration of the Trust under the Religious and Charitable Trusts Act.

When that transaction is finalised, the whole matter of the gift of the Home, and the need of gifts, or bequests to enable the Home to operate as an Old People's Home, will be placed before our Methodist people per the medium of the "Methodist Times."

In the meantime the property is well let and is being kept in order by the tenants. All necessary repairs have been attended to and after allowing for the payment of rates, the balance at the Bank to the credit of the Trust amounts to £54/11/0.

FREDERICK J. PARKER,

Secretary of Trust Board.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

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

Report of the Board 1936.

The audited statements of accounts for the financial year ended 31st October are furnished herewith. From all sources the income amounted to £3,546/0/1. This is somewhat less than in previous years because of such factors as the following:—

- (a) The reduced interest earning rate of debentures and mortgages.
- (b) The increased rebates allowed on premiums for certain risks.
- (c) The decrease in basic premiums due to the wider extension of fire-fighting facilities.
- (d) The steady depreciation in the insurable value of old buildings.
- (e) The replacement of wooden structures by buildings in more durable materials.

During the last ten years there has been a most remarkable growth in the volume of business of the Department due to persistent effort to secure risks previously held by outside offices. This expansion cannot continue beyond a certain point and the Conference should recognise that our business is nearing its maximum and that a decrease in future revenues is almost inevitable unless large trusts such as those in Auckland East, Wanganui, Napier, Wellington Central and a number of smaller places can

be induced to place their insurance business with us. The amount of cover on our church properties still held by outside offices is about £117,974 much of which could be conveniently transferred to our own office. During recent years the cost of insurance has decreased and further substantial reductions in fire premiums will be given on renewal of current covers.

Risks Carried.

The Department now carries 941 risks on church properties made up as follow :—

- Churches, 421.
- Schools, Halls, etc., 210.
- Parsonages, 167.
- Sundries (Colleges, etc.), 143.

These risks give a total cover of £697,692. The Department has also arranged Earthquake risks, Employers' Liability risks, Accident risks, Plate-glass risks, risks for loss of rent, the insurance of the personal property of ministers and the insurance of properties mortgaged to the Fire Insurance Board, and the Supernumerary Fund Board. These risks total £126,573/11/9. The insurances in which we are interested therefore aggregate £824,265/11/9 of which a large proportion is covered by re-insurance.

Claims for Loss.

Claims for losses during the year have been met as follow : Campbell's Bay £37/5/-; Paerata £200, Eketahuna £373/1/4, Lower Hutt (Plate-glass) £15/10/6, Waimangaroa £7/16/3, Company Bay, Dunedin £105. Accident claim £16. The gross loss was £754/13/1. Of this amount a sum of £467/11/10 was covered by re-insurances leaving our net loss at £287/1/3.

The Provision of Reserves.

The aggregate risks we carry makes it essential for the Board to proceed on sound lines by continuing its past policy of building up adequate reserves. There are indications that external forces may operate in the future to restrict the insurance activities of churches and certain other companies. It is the part of wisdom for the Connexion to create now, such a reserve as will earn, despite any possible interference with business, sufficient to maintain our ordinary grants in perpetuity. Unless we do this now and thus provide something in the nature of a permanent endowment fund some worthy Connexional causes must inevitably suffer.

The Accumulated Fund now stands at £25,000 and the Fire Loss Reserve Account at £4,500. The Board proposes to transfer £3000 from this Reserve Account to the Accumulated Fund and from the past year's profits to add £640 to the Fire Loss Reserve. This is the smallest sum set aside for reserves for many years. The Board feels that in future years not less than the long-established amount of £1000 should be added to reserves in addition to the sum of £100 for the Investment Contingency Reserve Account.

The Matter of Grants.

From the inception of the Fund in 1899 until the Conference of 1926 the fire insurance department made grants to various Connexional Funds, Institutions and Departments totalling £5,289. In the last ten years, but especially through the recent period of abnormal financial difficulty, grants for connexional purposes, including those now recommended, have totalled £10,400/10/- being about twice as much as in the preceding twenty-seven years.

Throughout the whole history of the Fund the Conference has laid down the principle that grants shall only be made from profits actually accrued, and then only on the recommendation of the Board itself. It is never known until the financial year closes whether there will be any profits available for distribution. The Board feels that it is imprudent to promise definite grants out of anticipated profits which may never materialize. It asks the support of the Conference in its determination to adhere to the wise course of action hitherto followed.

At the request of the last Conference the Board agreed to allocate a sum of £400 for a Natural Calamities Relief Fund for the assistance of trusts facing acute conditions through earthquake, flood, storm or other natural calamities. The Conference empowered the Board to allocate to the Reserve Funds for one year a smaller sum than the established amount of £1000. In meeting the wish of the Conference the Board was faced with the alternatives of placing to reserves a smaller sum than it deems wise or of reducing its customary grants to needy causes. The Board reluctantly chooses to recommend the smaller reserve appropriation mentioned above.

Grants for 1937.

After setting aside a reduced amount for reserves there remains a divisible surplus of £1,420/13/4. The Board recommends that from this amount grants be made to the following Connexional Funds and Institutions:

ORDINARY GRANTS:

Home Acquisition Fund	..	..	£312
Deaconess House Fund	..	..	100
Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	100
Home Mission Fund	..	..	100
Benevolent Fund	..	..	75
Church Sites Fund	..	..	50
Youth Department	..	..	50
Methodist Times	..	..	50
			<hr/> £837

SPECIAL GRANTS:

Natural Calamities Relief Fund	..	..	400
Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	25
Home Mission Fund	..	..	25
Trinity College	..	..	125
			<hr/> £575

Grand Total .. £1,412

The Conference of 1933 requested the Board to give special consideration to the needs of Wesley Training College for a period of three years to help it through a time of financial stress. For the period named an aggregate contribution of £500 was made to the College which recently approached the Board for further help. In view of the facts set forth above no moneys are now available for that purpose.

Over Insured Buildings.

Trustees of our church properties would do well to note that there is no advantage in insuring their church buildings and equipment for a sum in excess of the actual value of the property. A fire insurance policy is a contract, agreeing to indemnify the insurer against actual loss sustained by fire provided that the indemnity shall not exceed the sum insured. It

is not an undertaking to pay the insured amount without regard to the present value of the property. The amount of insurance cover arranged for is the limit and not the measure of what is payable in case of loss. In the event of fire occurring the amount of the indemnity payable is determined by the real value of the property at the time of the fire. The insurance company has the right, also, to reinstate or replace the property destroyed. Insurance is not intended to do more than to put the insurer in exactly the position he was in prior to the fire. The insured is not entitled to make a profit out of a fire loss, hence there is no advantage in over-insuring. The insurance companies recognize that over-insurance increases what is called "the moral hazard" by creating a situation in which a fire could conceivably be both convenient and profitable. That is why they discourage over-insurance. If any of our trustees have excessive insurances on their properties the amount of the cover can be reduced upon request and a proportionate refund of any premium paid for the current insurance year can be made.

Board for 1937.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management 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, Messrs. W. A. Bascand, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, S. Dixon and W. Chas. Francis.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

GEORGE J. SMITH, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

8th January, 1937.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received and adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That a sum of £3000 be transferred from the Fire Loss Reserve Account to the Accumulated Fund and that from the profits of last year a sum of £640 be added to the Fire Loss Reserve.
3. That Conference endorses the view of the Board that until otherwise determined by Conference a sum of £1000 should annually be added to the reserves and £100 to the Investment Contingency Reserve Account.
4. That Conference re-affirms the principle that grants from the Fire Insurance Fund should only be made to Connexional Funds, Institutions and Departments and that such grants should not be made until moneys are actually available for distribution.
5. That from the divisible surplus grants aggregating £1,412 be now allocated as recommended in the Report.
6. That in all cases except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable Trustees and Boards and Committees in charge of Connexional properties and institutions be requested to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.
7. That the members of the Board of Management 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, 1936.

The reports of the various departments conducted by the Connexional Secretary and his staff will be presented to Conference by the different administrative Boards and Committees. The year has been one in which the volume of work has taxed the staff to its utmost. The cost of administration has been increased by legislative enactment. The result is that the credit balance of £41/0/6 with which the year started has been absorbed and the year ends with a deficiency of £11/5/10. The increased salaries for clerks did not cover a full year. The position may be further affected when a new award is made governing the wages of clerical workers. To meet the increased expenses for a full year on the present basis the appropriations for the current year will need to be increased. The increases recommended have been arrived at after a very careful consideration of the amount of work entailed by each contributing body and the size of the various funds administered. No increase is asked for from the Contingent Fund but only from the Funds controlled in the office and earning revenues which place no additional burden on the circuits. The amounts recommended are:—

Church Building and Loan Fund	..	..	£215
Fire Insurance Fund	..	..	£375
Supernumerary Fund	..	..	£315
Allied Funds (5)	..	..	£151
Contingent Fund	..	..	£180
"Methodist Times" Fund	..	..	£170

The Committee puts on record its appreciation of the fine services rendered by the Connexional Secretary and his staff during the year.

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, Cambridge Terrace, St. Albans and Papanui circuits, with Mr. Frank Thompson (Lay Treasurer), the Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee and Messrs. M. Kershaw, E. D. Sincock and H. Chapman.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch,

17th January, 1937.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the appropriations as recommended in the Report be approved.
3. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

(1) On March 8th, the College was reopened with seventeen students in residence, together with one student for the ministry of the Congregational Church. There have also been two private students; one, Mr. L. Hayman, taking the whole First Year's Course, and Miss King, designated for the Mission work of another Church in India, attending the Senior Greek Classes. Mr. R. W. Mayson, elected Senior Student, has proved himself an excellent occupant of that office. Devotion to work and a spirit of good fellowship have characterised the year. The health of the men has been on the whole satisfactory.

(2) We have had a full complement of Hostel students in residence, and indications are that next year also we shall be full.

(3). Students Churchill, Francis, Mayson, Norwell and Sanft have completed their three years of training, and are due to leave College this year.

(4). Sincere thanks are due to the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and Mrs. Blight, M.A., for good work. The administration of the domestic side of the College arrangements entails much labour and anxiety, and no efforts have been spared in the production of a high efficiency. The illness of the Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws during the year caused us much concern, not only because of the great regard we have for him personally, but also because it meant for the second term a substitute for the exceedingly fine work he was continuing at the College. We hope he may next year carry on as usual. Thanks are also due to Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., for work in the Elocution and Public Speaking class. The teaching by him is of a higher standard than we have ever had.

(5). Mr. M. Winiata (Maori student on the Presidents List of Reserve) has continued to reside in the College and to take advantage of his Government University Scholarship. He has not only engaged in preaching to Europeans, but has also done regular work amongst his own people resident in Auckland.

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

(a) The Principal has twice a week each taught Senior New Testament Greek and Classical Greek (in preparation for University work). Twice a week also he has held classes in N.T. Teaching and Exegesis (The Pauline Epistles). Once a week he has held an intermediate N.T. Greek class; a new departure, separating the Second Year's men, who previously were combined in one class with the Senior men. Once a week each he has held classes in O.T. Introduction and Teaching (The Wisdom Books). At the University five classes per week on the Hebrew Old Testament have been held, six of the students being our own men. During the Second term he was *locum tenens* for Dr. Laws in hearing the criticism sermons and conducting the Homiletics and Sermon Criticism classes.

(b) Mr. Blight has twice a week each taught classes in Systematic Theology (Sin, the Holy Spirit. Things to come), and Junior Greek. Once a week each also in the following :—N.T. Introduction (Life and Work of Paul, Acts and Pauline Epistles), Pastoral Theology (General, also Sunday School Methods and Organisation), Paedagogy (with Child Psychology). Intermediate N.T. Greek, Psychology and English Grammar and Composition.

Both Principal and Tutor have set each term test papers in Old and New Testament Knowledge. Both share in the conduct of services at the Collegiate Church, and take a full portion of work in the City and Suburban Churches. Mr. Blight continues to give Scripture teaching at the Normal School attached to the Teachers' Training College. This work is very fruitful, and also as President of the Auckland Sunday School union my colleague is brought into close contact with Sunday School activities in the Auckland district.

- (c) Dr. Laws has heard the students preach, and also held the weekly Criticism class. Once a week he has lectured on Homiletics, and once a fortnight on English Literature.
- (d) Individual and collective instruction on Voice Production and Public Speaking has been given weekly by Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., who is not only an expert in this branch of tuition, but also one of our own local preachers. The Rev. E. P. Blamires should be thanked for his three lectures on Sunday School and Young People's work. Among the many visitors to the College during the year, Mr. C. F. Andrews of India, is worthy of special mention for the fine influence he exercised on both his visits.

Many gifts to the College library and museum have been received from Mr. A. H. Reed, of Dunedin. His latest promise, that of books on Sunday School work to be given to the men, is of particular importance for the efficiency of our training in that department of work. His brother, Mr. F. W. Reed of Whangarei delivered a remarkable lecture on Alexander Dumas, for which we are most grateful.

(7). In **Practical Work** the students have shown much interest and activity. Each Sunday some 12-16 services are conducted, eliciting many appreciative comments. Men have acted as Student Pastors and led a Boys' Club at the Collegiate Church. Regular open-air meetings have been held. Almost all attended the Easter Bible Class camps. Most men have undertaken missions or engaged in supply work during the vacations. Some of the men have shown interest in the Christian movements within the University College. Work has been done in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Y.M.C.A., Airedale St. and Dock St. Missions, C.E's., Temperance Societies, etc.

(8). At the **University College** Students Francis, Mayson, Harkness, Laws, Petch and Silvester have attended lectures. If the Term's examinations are passed they will proceed to the Degree examinations in November. Mr. Harkness, M.A., sits in November for the First Section of the Melbourne, B.D.

(9). The Correspondence classes for candidates and others have had 14 entrants. Mr. Blight, who is in charge of this work, will present his report direct to the Examination Committee.

(10). It is the aim of the Staff to train men to be efficient ministers for a very critical time. The great Evangelical truths in their modern applications are our chief study. To know these thoroughly and how to present them effectively to an age such as ours is our great purpose. Once again we ask for a thorough investigation of the qualification of candidates.

HARRY RANSTON,

Trinity College, Auckland,

Principal.

October 8th, 1936.

PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Prize Awards are as follows :—

The Edson for Greek New Testament—Harkness ; Junior, Collister and Johnston equal ; Intermediate, Laws.

The Alexander Reid for Elocution and Public Speaking—Norwell ; Second, Francis ; Junior, Williams.

The Garland for Theology—Harkness ; Junior, Collister ; Progress Williams.

The Wagstaff for Bible Introduction, Exegesis and Knowledge—Harkness ; Junior, Collister ; Progress, Churchill.

The Kent for English Literature—Norwell ; Junior, Watson ; Progress Clements.

All the men attending the University passed their sections for the B.A. degree. Mr. Harkness passed the Melbourne Preliminary B.D. examination.

H. RANSTON, Principal.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council records with gratification a year of splendid work at the College. The Standing Committees, consisting of the Board of Studies, College and House, Finance, and Property, have kept every detail of the College work under review and their reward is a thoroughly efficient Institution. The members of the Council have maintained a keen interest in their work and the attendances at the quarterly meetings have been most satisfactory. The Council records its great sense of loss in the passing of two ex-principals of the Theological College—Revs. J. H. Simmonds and W. J. Williams, both of whom rendered conspicuous service to the College in the early days of its history and work.

Owing to serious illness and the necessity to visit Sydney for special treatment, Dr. C. H. Laws was granted leave as a Tutor for the early part of the year, the Staff sharing Dr. Laws' classes during his absence. It is an extreme gratification to all that the Doctor was able to resume his tutorial duties in the third term.

On the 6th July, the Governor-General of New Zealand, Lord Galway, paid an official visit to the College. It was felt to be an honour to our Theological Institution to have the representative of His Majesty the King at the College.

Hostel.

For the first time in the history of the College the Hostel accommodation has been taxed to the limit, and to relieve the pressure of those seeking admission the Council agreed to a number of students (up to six) being allowed to find sleeping accommodation in other boarding establishments but to have their meals at the College and enjoy the other College amenities as well.

It will be seen that the College Hostel has established itself as one of the leading homes in the City for University and other students. The relations between the divinity men and the hostel men have been of the most cordial nature.

With the hostel full to capacity there has been a considerable increase in the responsibility and work on the domestic side but with the skilful management and direct supervision of the Rev. and Mrs. Blight the increasing costs of House and Service are more than met by the increase of Hostel fees. The Council has acknowledged its very keen appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the College by Mrs. Blight, M.A., in this connection.

Finance.

The financial position of the College in the stringent days which we hope are now passed, has called for the most careful administration and it is a tribute to all concerned that the finances have been kept well within the budget proposals for the year.

We are again greatly indebted to the various Trusts which have generously stood by us in our years of need. Special thanks are tendered to the Prince Albert College Board, Taranaki Street Church Trust, Pitt Street Church Trust, and the Connexional Fire Insurance Board.

Until the Probert Trust, from which our main income has been derived, is in a healthy state again, the Council is compelled to continue requests for such assistance, and in view of the vital importance of the College to the Church, the Council feels that generous gifts will eventuate where the way is open to do so.

Gifts.

With grateful thanks the Council acknowledges valuable gifts to the College Library from the following donors:—Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, (Christchurch), Rev. W. H. Speer (Waiuku), Zion Research Foundation (Brooklyn), Mr. Warren Fisher (Christchurch), Mr. C. Newsome (Auckland), Rev. J. A. Daglish (Waitoa), Mr. J. Belton (Plimmerton), Mrs. W. J. Williams (Auckland), Rev. Andrew J. Johnstone (Mangonui), Miss Dellow (Mt. Eden), Mr. and Mrs. West Knowles (Wellington), Miss Watkin (Onehunga), Mrs. J. H. Simmonds (Takanini), Trustees of Whitely Church (New Plymouth), Mrs. Targuse (Kingsland), Mr. A. H. Reed (Dunedin).

Thanks and Appreciation.

While this report necessarily deals with Finance, Property and Hostel arrangements, we remember that the main work of the College is the valuable tuition and training given and the preparation of our Students for their wider ministry, as mentioned in the Principal's Report. The Council gratefully recognises the faithful, efficient, and economical manner in which the work of the College is being carried on by Principal H. Ranston and Rev. W. T. Blight, and recognises also the able assistance rendered by the visiting lecturers, Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., and Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A.

To Dr. C. J. A. Griffin is tendered very grateful thanks for his medical care of the students during the year, while the appreciation of the Council is also expressed to the various examiners for their work during the year.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

E. S. EMMITT, Vice-Chairman.

FREDERICK J. PARKER, Secretary.

October 8th, 1936.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1936.

The Council met and considered several recommendations from Synods as follows:—

Heating System in College.

The recommendation of the Otago-Southland Synod that the College Council consider putting in a heating system at Trinity was discussed.

The Council regrets its inability to proceed with the installation of a heating system on account of lack of finance.

Continuation of Student's Studies Overseas.

The recommendation of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod that the Council explore the possibility of facilitating the continuance of Divinity Students' studies by attendance at Universities in Europe was before the Council.

The Council is of the opinion that such cases should be considered as they arise.

Increased Instruction in Teacher Training and Youth Work.

The Council having received the recommendations in re increased instruction in Teacher Training and Youth Work from various Synods, desires to inform Conference:—

- (a) That much more training in these matters is already given to the Students than is generally recognised. No student leaves the College who is not able, if willing, to train well the Teachers in the Schools under his charge.
- (b) That enquiries from the authorities indicate that permission would not be granted for our Students to attend the Auckland Training College to gain experience in teaching methods.
- (c) That no subject already taught in the College can be eliminated without injury to the training given: also that the time allotted to any particular subject cannot be shortened except with a loss to the efficiency of the men.
- (d) It proposes, however, if feasible, to add another hour per week to the teaching given in Teacher Training and instruction in Youth work. The Staff is in touch with experts in such work in different parts of the Dominion, seeking such advice as their experience suggests, and the course will be formulated after careful consideration of their considered opinions.
- (e) It also proposes an extension of the system of Sunday School observation already in existence, in that they shall not only observe the work of first class teachers, but actually teach under the observation and criticism of these experts and their own Tutor. It is proposed that class discussion of the practical points raised shall follow.

Breakage of College Property.

The Council decided to institute a "Breakages Fund" by which each student would pay a deposit of 10/- on entering College each year, such sum to be refunded at the end of the year, after breakages for which the students are responsible have been paid for.

Additional Gifts.

Additional gifts to the College Library have been gratefully received from the following donors:—Mr. Henry Field, Rev. George Budd, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Rev. W. E. Moore.

Council for 1937.

The following are recommended to Conference as the College Council for 1937:—Dr. H. Ranston (Principal), Rev. W. T. Blight (Resident Tutor), Dr. C. H. Laws, Revs. T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, E. D. Patchett, E. S. Emmitt, W. Walker, Fred. J. Parker, E. T. Olds and E. W. Hames; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, J. Veale, J. Stanton, F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, L. E. Rhodes, J. Tyler, A. Messer, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey, with these new members, Revs. A. H. Scrivin and H. A. Sharp, and Mr. Lester Peak.

Officers:—Chairman, Rev. E. D. Patchett, Vice-Chairman, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Hon. Secretary, Rev. Fred J. Parker.

Auckland,

11th December, 1936.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

E. S. EMMITT, Vice-Chairman.

FRED. J. PARKER, Secretary.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Year Ended October 31st., 1936.

In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Methodist Trinity Theological College it is of satisfaction to report that the estimated deficiency of £471 as forecast in the Budget last year is not likely to be exceeded notwithstanding the increased costs in the House and Service Department.

Hostel fees show an upward tendency and serve to offset the higher prices now ruling for foodstuffs and increased domestic wages.

Even if the annual contributions from the various Funds and Trusts remained as last year, the maintenance of the work of the College should show a yearly loss of approximately £160. This deficit is again estimated to accrue during the coming year, but as allocations from the various Funds have been reduced from £1,700 to £1,571 the deficiency of £440 as at March 31st, 1937 will accumulate to £724 by March 31st, 1938.

It is of paramount importance that this growing adverse balance in the funds of the College should receive the immediate consideration of a special Committee to be set up by Conference.

Our thanks and appreciation are again due to Mr. and Mrs. Blight for their careful and wise oversight of the domestic affairs of the College.

Site Acquisition Fund.—Through the generosity of the Hamilton Church Trust in forwarding a further £100 towards this fund, the overdraft is now reduced to £4,442/11/0.

Organ Fund.—Further dividends received during the year with 15/8 Bank interest have brought the fund up to £343/5/4.

The College Council proposes that the following be the Budget recommended for Conference :—

BUDGET.

For Year Ending March 31st, 1938.

INCOME.

Probert Trust Board	..	..	..	£250
Emsly Trust Board	..	..	..	96
Prince Albert College Trust Board	..	..	..	200
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	..	..	..	125
Contingent Fund	..	..	..	740
Home Mission Fund	..	..	..	135
Foreign Mission Fund	..	..	..	25
Divinity Students' Contributions	..	..	..	200
Congregational Church Fees	..	..	..	100
Hostel Fees	..	..	..	1,350
Trinity Collegiate Church	80
Rent—Moe-hau Street	116
Reserve Fund	30
Deficiency	724
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				£4,171

Budget—For Year Ending March 31st, 1938—continued.

EXPENDITURE.

Estimated Deficiency from 1936-37	£440
House and Service	1,500
Stipends	765
Tutors' Fees	55
Connexional Charges	123
Quarterages	136
Rates	438
Insurance	27
Telephones	34
University Fees	66
Furnishings	100
Bible Class Camp Fees	5
Repairs	125
Printing, Postage and Stationery	20
Advertising Church Services	8
Interest : Site Acquirement Account	£200
Moechau Street, Mortgage	104
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	304
Rent Board Room and Tennis Court	15
Sundries	10
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	£4,171
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FRANK M. WINSTONE,

Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the reports of the Principal, and the College Council the Treasurer's report and financial statement, and the statements concerning the College Library and Prize Funds, and the Site Acquirement Fund be received and adopted.
2. In expressing its hearty thanks to Dr. Ranston for his splendid services as Principal of Trinity College, the Conference records its full appreciation of the devotion and ability with which he has carried on his many duties as Principal.
3. That the heartiest thanks be tendered to the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., for valuable services as Resident Tutor and to him and to Mrs. Blight, M.A., for most efficient management of the domestic arrangements of the College.
4. That Dr. Laws be thanked for his continued excellent services coupled with gratitude that restored health has enabled him to resume his work.
5. That thanks be tendered to Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., Lecturer in Elocution, also to the Chairman of the Council, Rev. E. D. Patchett and the Secretary Rev. Fred. J. Parker, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone, for services well and faithfully rendered.
6. That thanks be also given to the Hon. Physician (Dr. Griffin) the co Treasurer of the Site Acquirement Fund (Rev. T. A. Joughin) the Auditors, Messrs. A. Messer, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames and A. J. Buttle, and that they be re-appointed.
7. That the Principal, and Mr. F. E. Sutherland, be re-appointed as Treasurers of the various Library and Prize funds.
8. That the Prince Albert College Board, and the Connexional Fire Insurance Board be specially thanked for their help during the year.

9. That appreciation be recorded of the many valuable gifts made to the College Library and Museum and hearty thanks to the donors.
10. (a) That we appreciate the pronouncement by the Senate of the University of New Zealand in favour of the general principle of establishing Degrees in Divinity or Theology but regret its statement that it does not consider it practicable to secure the necessary amendments of the University Act such as would enable it to confer such degrees. We respectfully request that the Senate should again explore the possibilities of securing the necessary amendment.
- (b) That we request the Councils of the University Colleges to arrange, or approve arrangements in the University centres, series of Lectures by competent persons on the Fundamentals of the Religious Faith.
- (c) That we continue to co-operate with the Christian Churches in the matters relating to the above resolution, the College Board of Studies to be the Committee with respect to Resolution (a) and that with respect to (b) the Chairmen of Districts in which the University Colleges are placed, set up Committees to co-operate with other Churches to wait on the various College Councils to request the arrangement of such Lectures.
11. That the thanks of Conference be given to those Trusts that have afforded valuable help to Trinity College, and that an earnest request be made to the following Trusts to assist still further by grants for the present year, viz.:—
Pitt Street, Taranaki Street, Wesley (Hamilton).
Probert, Prince Albert College.
12. That the Budget be adopted as "Provisional."

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

REPORT TO CONFERENCE OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE TRUST BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DECEMBER, 1936.

In presenting to Conference the financial statements for 1936, the Board is pleased to report that improved results are reflected in four out of five departments.

The loss on the year's operations amounts to £95/2/- as compared with losses of £922/14/9 and £559/18/7 made during 1934 and 1935 respectively.

Comparative departmental results indicate that during the year under review :—

			£	s.	d.
Farm Profit increased by	..	..	323	3	7
Rents increased by	..	..	26	9	8
Interest decreased by	..	..	164	5	5
General Expenses decreased by	..	..	42	17	7
			556	16	3
College Loss increased by	..	..	91	19	8
Net improvement on last year..	..	..	£464	16	7

Contributions from Methodist Trusts totalled £425 as compared with £500 and £475 in 1934 and 1935 respectively. For the continued generosity of these contributors this Board is most grateful.

It is with much regret that the Board reports the death of two ex-principals of Wesley College during the year, the late Rev. W. J. Williams, Principal of the College from 1893 to 1895, and his successor, the late Rev. J. H. Simmonds who held office until 1923. Both of them did yeoman service in carrying out the work at the old Three Kings College, and Mr. Simmonds's name will ever be remembered with gratitude as one of the prime movers in the establishment of the new Wesley College at Paerata.

A special committee has been set up to enquire exhaustively into the results obtained from the farm and the prospect of improving farm income in the future. If time permits, a supplementary report will be submitted to Conference giving the result of these deliberations.

Although the number of relief workers engaged to maintain the Board's suburban properties has been reduced to five, useful work has been carried out during the year and the properties in question are in a very satisfactory state. With the exception of the Waikowhai Property on which an additional 5,000 pinus trees were planted during the year, all suburban areas are leased to capable dairy farmers.

Sales of surface stone of little prospective value to the Board have been made from the Mount Albert Road Property, the total sum received on this account during the year being £100/14/-.

Dividends in respect of the following bequests have been received during 1936 :—

Estate of the late Geo. Winstone	..	£40	0	0
Estate of the late S. J. Ambury	..	20	0	0
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		£60	0	0

Under the terms of the will of the late Maurice Harding the Board has been bequeathed after the death of the life tenant, the residue of the above estate subject to the payment of certain legacies and bequests. It is hoped that the Board will ultimately receive a substantial sum of money from this source.

Although the final net loss for 1936 is small, the Board is determined that so far as lies in its power it shall be non-recurring.

Members of our Church can materially assist the Board in its efforts by sending boys who require a sound education with an agricultural bias to Wesley College.

The report of the Principal as to the progress of the College and Farm at Paerata is attached hereto.

Members of the Board.

Mr. J. Stanton (Chairman), Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, A. H. Scrivin, A. J. Seamer, W. A. Sinclair and G. I. Laurenson, Messrs. W. Ambury, J. J. Boyce, J. T. Bryant, Stuart Caughey, T. Clark, W. H. Cocker, P. Rushton, A. C. Sexton, M.P., J. Tyler, J. Veale, A. W. Westney and K. J. Dellow.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1936.

We are pleased to report that the past year has shown a further increase in the School roll, 80 boys having been in residence for the greater part of the year. The outlook for the coming year is also very pleasing and it is quite probable that there will be a definite increase in the numbers enrolled. Quite a number of both Maori and Pakeha boys have been assisted during the past year by the grants received from several of our Trust Funds and many more would have been admitted if funds were available. Valuable as is

the work we as a church have done in Maori education, much more could be done. There is no lack of worthy Maori boys, but the poverty of the Maori is still acute, though less so at present than it was. The Church of England has made greater efforts to assist deserving Maori boys, and this year has provided no less than 50 special Scholarships at St. Stephens. Education and nursing are the two main services our Church can at present offer to the Maori, and it is through these means that the Gospel will most easily reach them. I do not think we are doing enough of either.

During the year at a meeting of Maori workers of our Church, the view was expressed that the cost of education at our college was too high for most Maoris. It should be noted, however, by those interested, that by far the largest number of Maori scholars admitted have paid little or no fees. Such payments have been met either by Government or Church scholarships and practically the only expense to parents has been for clothing, travelling expenses, and incidentals. Our charges for these items compare favourably with those of other schools dealing with Maori boys. When it is considered that the parent is relieved of the maintenance of the boy, it can be seen that the College has made possible a good practical education for many who could not otherwise have received such benefits. Of course it is necessary for boys to be suitably and adequately clothed, and necessary too, that the environment and conditions of their school life should be of a good standard. It is the extreme poverty of the Maoris, particularly those of the Waikato and Northern districts which makes even the provision of suitable clothing and incidentals extremely difficult. The Board has strained its resources to the utmost to carry on its work, and it is for those who realise the debt we owe to the Maori, to assist in this work.

And not only for the Maori. Nothing is more indicative of the vigour of a church than the sacrifices its members will make for the education of its boys and girls. The Roman Catholic Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the Society of Friends have given definite evidence of the efforts they are prepared to make for the primary and secondary education of their young people.

Wesley College has its origin in the vision of the early missionaries, aided very largely by the wisdom of the early Governors of the Colony; it can, however, be maintained only by a lively practical interest to-day. Might I here refer to the magnificent tribute to the educational work of our Church by the gift of the late Mr. M. Harding, of the residue of his estate to the work of the College? This is expected to realise a substantial amount, and will in the future greatly assist the work at Paerata. Such a gift is to be welcomed, not only for the financial help it gives, but also for the moral encouragement it brings to all interested in the College.

It is our painful task to record the passing of the Rev. J. H. Simmonds, who for twenty-eight years acted as Principal of the College, and to whose vision the property and buildings at Paerata are due. Truly if a monument is desired, one need only look around. It is hoped during the year to commemorate his services by a suitable memorial tablet, to be erected in the College Chapel.

There have been a number of staff changes. Mr. V. J. Burton, B.A. B.Sc., who has been first assistant for several years has left to take up a position at Wellington. His place has been filled by Mr. F. J. E. Baillie, B.A., B.Sc., Dip. Ed., of Morrinsville. Mr. Baillie is an active member of our Church, and an experienced teacher, and is a definite acquisition to the College staff. Mr. Lidgard, who was Science Master for several years, left at the end of the first term, and his place has been taken by Mr. W. C. Aldis, M.A. Dip. Ed., Dip. Soc. Sc.

Scholastically, the year has been one of steady regular progress. Four boys passed the Intermediate examination, and three passed the School Certificate examination.

In sport we have met with a good measure of success. Our First Fifteen were runners up in the senior contest, while the Second Fifteen won their competition. It seems likely that our First Eleven will win the cricket contest. In swimming and athletics we have been well represented among the prize winners. The health of the boys, as usual, has been good, though perhaps not quite up to our usual immunity from trouble.

FARM REPORT.

This year, the number of cows milked in the Nos. 1 and 2 Herds has been 85 Friesians, while the No. 3 Herd which consists of Jerseys has numbered 60. In addition three Friesian two-year old heifers have been under test, and despite an unfortunate start will do approximately 450 lbs. of fat. We have also carried 45 in-calf Heifers, 50 yearling Heifers, and 15 mature and yearling Bulls.

Both the Southdown and Ryeland stud flocks have done well, and 75 rams were sold during the early part of last season. The lambing of the stud sheep has been only fair, although continual wet weather has interfered with their growth, and the mortality has been greater than usual. The number of stud sheep now carried is 225 Southdown, and 63 Ryeland Ewes, 25 stud Rams, and 160 stud Ewe and Ram Hoggets. The Flock Sheep this year have been slightly increased and now stand at 200.

We have slightly reduced the number of pigs this year. The market for Berkshires and Devons has been particularly good, but generally the demand has been weaker. At the present time we are carrying about 200 stud pigs of five breeds.

In the poultry department we have 900 birds of mixed ages, and 250 ducks. The Gamble Electric Incubators installed last year have been hatching to capacity throughout the season.

The College Apiary has grown slightly and now consists of 200 hives of Italian Bees. The present season has, owing to its wetness, been unfavourable to honey production. Mention too should be made of the College Orchard of three acres. Most of this is in Citrous trees. They are all doing very well, and the quality of the oranges produced is most encouraging for the future of orange production in the Auckland Province.

We have recently noted with concern a tendency for many of our people to look upon the College more as a profit earning farm than as an educational institution. The financial difficulties of the Board, which have their origin in the abnormal years through we have just passed, and from which we are just emerging have accentuated the emphasis in this direction. An emphasis which if it persists can destroy the school more than lack of funds. It is the inadequacy of the College endowments to do little more than to meet the general expenses and interest charges of the Board which has necessitated the farm originally viewed principally as a part of the educational work of the College, being regarded largely as a means to balance the school budget. In view of the difficult years, we have regarded this as an unfortunate, but dangerous necessity, but the increasing emphasis on this phase of the work of the College to the exclusion of more vital aspects of our work, deserves our grave attention. The farm, though it must be maintained as an efficient part of our educational work, must always be a subordinate function of the College, and the first duty of the principal is to its spiritual and educational life. We believe that at present there can easily arise a lack of perspective in this connection. The chief work of the school, as we see it, is the training of boys of European and Maori parents to be Christian citizens, able to think for themselves, and not afraid nor ashamed to work with their hands. This idea was well expressed in the motto chosen for the College by Mr. Simmonds. *Fide. Litteris. Labore.*

R. C. CLARK, M.A., Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report of the Board and of the Principal together with Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the accounts be closed at some date earlier than 31st December, so as to enable them with reports to be printed in the main Conference Agenda and also that reports for Synods be forwarded before 15th October for printing in Synod Agenda.
3. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Board and congratulates it on the progress made and upon its future prospects.
4. That the Board be as stated in the Report.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Report of the Board, 1936.

The Board of Management has pleasure in presenting its report for the year ended 30th November, 1936. The last six years have constituted a period of unexampled difficulty. Through the operation of adverse economic forces and because of conditions created by Parliamentary action new and intricate problems have had to be met. Our auditors have again expressed warm appreciation of the high standard of efficiency evidenced in the handling of the affairs of the Fund and at the few inroads made on capital and income through a period of exceptional stress. It is difficult to forecast the result of appeals which may be made by mortgagors under the most recent legislation but in the judgment of the Board possible losses on mortgage investments are not likely to exceed the amount provided in the reserves for that purpose.

Annuitants.

The last Conference added two permanent Supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries including one who was previously a temporary supernumerary. It also approved of a minister becoming a supernumerary for one year. Three supernumerary ministers who were on the Fund died during the year and also the widows of two former ministers. There are at present 33 supernumeraries and 48 widows in receipt of annuities besides two orphan children of deceased parents. The number of ministers at present contributing to the Fund is 165. A sum of £8,344/2/11 has been paid in annuities and furniture grants.

Finance.

The financial position of the Fund is fully disclosed in the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet. The cost of administration continues to be very low. A sum of £100 was added to the Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve. A sum of £574/5/7 was written off one mortgage account and this Reserve now stands at £3590/9/1. A fair return is expected from the property in possession and close supervision is being exercised over the three mortgagors whose stock accounts are being financed by the Board.

The six allied funds administered by the Board now aggregate £24,167 4/7. Deposits lodged by Connexional Funds, Institutions and Boards of Trustees as well as by thirty-four personal depositors amount to £17,111/18/-.

The aggregate assets of the Supernumerary Fund and the six allied funds include £101,958/16/6 invested on first mortgage security, £26,550 in local body debentures and £52,542/18/1 in city freehold properties. Properties held for superannuation purposes have now been exempted from the operation of the Graduated Land Tax.

Earnings.

Revenue from mortgage investments and from local body debentures is slightly above that of last year but the closeness of the figures would indicate that the long continuing decline in the earning power of money has now reached bedrock. The revenue from Epworth Chambers is £245/13/9 more than in the previous year. An additional sum of £500 has been placed to the Depreciation Reserve Account which now stands at £1850. This provision strengthens the position of the Epworth Chambers investment.

After allowing for the amounts placed to the Reserve Accounts the net earnings of the Fund have been £6,138/12/3. Calculated on the actuarial formula the average interest earning rate has been £4/3/10 per cent. Calculated on the accountancy practice of taking the average amount of capital month by month the earnings show a return of £3/16/11 per cent. Omitting office expenses from the calculation the average interest earned was £4/2/9 per cent. This improvement would indicate that the trough of the depression was touched during 1935.

Subscriptions in Arrears.

The personal subscriptions of ministers in arrears and interest thereon at 30th November, amounted to £978/5/3, a decrease of £96/19/4 upon the previous year. The arrears are owing by 42 ministers. There is also a sum of £100 due for the purchase of benefits. It is noteworthy that 13 probationers are in arrears to the gross amount of £127/5/10. The following table shows the district distribution of arrears of personal subscriptions only.

District	Subscriptions	Interest	Totals
Auckland	256 2 10	24 5 1	280 7 11
South Auckland	102 14 9	9 3 8	111 18 5
Taranaki-Wanganui	167 14 6	11 17 6	179 12 0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	139 5 10	86 3 9	225 9 7
Wellington	33 15 10	1 11 4	35 7 2
Nelson	51 12 5	2 16 3	54 8 8
North Canterbury	46 8 1	3 3 0	49 11 1
South Canterbury	18 10 0	0 7 3	18 17 3
Otago-Southland	19 3 11	3 9 3	22 13 2
Totals ..	£835 8 2	£142 17 1	£978 5 3

Report of the Actuary.

After the completion of the audit the Board requested Mr. Percy Muter, F.I.A. (London) to conduct the periodical actuarial investigation of the Fund, or, in commercial language, the triennial stocktaking. Mr. Muter pays tribute to the zeal and efficiency with which the Fund is being administered. The report in full is published below. At the previous investigation of the Fund it was assumed that a net rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. would continue to be earned and the fund was accordingly valued on that basis. It is gratifying to the Board that the Actuary has now adopted a more conservative rate and has valued the Fund on a 4% basis. On this basis a deficiency of £3,436 is disclosed. Had the Fund been valued on a $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent basis there would have been a surplus of £3,583. As the absolute net earnings of the Fund in the last three years which represent the worst period of the depression have actually been £4/3/5 per cent. it may safely be assumed that there is no actual deficiency. The Board feels sure that any further losses can be met from the reserves already provided and it is pleased to state that it need not, at this stage, suggest any reductions in present annuities as many feared would be the case.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

Assistance from this Fund has been given to widows of ministers and to supernumerary ministers in needy circumstances. The Revenue Account and Balance-sheet show the position of the Fund.

Home Acquisition Fund.

This beneficent Fund has an aggregate credit in the personal accounts of contributors of £8,918/9/1. The personal payments of members have been supplemented by subsidies from the Fire Insurance Fund amounting to £308. Retiring ministers have withdrawn £177/7/4.

The principles of this Fund were laid down and the regulations drafted by the late Mr. G. Bowron and the present Managing Treasurer in 1928. They have since been adopted by the New South Wales and the South African Conferences. Experience shows the need for revising several regulations and proposals will be submitted to the Conference with this end in view.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

The position of the Fund is set forth in the financial statements. Retiring allowances amounting to £1961/7/2 have been paid to those completing their service or otherwise withdrawing from the Fund. The personal accounts of contributors now aggregate £8250/1/6.

In harmony with the provisions embodied in Regulations 9, 18 and 22 of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund as printed on pages 168 to 172 of the book of Methodist Laws and on pages 30 and 31 of the supplement thereto certain surplus moneys in the Fund have been posted to the credit of such home missionaries as are entitled by the regulations to share in such benefits. The accounts in the Retiring Fund of such home missionaries have been credited with a sum equal to £7 per annum for each of the four years since the date of the previous distribution of surplus moneys in 1932.

According to Regulations 9, 18 and 22 all home missionaries who entered upon their work at or after the Conference of 1926 are outside the scheme of bonus distributions which are now the monopoly of a diminishing band of senior workers whose bonuses this year amount to £533/15/0.

Surplus moneys in the Retiring Fund, besides being applied to increase the retiring allowances of home missionaries who entered upon their work prior to the Conference of 1926, may also be applied under Regulation 18 for

- (a) A Reserve Fund as the Board may deem desirable.
- (b) Paying the expenses of management.
- (c) Relieving special cases of distress.

The surplus moneys represent payments to the Retiring Fund made by the Home Mission Fund and by the stations on behalf of home missionaries who have forfeited such contributions by withdrawal from the work before qualifying for full benefits.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

Retiring allowances to the amount of £104/9/- have been paid out during the year. The personal credits of the contributors now amount to £5,061/5/6. A sum of £104 has been allocated in bonuses to deaconesses qualified to share in such benefits.

Board for 1937.

The following are nominated as the Board for the ensuing year :—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, C. Eaton, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig; Messrs. G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, L. G. K. Steven and S. H. Maddren. Thanks are due for very valuable service rendered by the Rev. Henry Ryan who now retires from the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treas.

Christchurch,

18th January, 1937.

To the Secretary,

The Board of Management,

Supernumerary Fund of the

Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

ACTUARIAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PERIOD 30th NOVEMBER, 1933, to 30th NOVEMBER, 1936.

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

2. The most important matter affecting the Fund and the practicability of continuing the bonus now being paid to ministers on retirement, is the rate of interest which can be earned in the future on the investments.

In deciding this, too restricted a view should not be taken, and variations in the pensions depending on the gains or losses for the few years immediately preceding the valuation should as far as possible be avoided. The contracts for practical purposes may be said to extend over the life of the minister, and the life of any wife he may leave at the time of his death, and in the case of a young man, may easily last for 60 or 70 years, or in extreme cases, where he marries or remarries late in life, beyond these periods.

During the years under review the interest and rent shown in the accounts give the following rates of interest after deducting the amounts which have been carried to the depreciation and investment fluctuation reserves :—

			Effective rate of of interest %	Effective rate % after deducting expenses
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1934	..	..	4 4 0	3 17 5
1935	..	..	4 0 4	3 13 11
1936	..	..	4 3 11	3 17 11
Average	..	..	4 2 9%	3 16 5%

In considering the future earnings, however, these rates are somewhat misleading on account of the large sums which have been deducted from the amounts actually falling due in the year, and applied in increasing the reserves, viz. £300 deducted from the interest, and £1500 from the rents during the period.

The Reserves now stand as follows :—

		£	s.	d.
Amount at 30th November, 1933	..	3,451	14	11
Deducted from Interest	..	300	0	0
Deducted from Rents	..	1,500	0	0
Profit from sale of property	..	173	13	8
Debenture conversion premiums	..	1,357	13	9
		6,783	2	4
Losses on Mortgage	..	1,342	13	3
Total reserves at 30th Nov., 1936	..	£5,440	9	1

The sums carried to the reserves during the period therefore exceed the losses by £1,988/14/2.

All the items are interest, but the profit from the sale and the premiums on conversion are non-recurring, and best held in the reserves.

Applying £500 of the rent received each year to the reserve for depreciation, however, cannot be continued indefinitely.

Without this deduction the rate of interest would have been as follows :—

			Effective rate of interest %	Effective rate % after deducting expenses
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1934	..	..	4 11 0	4 4 5
1935	..	..	4 7 4	4 1 0
1936	..	..	4 10 11	4 4 11
Average	..	..	4 9 9%	4 3 5%

3. Unfortunate interference with private contracts introduced by the "National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932" still forms a feature in New Zealand legislation and is repeated in the "Mortgagors and Lessees Rehabilitation Act, 1936." It is unlikely however, that the earnings of the Fund will be reduced below 4%, and valuations at this rate and 4½% are given in Table III.

4. In comparing these valuations with those previously given, it must be remembered that some reduction was made in the bonus to take effect from the 1st April, 1935. The revised basic scale then adopted is practically the same as the old except that the increases are more regular, but the bonus is 7.15% thereof (viz. basic scale x 1.30 x 5½%) compared with the previous 11.5% increase.

On a 4% basis the liabilities, assuming that the increases and bonuses are permanent, are £153,653, compared with funds of £150,217 leaving a deficit of £3,436.

At the previous valuation on a 4% basis, allowing for the fact that the old scale of bonuses was continued until the middle of the triennium, viz. 1st April, 1935, the deficiency would have been £2,020 so that notwithstanding the amounts written off the increase is comparatively small.

On a 4½% interest basis the net liability at 30th November, 1936 would have been £146,634 showing a surplus of £3,583.

No objection can be made to any reserves necessary to meet anticipated losses, yet £600 each year is a large amount to set aside from the earnings of the Fund, and with the present accumulations £5,440/9/1 the question of spreading the provision over a longer period might be considered.

If the bonus were entirely discontinued the liability would be reduced by £10,248 and the deficiency £3,436 under the 4% valuation would be

converted into a surplus of £6,812. It is probable that the new legislation will cause some additional losses and reduction of interest but I would suggest that any further reduction of the bonus be deferred until the effect of the Act is fully ascertained.

5. In making the valuation the same rate of mortality has been used as on previous occasions (viz. the Annuity experience of British Life Offices 1900-1920 published by the Institute of Actuaries) for valuing the annuities to ministers and widows, and for the reversionary annuities to prospective widows.

6. The progress of the Fund.—Table II shows that at 30th November, 1936, there were 165 contributors compared with 164 at 30th November, 1933, while the number of ministers in receipt of pensions increased from 31 to 33. There was a decrease in the number of widows and children receiving allowances from 49 to 48 and from 3 to 2 respectively.

7. It is an extremely difficult time to administer trust funds of any description and more especially those established for making provision for old age, or other adversities, and the members of the Board are to be congratulated on being able to meet the situation with so little reduction in the bonus.

I remain, Yours respectfully,

PERCY MUTER,

Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, London.

Wellington,

9th January, 1937.

TABLE I.

Consolidated Revenue Account of the Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the three years 1st December, 1933 to 30th November, 1936.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds at 30th November, 1933	147,194	12	0
Ministers Subscriptions	4,930	17	11
Circuit Levies	7,462	16	2
Interest	14,388	14	5
Rents	5,157	2	11
Hymn Book Commission	185	11	1
Fire Insurance Rebates &c.	109	15	3
Debenture Conversion Premiums	1,357	13	9
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	£180,787	3	6

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Annuities	25,246	19	10
Furniture Grants	900	0	0
Subscriptions Refunded	219	13	11
Expenses of Management	1,345	6	1
Carried to Investment Reserve	1,357	13	9
Carried to Depreciation Reserve	1,500	0	0
Funds at 30th November, 1936	150,217	9	11
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	£180,787	3	6

TABLE II.

Progress of the Fund During the Three Years 1st December, 1933 to 30th November, 1936.

Contributors at 30th November, 1933	164
New Entrants	16
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Pensioned	10
Deaths	2
Resigned	3
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			15
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Contributors at 30th November, 1936			165
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SUPERNUMERARIES

Existing at 30th November, 1933	31
New Pensions	10
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			41
Deaths	8
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Pensioners at 30th November, 1936	..		33
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WIDOWS

Number at 30th November, 1933	49
Granted on the death of contributors	2
Granted on the death of pensioners	4
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			6
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			55
Died	7
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Number at 30th November, 1936	..		48
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ORPHAN CHILDREN

Number at 30th November, 1933	3
Expired	1
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Number at 30th November, 1936	..		2
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TABLE III.

Valuation at 30th November, 1936 at 4% and 4½% Interest.

	Value of benefits at present scale with bonuses	
	4%	4½%
(1) Value of Annuities to 33 Supernumeraries for £4,897/13/10 per annum	£36,384	£35,873
(2) Value of Annuities to 48 Widows for £3,136/16/- per annum	26,123	25,679
(3) Value of Reversionary Annuities to Wives of Supernumeraries	9,511	9,253
(4) Prospective Annuities to 165 Ministers	79,747	75,560
(5) Prospective Annuities to Wives of Ministers	41,918	39,545
(6) Furniture Grants	6,270	6,042
(7) Temporary Superannuation allowances	2,900	2,800
(8) Allowances for Orphans present and prospective	350	325
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	203,203	195,077
Value of Future Contributions and Levies	49,550	48,443
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Net Liability	153,653	146,634
Amount of Funds at 30th November, 1936	150,217	150,217
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	£3,436	£3,583
	Deficiency	Surplus

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Board of Management be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That there be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes the Revenue Accounts and Balance-sheets of the Supernumerary Fund, the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, the Home Acquisition Fund, the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, and the Deaconess Retiring Fund.
3. That the Report of the Actuary be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes, and that satisfaction be expressed at the financial position disclosed.
4. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the benefits the Supernumerary Fund confers upon the Ministry of the Church and commends to our people the wisdom of building up the Accumulated Funds by legacies and bequests with a view to strengthening still further the provisions for the payment of annuities.

Home Missionaries Retiring Fund.

- 5 (a) That Paragraph 22, Book of Laws, page 171, be amended by deletion of all words after the first sentence—the paragraph to end with "shall be entitled to the full benefits of the Fund."
- (b) That the following paragraph be added to the regulations:—
"That in the future distribution of surplus monies in the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, the Reserve Fund be kept as low as practicable, and the forfeited Home Mission Board subsidies be refunded to the Home Mission Fund."
- (c) That Paragraph 19, page 171 be deleted.

6. That the Board be as printed in the Report.
7. That this Conference with the knowledge of the difficulties experienced by all lending institutions during the period of economic distress places on record its warm appreciation of the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt in the special services rendered by him in connection with the Mortgage securities held by the Board and also his representations to the Government in connection with the graduated land-tax which resulted in legislation having the effect of totally exempting the Board's properties from taxation.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Regulation 3 be amended by the addition of the words :—"and the property and moneys of the Fund shall be vested in such Board."
2. That Regulation 7 be amended by the addition of the words :—"Contributions may be varied from time to time only with the permission of the Board."
3. That Regulation 8 be amended by the following addition :—"Ministers who have been made permanent supernumeraries, ministers who have been left 'without pastoral charge' and ministers who have been 'left without appointment' shall not be entitled to become contributors. Ministers who are already contributors and are left 'without pastoral charge' or 'without an appointment' shall not be entitled to further contribute to the Fund during the period they remain without pastoral charge or without appointment. No Probationer shall be received into full connexion until all moneys owing by him to the Fund are paid nor shall any Probationer whose payments are in arrears be appointed to a married Minister's circuit."
4. That Regulation 9 be amended by the following addition :—"Unless personal subscriptions are paid before the expiry of six months after the due date the contribution from the Fire Insurance Fund in respect of such subscriptions shall be forfeited and shall not be redeemed by later payment of the arrears."
5. That Regulation 19 be rescinded and the following be substituted therefor :—
A member of the Fund shall have the right, should he so desire, after having completed thirty-five years' service in the ministry, to receive the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund provided that the amount so received shall be applied to securing a home for his use upon becoming a permanent supernumerary. The Board may at its discretion extend this privilege to ministers when they are made temporary supernumeraries.
Members taking advantage of this regulation may continue as contributors to the Fund during any subsequent years of active service and when made permanent supernumeraries shall be paid the balance standing to their credit.
6. That Regulation 20 be rescinded and the following substituted therefor :—
If any member of the Fund is appointed to a Connexional Office, Institution or Department where a home is not provided by the Connexion he shall have the option at any time after such appointment of drawing the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund provided that the amount so received shall be applied by him towards securing a residence for his own use.

Such member may continue as a contributor to the Fund and when made a permanent Supernumerary shall be paid the balance standing to his credit in the books of the Fund.

7. That Regulation 22 be deleted and the following be substituted therefor :—
 "Upon a contributor ceasing to be a minister or probationer of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, except as provided in Regulation 23, he shall, notwithstanding the issue to him of a certificate under Regulation 14 be entitled only to a refund of the amount of his personal contributions, with interest thereon at such rate as the Board may determine, provided that in the event of retirement through physical disability the Board shall pay to such contributor the full amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund."
8. That the following new Regulation to be numbered 23 be adopted :—
 "Upon a contributor being transferred to another Conference he shall be entitled to receive the amount standing to his credit in the books of the fund and upon receiving such amount his connexion with the fund shall cease."
9. That the following Regulation to be numbered 24 be adopted :—"In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of the foregoing regulations, or on matters of account or status, or concerning any other matter in relation to the Fund, the decision of the Board thereon shall be final."

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

During the year the Board has administered the various trusts committed to its care. By the death of the widow of the late Sampson Uren of Timaru the Uren Trust moneys were made available for distribution and £1000 was handed over to the South Island Methodist Orphanage, £500 to the Foreign Mission Fund and £500 to the Home Mission Fund. The testator expressed a wish but not so as to bind or fetter the various beneficiary bodies, that these capital sums be kept intact as long as possible and that only the income therefrom be used.

The Board has accepted the administration of a Trust of £100 created by the late Mr. T. W. Satterthwaite of Timaru. The money is invested in a Timaru Borough Council debenture for £100 at 3½ per cent. on behalf of the Banks Street Methodist Church and the minister from time to time in charge of the said church is to apply every Christmas half of the income from the trust in providing presents for children in Timaru whose parents are in poor circumstances and the other half in providing presents for the children of the Methodist Orphanage in Christchurch.

The financial statement of the Board accompanies this report.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

18th January, 1937.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

3.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference the Annual Report and Statement of the Methodist Children's Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1936.

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

Auckland	42½
South Auckland	10½
Taranaki-Wanganui	18
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	14¾
Wellington	24¼
Nelson	7½
North Canterbury	38
South Canterbury	3
Otago-Southland	12
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	170½
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being two payments less than last year.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
The Credit Balance of the Fund is :—						
Bank of New South Wales ..				305	15	11
and owing by Districts :—						
South Auckland	17	10	0			
Otago-Southland	12	10	5			
			<hr/>	30	0	5
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				£335	16	4

The expenditure for the year has been £47/7/8 in excess of the income but notwithstanding this the Treasurers recommend to Conference that, with the object of giving as much relief as possible to the Circuits, the Levy for the ensuing year be 7%.

E. W. A. KELLOW	}	Treasurers.
W. G. SLADE		

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers be thanked for their services and that Mr. E. W. A. Kellow be re-appointed.
3. That the Rev. J. H. Haslam be appointed Clerical Treasurer.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the following Grants be authorised :—Theological College, £740 ; Connexional Secretaryship, £180 ; Deaconess Institution, £75 ; Council of Religious Education, £20 ; University Fees, £20., H.M. Fund for WANGANUI TRUST, (final) £100 ; Early Records, £50.
3. That the levy for 1937 be 6%.
4. That the Consultative Committee be :—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Treasurers, The Connexional Secretary, the Secretary of Conference, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher and F. Thompson.
5. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Treasurers (Rev. L. C. Horwood and Mr. J. H. Blackwell), and to the Auditor (Mr. Isaac Wilson) and that they be re-appointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Fund is not in as satisfactory a position as two years ago owing to the large number of removals during 1935 and 1936, the total being 114, which is a record for any two years in sequence since the inauguration of the Fund.

This year the expenses of 58 removals have been paid, comprised of 52 Ministers, 2 Supernumeraries, 3 Home Missionary Supplies and a Minister's widow, the cost being £1,014 14s. 0d., an average per removal slightly under £17/10/-, which result compares favourably with past yearly averages for over 50 removals.

Sundry expenses will require a sum of about £6/5/-, making estimated expenditure for the year £1,020/19/-.

The levy for the year is estimated to produce £730/13/1, thus the income will be some £290/5/11 less than the expenditure and a further depletion of the Accumulated Fund will be necessary.

The amount of arrears outstanding as at September 30th, total £106/6/2, a slight improvement on the position last year.

With the object of strengthening the Capital Account which has been reduced by over £400 during the past two years the Committee recommends the levy be $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ for 1937.

Mr. H. Chapman having returned to the Dominion, the Committee recommends he be appointed Lay Treasurer for the coming year.

The Committee is of the opinion that group removals within the Islands and inter-Island removals can be organised with a saving to the Fund and advantage to Ministers and proposes to investigate fully the possibilities of such contracts.

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

M. KERSHAW, Treasurer.

Christchurch,

October, 14th, 1936.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1937 be at the rate of 2%.
3. That regulation 21, page 41, Amendments and Additions to the Laws, be deleted and the following substituted therefor :—

“When a Circuit is reduced to a Home Mission Station, or when a Ministerial appointment is reduced to a Home Mission appointment, within a Circuit, payment of the levy to the Fund and all benefits therefrom, for such Circuit or Ministerial appointment shall cease on the 1st of April following the Conference which grants such reduction of status.”

4. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Retiring Treasurers, Rev. E. Drake and Mr. M. Kershaw.
5. That the Treasurers for the coming year be Mr. H. Chapman and Rev. H. L. Fiebig.
6. That the Committee for 1937 be :—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. Eaton, H. L. Fiebig, B.A., W. A. Burley, M.A., and F. B. Lawrence, Messrs. M. Kershaw, W. Dobbs, J. E. Purchase, A. A. Sandford and H. Chapman.

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report.

He whose great commission we seek to carry out, has yet again manifested His presence and power, both on the Field and at the Home Base, and we render to Him praise and thanksgiving. The Board and Staff have worked with a sense of high privilege.

The Field.

The annual reports from the Field make very enheartening reading and indicate definite growth and development in the affairs of the Kingdom. The statistical returns from the Solomons are never dry reading. This year again they bring us much joy. To establish 32 new Teachers' Stations in one year is an outstanding achievement and a source of profound gratitude to God. Membership has increased by 562, scholars by 220, and schools by 16, adherents by 207, and 12 additional churches have been built. Mr. Voyce reports—"Many new villages, and some new tribes, have during this year had access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

That our fine team of black and white workers in the Solomons seeks ever to put first things first is emphasised in the following inspirational message from the Chairman of the District (Rev. J. F. Goldie): "We ask you to join with us in thanks to God for the work accomplished during this year on the Field. We would like to remind our friends at the Home Base that although we glory in the success of our Educational Work, and thank God for the great privilege of Medical Service for our people, our chief glory is in the Cross of Christ. The great work of proclaiming His Glorious Gospel which is still the "Power of God unto Salvation to all who Believe" is our principal business—the focal point of all our efforts is to lead men to Christ, and when they accept Him as their Saviour, to build up and strengthen them in the Faith. God has wonderfully blessed our efforts. To Him be all the Glory."

An indication of the spirit of the Native Church is found in an appeal Boaz Sunga—the most influential chief in the Roviana Lagoon, and one of the ablest and best of our Native Catechists—made to his people for a spirit of sacrifice that the Kingdom of God might be extended in the Western Solomons. He gave several reasons why his people should be prepared for sacrifice, and they were all in the interests of people not less than 50 miles away, and their one-time enemies! He made a special plea for the restoration of the Medical Unit at Bilua amongst a people upon whom their fathers had waged war.

The re-appointment of a third European Missionary (Rev. D. C. Alley) to Bougainville-Buka, has greatly strengthened our position in that area and given much help and encouragement to our Native Teachers who have been facing great difficulties in bitter opposition on the part of Roman Catholics and minor Government officials. Several of our Teachers were arrested, and at Kieta, where a District Officer and other Officials have immediate charge, were maltreated, one of them sustaining a broken rib. The matter was promptly taken up with the Administration at Rabaul by the Rev. J. F. Goldie. As a result of the subsequent enquiry, two native police were fined, but further investigation is being sought.

During the year, eighteen students from Bougainville and Buka have entered the District Training Institution at Roviana and others will follow. It is to be regretted, however, that the Administration still declines to permit our fully qualified British Solomon Islands Teachers to enter the Mandated Territory and serve the people who are so anxious for their help. We have not abandoned hope that permission may yet be granted.

An important development has taken place in Buin, Southern Bougainville, concerning which the Rev. A. H. Voyce reports as follows :—

"Section Training Institution.

During the early months of 1936 the students were transferred from Tonu in Siwai to Kihili in Buin, and a new station commenced there. Even as yet the work there in building the station is in its early stages, but the prospects are distinctly bright. The newly acquired land seems of suitable quality for native agriculture, and during the year some 50 to 60 acres of forest have been felled, and the work of burning and clearing and planting is being pushed ahead as fast as is possible.

Some 42 students are in residence there at present, in charge of three Native Teachers. During the greater part of the year the Minister has been absent in other parts of the Circuit, but the Native helpers have loyally carried on the work of the station to the best of their ability."

Educational.

The work of our Colleges and Schools exercises an ever growing influence upon the life and well-being of the Western Solomons. The work of the translator is largely ineffective until the people have been taught to read. Those who, with but a very superficial knowledge of what is being achieved, not infrequently criticise missionary educational methods, would do well to visit with an open mind our District and Circuit Training Institutions and our Native Teachers' Stations. It is true that on some Teachers' Stations they would find the School work very elementary and poor but in many such cases the training of the Teacher himself has not been completed—sometimes scarcely begun. He has gone out as an evangelist and the effectiveness of his work in this direction may be seen in many transformed lives. But in numerous instances really remarkable educational work is being done by the Teachers who have graduated from our Institutions. In such schools practically all the scholars learn to read and write in their own dialect, many of them in another dialect in which there is more literature, and not a few in English. This means that God's Word is opened for them—a great and priceless heritage. Such effectiveness is made possible by the splendid work done at our various Training Institutions particularly the College at Roviana. Concerning the latter the Rev. E. C. Leadley reports :—

"The work in the College has proceeded smoothly and satisfactorily. The work of training others to be Teachers and Preachers is such a responsible one as to demand the very best that we can give. The present roll number is 59. During the year 19 new students have been admitted and 9 students have received appointments. We are endeavouring, as far as possible, to give all the senior students a period of training in hospital work, in kindergarten teaching, and in Sunday School teaching."

Concerning the Training Institution at Bilua the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester reports :—

"The school has been thoroughly re-organised with the help of Sister Lina Jones and we are deeply indebted to the Roviana people for the help thus given. We trust that our educational work here will prove the training ground for the students we hope to send to the District Institution at a future date. We have a staff of four in the senior school, and five in the junior."

Lack of trained leaders hinders the work in some places, as will be seen by the following paragraphs from the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe's Choiseul report :—

"There is a slight increase in the number of Schools and Scholars and it is a pleasure to see the way the majority of our Teachers are tackling their problems. We are still dissatisfied with the lack of assistance given to the teachers, but it has been quite impossible to improve matters this year. Lesson helps and text books are urgently required in order to co-ordinate our work, and we are anxious to revive the Teachers' Refresher Courses

which were started some years ago but which had to be dropped when so many members of the white staff were withdrawn. It has been a great joy and, at the same time, an uncomfortable surprise to find that boys coming from Village Schools have been able to enter the highest class of our Circuit Training Institution. We are altogether dissatisfied with the educational standard of our Circuit Training Institution but find it hard to remedy. With our present staff it is quite impossible to give the school proper attention. Something must be done to improve our work and we should like an additional Sister with teaching experience."

The Chairman is also anxious that a trained Teacher be appointed to assist the Rev. A. H. Voyce in Southern Bougainville at the earliest possible moment.

Medical Work.

The sick, halt and lame are ever with us in malarial climes and the Ministry of Healing carried out on all our Stations has, through another year, helped to commend more effectively the Great Physician. In spite of the grave disabilities created by the absence of a Doctor, excellent medical service has been rendered to many sufferers. At Roviana Mrs. E. C. Leadley and Nurse Vera Cannon, with their Native Staff, have maintained and extended the hospital work. There have been 106 inpatients and the average number of treatments for outpatients has been 114 daily. 776 injections have been given for yaws and there have been 65 births.

Concerning the work on Southern Bougainville, the Rev. A. H. Voyce reports :—

"Hospital.

As in the past, fairly liberal assistance has been given in the matter of drugs and bandaging material by the Administration's Department of Public Health.

An average of 50 to 80 inpatients per month have been treated, with the addition of much larger numbers of outpatients. Also thousands of patients have been treated on outstations by the Teachers, chiefly cases of tropical ulcers, malaria and colds. During the year a building for use as a dressing station has been erected, and all other buildings and the hospital grounds maintained in good order.

Isaac Pitakomoki has ably carried out his duties, and there is no doubt that he has the confidence of the Siwai peoples."

Mr. Metcalfe reports 14,000 treatments for the year at Bambatana and 600 injections of N.A.B. throughout the Circuit. Many needing injections had to be turned away owing to insufficient supply of this wonderful drug. This shortage has been apparent in every Circuit.

In addit 5'n to the heavy claims of their large families of girls and babies, Sisters Ethel McMillan and Elizabeth Common have had to combat an epidemic of whooping cough. Our Sisterhood continues to render outstanding service in many phases of the work.

Upon their arrival at Teop the Rev. and Mrs. Alley threw themselves wholeheartedly into medical service. Mr. Alley took a course of instruction at the Kieta Hospital qualifying him to give N.A.B. injections.

Nurse Edna White in an excellent report tells of an average of 70 outpatients per day and between 6 and 7 inpatients. The latter numbers have had to be kept low for financial reasons. She adds :—"I've hardly had a lone minute and have felt a content hitherto unknown."

It was a source of much gratitude and rejoicing that we were able to re-appoint Nurse Edna White to Bilua to engage in the great task of preparing the way for the re-establishment of the Medical Unit. Considerable family sacrifice was necessary to enable Sister Edna to return to the work but the wonderfully enthusiastic way in which she has been welcomed by the people and the high service she is already rendering reveal that she followed the definite leading of God.

Surely it is equally definite that God is calling us to Send Back the Doctor. In a letter just to hand Sister Edna reports the death of Oscar, one of our splendid young Native Medical Assistants. By the previous mail she reported that Oscar was ill and that his case was puzzling her, and added: "Oh, that a Doctor were here to run his stethoscope over him and tell me what the trouble is." But because no Doctor was there, Oscar died, and a life of rich service to his own people cut tragically short. Many have died needlessly because we withdrew the only Doctor they had. Dr. Allen G. Rutter sailed, at the end of July, for England, where he will gain valuable experience and hopes to qualify for the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and F.R.C.S. The Board of Missions and representatives of the M.W.M.U., Men's Fellowship, and Young Women's and Young Men's B.C. Unions, enjoyed the privilege of entertaining Dr. Rutter just prior to his departure and bidding him God-speed. The hearts of all present were stirred by Dr. Rutter's words as he told of his call to the Solomons. **In the urgent need of the Field, a well equipped but empty Hospital, and the glad offer of service from such a brilliant and devoted Methodist Doctor, we must see, like writing on the wall, God's eloquent plea to us to send the doctor back to the Solomons.**

Send the Doctor Back! Special Fund.

The Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Bequest has been augmented during the year by two further contributions of £1,000 each from Mr. Gorman. This noble bequest now stands at £5,000. The capital sum has been invested and the interest will be available to help send back and maintain the Doctor. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Gorman and others who have contributed so generously to this noble work. Let us not forget, however, that to steadily maintain the medical unit, we must lift the General Income of the Society. We confidently appeal to the whole Church to stand behind us in this Christ-like endeavour.

Another outstanding contribution we are making to medical service in the Solomons is a supply of suitable students for the medical profession. In addition to the medical assistants trained by our own Doctors, four students have qualified by special Government examination for the Medical School at Suva in Fiji. One of these, Hughie Wheatley, has successfully completed the four year course and returned to the Solomons under appointment by the Government as Native Medical Practitioner. Two others are continuing their course and the fourth has just reached Fiji.

Translation and Printing.

The Rev. A. A. Bensley's translation of St. Luke's Gospel has been received on Vella Lavella with much joy and gratitude.

The Chairman reports that a further instalment of the New Testament in Roviana will be ready during the year.

Approval was given at Synod for arrangements to be made to print a Lesson Book prepared by Sister Lina Jones, and the version of "The Life of Christ" in the Teop dialect.

The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe has revised the Choiseul Hymn Book and it has been reprinted. A book of services, etc., is to follow.

M.W.M.U.

With clear vision of the need and opportunity in the Solomons and with unabated zeal, the Women's Missionary Union has continued its outstanding service. These elect ladies are always among the first to recognise and accept the challenge offered by some new development in our great task. At their recent Conference the ladies set as an objective, in addition to their generous quota of £1,200 for Sisters' salaries, etc., an additional £100 to help Send the Doctor Back. To maintain the Doctor and his work, we must lift the annual income and such an inspirational lead from the M.W.M.U. is a source of much encouragement to the Board. We count it a privilege to work in close harmony with the Executive of the Movement and are very grateful for much sympathy and help throughout the year.

Bible Class Unions.

The Young Women's B.C. Union has continued to support Sister Ada Lee, and the Young Men's Union has made a generous contribution toward maintaining the work of the Rev. A. H. Voyce. We are grateful for this financial support and for the prayer and sympathy manifested by both Unions. We sincerely trust that definite and practical support of the Missionary Society will continue to be a vital part of Bible Class Union policy and that more and more there may come to the Youth of the Church a clear vision of the large part they may play in winning the Western Solomons for Jesus Christ and extending the educational and medical work.

"Open Door" and "Lotu."

Our Missionary magazines have continued to play an important part in disseminating information of the Solomons and other Fields and giving to our people a wider vision of the great work that is ours.

Owing to pressure of work during his Presidential year, the Rev. E. P. Blamires sought relief from the editorship of "The Lotu" and the Rev. V. le C. Binet was appointed acting editor. So well has the latter handled the task that Mr. Blamires has come to the conclusion that here is the man for whom he has been looking to take the Children's Magazine off his hands and has nominated him as his successor. We will welcome Mr. Binet to the editorial chair—a position his long experience on the Mission Field and his facile pen admirably equip him to fill.

The sincere thanks of the whole Church will be accorded Mr. Blamires for the able and devoted way he has edited the "Lotu" from its inception. To give missionary vision and enthusiasm to our girls and boys is a notable achievement that will have far-reaching effects on the future of the work.

We are greatly indebted to the Sunday School officials and Circuit agents who, quarter by quarter, distribute "The Lotu" and "The Open Door."

Financial.

The Treasurers' Statement, Balance Sheet, etc., will reveal definite cause for thanksgiving. We thank God for the generous gift of our Missionaries and the Native Church, which, coupled with improved copra prices, has lifted the Islands income to £3,000. Equally encouraging is the fact that increased contributions have been received from a large proportion of circuits in New Zealand, resulting in a total of £760 above that of last year. With the improved economic conditions and a growing missionary interest on the part of our people, we are confident that the Board will receive a mandate from the Church in the shape of sufficient income **to send forth reapers into the whitened harvest and to send back the doctor.**

Special Medical Fund.

This Fund has been augmented during the year by £3,035, including £2,000 from Mr. S. Gorman.

Debt Reduction.

£477 has been specially contributed for Debt Reduction and has been added to the amount estimated for that purpose. This year the Debt has been further reduced by £1,869.

Our deficit, however, still touches the high figure £8,169, and we must work on, pray on, and give on, until this crippling debt has been entirely liquidated.

Equipment Fund.

£240 has been added to the Equipment Fund. When we remember that some of our white missionaries who have been on the Field for 11 to 15 years are still living in native or semi-native houses we shall better realise the urgency of building up an Equipment Fund that will permit of more permanent and comfortable homes for our long-suffering missionaries.

Boat Insurance Fund.

By direction of Board and Conference, we have started to build up an Insurance Fund for our boats. For many years we have paid high premium to cover total loss only of our boats. It is hoped to gradually build up an adequate fund and thus save to the Society the considerable sum at present paid each year for insurance. £500 has been paid into the Fund this year.

Home Base.

Sincere thanks are tendered to all the members of the Staff who, by their efficient service, have helped to maintain the smooth running of the Department.

Very special thanks are due to the Rev. A. H. Cropp for effective Deputation Work in the Nelson and North and South Canterbury Districts and to returned Missionaries and others who have so ably helped as Deputations to numerous circuits in various parts of the country. The General Secretary was engaged in Deputation Work almost continuously from March to November, and has appreciated very much the loyal assistance he has received from his brethren and their circuit officials.

Every endeavour has been made to keep expenditure at the Home Base as low as possible so that every available pound may be used in the Solomons. We still pay heavy interest charges and it will be a great day for our Overseas Work when our still considerable deficit has been liquidated.

1937 Deputations.

The Rev. J. F. Goldie expects to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Board and the Conference, and will also be available for a limited Deputation itinerary. We shall give glad welcome to this great Missionary Leader, and also to his able colleague, Rev. E. C. Leadley, who is expected later in the year.

The Rev. Belshazzar Gina is also expected in New Zealand this year for special deputation work. Gina will receive a great welcome all over New Zealand and be a great source of inspiration.

What more small we say? The challenge, need, and glorious opportunity of a new year are before us. God grant us vision and courage for our task. Let no day pass without intercession for the Work and Workers in the Solomons to Him who has promised to be with us to the end.

Up! the ripening fields ye see,
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The Treasurers' Report for the Year Ended December 31st, 1936.

The Treasurers are pleased to be able to present a much more cheerful report on Missionary finance than for several years past.

The income from the Home Church for the General Fund amounts to £10,460/15/-. This includes an amount of £478/18/6 contributed for Debt Reduction, thus leaving an income of £9,981/16/6 for the General Fund compared with £8,949/3/4 for the previous year being an increase of £1,032 13/2. The increase in income from Circuits is general throughout all the Districts of the Dominion. The sum of £1,354/7/6 was contributed by the Women's Missionary Union and the Young Women's Bible Class Movement, being an increase of £30/17/6 for the year. The Young Men's Bible Class Movement gave £150, being £41/19/6 less than in the previous year.

The Solomon Islands income amounts to £3,013/9/9 compared with £1,685 for 1935, being an increase of £1,328/9/9. This fine result is largely due to the increased price of copra, this being the medium through which the contributions of the Native people are made.

The expenditure on the Mission Field was £9,227/0/5, being an increase of £487/17/1 but only £154/6/9 above the estimated expenditure for the year by the Board of Missions.

The expenditure at the Home base has been £1,877/14/7 compared with £1,855/7/6 for the previous year, being an increase of £22/7/1. This expenditure includes £496/11/2 interest on overdraft and loans and £118/12/- gift duty paid. The purchase of a safe and typewriter and alterations to the Mission Offices involved an expenditure of £55/16/9.

In accordance with the resolution of the last Conference, a Solomon Islands Boat Insurance Fund has been established and an amount of £500 placed to its credit.

At the beginning of the year the sum of £2,750 was outstanding on the Banga Plantation debentures. The sum of £300 has since been repaid in cash; £400 worth of debentures have been cancelled as gifts to the Missionary Society and the balance, viz., £2,050, is now owing on deposit. Of this sum £200 is at call, the balance having been placed on fixed deposit for four years.

Legacies and gifts for the year amount to £741/18/8 and of this amount £241/18/8 has been placed to the credit of the Equipment Fund, making a total amount for this Fund of £1,018/6/11. A legacy in the estate of the late S. Uren, being a mortgage of £500 on a Canterbury property, has been placed to Working Capital Account.

There has been a further addition of £2000 to the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest," making a total of £5,000 for the Bequest. An amount of £878/4/10 has also been contributed specially for the Medical Fund. Interest earned on the Medical Fund amounts to £157/3/11, thus making an addition of £3,035/8/9 to the Medical Fund for 1936.

The total deficiency at the end of the year amounts to £8,169/14/1, compared with £10,039/3/10 at the close of 1935, being a reduction of £1,869 9/9 in the deficiency. Of this sum £478/18/6 has been specially contributed for Debt Reduction purposes and the reduction in the deficiency from ordinary Income was therefore £1,390/11/3.

A profit of £81/2/7 has been made on the publications—"The Open Door" and "The Lotu." This does not mean that there has been a considerable increase in the circulation of the papers, for the numbers are about the same as last year but a special effort was made during the year to collect arrears of subscriptions.

W. A. SINCLAIR }
T. L. HAMES } Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Board, and Treasurers, together with the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. Welcome to Rev. J. F. Goldie.

In extending a warm welcome to the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, Conference once more affirms its confidence in and high regard for this great missionary leader. The remarkable success of the work in the Solomons has, humanly speaking, been in a large measure the result of Mr. Goldie's devotion, ability and statesmanship.

Conference is specially grateful for the loyal and self-sacrificing way in which Mr. Goldie and his colleagues have supported its efforts during the recent difficult years to reduce expenditure while maintaining, and even extending, much of the work on the Field.

The special thanks of Conference are also due to Mr. Goldie for his successful efforts to secure permission for our Bougainville-Buka students to proceed to the District Training Institution at Roviana and his efforts both in Rabaul and Australia to remove the disabilities regarding transfer of our British Solomon Islands Teachers to Bougainville and Buka.

3. Greetings to the Native Church.

Conference sends cordial and affectionate greetings to the Native Church. We rejoice that through another year you have experienced much of God's blessing and guidance and witnessed the continued growth of His Kingdom. Our hearts have been greatly warmed by the news of hundreds of new members, of the establishment of 32 new Teachers' Stations, and of the Gospel reaching new villages and tribes. It is for this that God has called us and in humble gratitude we thank Him for thus using you and us in such high service.

We rejoice also in the excellent work accomplished in the schools and thank God that the feet of the girls and boys are being guided in the way of truth and love.

We long for the day when we shall be able again to send a doctor to you and fully re-establish the medical unit. We are not unmindful of the excellent work done by the nurses and medical assistants, nor do we forget the splendid contribution you have made to the Ministry of Healing by sending 4 students to the Medical School in Fiji. We shall follow Hugh Wheatley with our prayers as he begins his medical work in the Solomons and the others as they continue their studies in Fiji.

Your witness for the Faith and the generous nature of your giving have been an inspiration to us.

We count much on your prayers and practical support during 1937 that the work of Jesus Christ in your land may be greatly extended, particularly in the needy fields of Bougainville.

We love you. We greet you. May the peace of God that passeth understanding fill your hearts and minds.

4. Greetings to Missionaries on the Field.

Conference sends affectionate greeting to the Missionaries, their wives, and the Sisters on the Field. Our hearts are deeply stirred by your reports, recently to hand, which tell of the extension and building up of the Kingdom of God in the Western Solomons. We rejoice that God has called you and is using you so effectively in this great undertaking. The record of the past years is very wonderful and we count it a high privilege to be associated with you who so gladly bear the heat and burden of the task. We bear you up at the Throne of Grace as we gather at the Annual Meeting, and covenant to be loyal to you, your native colleagues, and the work you have in hand.

We shall do our utmost to give the Home Church a wider vision of our task in the Solomons, and stir her to more prayer and sacrifice.

You have our confidence and love and again we commend you to Him whose work you do and who has promised sufficient grace.

5. Translation Work—Resolution of Appreciation.

That appreciation be expressed of Translation Work done in the Solomons during the past year. The Conference learns with joy that a further installment of the New Testament in Roviana will be ready during the year; of the glad welcome accorded the translation of St. Luke in Vella Lavella; of the revision and reprinting of the Choiseul Hymn Book; and the preparation of a Lesson Book. Sincere congratulations and thanks are extended to the translators.

6. The Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest.

THANKS TO MR. GORMAN.—Conference places on record its sincere thanks to Mr. S. Gorman for his further munificent gifts, totalling £2,000, for medical work in the Solomons. By the noble bequest that bears their name, the late Mrs. Gorman and Mr. Gorman have roused the Church to a deeper sense of its obligation to Send Back the Doctor to the sick and needy in the Solomon Islands, and greatly helped and encouraged the Board in its efforts to re-establish the medical unit. We pray that the whole Church will accept the challenge of Mr. Gorman's generous giving and by prayer and sacrifice make it possible for the Board not only to appoint Dr. Rutter upon his return from England but also to maintain him and his staff in their ministry of healing.

7. Medical Policy.

The Conference is resolved to fulfil its objective as already announced of restoring the Medical Unit with the appointment of a Doctor in 1938 and looks confidently to the Church to augment the fund to make this possible.

That Dr. Allen Rutter be designated for the appointment in 1938.

That warm greetings be conveyed to Dr. Rutter and hearty congratulations upon his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and the award to him of the Balfour Studentship.

8. Course of Study for Solomon Islands Probationers.

That the following be recommended to the Examination Committee for adoption subject to the approval of the Islands Synod and Conference.

1st Year—The Founders of Israel (Text Books for Bible Classes Series).
The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ, J. S. Stewart (1st half).
St. Matthew's Gospel.

African Beliefs and Christian Faith, Edwin Smith, (1st part).

2nd Year—The Judges and Kings of United Israel (Text Books for Bible Classes Series).

The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ, Stewart (2nd half).

St. Mark's Gospel.

African Beliefs and Christian Faith (2nd part).

3rd Year—The Kings and Prophets (Text Books for Bible Classes Series).

The Story of the Church, Steele and Campbell (1st half).

St. Luke's Gospel.

African Beliefs and Christian Faith (3rd part).

4th Year—The Exile and After (Text Books for Bible Classes Series).

The Story of the Church, Steele and Campbell (2nd half).

St. John's Gospel.

Joining the Church, Herbert J. Watts.

5th Year—The Covenant Divine, E. C. Tanton (1st half).
Christian Faith and Practice, Craig, Milligan, Baillie (1st half).
The Epistles to the Corinthians.
The Life Story of John Wesley, Telford.

6th Year—The Covenant Divine, E. C. Tanton (2nd half).
Christian Faith and Practice, Craig, Milligan, Baillie (2nd half).
The Epistle to the Galatians.

* The Young Disciple and His Faith, Shapland and Watts, and others.

9. Work on Gaudalcanar.

That work be commenced at Aola on Gaudalcanar at the repeated request of the people.

10. Solomon Islands District Synod Recommendations.

That the following be referred back to the Islands Synod for further consideration :—

"Synod recommends that Native Ministers be admitted to the Representative Session of Synod, except when financial matters, not relating to native work, are being discussed."

Resolved that the status of Native Ministers in full connexion to the Synod be referred back to the Synod for further consideration.

Method of Recording Membership.—"A discussion took place regarding the method of recording Church Membership and it was decided that Native Membership should include all those previously baptised ; and that in place of Native Members on Trial and Junior Members, we record the number of those who have been admitted into the Church by Baptism during the year."

Resolved that the suggested change in recording Church Membership be referred back to the Islands Synod. It is desirable that Trial Membership should be a definite status preparatory to Full Membership and separate from that of newly baptised infants or children. We recommend that Membership be classified as Full, Trial, Junior.

Circuit Training Institutions.—"(b) That Students in the Bougainville and Buka Circuit offering for work as teachers and preachers, shall be sent first to the Circuit Training Institution at Teop, where they will be required to pass certain tests, especially in the English and Roviana Languages, before proceeding to the District Training Institution at Kokeqolo."

Resolved that this matter be remitted back of the Islands Synod, further information being sought as to the advisability of South Bougainville and Buka students being sent for a term at the Teop Institution before proceeding to Kokeqolo. Are the facilities for learning English and Roviana better at Teop than at Kihili or Buka ?

11. "Open Door" "and Lotu."

Circulations : "Open Door" 5,136, "Lotu" 6,591.

Editor of "The Lotu."—That the Rev. V. le C. Binet be appointed as Editor of "The Lotu."

Thanks to Rev. E. P. Blamires, Retiring Editor of "The Lotu." That the sincere thanks of the Conference be extended to the Rev. E. P. Blamires for his splendid service as Editor of "The Lotu." Mr. Blamires has been the Editor of our Children's Missionary Magazine since its inception and has kept it at a high level. The fact that even in the recent difficult years the circulation has been some 7,000 is evidence of the high appreciation of our Sunday Schools and people.

Mr. Blamires' editorship of "The Lotu" will rank high among much fine work for the children and youth of New Zealand. To give missionary vision and enthusiasm to our girls and boys is a notable achievement that will have far-reaching effects on the future of the work.

Editorship "Open Door."—That the General Secretary be thanked for his services as Editor of "The Open Door," and that he be re-appointed.

That the Rev. W. A. Sinclair be thanked for his services as Manager of the Publications and be re-appointed.

12. Furloughs.

That the furloughs recommended by the Islands Synod be approved.

13. Thanks to M.W.M.U.

The sincere thanks of the Conference are extended to the Methodist Women's Missionary Union for its inspirational help and co-operation during another year.

"With clear vision of the need and opportunity in the Solomons and with unabated zeal, the Women's Missionary Union has continued its outstanding service. These elect ladies are always among the first to recognise and accept the challenge offered by some new development in our great task. At their recent Conference the ladies set as an objective, in addition to their generous quota of £1,200 for Sisters' salaries, etc., an additional £100 to help Send the Doctor Back. To maintain the Doctor and his work, we must lift the annual income and such an inspirational lead from the M.W.M.U. is a source of much encouragement to the Board. We count it a privilege to work in close harmony with the Executive of the Movement and are very grateful for much sympathy and help throughout the year."

For numerous special gifts to help Send Back the Doctor, and the splendid contribution through the Gift Cases and Medical Grants the Board also expresses its gratitude.

Congratulations to Miss E. M. Rishworth.—That the hearty congratulations of the Conference be extended to Miss E. M. Rishworth upon her appointment as Dominion President of the M.W.M.U. We are confident she will maintain the high tradition of this important office and assure her of our prayerful support.

14. Thanks to Y.W. and Y.M.B.C. Movements.

The sincere thanks of the Conference are extended to the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Class Movements for continued sympathy and help during another year.

"We are grateful for the financial support and for the prayer and sympathy manifested by both Unions. We sincerely trust that definite and practical support of the Missionary Society will continue to be a vital part of Bible Class Union policy and that more and more there may come to the Youth of the Church a clear vision of the large part they may play in winning the Western Solomons for Jesus Christ and extending the educational and medical work."

We are also very grateful for numerous special gifts for Debt Reduction and to help Send Back the Doctor. There will be a very close link between the Bible Classes and Dr. Allen Rutter when the latter reaches the Solomons.

15. General Estimates, 1937.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
New Zealand ..	10,000	0 0	Solomon Islands	9,836	12 0
Solomon Islands ..	2,500	0 0	Home Base ..	1,369	10 0
			Interest	450	0 0
			Boat Insurance and		
			Replacement Fund	250	0 0
			Debt Reduction ..	593	18 0
	<u>£12,500</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£12,500</u>	<u>0 0</u>

16. That the General Treasurers, the Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

17. Auditors.

That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Honorary Auditors for the past year, Messrs. J. B. Gilmore and A. Turner.

That Mr. J. B. Gilmore be appointed as Auditor for 1937.

18. Thanks to Australian Board of Missions.

That the thanks of the Conference be sent to the Australasian Board of Missions for the practical and effective help received by the Rev. J. F. Goldie in his approach to the Commonwealth Authorities concerning the exclusion of our British Solomon Islands Teachers from the Mandated Territory and other matters.

19. Board.—That the Board for the ensuing year be :—

The President of the Conference, The Chairman of the Auckland District, The Chairman of the Solomon Islands 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, E. P. Blamires, E. W. Hames, V. Le C. Binet, G. I. Laurenson, W. T. Blight, A. N. Scotter, F. Copeland, W. W. Avery, F. E. Leadley, Messrs. T. L. Hames, W. S. MacKay, J. P. Blair, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, F. Penn, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, E. H. Burton, Dr. Sayers, B. J. Lynneberg, C. E. Taylor, F. Thompson, R. H. Nesbit, the President of the M.W.M.U. (Mrs. W. H. Duke) the President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary (Mrs. A. White), Misses E. M. Rishworth, S. A. Somerville, G. Griffith, Mesdames F. Thompson, T. Rowe.

20. Thanks to Retiring Members.

That the best thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring members of the Board of Missions.

21. Thanks to District and Circuit F.M. Secretaries.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be extended to all District and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries. We deeply appreciate the fine service rendered by these workers and realise that the success of the work results largely from their organisation and advocacy. We pray that even greater success and much joy may attend their efforts in 1937.

22. Representatives on Missionary Council.

The Chairman of the Wellington District, The Ex-President, The General Secretary, Mr. B. J. Lynneberg, Mrs. Pacey.

23. Thanks to Subscribers and Workers.

That the sincere thanks of the Board be extended to all subscribers and workers who by prayer and sympathy during the year have helped to extend the Kingdom of God in the Western Solomons.

24. That Conference congratulate Mr. B. J. Lynneberg upon his appointment as Chevalier of Honour of the First Order of St. Olav and expresses its sympathy with him in his illness.

District Secretaries for Foreign Missions.

AUCKLAND .. ..	..	..	REV. E. W. HAMES
SOUTH AUCKLAND ..	..	..	REV. F. H. HAYMAN
TARANAKI-WANGANUI ..	..	..	REV. E. S. HARKNESS
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU ..	..	..	MR. C. E. TAYLOR
WELLINGTON .. ..	..	..	REV. J. RICHARDS
NELSON .. ..	..	..	REV. J. H. BAILEY
NORTH CANTERBURY ..	..	..	MR. F. THOMPSON
SOUTH CANTERBURY ..	..	..	REV. W. W. AVERY
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND ..	..	..	REV. A. E. JEFFERSON

District Missionary Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits with Revs. W. Walker and E. W. Hames and Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, J. P. Blair, The President of the Auckland Women's Missionary Auxiliary; Misses Somerville and E. M. Rishworth. Convener, Rev. E. W. Hames.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, and Morrinsville Circuits; Messrs. H. Wagstaff, W. Harris, J. T. Johnson, J. T. Bryant, Mrs. J. M. Jones and Miss R. Tietjens. Convener, Rev. F. H. Hayman.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of the New Plymouth, Stratford, Waitara and Eltham-Kaponga Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. T. P. Hughson senr., C. E. Bellringer, P. Wells, J. T. Griffin and G. W. Kirk. Convener, Rev. E. S. Harkness.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendent Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits (P.N.), Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea and Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuits; Messrs. T. R. Hodder, C. E. Taylor, G. G. Hancox, M.A., G. J. McVicar and L. Laurenson; 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. J. Richards

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Wakefield-Dovedale and Motueka Circuits, Messrs. H. J. Savage, J. Heath, N. H. Cozens, H. A. Holdaway, L. Wise, G. Nutall, J. Greigg, M.A., Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Brock, Rev. J. H. Bailey (Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener. Mr. Frank Thompson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, Willowby and Waimate Circuits; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, H. H. Brown, T. Simmons, R. H. White and A. A. Dale. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

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, Mrs. Duke and Miss Purdie. Rev. A. E. Jefferson (Convener).

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SOUTHLAND: The Supt. Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits; Mesdames Stanley Brown and Thompson; Messrs. D. A. Pearce and G. A. Brown. Convener, Rev. G. B. Hinton.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

ABRIDGED REPORT FOR 1935-36.

We offer the work of the past year unto Him who inspired all the prayer, all the love, all the work and all the gifts of the members of our Union.

For the year ending August 31st, 1936, we registered 2,960 members, an increase of 117. 59 Auxiliaries are affiliated, 3 more than last year. Our income for 11 months was £2,773/2/4, an increase of £231 on the previous 12 months. Of this amount £2,032/16/3 was received for Sisters' salaries. Owing to the change of the end of the year from September to August, salaries were paid for only three quarters and what appears to be somewhat of a large balance is needed to pay out for salaries almost at the beginning of the new year. £143/7/8 was received for Medical and Child Welfare Work and £306/3/8 for Kurahuna Girls School. £39/3/11 was received for the sale of stamps, which will be divided between Home Mission Special Appeal £20 and Sister Lina Jones £12 and the rest to the Medical Fund. £45 was received for the Foreign Mission Debt Reduction and to send back the Doctor £31/12/3.

We continue to support Sister Eleanor Dobbie, Sister Ivy Jones, Sister Atawhai Wilcox and Sister Olive Bott. During the year Sister Irene Hobbs resigned and in her place we are supporting Sister Te Teira. Sister Netta Gittos is still in charge of Kurahuna where good work continues to be done. In the Solomon Islands Sister Ethel McMillan, Sister Lina Jones, Sister Elizabeth Common and Nurse Vera Cannon. We rejoice that during the year Nurse Edna White was able to return to Bilua. As usual our Auxiliaries have sent many boxes of gifts to the Solomon Islands and many parcels of new and old clothing as well as a number of patchwork quilts for the Maoris.

For the year 1936-37 our objective is to raise £1,300 for Overseas work, £100 of this to help to send back the Doctor and £820 for the Home work. Many of the Auxiliaries will make special efforts to help the Home Mission Special Appeal.

H. L. DUKE, President.

E. C. PURDIE, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be received, adopted, and that the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Women's Missionary Union for their excellent work during the year.

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

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1936.

This Annual Report is presented to Conference with deep gratitude to God for His sustaining grace during another year of service. In the face of many difficulties the programme of activities represented by this Department of the Church has been steadily continued. The problems confronting our workers in all sections become increasingly complex, but certain encouraging features give us cause for confidence. We proceed with our task believing that it is contributing to the day when "He shall have dominion from sea to sea."

Staff.

Early in this report we make mention of the loyal service being rendered by all members of our staff under very trying circumstances. Some of our single workers have accepted a standard of payment which is quite inadequate for any provision for their future studies but they have done this in fairness to their married brethren with heavier responsibilities. In spite of this, however, much hardship has come to the parsonages in many of our Home Mission Stations and Aided Circuits, and the Church owes a great debt of gratitude to all these workers for their self-sacrifice, amounting in many instances to real heroism. Some very steady maintenance and even building up of our work has been done in many such places.

Home Mission Board and Standing Committees.

Several meetings of the Board and frequent meetings of the various Standing Committees have been held during the year as need has arisen. The policy of the Conference has been carried out and special difficulties have been dealt with in many parts of the Dominion.

General Superintendent.

During the year the health of the General Superintendent was such that, under medical advice, he sought relief from the full programme of leadership. As very satisfactory supply arrangements were made, at no additional expense to the Department, the Board willingly granted Mr. Seamer the necessary sick leave. The travelling and canvassing in connection with the Special Appeal, which would otherwise have been the task of Mr. Seamer, have been done by Revs. E. Drake and W. Grigg.

Special Appeal.

In accordance with the resolutions of last Conference, this Appeal was fully planned and carried through in every Circuit and Home Mission Station. The necessity for building up the regular income of the Fund was revealed by the Estimates adopted at the Conference, showing an accumulated deficit of over £5,000 as at the end of this year, including £1,500 as this year's share of that deficit. The accounts do not close until the end of December so that it is impossible to prophesy the result of the Special Appeal. No separate Debt Reduction Fund was inaugurated but an effort made to raise considerably the regular income as well as special donations to the one Fund. As in all such Appeals, the results have been most encouraging where the local Circuit organisation was most thoroughly arranged.

Deputations.

All deputation work this year has been carried through with the Special Appeal in mind, and we would record our appreciation of the many helpers in the work, notable amongst whom has been the Vice-President of the Conference, Mr. R. Hampton. The deputation work has been done in such a manner that the financial appeal has not been permitted to submerge the educational and inspirational value of the campaign.

Natural Calamities Fund.

The Conference of 1936 authorised the establishment of the above Fund to be used for the assistance of Trusts in difficulties because of Earthquakes, floods, storms, and other natural calamities. During the year a grant for this purpose was received from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, and was disbursed in very needful assistance to three Trusts.

Broadcasting.

A Special Committee was set up during the year to discuss matters relative to the question of Church broadcasting. The President of the Conference was associated with the Committee which did preliminary work but, owing to the Government regulations being still in a transition state, it is not possible to include any findings in this report. We recommend the re-appointment of the Committee with authority to proceed with its investigations and that the Home Mission Board be empowered to take any necessary action on the findings of the Committee.

Spiritual Advance Committee.

During the past year very little information has reached the Committee directly concerning the response to our suggestions at last Conference. But indirectly there has reached us news of much evangelistic activity throughout the Connexion. In Auckland, after long preparation, a Youth for Christ Campaign was held in August. The Rev. R. Dudley of Wanganui generously responded to the invitation to address, first of all, rallies of our own young people, and, then, in the following week, interdenominational rallies. The outstanding features of the Campaign were the largely attended midday meetings in a Queen Street Hall, and the procession of witness on the final Sunday when 3,000 to 4,000 young people marched to the Auckland Town Hall, and crowded both Hall and Concert Chamber. Mr. Dudley's services were greatly appreciated; and many young people sought personal interviews with him and declared themselves on the Lord's side. The Rev. E. T. Olds also took a leading part in the Campaign. It is questionable whether those outside the Churches were reached to any extent, although midday addresses were delivered in many factories and workshops.

We are deeply impressed with the desire that exists right through our Churches for evangelistic missions. Numerous requests have reached certain ministers to conduct such missions, and numerous missions have been conducted in our Churches by missionaries of other denominations. Were we convinced that we could lay our hands upon the right man, we should be recommending to the Conference that he be set aside for a term of whole time evangelism.

We have also been urged from several quarters to distribute among our people short and gripping and authoritative statements of our Methodist faith. We hope later to secure the widespread circulation of these among our people.

Recommendations.

(1) We recommend that, since 1938 will be observed throughout world wide Methodism as the bi-centenary of the Wesley's evangelical conversion, the coming year be regarded as a year of earnest preparation for a worthy evangelistic effort in 1938.

(2) We recommend especially the reviving of the spirit of private and corporate prayer: and suggest that week-night prayer and fellowship meetings be arranged in the homes of our people—to supplement or replace the meeting usually held in the Church.

(3) We recommend that, where evangelistic missions are conducted in our Churches, information be forwarded at the close to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

(4) (a).—That Conference endorse the desirability of setting aside periodically, for short terms of one or two years, men who feel the call, and in whom the Conference itself has confidence, to conduct teaching and evangelistic missions throughout our Churches. We ask that the first of these appointments be made, if possible, for 1938; the work of such missionaries to be organised from the Home Mission Department Offices, the matter to be referred to the Home Mission Board with power to act during the year.

(b).—That Circuits contemplating the holding of Evangelistic Missions in 1938 make early application to the Home Mission Board with a view to securing the services of Methodist evangelists.

(5) That where supplies have to be found for Churches whose Minister is conducting a mission during the present year with the approval of the Spiritual Advance Committee, a measure of financial assistance be provided, as the funds of the Committee permit.

(6) That enquiries be made concerning the next Cato Lecturer and that Conference enter into negotiations with the Australian Conference with a view to his visiting New Zealand.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

We look back upon the past year with profound gratitude. It has been a prosperous year for the bookroom. A glance at the balance sheet reveals a considerably increased volume of business, with a handsome profit on the year's working. To this position the arrival of the new Hymn Book has contributed in a large measure. At the same time, a steady increase in general business has been a pleasing feature of the year's work.

During the year the Society has seen fit to add to the facilities for carrying out the work of the bookroom. Part-time assistance has been provided for the Manager, who has carried ungrudgingly, a burden of heavy responsibility and excessive work during recent years. At the same time, additional space has been provided for the display of stocks and for handling the work of the Department.

Our thanks are due to various Country Ministers and Home Missionaries who have acted as voluntary agents for the Society, and to the Bible Class Movements for their co-operation in providing book-stalls at Easter Camps and Summer Schools.

We call attention to the fact that we have not yet been able to put our Colporteurs on the road again. Our Church is missing a great field of opportunity which lies open to her in the house-to-house distribution of good literature. Such work, however, can be carried out only when backed by the financial support of the Church. We take this opportunity of making a fresh appeal for subscribers to this branch of christian service.

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. J. L. Crawford and A. Turner.

Maori Mission.

A separate report on the Maori Mission work will be presented.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, we would urge the whole Church to recognise that work such as is represented by this Department cannot be maintained by spasmodic efforts. Only by a sustained, prayerful liberality will the necessary Funds be provided, and by an equally sustained loyalty will the activities be worthily maintained and extended.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

G. I. LAURENSEN,
Assistant Superintendent.

Supplementary Report to Conference.

Committee on Broadcasting.

In terms of resolution of 1936 Conference, Minutes, Page 125, No. 13, the Home Mission Board early in the year set up a sub-committee on Broadcasting. This Committee has met several times during the year and much time has been given to the collection of available data and the formulating of suggestions.

Owing to the importance of the subject matter it has been impossible to hasten the business, and of necessity, the work has been largely of an exploratory nature. Interviews have been held with the Director of Broadcasting, and authorities in both National Stations and privately owned 'B' Stations.

Through the President of the Conference, Rev. E. P. Blamires, representation was effected on the National Churches Broadcasting Committee in Wellington. That Committee, by a series of negotiations, has at last decided upon a ratio of representation on that National Committee on the following basis. Anglican 3 members, Presbyterian 2, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Congregational, Baptist, Salvation Army and Church of Christ churches, one each. Our Committee has asked the President to submit certain other matters to the members of that Committee for discussion.

Existing Facilities.

From the discussions with broadcasting experts, it is evident that while much valuable work is being done with great appreciation from listeners, there is need for better use of the existing facilities for broadcasting of Church services. It is recommended that ministers broadcasting should seek friendly expert criticism of their microphone usage. The technique for speaking in a hall being so very different from that of speaking by medium of the microphone, it is wise that even successful platform speakers should enquire into the best methods of using the microphone, and the success or otherwise of their present methods. It must be emphasised that the present broadcasting of church services must remain secondary to the purpose of providing opportunity of worship for those who attend the services. However, the listening public and their needs, must be recognised. Not having the advantage of the sense of fellowship and the visible assistance of the church surroundings, the listeners are dependent upon the atmosphere created by the broadcast voice and music. The Committee would urge that ministers and choir masters seek the co-operation of the members of the congregations in improving the tempo of the congregational singing as any tendency to drag is emphasised in the broadcasting. We would also deprecate any tendency to make these services displays of intricate musical achievement.

Extension of Existing Facilities.

The Committee feel that much would be gained by the introduction into the broadcasting sessions during the week, of further facilities such as the series of lectures on religious subjects which proved so popular in the B.B.C. programmes in England. Owing to Broadcast Church services being dominated by the needs of the congregation, it is felt in many quarters that there should be instituted by the churches, broadcasts at non-church hours of services specifically for listeners.

These latter services should be from either the church or the studio, in the former instance, the speaker having the added assistance of organ and choir. In either instance, the speaker would use the normal conversational tone so necessary for successful microphone technique. The Committee feels the desirability of continuing the existing facilities for Sunday church broadcasts, as broadcasts of the ordinary church service of worship for those who have been trained to such services but are prevented from attending.

Such services are also to be shared as far as possible amongst the Ministers in the neighbouring pulpits and circuits where their churches are not wired for broadcasting. Occasionally also, the choir of another church might be invited to lead the musical section of the worship.

Radio Personality.

It is felt that any extension of church activities, either at non-church hours on the Sunday, or at other hours during the week should as far as possible be placed in the hands of one person of special qualifications for each denomination in each centre of broadcasting. This is felt to be essential for the building up of the valuable contacts which inevitably rise by correspondence and interviews, out of successful consecutive broadcast.

"B" Stations.

The possibility of making permanent arrangements with any privately owned "B" Station for facilities (to be paid for if necessary), is still in abeyance as the Government has not yet declared its policy with regard to such stations. The commercial station IZB has no available hours, and where there hours available, the charges for even brief regular sessions would be prohibitive.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

The question of a more suitable location for the Book Depot has been brought before the Board and is being given further consideration.

Pictures Department.

As a development of the activities of the Literature and Colporteur Society, the Board set up a special sub-committee to deal with the question of Religious Films. A portable 16 m.m. Talkie plant, and suitable films produced by the Religious Film Society London, have been ordered, and during the ensuing year this work is to be developed. The new venture will be co-ordinated with the Colporteur work, the distribution of religious literature being part of the activities of the agent to be appointed.

History of Methodism in New Zealand.

For some time there had been felt the need of an authoritative publication dealing with the history of our Maori Mission, and the later Circuit History of our Dominion church. Special meetings of a strong sub-committee have been held during the year and the matter discussed from many angles. The Board has requested Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., to prepare a manuscript of a history of the first fifty years of our Maori Mission with a brief summary of the later history of the Mission, the manuscript to be ready by the end of May, 1938, and published by the end of that year. An honorarium of one hundred pounds is to be paid to Mr. Chappell.

RECOMMENDATION.

That as the time is rapidly approaching when the Circuit history of our church in the Dominion should be brought up-to-date, Conference commission Rev. M.A. Rugby Pratt to collate all material that would be necessary for the publication of a volume supplementary to the "History of Methodism in New Zealand," published by the late Dr. Morley; such volume to be published in the year 1950.

Maori Mission.

Since our Annual Report was prepared for Synod, the Mission has suffered severe loss in the passing of two of its Maori Ministers, Revs. R. T. Haddon and Pou Werekake. These two leaders will be sadly missed and their passing necessitates considerable reorganisation in our staffing. Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi becomes Senior Maori Superintendent and is to reside at Tuakau where he will have an extensive pastorate, as well as being in a central position for his administrative duties.

Gorman Bequest.

During the year, Mr. S. Gorman of Nelson sent various sums of money to be added to £450 already in the hands of the Treasurers from the Estate of his late wife. The new total is now £2,500 which is to be known as the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission bequest, the interest only, to be used annually for the purposes of the Department.

Signed E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

E. T. OLDS, Secretary.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report and Supplementary Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following statements be received and adopted :—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the General Fund of the Home Missions and Extension Fund, Natural Calamities Fund, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance Sheet of Investment Funds Board, Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Fund, Maori Girls' School Fund, Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Balance Sheet of Methodist Mission Property Trustees; Balance Sheet of Literature and Colporteur Society.
3. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1937 be received and adopted.
4. **General Superintendent.**
 - (a) That the General Superintendent be granted a year's rest with supply to visit abroad, and that the Rev. E. Drake be engaged as supply for the period of the General Superintendent's absence in 1937. That, during that period, the Assistant Superintendent take over the General Superintendent's duties with the co-operation of Mr. Drake.
 - (b) That Conference express its cordial good wishes to the Rev. A. J. Seamer in his trip abroad and trusts that he will return greatly benefitted in health and able to continue to make his wide knowledge and experience available to our Church.
 - (c) That the Rev. A. J. Seamer be appointed the official representative of our New Zealand Methodist Church to the British and Australian Conferences.
5. **Designation—Rev. A. J. Seamer's Successor.**

That the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be designated to succeed the Rev. A. J. Seamer when the need arises.
6. **3,000 Home Mission Special Subscribers.**

That an effort be made to raise the number of annual subscribers of £1 or more to the Home Mission Fund to 3,000 who shall receive a special copy of the Home Mission report.

7. Deaconesses as Officiating Ministers.

That Deaconesses while holding the status of acting Home Missionaries and also senior Deaconesses engaged in Maori work be gazetted as officiating Ministers under the Marriage Act.

8. Engaging persons as Evangelists.

That this paragraph, page 12 of the Amendments to the Law Book be amended by the addition of the words, "through the Spiritual Advance Committee."

9. Special Grant for Woodville.

That should funds be available from "The Natural Calamities Fund" this year the case of Woodville be referred to the favourable consideration of the Home Mission Board.

10. Broadcasting.

- (a) That the Conference urge the continuance of the present facilities for broadcasting of Sunday services and week-day devotional sessions; and urge that every effort be made by ministers and congregations to use the facilities to the best possible advantage.
- (b) That the Conference urge that representations be made to the Broadcasting Authorities through the National Churches Broadcasting Committee for the extension of facilities to provide for a series of religious lectures on the lines of those instituted by the B.B.C. in Great Britain.
- (c) That the Conference desires Denominational leaders to consult with a view to instituting united action for regular Denominational broadcasts at other than church hours on Sundays, specifically for listeners, and also co-operation in obtaining facilities with suitable "B" Stations for week-day broadcasts, when the Government attitude on such stations is defined.
- (d) That the Conference express its gratitude to God for the blessings that have come from the broadcasting of church services, to isolated people and members of various institutions, otherwise denied the privilege of fellowship in Christian congregations.
- (e) That members and adherents of our churches be urged to guard against the danger of allowing the habit of "listening in" to broadcast services, to break their loyalty to their local congregation where their Christian witness is most valuable, and is urgently needed for sustaining the life of the church, out of which the ability to broadcast develops. Wireless broadcast services received per medium of the microphone should be recognised as only a substitute for the valuable element of visible Christian fellowship.
- (f) That a Standing Committee of seven members be appointed in Wellington together with corresponding members to report annually to Synods and Conference. That the Committee for 1937 be Revs. J. H. Haslam, P. R. Paris, W. G. Slade, and J. Richards; Messrs. R. S. Maunder, W. Binet Brown and H. Hain; the corresponding members to be the Methodist members of the District Broadcasting Boards. Convener, Rev. J. H. Haslam.
- (g) That the Rev. P. R. Paris represent the Church on the National Churches Broadcasting Committee.

11. Gorman Bequest.

That Conference express its high appreciation of the magnificent generosity of Mr. S. Gorman in creating the Home Mission Bequest in the names of himself and his late wife, and that a special letter be sent to Mr. Gorman.

12. History of Methodism.

That Conference endorse the action of the Board in having a History of our Maori Mission prepared by the Rev. A. B. Chappell.

13. Circuit History of the Church.

That the matter of bringing Circuit History up to date be referred back to the Home Mission Board in consultation with the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt to give further consideration, and report to Synod and Conference.

That Conference hears with pleasure of the research work of the Rev. T. A. Pybus with a view to publishing a book on the establishment of Methodism at the Otakou Heads.

14. Natural Calamities Fund.

That Conference request the Fire Insurance Fund Board to consider favourably the making of a further grant to the Natural Calamities Fund this year.

15. Rotorua.

That Conference commends the appeal for assistance of the Rotorua Trustees to the sympathetic consideration of the members of our Church.

16. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to :—The General Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent, General Treasurers, Officers and Members of the Board and Standing Committees, the Members and Conveners of the District Advisory Committees, Treasurers of the Literature and Colporteur Fund (Mr. W. S. Mackay), Honorary Auditors of the Department Funds, Honorary Deputations during the year, Mr. T. W. Hemer, Manager of Book Room.

17. Treasurers for 1937.

That the Treasurers for 1937 be Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn.

18. Auditors.

That the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. P. Dellow and J. L. Crawford be re-appointed.

19. South Island Centennial Celebrations.

(a) That Conference affirm the principle of a Methodist Centennial Celebration throughout the South Island with suitable services and functions commemorating the planting of the flag of Christianity in the South Island by Methodist Missionaries in 1840.

(b) That Otago-Southland District proceed with an appeal for funds for the erection of a Memorial Church at Otakou.

(c) That Conference suggest to the Otago Committee the desirability of erecting a simple cairn on the site of the original mission station at Karitane.

(d) That Nelson District be urged to explore the nature of their effort with a view to suitable commemoration in that district.

20. Joint Appeal.

(a) That Conference sanction the special joint appeal for the deaconess Retiring Fund and Institution and the Taranaki Maori Girl's School Fund in 1940 and that a special committee be set up in Christchurch, together with corresponding members in other centres to report to Synods and Conference.

(b) That the Committee consist of Mesdames G. Bowron, Lamb, Miss Fairweather, Messrs. J. E. Purchase, H. Chapman, L. G. K. Steven, J. MacDougall, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, C. Eaton, W. A. Burley, with corresponding members, Revs. F. Copeland, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, P. R. Paris, E. D. Patchett, C. H. Olds; Messrs. A. E. Hurley, F. Penn, T. L. Hames, G. S. Gapper, Miss Rishworth, and Mrs. A. H. White. Convener, Mr. J. E. Purchase.

(c) That the Committee consider the title, scope and target of the appeal and all relevant matters.

Home Mission Board :—The General Superintendent (Rev. A. J. Seamer), The Assistant Superintendent and Ministerial Treasurer (Rev. G. I. Laurenson), The Lay General Treasurer (Mr. F. Penn), The Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. E. Te Tuhi), Mr. J. Veale (life member) with the ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits and Rev. E. Drake ; Messrs. T. Clark, W. S. Mackay, J. J. Parker, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, E. O. Chivers, W. Ambury, J. Reed, T. W. Hemer, T. L. Hames, G. Wilson, Thos. White, R. J. Adlington, A. Williams, W. J. Court, C. K. Wigglesworth ; The President of the Women's Missionary Union (ex officio), Miss E. Pearce, Miss J. Buttle, Sister Ivy Jones and Mrs. George Smith. Convener, The General Superintendent.

District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. E. T. Olds.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. A. A. Bensley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. C. O. Hailwood.

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SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. R. P. Keall.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Rev. T. Skuse.

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. F. J. Parker, W. Walker and E. W. Hames ; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, F. Penn, F. W. Stone, J. W. Reed, E. A. Astley and A. Williams. Convener, E. T. Olds.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha and Rotorua Circuits, Messrs. R. P. Kilham, J. C. Tietjens, J. T. Johnson, M. Butler. Convener, Rev. A. A. Bensley. Corresponding Sub-Committee—The Chairman, Rev. A. A. Bensley ; Messrs. J. C. Tietjens, and J. T. Johnston.

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 Senr., Convener, Rev. C. O. Hailwood.

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

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Superintendent Ministers of the St. Paul's, Cuba Street, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Sanson-Rongotea and Feilding Circuits, the Home Missionary at Halcombe, Mrs. Terry ; Messrs. J. Nairn, E. G. Bennett and W. H. J. Watson. Convener, Rev. J. H. Allen.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-DISTRICT H.M. COMMITTEE.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. J. M. Bruce, G. W. Venables and J. H. Oldham. Convener, Rev. H. J. Odell.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. E. E. Sage.

NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Blenheim, Motueka and Wakefield-Dovedale Circuits, the Home Missionary at Havelock, together with Messrs. T. H. Every, S. S. Collier, C. S. Cresswell, T. P. Brooks, Mesdames A. H. Leaper and T. Chambers. Convener, Rev. W. Rowe.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener, Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, Waimate, Geraldine and Oamaru Circuits with Messrs. A. Stead, W. G. Irwin, W. Hocking, G. Hall, F. Metson and A. W. Barnett. Convener, Rev. R. P. Keall.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive. Convener, Rev. T. Skuse.

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

STATISTICS RE MINISTERIAL STAFFING FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

Report of the Home Mission Board to Conference through the Examination Committee.

(Minutes of Conference 1935, page 126, No. 25).

In presenting this report, the Board would first draw attention to the statistics covering staffing during the past ten years. These are as follows:—

1. Leakage of Staff for 10 Years.

Total active list of Ministers and Probationers (including men resting) in 1925	159
Probationers received 1926-1935	63
Received from overseas	2
Supernumerary returned to active work	1
	—
	66
	225
Total active list of Ministers and Probationers in 1935	169
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Leakage from active list from all causes for 10 years	56
Students resigned, etc., during 10 years	6
	—
Total Leakage	62
Average annual leakage	6.2

2. Increase in openings for 10 Years.

Available places for ministers and probationers in 1925 (deducting 4 places which were only paper appointments and later reduced to H.M. Stations)	161
Foreign Missions	7
	—
	168
Available places in 1935 (including Waihi)	165
Foreign Missions	8
	—
	173
10 Years total increase	5
	—
Average annual increase for 10 abnormal years .. .. .	.5

Working on these figures as a basis for estimating the number of men required during the next five years, a number of factors have to be taken into consideration :—

1. Losses from Student Ranks.
2. Resignations and dismissals during Probation.
3. Resignations and deaths (active list).
4. Normal retirements.
5. Normal development in number of openings available for appointments.
6. The gradual reduction, as Home Missionaries retire, of the number of Married Home Missionaries and their replacement by Ordained Ministers with suitable grants.
7. The use of Probationers in place of Single Home Missionaries in :—
 - (a) places with promise of development
 - (b) places where our interests are too important to be adequately met by the services of young untrained men.
8. We also draw attention to the considerable group of Ministers who are carrying the effects of active service during the war, in physical and nervous afflictions in a greater or lesser degree and who are liable to retire at an unusually early age through disabilities arising from this fact.
9. The large number of men who have been received into the ranks of ordained men during middle and late middle life, and who will not complete the usual number of years of service before retirement.

Policy.

The Board stands firmly for a policy of staffing all our causes with men who have had suitable training. No business house would engage an untrained man to run a Branch business so as to save £20 to £50 a year in the salary. Even from the financial standpoint, to continue further our past policy of working with inexperienced untrained young lads, would be inexcusable now that we have sufficient promising candidates and the facilities for training all the men we need. We would plead for adequate preliminary training for every young man who is to spend his life in the work of the Methodist Ministry. Whether a man be called a Minister of a Home Missionary, he has to do the work of a Christian Minister.

On the other hand, the Conference needs to be awakened to the fact that we cannot afford to accept men for the work of the Methodist Ministry simply because they are pious youths or good students or even because they are good preachers. But we can scarcely have too many young men in our Theological College if they are gifted in personality, piety and passion, and absolutely consecrated to the service of the Kingdom. Given more trained men of this type on the field, Circuits would rapidly fulfil all their obligations and new openings would also be developed.

Annual Requirements.

Taking the above factors into account, the following are the figures on which we estimate the annual requirements for the next five years :—

For normal increase in openings	1
For replacing leakage	6.2
*For replacing Married Home Missionaries retiring with ordained men	2
*For replacing unmarried Home Missionaries with unmarried Probationers .. ..	.8
Annual	<hr/> 10.0 <hr/>

*This would, of course, entail increased Home Mission grants.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

A. J. SEAMER, General Superintendent.

F. J. PARKER, Secretary

RESOLUTION.

That owing to factors 8 and 9 (above) being likely to become operative within the next six or eight years, the whole matter of Ministerial requirements be referred again to the Home Mission Board for a further report to Conference, 1939.

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

MAORI MISSION REPORT.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" and His presence and guidance is still the greatest fact we have to record. As we compare the interest and activities manifest amongst our Maori people to-day with their heart-broken and apathetic condition of a generation back and consider also the interest shown to-day by the press and public in all Maori problems, we exclaim "What hath God wrought." The apparently "lost cause" has become one of the biggest living questions in the minds of our Dominion Leaders in religion, education and politics. The fact that our Mission has played a leading part in awakening this interest is a source of great satisfaction to our workers and supporters and we are glad to report that our correspondence files record promises of increased support from many prominent people both within and without our own Communion.

The Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's Bible Class Union and the Wellington Methodist Educational and Charitable Endowment Fund Trust have again stood generously by our Deaconess Work during the year and thus have enabled us to maintain and slightly extend this important branch of our Mission activities.

We are grateful also for the practical assistance rendered to us by the Youth Department which from its headquarters in Wellington has encouraged the Pakeha Sunday Schools to assist the Maori Schools by gifts of lesson material, etc.

Important changes were made by Conference in the stationing of the Superintendent Ministers and while for a time the people in every case objected to losing their old Ministers, all have settled down happily and the results have already justified the changes made.

Throughout the Auckland, South Auckland, and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts our Mission activities previously reported are being continued, and in the Waikato and King Country are being considerably developed.

Our large group of honorary Home Missionaries continue to render excellent service. It is only through the energy and devotion of these workers that we are able to even approximately cope with the work under the conditions imposed by a sadly depleted exchequer.

We have been greatly cheered by the gifts of material and goods sent to us for our preachers by Ladies' Guilds and other groups and individuals. Thanks and appreciation should also be accorded to our increasing band of Sunday School Teachers and Technical Class Instructors and also to those motor car owners who so generously drive some of these volunteer workers to their appointments. Under Sister Eleanor's guidance, and chiefly through her labours, sufficient cash is in hand to erect and furnish a small Church at Otaua, Hokianga. The plans have been prepared and the Church should be completed in February. We already have seven churches in Hokianga and this County gives every promise of being a future Methodist stronghold in spite of all the set backs our work has suffered there.

A new Mission, undenominational in name and intention but which will probably be denominational in practice has been established with its headquarters in Auckland. That urgent and indeed tragic need for further Mission work exists in certain sadly neglected areas is a fact beyond dispute. In reply to a communication we received with a copy of its constitution from the new organisation, we replied sympathetically and expressed the hope that it would confine its activities to the areas not occupied by evangelical Missions.

To justify our claim to hold and work effectively our present districts we are looking confidently to the Church, now that the financial outlook is brighter, to support the Mission more adequately and so enable us to support in the near future an additional Minister and at least two additional Deaconesses.

During the year two Mission Conferences were held, one of our Maori Ministers and Maori Home Missionaries and the other of Deaconesses engaged in Maori work. At both of these Conferences the needs and possibilities of the work were carefully and prayerfully reviewed and decisions recorded, which were duly reported to the Home Mission Board and in the columns of "The Methodist Times." Excellent work is still being done by Wesley College and by the Kurahuna School of Domestic Science and Hygiene. Both Conferences urged the establishment of another Domestic Science School for girls and a Farm Home for youths with simple and practical curricula in both cases. The Kurahuna School was considered by all to be of an ideal type and the hope was generally expressed that many more such schools would be established in the future rather than large institutions. The thanks of the Church are due to the Women's Missionary Union for the establishment and maintenance of Kurahuna.

The Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi has been nominated by the Board as Senior Maori Superintendent and Chief Maori Pastor.

Signed on behalf of the Home Mission Board,

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

R. TAHUPOTIKI HADDON,

Senior Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference urge the Department of Health and the Native Department to take the necessary steps to re-establish the Department of Native Hygiene as a distinct sub-department.
3. That as this carries with it the effective resuscitation of the Maori Councils and Native village Committees, we urge that an organiser be appointed for this phase of the work.

4. We would also recommend that sustenance payments be made in the form of non-transferrable coupons redeemable in goods other than alcoholic liquors.
5. That Conference express its greetings to the Native and European workers in our Maori Mission Field and appreciates the fact that the work has been well maintained and extended during very difficult days.
6. That the voluntary European helpers be thanked for their splendid services to the Maori Missions.
7. That Conference express its special thanks to the Women's Missionary Union, the Young Women's Bible Class Movement, and the Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust for splendid financial assistance rendered to the Maori Mission.
8. Conference learns with regret, that certain European residents in the King Country have petitioned the Government to take a plebiscite among the King Country residents on the question of granting licenses in that area for the sale of alcoholic liquor. This Conference desires to call the attention of the Government to the fact that this is not a matter for local decision, but that it is a question of National Honour in relation to a sacred pact between the two races when the King Country was opened to Europeans. We would direct the attention of the Government to the official records relating to the pact made on that occasion.
9. Whereas in the opinion of this Conference a grave injustice has been done to certain Maori tribes, owing to monies granted to them in compensation for excessive confiscation of lands, being partly used for purposes which in the case of other tribes is being met by the Government from the Consolidated Funds, and to which they are rightly chargeable,
 And Whereas the Conference considers that despite the genuine attempt of the past Government, more should be done to place landless Maoris on the land, more particularly in the case of the Taranaki, Waikato, and North Auckland Natives,
 And Whereas the Conference believes that inadequate provisions at present exist, especially among the poorer tribes, for promising Maori girls and boys to equip themselves as teachers and leaders of their people, especially in regard to secondary and post-secondary education,
 Therefore we express to the Minister of Native Affairs our whole-hearted support to any measures he may introduce which promise to meet the above difficulties, and our co-operation with him in all matters tending to promote the welfare of the Native Race.
10. That the first claims on Compensation Funds should be the placing of landless Maoris in suitable holdings, the provision of suitable education for the Maoris and particularly the guidance and development of their leaders in these and other matters relevant to their needs.

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

**A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.
 REPORT 1936.**

After another year of progressive spiritual and humanitarian work, the Mission has undoubtedly established itself, not only amongst our Methodist people but also throughout the community. Cultured evangelism, reinforced by various avenues of social service, has brought results worthy of our task. Hours have been spent in personal interviews at the Mission.

centre, Franklin Road, and the Gaol, as well as sick visitation and relief of distress. The youth work has been further consolidated, the Health Camp scheme extended, the senior Choir augmented, and a Junior Choir established. Without the assistance of a large band of capable voluntary workers much of this work would have remained unaccomplished. Sunday evening congregations are steadily increasing, thus making the time not far distant when a large auditorium must be made available for our evening worship.

Youth Work.

Nearly 300 young people are being trained in our Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Sunbeams, Bright Hours, Young Worshippers' Leagues and Clubs. The Junior Choir which has been commenced is developing the musical talent of our young people. The Sunday School at Airedale Street supports an orphan in the Solomon Islands, while many of the groups have, by special efforts, raised the Home and Overseas Missions income. The amount raised throughout the Circuit for Foreign Mission this year is over £25. The Home Mission Appeal is not yet completed.

Deaconess Work.

The far-reaching influence of the Work of Sister Rita Snowden among the women and children cannot be estimated. The Board of Management has granted Sister twelve months leave of absence to visit England in order that she may widen her experience, thereby making her gracious ministry in the Mission even more effective. By their co-operation, the Ladies' Guild has made a valuable contribution to the Mission life. A Junior Deaconess Fund totals £4.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

The wisdom of acquiring the property at Campbell's Bay has already been justified in the rejuvenation of the health of 70 children and over 20 mothers who attended the Camp last season. Improvements to the extent of £100 have been made, and £700 is in hand for building. It is expected that half of the administrative block will be erected free of debt before Christmas. During July, a Health Camp Conference was held in Wellington, when our Camp was recognised as part of the National Health Camp Scheme. Through assistance from the health Stamp Fund, we hope to take 150 to 200 children this Christmas, and to continue the Camp throughout the year for children who require longer treatment. We record our very real thanks to the health Department, Mr. Cecil Barham, (Architect, and all others who have assisted us.

Social Service Department.

Through the generosity of individuals, firms and groups, the Mission has been able to help those in need to the extent of £1,300, while over £1,150 has been administered on behalf of the Pensions Department. These figures by no means reveal the variety of our social service work which makes severe demands upon our time, experience and resources. The Mayor's Metropolitan Committee has again helped to ease our burden. The Missioner has served on the Mayor's committee and the social workers' Executive, while his voluntary service in connection with Community Singing has been a blessing to many.

Prison Work.

The Sunday Services have been held regularly. Personal interviews with the men are, seemingly, the most effective part of our work. Just as patients in hospital are treated according to their individual needs, so in prison should men receive similar consideration. Communications with the

Minister of Justice and the Prisons Board have resulted in several men being transferred to country camps or sent to positions. The Missioner has served on the executive of the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society throughout the year. We record our special thanks to the Prison Officials, Church Choirs, Mr. H. J. Barrett, and the students of Trinity College for their courtesy and consideration.

"Down and Outs."

"No one can enter the Central Mission meeting on Saturday evening and not hear the Gospel," a lady was overheard to remark recently. This evangelistic note is clearly sounded, and the result has been an increased attendance. Between 4000 and 5000 meals have been given on Saturday evenings alone. Mr. M. Souster, our Bible Classes, and other friends, are deserving of our very real thanks.

Franklin Road.

The resignation of Rev. Arthur Hopper was received during the year, and Mr. H. Woolford was engaged as supply. The experiment among the children during the Bright Hours, humorous, educational and travel films, has been a means of augmenting the Sunday School and youth work. Miss Elsie Booth gives unstintingly of her best, and has commenced a meeting for women, all of whom have not had contact with the active work of the Church for many years. In this thickly populated area, concentrated work by a full-time agent is imperative for the establishment and extension of the Kingdom.

Maori Work.

Sister Ivy Jones and her faithful band of workers are pioneering the way for a really vital Maori Mission in the City. The erection of a temporary building on the Mission property has already facilitated Sister Ivy's work. The attendance of the Maori children at Sunday morning worship (conducted in their own language) is an encouraging feature. The presence of a number of adult Maoris at the Mission evening service has inspired us. The need for an ordained Maori Minister in the city and suburbs is increasingly felt.

"Helping Hand" Jubilee."

On October 31st and November 1st, the Jubilee of the "Helping Hand" Mission will be celebrated. Preparations are well in hand and a Souvenir is being prepared.

Broadcasting.

The Mission is undoubtedly making an impact on the city's life, but feels that this would be much more effective if opportunities were given to broadcast services. As the Mission appeals to all classes of the community, its services of worship would meet this ever-increasing demand.

Acquirement of Parsonage.

Situated at the Sandringham end of the Mt. Albert Borough, this Parsonage, with its acre of land provides a striking contrast to the congested life of the city. Through the generosity of the former owner, Mr. A. E. Judge, the property was purchased for £900. Financial assistance by the East Street Trustees made possible the purchase of the property.

Australian Missions.

During August and September, the Missioner visited South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, in order to gather information and experience to develop the work in Auckland. Already results of the visit can be seen. A very warm welcome was accorded everywhere and every facility offered. Closer co-operation between the Australian and New Zealand Churches and Ministers would result in mutual benefit.

Rebuilding Fund.

No legacies have been received during the year, with the result that very little has been added to the fund, but we feel confident, as the Mission work extends, that provision will be made by those interested in City Missions and social service work. There is urgent need for an up-to-date auditorium, chapel, hall, class rooms, suites of offices, Sunday school departments, clinic, evangelist's quarters, residence for single young men in the city, men's shelter, etc. We require at least £20,000 before we commence building, and appeal to all those who are able to assist.

General.

We extend a sincere welcome to Mr. Varley Hudson, our Musical Director, who gives most generously of his time and ability. We express our thanks to Miss Avis Braithwaite, L.R.S.M. Organist, Drs. W. H. Pettit, J. Cole, J. Caughey, and E. G. Sayers, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Mr. H. D. Crump, Mr. C. H. Martyn, and our honorary solicitors for their professional services, to the East Street Trustees for their generosity, and the many voluntary workers and subscribers.

The Mission is managed by a Board of Management of business men who are keenly alive to, and deeply interested in the Mission's welfare. The present policy of consolidating the work and increasing the membership till the time is opportune for a big forward movement, should commend itself to all Christian people.

A. J. SEAMER, Superintendent.

A. EVERIL ORR, Missioner.

WALTER WOOD, } Circuit

T. F. WALLIS, } Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference presents its sincere thanks to the Rev. A. Everil Orr and the Staff of the Mission for the very fine work accomplished during the year.
3. The Board of Management for 1937:—Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of District, Revs. G. I. Laurenson, G. Frost, W. A. Sinclair, Dr. Ranston, F. J. Parker, Dr. E. G. Sayers, Mrs. T. Clark, Misses L. Williams, E. Booth, J. Purser, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. Tyler, A. Messer, J. J. Parker, E. J. Hutson, F. Penn, M. Smethhurst, together with the Circuit officials and representatives, and the Trustees of the Mission properties.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1935-36.

Strategically situated to pursue a vigorous programme of ardent evangelism and constructive social work in a day when socio-economic environment is reacting with tragic effect upon life, the Mission has ministered rewardingly to increasing numbers. For many harassed lives there has been an expansion of the horizon and a quickening of self-respect.

An historical survey of the work reveals cyclic development. The founder and his immediate successor were engaged in the work of consolidation and administration making it possible for their successors to adopt a developmental policy which prepared the way for the present period of social and institutional work. Throughout these successive stages the dominant aim has been to help life towards the standards and ideals of the Kingdom of God.

Youth Work.

The Young People's work is distinctly encouraging. Having regard to efficiency the Sunday School is departmentalised with a membership of 105. Teachers and parents are in effective co-operation by what is termed "A Home Association" which encourages understanding of the environment and general home relationships of the children.

Bible Class work by specialised direction has assumed an encouraging aspect. The Young Women's Senior Bible Class led by Sister Hazel with a membership of 30, and the Young Men's Bible Class superintended by the Rev. B. M. Tasker with a membership of 23, are making rapid progress. Two Young Women's Intermediate Classes under the inspiring leadership of Sister Lenna and Miss Olive McCrone and an Intermediate Young Men's Class led by Mr. Gordon Adams are awakening and guiding the spiritual ideals of many young people, while the Junior Young Women's Class under the guidance of Miss Eunice Russell and the Junior Young Men's Class under the leadership of Mr. Ron Ingram are motivating many young people to a definite relationship with Christ and the Church. It is good to report a total Bible Class Membership of 122.

As an aid to Bible Study and creative spiritual idealism several young people meet throughout the week in groups, while other week-night activities consist of Boys' Brigade, Life Boys, Girl Guides, Brownies, Lyms, Children's Choir and athletic clubs providing opportunities for physical development, friendship-making and character building. The Youth work of the Mission is wisely directed by the M.C.M. Youth Council with a membership of 29 which meets the second Monday in every month. Throughout the year many young people have made public profession of faith and have become members of the Church.

Men's Club.

This Club was formed eighteen months ago and it is run on the same lines as Doctor Soper adopts at Tower Hill. The Club is under the chairmanship of the Superintendent of the Mission, who throughout many discussions has dealt with a mixture of error and truth. The open forum has revealed the extent to which some men have suffered economic enslavement, and their deep-seated antagonism to the present competitive capitalistic system. In no uncertain way many have expressed their impatience with the complacency of organised religion and have advocated unaccepted solutions of modern evils. Such a meeting enables the Mission to contact with a number of men who at heart desire their lives to be reinforced with spiritual sanctions.

The Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

The superintendent of the Mission broadcasts daily a devotional service from 4ZM in an effort to inspire Christian faith and hope in thousands of homes. The membership exceeds 4,000 and it is estimated that fully 10,000 people listen in daily. Members make a weekly contribution to the Social Service work of the Mission. The movement is entirely undenominational and exercises its ministry to all in need without creed or distinction. The organiser and the public express their gratitude to Mr. Walls who allows his broadcasting equipment to be used for these broadcasts.

Central Mission Health Home.

Four years ago the Board of Trustees acquired a small cottage at Company Bay for a Health Home, and yearly the scheme has developed to its present stage. During the last two years a great amount of work has been done in providing permanent facilities for specialised work. As many as 43 men have been employed weekly with a Government subsidy. Apart

from the caretaker's cottage there are two main buildings in the course of erection. The Sleeping Quarters built of concrete, brick, copper and tiles, to minimise after-costs, will accommodate about 80 children. Its spacious sun-porches, airy bed-rooms and colour scheme are conducive to rest and comfort. The Administration Quarters were made possible by a timely gift of £1,000 by Mr. Samuel Saltzman of Dunedin. The grounds are beautifully laid out providing for fun, frolic and freedom and attractively studded with native shrubs and plants. This movement, in the interests of ill-nourished and under-privileged children, has been supported by proceeds from Health Stamps, Radio Church, four separate gifts of £1,000, Government subsidy on wages, and by donations from very many firms and citizens. The purchase of $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres of ground, provision of permanent water supply, sanitation system and erection of the three main buildings have involved an expenditure of £25,000. The buildings will be officially opened on Saturday, 19th December.

Eventide Homes.

Economically helpless old age is an inevitable experience for many. Those who cannot care for themselves are largely dependent on Christian institutionalism. With a view to assisting those who are enfeebled by age and distressed by circumstances, the Mission Trustees have inaugurated a fund for the building of 20 little Homes. Each Home will consist of cosy quarters and will be beautifully situated to the sun and surrounded by flowers. There will be two large Homes in the centre of the settlement providing for administration, and for cases needing special care. Persons able to look after themselves will live in their little Home, and yet come under the general superintendence of the officer in charge of the Central Home. The Trustees are pleased to report that five Homes have been provided including one given this year by Mrs. Ada Shacklock to be designated "The J.B. Shacklock Home." £500 provides one of these Homes and it is estimated that the entire scheme will approximate an expenditure of £16,000. The fund is now gradually being built up and as soon as the Board is assured that the venture will be financially possible, the work will commence. Particulars of the entire scheme may be had from any of the legal firms in the city.

Appointment of Special Nurse.

In order to meet the needs of several homes in time of sickness, such as for instance, the mother of the family ill in bed with no one to attend to her personal requirements or home duties, the nursing of an aged person living alone and resentful of leaving her own little cottage, in the eventide of life, the taking over of the complete control of a home in time of emergency, it has been decided to appoint a deaconess with full nursing qualifications in all branches of the profession. Miss Connie Osborne now in training in the Christchurch Hospital will be appointed to this particular work immediately on the completion of her course. The fund for Sister Connie's employment now stands at £60 and it is estimated that the annual cost will be £150.

Staff Work.

The appointment of Sister Margaret has enabled special visitation to many aged and sick people and the development of pastoral work. Mr. Tasker has inaugurated and superintended work which formerly was impossible owing to an inadequate staff, while Sisters Hazel and Lenna have undertaken valuable routine work, Guilds and organisational activities.

Benevolent Work.

It is impossible to summarise the number of benevolent ministries of the Mission. Last Christmas 800 parcels valued at 10/- each were distributed, a children's party organised with gifts for every child present, a huge gathering

of unemployed and their children catered for in one of the city reserves, positions found for the workless, personal attention given to many seeking counsel and personal recovery, and comforts distributed to needy deserving people. During the Winter months 90,000 lbs. of beef were distributed at the rate of 7,500 weekly to about 1,000 people. The meat was purchased by the Government and the Mayor's City Relief Committee and distributed per medium of the Social Service Department of the Mission. In this connection we express our warm appreciation to Mrs. J. Grant and her staff for the capable and sympathetic way in which they controlled the distribution.

Finance.

It has been the aim of the Trustees to reduce the mortgage by £1,000 yearly, and in conformity with this policy, this was done last September bringing the mortgage down to £18,500. Within a reasonable time a more rapid extinction of the debt will be possible, but it is a matter for congratulation that annually the Trustees are reducing the debt. In this connection special mention must be made of the work of the Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. H. H. Johnson) who for a number of years has inspired confidence and hope by his administrative ability and the confident way he has guided the financial projects of the Mission.

General.

Continuously the Mission has proclaimed its transforming evangelism and engaged in sacrificial effort to effect moral and social changes. Its benign work in relieving distress and leading many to an appreciation of spiritual values has aided Kingdom-building and human happiness. The projection and development of policies calculated to culminate in far-reaching influence has deservedly received the support of many firms and citizens. The Trustees are conscious of the fact that the magnitude and complexity of the work will receive increasing support and merit grants, gifts and legacies. To all who have by their gifts and prayers enabled the work to proceed, the controllers of all departments, Mrs. Neale and the band of honorary workers who have given so much of their time in service, the many firms and individuals who have expressed in a practical way their confidence in the various departments, the office-bearers members of the Mission, choir-master and members of the choir and the Organist, the Trustees tender their warmest and sincerest appreciation.

LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.
HARRY H. JOHNSON } Executive
WILLIAM AITKEN } Officers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference extends to the Superintendent and Officials of the Central Mission its heartiest congratulations in its splendid work as reflected in the report.
3. That the Conference regretfully endorses the application of the Central Mission to dispense with the services of two Deaconesses.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

REPORT FOR 1936.

As no Deaconess students were in training during 1936 the report of the Deaconess Committee must necessarily be different from those of previous years.

Deaconess House has been kept open as a Methodist Hostel and has provided a temporary home for many Methodist ladies visiting or passing through Christchurch, and a more permanent home for students attending Canterbury College and Teachers' Training College and for some who are engaged in business in the city. It has continued to be a rallying place of Methodist Women's activities. The Committee regrets that this year Deaconess House has not fulfilled the functions for which it was intended. It has, nevertheless served a very useful purpose.

Quite a number of enquiries have been received from young women desirous of entering the Deaconess Order so that if satisfactory arrangements can be made for the future employment of Deaconesses there is no reason why a new period of usefulness should not begin in 1937.

Appointments.

The four students who satisfactorily completed their training last year have received appointments as follows:—Sister Edith Beer, in charge of the Home Mission Station at Upper Hutt; Sister Margaret Kippenberger at the Dunedin Central Mission; Sister Heeni Te Teira, assistant to Sister Eleanor at North Hokianga and Sister Rona (Eileen) Taylor at Kawhia. From reports received all are well fulfilling the promise they gave during their course of training.

Withdrawals.

Miss Irene M. Hitchcock who completed training in 1936 has resigned in view of her marriage. Sister Irene Hobbs has retired from her position at Kawhia, but is still devoting herself to work among the Maori people as an independent agent.

Sister Margaret Jeffreys has left Pitt Street in order to enter professional life and Sister Rita Snowden is obtaining leave of absence in order to visit England.

All these Sisters carry with them the good wishes of the Committee and those who have been engaged in active service the hearty appreciation of work well and faithfully performed.

Dedication Service.

The Dedication Service was held as usual on the first Sunday of Conference and was conducted by the President of the Conference, Rev. E. P. Blamires who had with him in the pulpit the Vice-President Mr. R. Hampton. The splendid address delivered on that occasion by the President will remain long in the minds of those who were privileged to hear it.

Sister Madeline Holland, having completed her training and proved herself worthy was dedicated to the work and admitted a member of the Order of Deaconesses. She is now stationed at Ratana Pa.

Lady Superintendent.

At the beginning of the year Mrs. Bramwell Scott was appointed Matron of Deaconess House for one year.

Finance.

The financial year ends on December 31st. A complete statement will be presented to Conference.

Committee for 1937.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year :—The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), the Superintendent Ministers of the Christchurch Circuits with the ministers appointed to Linwood, New Brighton and Edgeware Road, Revs. Edward Drake and F. T. Read, Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, C. Eaton, Sister Mabel Morley and Miss D. Fairweather; Messrs. C. A. Newman, H. Chapman, C. H. E. Graham, J. E. Purchase, S. H. Maddren, M. Kershaw, E. H. Andrews, and L. G. K. Steven.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Chairman.

J. E. PURCHASE, Secretary.

REPORT OF DEACONESS COMMISSION.

The Commission has given careful consideration to the Conference order of reference and to the matters printed in the Minutes of Conference 1936 pages 142 to 145 inclusive. The following findings are now submitted to the Synods and Conference.

1. We are convinced that trained women are needed for the service of the Church and rejoice that the Conference has declared that we cannot contemplate any retrograde step involving the relinquishment of such work as is being done through Deaconess Institution.

2. (a) We recognise that the likelihood of a demand for circuit deaconesses is ruled out if the cost of maintenance must be borne wholly or mainly by the circuit itself, and (b) That while the ministry of trained women is greatly needed for social service and for preventive and rescue work in certain areas of the cities such work cannot be generally undertaken because of inadequate local resources.

3. We note with satisfaction that the Conference has declared that the fuller employment of trained women workers in circuits, city missions and departments depends upon open doors for their services and that the entering of open doors must depend mainly upon subsidies from the Home Mission Fund. Applications for subsidies should be made through the same channels as in the case of grants for aided circuits and home mission stations. Such subsidies should not be regarded as necessarily permanent maintenance grants and wherever possible the work should be put on a self-supporting basis as soon as practicable.

4. In our judgment candidates for deaconess work should present themselves through the usual church courts as in the case of candidates for the ministry and trained deaconesses should be of the following classes :—

- (1) For Central Mission and social service activities including Connexional Orphanage work.
- (2) For Circuit work.
- (3) For service as home missionaries.
- (4) For work amongst the Maori people.
- (5) For work in the Solomon Islands Mission Field.
- (6) For specialised service as may be desirable and necessary.

5. In our judgment the time has come seriously to consider placing the deaconess work of the Church under the direction of the Home Mission Department. This would probably involve putting the Training Institution for Deaconesses also under the control of the Home Mission Department and arranging for its administration by a local Committee appointed annually by the Conference and working under the direction of the Department.

6. In the event of a transfer of this work to the Home Mission Department, the present rules and regulations may need revision.

7. We note with pleasure that in spite of existing difficulties, twenty-four trained women are already working as follows:—In the Maori work 11; in Foreign Mission work 6; in City Missions 4; in Circuits 2; and in Home Mission work 1; and we are satisfied that a progressive policy along the lines set forth above would result in an increased demand for trained women workers.

8. We suggest that consideration be given to the financial arrangements necessary for the maintenance and direction of the Order.

9. The Conference has already sanctioned a Connexional Appeal to liquidate the debt on Deaconess House property and to increase the capital of the Deaconess Retiring Fund so as to provide increased benefits. The appeal was postponed by the Conference of 1934 pending a return of more prosperous conditions.

10. In the meantime we note with pleasure that the Home Mission Board will, as requested by Conference, in addition to other relevant matters,

- (a) Sympathetically consider the subsidising of Missions and Circuits at present employing a deaconess so that a probationer deaconess may also be employed for extension work.
- (b) In conjunction with the Secretary of the Conference approach suitable circuits or groups of circuits with a view to the employment of deaconesses by the Home Mission Department in such areas as may be found practicable.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

J. E. PURCHASE, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Commission has carefully considered the future of Deaconess Institution and is convinced that the work of training women for Christian service should be carried on without interruption. The absorption of waiting workers and the demand for re-inforcements illustrates the great continuing need for trained workers.

We commend the following suggestions for consideration:—

1. The time has arrived to consider converting Deaconess Institution into a Training Institute or Methodist School for Christian Workers under the control of a Board of Governors working in conjunction with the Home Mission Department.

2. Such Institution should exist primarily for the training of deaconesses and other women workers of our church. The present building should provide a residence for the Principal, the Matron, the domestic staff, and for women trainees. If space permits hostel accommodation should be available for women students and other young women who would fit in with the general purpose of the Institution. It should not be a home for general boarders in view of the fact that it is undesirable to receive any class of resident requiring concessions in matters of discipline, etc. The fees for women trainees should include hostel charges.

3. The course of training should provide also for men students who would need at present to make their own arrangements for board and be charged only tutorial fees.

4. In consultation with the Home Mission Board, the training of Maori boys who show promise of becoming Native Ministers should be provided for, a preliminary course of study to be undertaken in preparation for admission to Trinity Theological College.

5. The course of study provided should also be open to young men and women who desire to equip themselves for more efficient work either in their local churches or in wider fields of service. Such students must accept the discipline of the Institution and if attached to other denominations should undertake not to propagate any distinctive doctrines or practices out of harmony with accepted Methodist standards.

6. Certain lectures or courses should be fixed for such hours as would enable local residents on payment of a reasonable fee to attend classes in subjects that are common to the courses followed in training for Bible Class Leadership and for Sunday School teaching.

7. The main emphasis in the course of study should be practical and evangelistic. Those desiring a more advanced or more technical course of study should avail themselves of the facilities offered by Trinity College to private students or to prospective students for the ministry.

8. The course of study should be co-ordinated under the leadership of the Principal and should be designed to cover the general subjects in the present curriculum. It should be designed for general Christian training, but be of such a nature as to provide the basis of the training of Deaconess students who would be an inner group taking their course at the Institution. Honorary tutors in various subjects should be drawn from the ranks of our ministers and qualified lay workers resident in Christchurch as hitherto. Additional permanent or resident tutors could be appointed as need might arise.

9. The course of training should provide for classes in Sunday School organisation, in the general aspects of youth leadership, directed reading, active participation in personal work and pastoral visitation. The students should be allocated to the various Christchurch circuits for guidance by the circuit ministers. Evangelistic efforts should be fostered and possibly developed later into work on the lines of that done by Cliff College trekkers.

10. The course of training should cover two years in order to obtain a graduate's diploma, but the first year's course should be as comprehensive as possible in the interests of those students who can afford only a one year course.

11. It is desirable that the Principal should be appointed from the ranks of the ministry and that his wife should act as Matron. The main qualifications for Principalship should be the ability to co-ordinate a reasonably comprehensive course of study combined with keen evangelism and strong practical leadership.

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

J. E. PURCHASE, Convener.

Christchurch,

30th October, 1936.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes. The Report and Supplementary Report of the Deaconess Commission were received.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Secretary and Treasurer of Deaconess Institution, to the House staff and to the Committee of Management for their efficient services.
3. That the following grants from Connexional Funds be made for the current year:—Connexional Fire Insurance Fund £100; Contingent Fund £75; Home Mission Fund £75; and Foreign Mission Fund £50.
4. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the Report.
5. That the Conference endorse the decision of the Deaconess Committee to recommence the training of students in the present Connexional year.

6. That the Deaconess Committee shall arrange, through the Chairman of the District, and in the centre from which any candidate comes, a local Committee, consisting of Ministers and Laymen, including ladies, to report upon such candidate.
7. That the Deaconess Committee, in consultation with the Foreign Mission Board, consider during the year, the question of the relationship of women workers engaged by our Church to the Deaconess Order.
8. That this Conference reappoints the Deaconess Commission to continue its investigations, in consultation with the Boards concerned, as to the future policy of the Deaconess Institution and report to the next Synods and Conference.

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 1936.

With gratitude to God our Heavenly Father for the privilege of service on behalf of the orphans and other children committed to our care, we present our Annual Report :—

Admissions and Removals.

Commencing the year with a roll number of 88 children, 30 of these were subsequently removed and 27 children were admitted, leaving the present roll number at 85 (56 boys and 29 girls), with an average of 87 for the year.

The large number of removals is largely to be accounted for by the increased amount of State assistance inducing parents to withdraw children in order to take advantage of this economical help.

The outstanding event of the year has been the temporary closing of "Epworth," the smaller of the two Mt. Albert Homes, at the beginning of September. For some time past, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of applications for admission, this probably being due to the gradual improvement in economic conditions throughout the Dominion.

The recent increase in Pensions, and the decision of the Government to grant Pensions to deserted wives with children, is likely to further reduce applications.

In view of these facts, and because Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, and our Epsom Home will accommodate all our present children and still leave a few vacancies, it was decided to close Epworth for the present.

This arrangement also facilitated the placing of all the boys, with the exception of those of eight years and under, in Wesley Home, and all the girls and the little boys at Epsom, Mr. and Mrs. Wild having charge of the former, and Miss Coatman of the latter.

In June last, Miss Spooner, Matron of Epsom Home, who has done excellent work for over three years, found she needed a rest and change, and resigned her position, and on leaving carried with her the goodwill and hearty recommendation of the Board.

To fill the vacancy, Miss Coatman, who has been in charge of "Epworth" for 11 years, and is greatly esteemed, was transferred to Epsom as Matron, and is capably fulfilling the increased requirements and responsibilities of her new position.

Chaplaincy.

On the removal of the Rev. Angus McBean to Ashburton, after acting as Chaplain to the Mt. Albert Homes for some six years, and proving a very warm friend to the staff and children of these Homes, and also acting as Chairman of the Selection Committee of the Board, a suitable minute was entered on the Board's Records of the good help so ably and willingly rendered. The Rev. Harold A. Sharp, who succeeded to the post of Chaplain, has made close contact with the children and members of the staff at Wesley Home, and is doing very fine work in this connection.

The Ladies' Committee, and the various House Committees, have continued to do valuable service; also Drs. Harold Petitt and Cyril Griffin, Hon. Physicians, and Mr. K. W. White, Chemist.

Financial Management.

The financial management, in the capable hands of Rev. George Frost, Clerical Treasurer, has entailed long hours of work and much responsibility.

Bequests.

The Board gratefully acknowledges substantial bequests under the wills of the late Mr. J. H. Hannan and Mr. Maurice Harding. When these legacies are realised, they will be capitalised against the time (we trust not far distant), when the new building scheme will be started.

Gifts and Service.

The Board acknowledges with gratitude the co-operation given by collectors and donors of money, clothing, produce, and other useful gifts, and by the use of money-boxes. As an example of what can be done by enthusiastic organisation, we draw attention to Whangarei, where our Circuit Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Reed, has placed over fifty of our boxes, and forwarded over twelve pounds (£12) thus collected during six months—an example well worthy of imitation.

Concert.

In September last, a very successful entertainment was given in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall by the children of our three Homes, whose action songs, gymnastic and dumb-bells, and other picturesque displays, glees and recitations, delighted the audience which filled the Hall. Every credit is due to the children and to the Master and Matrons and staff members, and other friends who trained them, for the very fine programme presented.

The Board cordially appreciates and acknowledges the efficient and faithful service rendered throughout the year by Mr. and Mrs. Wild, Miss Coatman, and the several members of the staffs of the Homes.

We would again commend the claims of our Orphanage work to the friends and supporters and workers in the various Circuits and Home Mission Stations of the Auckland and South Auckland Districts.

A separate Financial Statement and Report will be furnished to Synods and Conference in due course.

Board of Management.

The following are nominated as the Board for next year, viz.:—Mesdames Caughey-Preston and W. R. S. Emerson, and Mr. Wm. Astley and Rev. S. Griffith (Life Members), Revs. E. D. Patchett, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin, W. A. Sinclair, W. Walker, E. T. Olds, H. A. Sharp, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., H. Ranston, M.A., D.Litt., A. E. Orr; 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, Wm. Astley, T. Clark, A. Trenwith, Walter Ambury, D. L. Thomas, A. Williams, L. F. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, Frank Penn, J. S. Caughey, D. C. Brown, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargraves, S. A. Pethybridge, and M. Rudd; Rev. Geo. Frost, Clerical Treasurer. Mr. A. Len Caughey, Lay Treasurer and Rev. Arthur Hopper, Secretary.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

ARTHUR HOPPER, Secretary.

Report of Clerical Treasurer.

The year's statement of receipts and disbursements to the 17th October, 1936, is submitted herewith. It can be easily seen that the income from Circuit Collections, subscriptions and boxes varies little from year to year, this year's amount, £665/15/5 being only ten shillings above last year's. Fortunately the amount from maintenance fees reached the high-water mark of £1,454, and that of interest on investments £106, as against £49 last year. The bequests that have come in during the past twelve months total £729; and an amount of unpaid purchase money, on a section from the estate of the late W. Winstone, of £350, has been received. These amounts we have paid into capital and await investment in the Auckland Savings Bank.

Ordinary receipts reached £2,782/7/8, and expenditure £2,646/4/1. We are exceedingly grateful to collectors, subscribers, and congregations for their good work during the year, which have enabled us to meet our obligations this year without encroaching upon capital.

As the Homes are all built of wood and one at least is of considerable age and affected badly by borer, we confidently look forward to a time in the near future when an Institution can be erected in permanent materials and of modern design.

A bequest of £1,788 is in the hands of the Public Trust Office for this laudable object.

GEO. FROST, Clerical Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and financial statement be adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the members of the Board of Management and the Chairman, Rev. E. D. Patchett.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Matrons of the Homes and to Mr. Wild and the members of the staff; the Ladies Committee and the collectors; also to Doctors Harold Pettit and C. J. A. Griffin; Mr. K. W. White, Chemist, and many other helpers.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. A. Hopper (Secretary) and Rev. G. Frost (Treasurer) for their effective services.
5. That in the matter of legacies left to the Methodist Orphanages in the Dominion, allocation of benefits be made upon a per capita basis, that is, on the number of children in the respective Homes as reported to the Conference prior to the period when the benefits become available.
6. That the Board of Management for the ensuing year be as stated in the report.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

REPORT FOR YEAR 1936.

Compared with 1934-35, the current year has been very quiet, as far as the personnel of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home is concerned, and we have to record a further drop in the number of children in our care. Undoubtedly increased pensions and higher wages have prevented homes from being broken up when one of the home makers has passed on and the larger number of homes available to-day for orphans lessens the extent of that field for all Homes engaged in rescue work.

Statistics.

We commenced the statistical year with 32 children, five children in two families had homes provided for them by parents during the New Year holidays, thus leaving us with 27 children at the opening of the New Year. By the end of the first school term in 1936, five more children in two families were also provided with homes and one older girl was placed in a position in Stratford, reducing our numbers to 21.

Although a few applications for admission have been received during the year, the Committee have only granted one, but in that case other arrangements were apparently made, as no permanent admissions have been made. We have, however, cared for four young children of a Masterton resident whose wife was compelled to enter Hospital for a few weeks.

Our numbers at the end of the statistical year were therefore, 21 children, consisting of 7 girls and 14 boys.

Staff and Committees.

The Staff of the Home has remained unchanged throughout the year and consists of Miss Allan, Matron, Miss Mygind (a previous member of the Home), Assistant, Miss Henderson, Cook (Part time), and Mr. Bate, Secretary-Manager.

The Committee was fortunate in retaining the services of Mr. J. H. Handyside as Chairman, and Rev. G. F. Stockwell still acts as chaplain of the Home. During the latter part of 1935, Mr. H. S. Tate, tendered his resignation from the Committee owing to his departure from Masterton—a loss which was greatly regretted by the Committee. Early in the year the Committee was however, strengthened by the addition of Messrs. C. E. Jones and W. R. Nicol, to its ranks, and these with the other members have loyally given of their interest and service to the Home.

Children.

The year has passed very happily in the Home itself and the health of the Children as in the past has been cause for congratulation to both the Matron and Dr. N. H. Prior. A letter of appreciation was received from the Headmaster of the Central School on the splendid contribution the children of the home made to the School sports and competitions during the year.

Opportunity has been taken to enlarge the mind of the elder children when possible and during term holidays older boys have visited Wellington for a few days when a planned programme of sight seeing was carried out. Other factors have also contributed in the direction of widening the interest of the children.

Some of the older ones took part in the Annual Scripture examinations in the Sunday School—doing quite well—whilst a greater number sat for the Scripture Examination conducted in the Home itself. The results were very creditable indeed.

At the commencement of the year two boys and two girls were attending Secondary School, but three of these are now in employment—attending night school, whilst one boy continues his school work throughout the day. Of the other three, the two girls are employed in good homes locally and the boy is apprenticed to the Power Board.

Buildings and Grounds.

We are justly proud of our buildings and especially of the grounds surrounding them. These are kept in splendid order by the Staff and children and are a credit to all concerned. During the year through the splendid help of the Wellington Board of Methodist Chairotable and Educational Endowments, the greater part of the interior of the Home was renovated and the rooms present an attractive appearance with their warm colouring and new runners.

Bequests.

During the year the sum of £178/15/- was received from the Sarah Andrew Estate, and an amount from the J. C. Waby Estate. Another small Bequest is provided for in the estate of the late Jeremiah Purcell but it is uncertain what the amount will be.

We conclude our report with a note of gratitude to all who have helped the Home in any way during 1935-36 but especially do we wish to acknowledge our debt to our Heavenly Father who has dealt so graciously with us all throughout the year and has undoubtedly guided all the affairs of the Home in 1935-36.

COMMITTEE for 1937 :—Messrs. C. E. Daniell, A. H. Daniell, A. J. Donald, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, J. H. Handyside, A. E. Bate, Charles Jones, W. R. Nicol, Dr. Prior, Rev. G. F. Stockwell and the Minister appointed to Kuripuni; Miss Burton; Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, A. Pragnall and G. F. Stockwell; Secretary-Manager and Treasurer, A. E. Bate; Chaplain, Rev. G. F. Stockwell; Honorary Physician, Dr. Prior.

J. H. HANDYSIDE, Chairman.

A. E. BATE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.
2. The thanks of the Conference be tendered to Doctor Prior, the Matron and Staff, the Secretary-Manager, and the members of the Committee for their valuable services during the year.
3. That the Committee for 1937 be as named in the report.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

REPORT FOR 1936.

With a deep sense of privilege as servants of the children, and gratitude to God for His manifold mercies we review another year's work. It has been a full year of service and blessing. The benefits and comforts of the New Home are fully appreciated by the children and the Staff. During the year hundreds of visitors have inspected the new buildings and the appointments, and without exception have expressed admiration for all they saw and learnt. The routine life and work of the Home have been well maintained under the efficient and kindly care of the Manager and Matron Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, and their loyal and capable helpers. The general health of the children has been good and whilst not entirely free from sickness as a visitation of "Mumps" affected a number of the children, nevertheless we have fortunately escaped any illness of a serious nature.

The Conduct of the children at Home, School, and Church has frequently been favourably commented upon. The reports from the Primary and High schools have been very satisfactory. An active interest has been taken in Girl Guides, Band of Hope, and by the senior children in Christian Endeavour. The high standard of the Home can be seen in some slight measure from the fact that in the recent Scripture Examinations the children of the Home acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner, and obtained a splendid proportion of prizes and passes. We are pleased to report that it has been possible to obtain a supply of the New Hymn Book, of which excellent use is being made.

By the good offices of the Christchurch City Council, the Annual Street Appeal was again made. The success that attended this effort, also that of the Radio Appeal Concert, broadcast from 3YA, brought to the combined Orphanages (Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist), the nett total of £998/17/6, of which our share was £348/6/6. We tender our sincere thanks to all who made this magnificent contribution possible. Some generous friends of the Home have bequeathed substantial assistance to the Orphanage, enabling us to begin again to accumulate a maintenance fund. We commend such means of assisting our good work to the generosity of our people. Of course it will be readily understood that in some instances the monies bequeathed will not be available for a considerable time, and we are dependent upon our friends in the Circuits to meet our current needs. We express gratitude to all who have forwarded gifts throughout the year, especially the Circuits making regular efforts to support the Home.

The Financial Statement and Balance Sheet will, as usual be presented to Conference.

It will be recognised that, in the nature of the case, ours is a changing family, and Removals and Admissions have made a practically even balance through the year. At the present time we have a total Roll of 65, comprised of 34 Boys and 31 Girls.

The Thanks of the Board are tendered to Dr. Orchard for his constant attention and care of the children, also to Mr. G. Sevicke Jones, for his willing services so graciously rendered. We wish to especially thank the Ladies of the House Committee, whose diligent care and oversight have been of greatest value. Also the Manager, Matron, and Staff, for their untiring and devoted labours in the cause of Christ on behalf of the little ones.

We thank God for His continued guidance and help. Truly "We praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come."

We nominate the following Board for 1937 :—The Ministers and Probationers in active circuit work in Christchurch, The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. A. Peters, F. T. Read, E. Drake, A. C. Lawry, W. Grigg, J. Featherston; Mesdames G. Bowron, W. H. Seed, M. Opie, F. Lawrence, C. Eaton, W. A. Burley and Sister M. Morley, together with Messrs. E. W. Hall, 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., and L. G. K. Steven.

On behalf of the Board,

CLARENCE EATON, Chairman.

HARRY S. KINGS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Dr. Orchard and Mr. Sevicke Jones for their skilled and generous services; also to the Manager and Matron and members of the staff.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to the Secretary (Rev. H. S. Kings) and the Treasurer (Mr. M. Kershaw).
4. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the report.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The Committee reports with very real regret that early in the Connexional year our esteemed Editor, the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., on the advice of his physicians felt compelled to notify that it was necessary for him to moderate his activities and that he must relinquish the editorial appointment. Leave of absence was granted as from 1st May and temporary arrangements were made to carry out the editorial work. Dr. Laws, however, definitely resigned as from 31st July and the Committee now places on record its appreciation of his outstanding services and its sense of loss in that the necessity to avoid undue strain compelled him to relinquish a position he had filled with so much distinction. His services to the paper have been notable and his work will not soon be forgotten.

For several months an editorial committee in Christchurch was associated with the Business Manager and the Committee now expresses its thanks for capable service rendered by the Associate Editor (Rev. T. J. Wallis) and the Revs. A. C. Lawry, E. Drake, H. E. Bellhouse and W. A. Burley as well as by the Revs. E. W. Hames and W. Walker of Auckland.

The Committee was fortunate in securing the consent of the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse to serve as Acting Editor for the remainder of the Connexional year as from 1st August. Mr. Bellhouse is exercising his great gifts to the advantage of the paper. The Committee very cordially thanks him for the fine service he is rendering and now nominates him for appointment as Editor, and, with his endorsement, nominates the Rev. T. J. Wallis as Associate Editor.

It is pleasing to record that the loss of subscribers has been less than for many years past. Continuous efforts have been made to build up the subscription list and 167 new readers have been enrolled. The circulation of the paper, however, is not worthy of our church, and the Committee again appeals to our ministers to secure the co-operation of leading laymen in an effort to increase the number of subscribers and, in this day of returning prosperity, to urge our people to make the resumption or the enrolment of their subscription a first obligation and privilege. Costs of publication are high and the paper cannot pay its way on the present revenue from subscriptions and advertising. Despite small reductions in expenditure and a slightly increased income from advertisements the loss has been £88/11/5 and our reserves are now reduced to £535/12/6.

As an emergency measure the Conference of 1932 relieved the Contingent Fund for one year from paying half the amount of the honoraria of the Editors, and all their incidental expenses. That relief has continued right through the period of economic stress during which our paper, like all church publications is having a struggle for existence. In view of the many unpaid Connexional services rendered by the paper the Committee feels justified in asking that the former practice be reverted to. The Connexional Fire Insurance Board is so convinced of the vital importance of the paper to the Connexion that it proposes to allocate £50 to assist in the maintenance of this invaluable auxiliary to every department of the church's work.

Religious newspapers in all lands are sharing our own experiences which are simply reflections of the general conditions of church life. A recent conference of religious journalists in America unanimously agreed that the outlook for religious journalism is dark unless the Church can be roused to see the need for grappling with the problem. It also agreed that if religious papers are to continue as an effective agency in the service of their churches, there must be a deeper recognition that religious journalism is indispensable to the church and that they must be subsidised from general church funds.

Never was the need greater for a sound and enlightened religious press. The daily newspapers too often discuss religious thought and movements, not only without discrimination or a true sense of values but often without giving the slightest evidence of true knowledge of the facts and subjects discussed or apparent qualification for the task. The Church cannot afford to leave the task of religious education to the secular press at a time when discriminating judgment in the discussion of religious matters is more needed than ever. If true religious views are to be disseminated the church must see to it that its papers are so supported as to make them effective forces in giving guidance to the thinking of our people.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, Convener (ex officio), Revs. E. Drake, T. J. Wallis, H. E. Bellhouse, W. Grigg, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig and Messrs. H. Holland (Lay Treasurer), D. E. Parton, W. A. Bascand, W. Dobbs and E. H. Andrews.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

Christchurch,

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

20th January, 1937.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the Conference places on record its great appreciation of the notable service rendered to the Connexion by the Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., as Editor of the "Methodist Times" for over two years. It regrets that he has been compelled for health reasons to relinquish a position he filled with distinction and trusts he may long continue to serve the Church in other capacities.
3. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Editorial Committee and to the Revs. E. W. Hames and W. Walker for their co-operation in the work of the paper during the leave of absence of the Editor.
4. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse for his work as Acting Editor of the "Methodist Times" since last August and also to the Rev. T. J. Wallis for his services as Associate Editor. That the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse be appointed Editor for the ensuing Connexional year with the Rev. T. J. Wallis as Associate Editor.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be given to the regular contributors to the columns of the "Methodist Times."
6. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be thanked for his services as Business Manager and that he be re-appointed.
7. That the Committee for the ensuing year be as named in the report.
8. That Emergency Regulation No. 4 of the Contingent Fund, as per page 38 Supplement to the Law Book be rescinded and that Regulation 7 sub-clause (h) on page 156 of the Law Book be again brought into operation, viz.—"That the Contingent Expenses and one half of the honoraria of the Editors of the Methodist Times shall be a charge on the Contingent Fund."
9. That the matter of securing a copy of the New Methodist Hymnal in Braille type be referred back to the South Auckland Synod to make further enquiries and take whatever action is necessary, assuming full financial responsibility for same.

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

For official list of Chaplains, see Minutes of Conference 1930, (pages 133-134) and 1934 (page 156).

The reports received from the three military commands reveal that the Church has been well represented by our Chaplains in the various camps during the Training Season of 1936.

Every facility has been given by Commanding officers for the Chaplains to fulfil their duties and there is reason to believe that much good work has been accomplished.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Rev. H. T. Peat be the Secretary and Convener of the Chaplain's Committee.
2. That the following be representatives on the Chaplains Advisory Committees :—Northern Command—Rev. W. Walker ; Central Command—Rev. H. T. Peat ; Southern Command—Rev. F. T. Read.
3. That the resignation of Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., as Chaplain to the Forces, be accepted.
4. That Rev. V. R. Jamieson be appointed Chaplain to the Forces.
5. That Circuits be urged to release ministers when required for work in military camps.

The following is the list of Naval Chaplains :—

WELLINGTON	..	..	Rev. P. R. Paris
AUCKLAND	..	..	Rev. E. T. Olds
DEVONPORT	..	..	Rev. B. M. Chrystall
LYTTELTON	..	..	Rev. W. J. Enticott
TIMARU	..	..	Rev. B. J. James
DUNEDIN	..	..	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
PORT CHALMERS	..	..	Rev. T. A. Pybus
BLUFF	..	..	Rev. G. K. Smith
NELSON	..	..	Rev. W. Rowe
NEW PLYMOUTH	..	..	Rev. F. Copeland
PICTON	..	..	Rev. H. V. Utting
WESTPORT	..	..	Rev. N. P. Larsen
GREYMOUTH	..	..	Rev. W. Wills
NAPIER	..	..	Rev. H. J. Odell
TAURANGA	..	..	Rev. G. P. Hunt
RUSSELL	..	..	Rev. W. R. Francis

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodians on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

The following have been received during the year from the persons named :—

A.—BY THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Rev. C. H. Laws : (a) Pamphlets (3) regarding Wesley College, Three Kings 1903, 1906, 1918. (b) Pamphlets (3) and official correspondence regarding an Independent Conference for New Zealand from Sir Samuel Way, Sir Joseph Ward, Dr. Laws, Dr. Youngman, Dr. Fitchett, Dr. Morley, Dr. Carruthers, Mr. J. W. Egglestone and Mr. J. C. Stephens.

2. Rev. A. C. Lawry : Sketch of Rev. Walter Lawry.
3. Rev. Harold T. Peat : Copy of typed Recollections of Rev. James Wallis.
4. Rev. J. D. McArthur : Record of origin of Methodism in Timaru in 1865.
5. Rev. E. W. Hames : N.Z. Primitive Methodist District Meeting Journals 1873-1896.
6. Mr. T. R. Hodder : Wanganui District Property Register 1884.
7. Mrs. W. J. Williams : (a) Preaching Plan for first N.Z. Conference, 1874.
(b) Photographs of early N.Z. ministers.
8. Rev. W. A. Burley : (a) Wesley's and Fletcher's works (11 volumes) ;
(b) Minutes British Conference 1744-1851 ; (c) Nelson circuit plans 1864, 1868, 1871-1872 ; (d) Account of Wesleyan Native Institution, Auckland 1906 ; (e) St. Albans Local Preachers' Minute Book 1883-1896 ; (f) Conference Daily Record and Journal 1934.
9. Rev. C. B. Jordan : (a) Addington S.S. Records 1864-1871 ; (b) Addington Minute Book 1883-1890 ; (c) Addington Membership Roll Book 1880-1896 ; (d) Addington Marriage Registers 1873-1886 ; (e) Membership Commission Minute Book 1932-1935.
10. Rev. G. B. Hinton : (a) Ashburton Membership Roll 1914-1922 ; (b) Ashburton Trust Account Book.
11. Mr. C. A. Newman : Deaconess House Trust Minute Books.
12. Mr. W. A. Bascand : Programme of Y.M.B.C. Majority Camp 1926.
13. Miss Carr : "New Zealand Wesleyan" 1877-1882.
14. Mr. W. E. Bate : Hastings Trust Minute Book 1915-1930.
15. Rev. W. E. Moore : (a) Geraldine Marriage Registers 1880-1910 ; (b) Geraldine Church Souvenir 1908.
16. Mr. W. M. Hoar : (a) Blue Spur Trust Book 1869-1915 ; (b) Blue Spur Collection Book 1867-1906.
17. Rev. W. Rowe : (a) Souvenir of erection of Papatoetoe Hall 1912 ; (b) Souvenir of opening Lower Hutt Church 1927.
18. Rev. H. White : Dalefield Golden Jubilee Souvenir.
19. Mr. R. Barnett : Dunsandel Silver Jubilee Souvenir.
20. Mr. Harold Thompson : Methodist New Connexion Magazine 1804.
21. Mrs. J. F. Rudd : (a) Wesleyan Methodist Magazine 1825 ; (b) Primitive Methodist Magazine 1842, 1850.
22. Miss E. Dawson : Minutes of Ecumenical Methodist Conference 1921.

B.—METHODIST MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Mr. I. J. Wilson : (a) Trowel used at Woodend Stonelaying 1910 ; (b) Framed photograph of ceremony.
2. Mrs. J. F. Rudd : Primitive Methodist Centenary Plaque.
3. Rev. W. A. Sinclair : Photograph of N.Z. Conference 1892.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

Christchurch,

31st December, 1936.

C.—LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY N.Z. METHODIST MINISTERS.

The library of books written by or written about Methodist ministers who have served in New Zealand has received the following additions :—

1. The Bambatana Hymn Book compiled and revised by the Revs. V. le C. Binet and J. R. Metcalfe.

2. "Eucalypts in New Zealand" by Rev. J. H. Simmonds per Mr. H. E. Simmonds.

3. "Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs" by the Rev. Thomas Fee.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Connexional Secretary.

Christchurch,

31st December, 1936.

D.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

1. Miss Dellow, Mount Eden : (a) Rev. Thos. Buddle's Account Book with the South Sea Wesleyan Missionaries from 1850 to 1866. (b) Letter of J. Whiteley, dated 1862.

2. Whiteley Church, New Plymouth : Typed copy of the Rev. John Whiteley's Day Book.

3. A. H. Reed, Dunedin : A Dr. Adam Clarke letter dated 1826.

E.—TRINITY COLLEGE MUSEUM, AUCKLAND.

1. Mr. J. Belton, Plimmerton : (a) Nightingale's Methodism (1809); (b) J. Wesley's Primitive Physic 1773.

2. Miss Dellow, Mt. Eden : Medallion of John Wesley.

3. Miss A. Watkin, Onehunga : Two carved native missile clubs and native comb brought to N.Z. from Tonga in 1840.

4. Mrs. W. J. Williams : Enlarged Photograph of the Rev. W. J. Williams.

5. Mr. Henry Field, Gisborne : Photographs of early Methodist laymen, etc.

6. Mr. Geo. Newsome, Auckland : Early Hymnbooks.

7. Rev. Andrew Johnston : Early Hymnbooks.

H. RANSTON, Custodian.

January 12th, 1937.

F.—MAORI MISSION RECORDS IN LONDON.

The Conference last year authorised the Connexional Secretary to negotiate with the Mission Office in London for the acquirement by, or the loan to the Methodist Church of New Zealand, of the reports and letters of early missionaries to the Maoris down to the year 1855, and it empowered him to take any necessary action in this direction.

The matter was taken up with the Methodist Missionary Society in London. That Society, whilst recognising the interest that New Zealand Methodism has in these early records, especially in view of the approach of the centenary of the cession of the sovereignty of these islands to the British Crown, felt that they constituted part of the heir-loom of the Missionary Society and should not be parted with. The Society was also reluctant to let the documents out of the Mission House, especially with a sea voyage involved. However it offered facilities for some authorised person visiting London to copy the documents or for taking photostat copies of the same. Ultimately the Society graciously agreed to lend the available letters and papers on the following conditions :—

- (1) The period of loan must in no case exceed two years and the documents must be handled with the greatest care.
- (2) While the documents are in New Zealand they must be kept securely locked in the strong room at the Connexional Office, Christchurch and in no circumstances whatever are they to be allowed out of the custody of the Connexional Secretary.
- (3) The documents are to be kept insured while in Christchurch and while in transit and must be returned in good order and condition.

The Rev. F. Deaville Walker, one of the Missionary Secretaries very kindly undertook the considerable task of going through the Society's files comprising 17 guard books each containing hundreds of letters written between 1822 and 1855 by missionaries in Africa, India, Ceylon and the South Seas, and cutting out those relating to New Zealand. In doing so it was found that, unfortunately, quite a number of early letters written by Samuel Leigh had been extracted from the files and not replaced and these could not be traced.

The documents have recently arrived in New Zealand but so far I have had no opportunity to examine the parcels. An enormous amount of careful reading will be necessary if the work of study and research is to be done at all thoroughly. In view of the approaching New Zealand centenary celebrations, and in view also of the wonderful missionary work of British Methodism for the Maoris, fullest use should be made of the wealth of historical material that must be embodied in these letters and reports written by our earliest missionaries. Arrangements will be necessary for copying the records and it would be advisable to have copies made for the Connexional Office, Christchurch and for Trinity College, Auckland, and probably for the national collections in Turnbull Library, Wellington, and Hocken Library, Dunedin. The expense incurred in this work would not be large and would be justified as making available to historians of the future something of the noble record of New Zealand Methodism of which secular historians and the general population of the Dominion now know so little.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Christchurch,

Connexional Secretary.

13th January, 1937.

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 and gifts during the year.
4. That the Conference expresses its grateful appreciation of the action of the Methodist Missionary Society of the British Conference in lending to the New Zealand Conference the reports, letters and journal records of the early missionaries to the Maoris and accepts the conditions laid down by the Missionary Society.
5. That the Connexional Secretary be empowered to take such steps as may be necessary to have the records on loan from England copied and that for the coming Connexional year a sum up to but not exceeding £50 be made available from the Contingent Fund for this purpose.

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

BI-CENTENARY OF METHODISM 1738-1939.

Report of Special Committee.

The Special Conference Committee met in Christchurch on Sept. 23rd and further considered proposals for the fitting celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Birth of Methodism.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) The Bi-Centenary Commemoration to commence at the 1938 Wellington Conference ; (in May, 1738 Wesley's heart was strangely warmed), and conclude at the 1939 Dunedin Conference ; (in May, 1739 the foundation stone of the first Methodist Church was laid at Bristol).
- (2) (a) A Bi-Centenary Inspirational Gathering to be held at the 1938 Conference, to take the form of an Evening Demonstration. The principal speaker to be the Rev. C. Irving Benson, of Melbourne.
(b) Preceded by a Conference Luncheon at noon, probably on the same day.
(c) The Conversation on the Work of God to be designed to emphasise the religion of Personal Experience, with time for personal testimony.
(d) Intercession for an outpouring of the Spirit to mark the special early morning prayer meetings of the Conference.
- (3) Sunday, May 22nd, to be observed in every Methodist Church and circuit in the Dominion and suitable Commemorative Services held. Where possible, Combined Rallies to be held in the afternoon, especially in the larger cities and towns, and an order of service to be issued by the Conference. That Tuesday, May 24th be marked by special services in all our Churches wherever possible.
- (4) The month of May to be set apart for intercession and prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, coupled with Evangelistic aggressiveness. Congregations are urged to go into the open air in an effort to reach the masses. The Sunday Services particularly to be marked by special evangelistic enterprise.
- (5) Ministers to meet in May Synod during the first week of the month, when, with renewed consecration, the ministry will seek to recapture the fervour of early Methodism and re-study the secret of its power.
- (6) The Conference of 1939 in Dunedin to mark the completion of the year of celebration ; the "Conversation" to be devoted to reports of the year's progress, and a great evening Thanksgiving and Praise Demonstration to be held.

Nota Bene :

- (1) That suitable literature touching on the genius of Methodism for special circulation during the Bi-Centenary year be secured and to this end the Committee is in communication with our Book Depots in England and Australia.
- (2) That the celebrations extend to the Solomon Island's Mission Field and include also our Maori People.

- (3) That special attention be given to the Youth of the Church, that Bible Classes and Sunday Schools be requested to fully co-operate in the effort to make the commemoration year a return to the first principles of Methodism.

The Youth Board to be requested to consider how best to give effect to this recommendation and submit its proposals to the Synods of 1937, and the Conference of 1938.

- (4) That the co-operation of our Home and Overseas Mission Boards and the Women's Missionary Union, the Local Preachers' Association and the Men's Fellowship be specially requested.

The Home Mission Board to prepare a programme for the Maori people and the Foreign Mission Board for the Solomon Islands and that these proposals be submitted for the approval of Synod and Conference.

- (5) That the Broadcasting Board be approached with a view to arranging broadcast talks from the four centres in New Zealand, and also for broadcast of the most important celebrations being held in the Homeland on the dates fixed and that electrical recordings be requested for transmission at times suitable for reception in New Zealand.
- (6) That the Church shall prayerfully and earnestly seek to revive amongst its members a stricter self-disciplined personal devotional life, a fuller sense of Christian stewardship in relation to giving, and a greater appreciation of all means of grace, including the sacrament of the Lord's supper, especially endeavouring to strengthen the week-night prayer meeting and the regular Sunday Services of our Churches and to make more emphatic their evangelical character.
- (7) That the Rev. C. Irving Benson spend a month in the Dominion, visiting the chief centres and giving inspirational addresses—his itinerary to be arranged by the Committee.
- (8) That the following be the Committee to consider further details during the year and confer with Conference arrangements committees in the finalising of the programme:—Revs. E. Drake, H. E. Bellhouse, C. Eaton, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig, F. B. Lawrence; Messrs. W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, W. Dobbs, H. W. Heslop, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, J. E. Purchase, E. H. Smith; Corresponding members—President of Conference, Vice-President, Drs. Laws and Ranston, Rev. E. D. Patchett; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. C. A. Sexton, B. J. Lynneberg, R. S. Maunder, J. Heath, C. E. Taylor, Dr. Lyth. Convener, Rev. C. Eaton.

On behalf of the Committee.

CLARENCE EATON, Convener.

CENTENARY OF METHODISM IN OTAGO.

Historical Statement.

Brief historical sketch by Rev. T. A. Pybus on "Otakou Harbour and the First Christian Mission."

The first Christian Mission was established at Otakou Heads in 1840 as a direct result of the appointment of the Rev. J. Watkin to the District.

Mr. Watkin arrived at Karitane on May 16th, 1840 and established in these parts not only the first Methodist Church, but the first Christian Mission in the South Island. Otakou was a main part of the Mission. The Otakou Peninsula at that time possessed the largest Maori population south of the Waitaki river. There were three Kaikas on the Peninsula,

viz., Ruatitiko, Tahakopa, and Omati, and in these localities services were commenced. At the beginning, Weller's whaling store at Omati was used. This building served until a church was erected at Ruatitiko and another at Tahakopa. Mr. Watkin was ably assisted by his native teachers, who conducted services daily. The names of the local Chiefs whom he trained and appointed were Hoani Weteri Korako., Tiare Tare Korako, Weteri Te Kahu, Matiu and Merikihereka Hape. The Chief Korako built a church and school in his Kaika, Tahakopa, and maintained the daily services.

Our pioneer Missionaries were the Revs. J. Watkin, Charles Creed, William Kirk and George Stannard. It was during the residence of the Rev. Geo. Stannard at Ruatitiko that the sand drifts began to submerge the Kaika, and in due time obliged the people to remove to Omati. The whole of the village site and church are buried beneath the sand. The great Chief, Taiaroa, at that time under the tuition of Mr. Stannard embraced the Christian faith. He, with the consent of Karetai, and the tribe, set apart ten acres of land as a Native Mission reserve whereon, under the direction of Mr. Stannard, the present church was erected. The ten acres embraced the Church, School, and ancient burial ground. The church is now in a bad state of decay and beyond repair. As Omati is the only portion left of the original Mission we feel it fitting that a memorial Church should be erected in connection with the Centenary of our Methodist Church in the South Island. No services other than our own are held at Otakou, and the native people are with us in the effort. It is quite understood that the building must be Methodist property. We feel that we have a duty to the descendants of Taiaroa, Karetai, Korako, Kahu and the native people as a whole, who have been so loyal to our church.

Another matter must be kept in mind, viz., the Otakou beaches are a favourite seaside resort for the people of Dunedin, and the spiritual needs of the people must be met.

(Signed) T. A. PYBUS.

N.B.—The locality where Mr. Watkin landed in 1840 was Waikouaiti, now known at Karitane. The Presbyterians have recently erected a Church there, and unfortunately we have lost our opportunity. The present town of Waikouaiti has no connection with the original Mission as our Church there was not opened until 1870.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Report of Committee appointed by Conference to consider proposals for the suitable recognition of the Centenary of Methodism in Otago in 1940 (*vide* minutes 1936, page 162).

The Committee met on November 2nd, the meeting having been deferred till the Annual Meeting of the Central Mission Trustees had been held.

It was reported that the officials of the Central Mission had decided to mark the Jubilee of the Mission by an intensive debt reduction scheme. The Committee was therefore unanimously of the opinion that to co-ordinate the Centenary celebrations with those of the Mission Jubilee would be prejudicial to both, and consequently does not recommend co-ordination.

It should be noted that 1940 marks the centenary not only of Methodism in Otago, but also of the first Christian Mission in the South Island of New Zealand.

On behalf of the Committee.

(Signed) C. H. OLDS, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted. (For resolutions see Home Mission Report, Question 44).

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH FINANCE.

(see Min. of Conference, page 162).

The Committee met in Christchurch on Tuesday, September 8th and resolved to recommend as follows:—

1. That the Conference set up a Finance Board to be located in Christchurch.

2. That the Board be authorised to collect all information necessary from Connexional Trusts, Departments and Institutions, with a view to formulating a Financial Budget to cover all Connexional Finance.

3. That the Executive Officer of the Board be the Connexional Secretary, and that the Board be empowered to employ necessary assistance, the expenses incurred to be a charge on the Contingent Fund.

4. That the Board be authorised to formulate proposals for a campaign of Systematic Giving throughout the Connexion.

5. The following be appointed members of the Board:—Revs. C. Eaton, M. A. Rugby Pratt (Convener), W. A. Burley, H. Ryan, W. W. Avery, H. Cotton and H. L. Fiebig; Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, W. C. Francis, F. Thompson, L. G. K. Steven, H. de R. Flesher and E. Sincok, with power to add.

J. M. THOMPSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and its further consideration be deferred until the Committee has presented a further report to Synods and Conference setting out clearly what the proposals involve and how the necessary preliminary enquiries may be carried out and at what cost; the Committee to confer with the officers of the various Connexional Funds and Departments of the Church.

2. That the Finance Committee assume the work of the Committee on Connexional Levies and consider the basis for levying Connexional charges.

COMMITTEE ON CONNEXIONAL LEVIES.

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE.

The Committee has met on two occasions, four members only being able to attend on each occasion. Corresponding members, however, have sent on to the convener helpful suggestions and criticisms.

The Committee had before it data prepared by Revs. W. W. Avery and H. Cotton showing anomalies resulting from the present basis of taxation, viz.—the stipend paid by each circuit for the preceding year ending September 30th. The membership basis was advocated by the two members named above. The following were reasons quoted in support; an increase of the connexional spirit would result; it would facilitate H.M. Stations becoming Circuits, and would not encourage Circuits to revert to H.M. Stations; it would encourage understaffed circuits to take an additional agent; relief would be given to weaker circuits, and it would help in restoring the minimum stipend in more than 59% of the circuits. It was pointed out that anomalies existed where one circuit paid 2/1 per member and at the other extreme, another paid £1/10/3 per member. The membership basis would remove such an anomaly.

The reasons adduced against the membership basis were: members are not equal financially; membership might be influenced by financial considerations; the returns of membership might be affected; anomalies would still exist where there was a small membership but a large attendance on public worship or where a small membership was strong financially. It

was also pointed out that the Australian Conferences levy on a similar, though not the same basis, namely, circuit income with numerous deductions so that the remainder is virtually the stipend paid.

The Committee is of the opinion that anomalies are created by the present system, but it is not unanimous that the membership basis is the best one. In view of this it therefore recommends that Conference set up a strong and representative Committee to give earnest consideration (during Conference) to the whole matter of the basis of Connexional Levies. If it is found impossible to finalise this at Conference, we recommend that a continuation Committee be appointed to continue its investigation during the year and bring down recommendations to Synods and Conference.

The suggested bases which might be investigated are :—

(1) **Stipend paid.**

(2) **Membership.**

or (3) **An assessment by a Committee.** Such Committee would need to secure all Financial statements from the Circuits and in view of all the circumstances recommend an allocation which would be passed by the Conference. The Treasurers of the Connexional Funds would need to be *ex officio* members of the Committee.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the report be received and the matter be referred to the Committee on Church Finance.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Interim Report.

(Minutes 1936, page 157).

The Committee has held several meetings during the year and has made some progress. We hope to be able next year to present a Statement which will be of some value.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Interim Report be received and the Committee be re-appointed.

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. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, L. J. Clark, B. J. Lynneberg, N. R. Seddon, L. M. Isitt, H. Holland, S. T. S. Martin, 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 8.

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?

LAW BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1936.

During the year the Committee has begun its work, endeavouring to deal with the matters referred to it by the last three Conferences. The Laws relating to Church Membership in Part I, have also been partially dealt with, and some attention has been given to Part II, Section IX "The Trial of Ministers."

The Revision of the whole Law Book is a task which will require considerable time, and much care.

The Committee has given some consideration to the question of "Ministers without Pastoral Charge," but recommends this matter be deferred until the final revision before printing the new Law Book.

During the investigation of the laws regarding "The Trial of Ministers" it was judged that Clause 4 of the Model Deed needs reconsideration and the Committee asks Conference to refer this matter to it for enquiry and report to the Conference of 1938.

The Law regarding "The Marriage of Probationers" was referred to the Committee which considers that the present law is adequate for the purpose desired. Other matters dealt with will be found in the Recommendations. We recommend the reappointment of the Committee.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the report be received and the following paragraphs be adopted with the exception of numbers 6, 14, 32, which are referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

1. That par. 1, page 1, become a Foreword to the Book of Laws.
2. That par. 2, page 2, be repealed and the following be substituted:—
"The Membership of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall consist of persons who express their desire for membership and who satisfy the Minister and Leaders' Meeting of their personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, their lives being in harmony with this profession. In accepting membership they become pledged to seek fellowship with Christ and with His people, and they accept the duties and enter upon the privileges of the Methodist Church."
3. That the following be added to paragraph 4, page 2:—"In Methodism, such a means of grace has from the beginning proved effective in promoting these ends."
4. That the following be added to the concluding sentence of paragraph 11, page 3:—"and acceptance by the Leaders' Meeting."
5. That the following be added to paragraph 15, page 4:—"A notification of Removal on the prescribed Form shall also be sent to the Minister of the circuit to which the member has removed."
6. That the last sentence of par. 18, page 6, be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:—"A member whose estate has been sequestrated or who has compounded with his creditors and is afterwards in a position to pay his former deficiencies shall do so as soon as possible."

7. That paragraph 20, page 7 be repealed and the following substituted :—
 “Unless the person charged admit the offence, the accuser shall, and the accused may, produce evidence in proof or disproof of the charge or charges, but the manner of the examination and the conduct of the trial shall be regulated by the Superintendent Minister or by the person duly appointed (as prescribed in paragraph 19) to preside at the meeting, in conjunction with the Leaders’ Meeting.”
8. That the latter sentence of par. 22, page 7 be repealed and the following be substituted therefor :—“If the Leaders’ Meeting give a verdict of guilty, it shall then decide what penalty shall be inflicted, subject to the provisions of pars. 31 and 32 (see par. 112).”
9. That the latter sentence in par. 24, page 8, be repealed and the following substituted therefor :—“Notice of such appeal shall be given in writing within 14 days of such verdict to the Superintendent Minister who shall immediately, in writing, inform the other party.”
10. That the words, “in writing,” be added to par. 28, page 8 after the words “shall appoint.”
11. That par. 30, page 8, be repealed and the following be substituted :—“If the member tried be found guilty, by either a Leaders’ Meeting or a Special Circuit Meeting, the Superintendent Minister, or should he be the accuser, the person duly appointed to preside at the meeting, shall after consulting any other ministers appointed to the circuit, and the Chairman of the District, should he not be himself the presiding minister, be authorised with the approval of the Leaders’ Meeting, to expel such member.”

SECTION IV.

12. Alter par. 42 (1), page 11 to read :—(1) “Two Scripture lessons should be read at one of the Sunday services, one of these from the Old Testament. At the other service and on week-day evenings at least one lesson shall be read.”
13. That a new par. be added to par. 42, page 11 to read :—“Ministers and people are urged to keep in mind the great Days of the Christian Year and those that are especially esteemed among the Methodist people. Among these are :—The Period of Lent, Good Friday, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whit Sunday, Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day, Advent and Christmas Day.”
14. That in the Appendix there be included the following :—“The following is a summary of the General Rules as drawn up by the Reverends John and Charles Wesley and printed in the Appendix to the Book of Methodist Laws, and of the requirements of the Church as set forth in Section III ; but such summary shall not supersede the General Rules.

“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, etc.
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."

15. VICE-PRESIDENT AND THE STATIONING COMMITTEE.

- (1) Delete from par. 154, Law Book page 38, the words "being regarded as one of the members of the District from which he comes."
- (2) Delete also the N.B. under clause 1 on page 93 of the Law Book.
- (3) After sub-section (d) page 93, add the following:—"If the membership of the Vice-President on the Committee would result in the number of laymen being in excess of the number provided for in its constitution, the Vice-President shall be regarded as one of the members of the District from which he comes."

"If, after the operation of the preceding clause, the number of laymen on the Committee would still be in excess of the number provided for in its constitution, the Vice-President of the preceding Conference shall be regarded as one of the members of the District from which he comes."

TRIAL OF MINISTERS.

Law Book, pages 33, 69 and 72 73.

16. That par. 132, page 33 be repealed and replaced by:—The tribunals of the Church competent to enquire into a charge made against a minister connected with the Conference are as follows:—
 - (a) The District Emergency Committee.
 - (b) The Special District Synod.
 - (c) The District Ministerial Committee of the Annual Synod.
 - (d) The Annual Conference through the Complaints and Appeals Committee.

N.B.—1. The word "Minister" wherever occurring in this Section shall include a "probationer" except in relation to the personnel of a Synod or other tribunal.

N.B.—2. The charges which may be the subject of investigation by any of the tribunals referred to above are:—

- (1) Immorality or any other serious breach of the moral law.
- (2) Unfaithfulness to the doctrines of the Church.
- (3) Breach of the discipline of the Church.
- (4) Incompetency in regard to the work of the ministry.

17. Law Book page 72, par. 231, alter to read:—The Special District Synod consists of all the ministers in full connexion of any District. It may be summoned whenever the Chairman of the District considers it necessary. Such of the summoned ministers as are present shall be competent to transact the business of the Synod.

N.B.—1. The charges which may be the subject of investigation by the Special District Synod are:—

- (1) Immorality, or any other serious breach of the moral law.
- (2) Unfaithfulness to the doctrines of the Church.
- (3) Breach of the discipline of the Church.
- (4) Incompetency in regard to the work of the ministry.

18. That the following be added to par. 256, page 102, after the words "Auckland Synod," "which shall report to Conference."
19. That in par. 137, page 34, delete the words "without the permission thereof."
20. That par. 140, page 34, be altered to read :—"Should the Chairman of a District neglect to convene the District Emergency Committee, or a special District Synod, when there is sufficient reason for such Synod, the President of the Conference shall, upon being requested to do so by any Superintendent Minister in the District or by an interested party, and if in his judgment there is sufficient reason for such action, convene and preside at a District Emergency Committee to deal with the charge."
21. That the following new par. be added after par. 139, page 34 :—"Such Chairman shall summon the District Emergency Committee when required and notify the accuser and the accused, giving seven days' clear notice in writing to each member, and shall see that proper arrangements are made for the conduct of its business."
22. That the following be added to par. 230, page 69, after the words "District Ministerial Committee," "and shall meet annually at a time to be fixed by the Chairman of the District in connection with the annual Synod."
23. That the word "Synod" be inserted in the N.B. at foot of page 71 between the words "District" and "Journal."
24. That a new Clause be inserted after par. 146, page 35, to read as follows :—"When in the judgment of the President of the Conference the consideration of a report or appeal from the District Emergency Committee should not be delayed until the annual meeting of the District Ministerial Committee, he shall direct the Chairman of the District to summon a special meeting of the District Ministerial Committee."

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25. That par. 149, page 36 be preceded by the following :—"The Conference shall receive all reports and consider any appeals from lower courts dealing with the conduct or continued fitness for the work or the doctrinal faithfulness of Ministers or Probationers under its jurisdiction, and may itself institute any such enquiry ; but all such matters shall first be referred to the Complaints and Appeals Committee for consideration and report."
26. That the opening sentence of par. 152, page 37 shall be amended to read as follows :—"No Minister, Probationer, Student or Home Missionary who has been suspended or expelled shall act as a Local Preacher without the authority of the Conference."

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE.

27. That par. A, page 78 be repealed and the following substituted therefor :—
 - (1) The Complaints and Appeals Committee shall consist of ten ministers and ten laymen of whom the following shall be members ex officio, the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, the ex-President, the ex-Vice-President, the Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of any District from which a case is coming forward and the Principal of the College. It shall be appointed when necessary and on the second day of Conference. The selection of names for nomination to the Conference shall be made by a committee consisting of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference and the Connexional Secretary.

- (2) The Committee shall deal with the following matters :—
 - (a) All matters arising under sub-section (5) of par. 246 of the Law Book.
 - (b) Such other matters of complaint or appeal affecting the rights or privileges of ministers or laymen or involving the functions of Synods or Circuit Courts, as may be referred to it by the Conference.
 - (c) All reports and appeals relating to the affairs of a disturbed Society as provided in the Model Deed, clause 4.
- (3) The Committee shall report to the Conference on each case submitted to it and any person, an accusation against whom has been considered, or whose rights have been under consideration, shall have the right of a direct appeal to the Conference.

28. MINISTERS "RESTING."

- (1) A minister "resting" is one who by the determination of the Conference is left without appointment at his own request. If the request made by the minister concerned be based upon failure of health it shall be so recorded in the Minutes of Conference.
- (2) A minister "resting" shall be under obligation to pay an amount equivalent to the levy specified in regulation 14 of the Supernumerary Fund. He shall also pay the circuit levy as detailed in regulation 18 of the Supernumerary Fund.
- (3) Such minister shall be entitled to the same allowance from the Children's Fund as a minister "in active work" unless he is resting for any other reason than failure in health.
- (4) His name shall be shown in the Minutes of the Conference as attached to some circuit with the words affixed, "resides in the circuit and is a minister "resting."
- (5) Such minister shall continue to be subject to the discipline of the church—including the usual enquiries as to character and doctrine.
- (6) Permission "to rest" shall be given for one year only. Should a renewal of the permission be sought a new application must be made in writing through the Chairman of the District.

29. MINISTERS PERMITTED TO SERVE UNDER OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

- (1) Any minister wishing to maintain his ministerial status whilst permitted to serve in connection with an outside organisation shall apply for permission through the District Synod to the Conference which shall decide the case after full consideration by the General Purposes Committee. The work of the organisation shall be in harmony with the calling of the Christian ministry. Should renewal of the permission be sought, a new application must be made each year in writing through the Chairman of the District.
- (2) Such ministers shall continue in every way to be subject to the discipline of the Methodist Church.
- (3) The minister shall be responsible for all payments due to the Supernumerary Fund during the period that this arrangement obtains. (This payment includes the circuit contribution as well as his own personal contribution).
- (4) The name of every such minister shall stand upon the Minutes in connection with some circuit with the words attached "is permitted to serve in connection with"

30. MAORI REPRESENTATION IN SYNOD AND CONFERENCE.—Minutes of Conference 1919, pages 100-101.

The regulations contained therein were inadvertently omitted by the Committee compiling the 1928 edition of the Law Book. They are as follows :—

THE DISTRICT SYNOD.

- (1) That all Native Ministers shall be members of the Annual Synod of the District in which they are stationed, and shall have the right to speak and vote on all matters of business transacted by the Synod except those dealt with under Questions, 4, 5, 6, 7.
- (2) That all Native Probationers shall attend the Annual District Synod, but shall have no vote.
- (3) That the Native Quarterly Meeting of each Circuit or section of a Circuit shall have a right to elect from its members one Lay Representative to the Annual District Synod for each Native Minister in full connexion appointed to such section of the Circuit by the preceding Conference, and employed therein at the time of election. A substitute representative may also be elected. The election shall take place at the Quarterly Meeting immediately preceding the Synod.
- (4) That Native Ministers shall be members of the District Ministerial Committee, but shall have no vote on matters which relate exclusively to European Ministers and Probationers.

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- (1) That all Native Ministers and an equal number of Representatives elected by the Maori Circuit Quarterly Meetings shall be entitled to attend each Annual Conference and shall have the full rights of all members on all matters except those referring to the Reception of European Ministers into Full Conneixon, their Remaining on Probation, their being Received on Probation, the reception of Students for Training, the reception of Candidates for the Ministry, the making of Supernumeraries, the return of Supernumeraries to the Active Work, the Permission of Ministers to Rest, and the leaving of Ministers without Pastoral Charge.
- (2) That when Native Probationers are directed by the Ministerial Committee of their District to attend the Conference for ordination, their travelling expenses shall be paid by the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.
- (3) That, until such times as the Maori Circuits pay the necessary Connexion charges, the travelling expenses of Maori Ministers (Superintendents excepted), and Lay Representatives to Conference shall not be a charge on the Equalisation Fund.
- (4) That in the case of the Maori Superintendents stationed respectively among the Ngapuhi, Kaipara, Waikato and Taranaki Native Tribes, the same privileges of the Equalisation Fund shall apply as to their European Brethren.
- (5) That all Lay Representatives to the District Synod and Conference must be members of the Church in good standing in the Circuits by which they are elected.

31. NOMINATION OF DISTRICT SECRETARY AT THE ANNUAL SYNOD.—That in par. 106, page 28, N.B., the N.B. be altered to read :—“The Secretaries of District Synods are nominated by their respective Synods for appointment by Conference; the election for nomination shall be by ballot without nomination; but when the minister so nominated is appointed to another District, the members of such District present at the Conference shall make a nomination to the Conference.”

32. **ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT FROM THE DOMINION.**—That par. 131, page 33, be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—"In the case of the death of the President, or during his absence from the Dominion, or of his inability to discharge the duties of his office, the last surviving ex-President, who is capable of discharging such duties, shall be invested with his powers, and becomes responsible for the discharge of his duties."
33. **INVITATION TO MINISTERS.**—(a) That par. 206, page 57, be amended as follows:—"Whenever a Minister is being invited for a fourth or fifth year, the resolution must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present when the vote is taken and the voting in this case shall be by ballot."
 (b) That the foregoing resolution be dealt with in harmony with the requirements of the Basis of Union.
34. **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.**—That a General Purposes Committee be set up at each Conference to consist of the President, ex-President, the Connexional Secretary, the Secretary of Conference (Convener), the Chairmen of Districts, three senior Ministers, and an equal number of laymen representative of the Districts (including the vice-President and the ex-vice-President); the Committee to be nominated on the morning of the second day of Conference.
 To this Committee shall be referred without discussion: Any matter which Conference may determine including such as the following:—
 (a) Ministerial transfers,
 (b) Application by probationer for permission to marry.
 (c) Application for admission to ministry from ministers of other churches.
 (d) Application by minister for permission to be "left without Pastoral Charge" or "to Rest."
35. **AMENDMENT TO MODEL DEED.**—That Clause 4 of the Model Deed be referred to the Committee with a view to its reconsideration and amendment, adequate powers to serve the ends aimed at being reserved to local courts.
36. That the Committee be re-elected as follows:—Revs. Dr. Laws, W. A. Sinclair, E. D. Patchett, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, G. Frost, W. A. Burley (Convener), Messrs. J. Stanton, H. de R. Flesher and W. Dobbs.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

The first World Conference on Faith and Order met in 1927 in Lausanne. The Second Conference will be held in August, 1937, in Edinburgh.

In the intervening decade a Continuation Committee has met regularly, its latest session being in September at Clarens, near Geneva. During these ten years the Committee communicated the "findings" of the Lausanne Conference to the Churches, received and codified their replies and comments, and published the same in a book entitled "Convictions." This was followed by the publication two years ago of the volume "The Doctrine of Grace." Four Commissions have been working on the subjects, "The Church and the Word of God," "The Church and the World," "The Ministry and the Sacraments," "The Church's Fellowship in Life and Worship." These will form

the bases of discussions and resolutions at the Edinburgh Conference. In the words of the Rev. F. Luke Wiseman it is hoped that "Edinburgh, by the blessing of God, may sound a note, which will rally all the Churches to united action, under the one and only sign and banner in which is victory."

As the Rev. Fred Greenwood will be in Scotland in August, it is recommended that he be appointed as our official delegate to the Edinburgh Conference.

PERCY PARIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference make the usual annual grant of £5 from the Contingent Fund to the Secretary of the Continuation Committee.
3. That the Rev. F. Greenwood be appointed as our official delegate to the Edinburgh Conference.
4. That the Committee for 1937 be:—The President, Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. E. Bellhouse, E. P. Blamires, J. H. Haslam, P. R. Paris; Messrs. H. E. Pacey, F. Thompson, A. H. Reed, R. S. Maunder, A. E. Hurley. Convener, Rev. Percy Paris.

In Memoriam List of Ministers.—That an "In Memoriam" list of Ministers who died while in Full Connexion with our Church, be published in the Minutes for 1938, the Connexional Secretary and the Secretary of Conference to prepare the list.

Auditors of Circuit Accounts.—That rule 204, Section 10, Law Book, page 56, relating to the appointment of Auditors of Circuit accounts, be amended so as to read: "Two auditors are to be appointed except when the accounts are audited by a Registered Accountant when his official signature shall be sufficient."

President's Committee of Advice.

That the Committee for 1937 be:—Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, C. Eaton, P. R. Paris, Secretary of Conference, Vice-President of Conference, 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 re-appointed Legal Adviser to the President.

Secondary Schools.

Report from the Committee set up at last Synod to consider the question of the future of Methodist Secondary Education in Auckland.

The Committee has met throughout the year, and has affirmed the principle that a Methodist Secondary School in Auckland is desirable. In some influential circles it was found that there was genuine enthusiasm for such a school, with a promise of probable financial support.

A great deal of exploratory work (including the inspection of a large number of suitable sites) has to be undertaken before any clear cut scheme can be evolved: but as representatives of the Prince Albert College and the Wesley College Trustees are on the Committee, every aspect of the matter is being raised and considered.

The Committee asks the Synod and Conference to:—

- (1) Support it in affirming the principle that a Methodist Secondary School in Auckland is desirable.

- (2) Re-appoint the Synod representatives to the Committee for further report to the Auckland Synod and the Conference.

N.B.—The Committee consists of five representatives from each of the following:—The Prince Albert College Trustees, The P.A.C. Old Boys' Association, and the Wesley College Trustees, with the following Synod nominees:—Revs. Patchett, Dr. Laws, Walker, Parker, Hames, Sharp, Emmitt and Blight, with Messrs. F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, W. J. Court, A. Service, Jr., K. J. Dellow and L. F. Rudd.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

W. T. BLIGHT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference affirm the principle that a Secondary School in Auckland is desirable.
3. That the Committee as named in the Report be re-appointed to continue its investigations and report to the next Auckland Synod and Conference of 1938.

QUESTION LVII.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

On THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1938 at 7 p.m. in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, WELLINGTON.

VOTES OF THANKS.

President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. Fred. Copeland, 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. H. R. French be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.—That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. E. P. Blamires 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. R. Hampton, for valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

Ordination Charge.—That the Ex-President, the Rev. E. P. Blamires be heartily thanked for his inspiring Ordination Charge; and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Secretaries.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Secretary, and his Assistants, and to the Precentor, for their services to the Conference.

Trustees, Hosts, Etc.—That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Trustees of Pitt Street Church for the use of premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the Hosts and Hostesses for their generous hospitality to Conference Representatives; to the Conference Arrangements Committee; and the members of the Equalisation Fund Committee, and to the Floral Decorators of the Conference Church.

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 rendering of Haydn's "Creation."

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 Conference of the
Methodist Church of New Zealand, and for which the receipt
of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be sufficient discharge.*

Presidents and Secretaries of New Zealand Conferences

AUSTRALASIAN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, N.Z.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Christchurch	1874	Thomas Buddle	Alexander Reid
Auckland	1875	James Buller	Alexander Reid
Wellington	1876	Alexander Reid	John Crump
Christchurch	1877	William Kirk	William Morley
Wellington	1878	John Crump	William Morley
Auckland	1879	William Morley	Rainsford Bavin
Dunedin	1880	William Lee	William Morley
Nelson	1881	John B. Richardson	Rainsford Bavin
Christchurch	1882	James A. Taylor	William Morley
Auckland	1883	Rainsford Bavin	Henry Bull
Wellington	1884	William Morley	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1885	Joseph Berry	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1886	Henry Bull	William J. Williams
Auckland	1887	William C. Oliver	Henry R. Dewsbury
Wellington	1888	William J. Williams	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1889	William J. Watkin	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1890	John J. Lewis	William Lee
Auckland	1891	Henry R. Dewsbury	William Lee
Wellington	1892	George Bond	Henry Bull
Dunedin	1893	William Keall	Henry Bull
Christchurch	1894	David McNicoll	Henry Bull
Nelson	1895	Joseph H. Simmonds	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1896	William Baumber	William J. Williams
Wellington	1897	Paul W. Fairclough	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1898	William G. Parsonson	Daniel J. Murray
Christchurch	1899	John Orchard	Daniel J. Murray
Auckland	1900	Joseph S. Smalley	Daniel J. Murray
Wellington	1901	Charles H. Garland	Daniel J. Murray
Dunedin	1902	Daniel J. Murray	Samuel Lawry

METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch	1903	John A. Luxford	Samuel Lawry
Auckland	1904	Samuel Lawry	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Wellington	1905	Joseph N. 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.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred. Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1877—Fee, Thomas (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Peters, Alfred (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Griffith, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1883—Marshall, George T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Lawry, Albert C. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.</p> <p>„ Wrigley, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Read, Frederick T. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Harding, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Raine, Robert (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Smith, G. Knowles</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Elliott, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Frost, George (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Harrison, Colin C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Henderson, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Richards, Thomas R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
F.R.E.S</p> | <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis</p> <p>„ Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Pybus, T. Arthur</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S.</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P.</p> <p>„ Wills, William</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy</p> <p>„ Haslam, Jonathan H.</p> <p>„ Hunt, George P.</p> <p>„ Leadley, Frank E.</p> <p>„ Liversedge, Arthur</p> <p>„ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel</p> <p>„ Cook, George S. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Eaton, Clarence</p> <p>„ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.</p> <p>„ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas</p> <p>„ Oxbrow, Walter J.</p> <p>„ Patchett, Ernest D.</p> <p>„ Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.</p> <p>„ James, Benjamin J.</p> <p>„ Liddell, Ralph J.</p> <p>„ Seamer, Arthur J.</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.</p> <p>„ McBean, Angus</p> <p>„ Stockwell, George F.</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.</p> <p>„ Metson, Basil</p> <p>„ Richards, Raymond</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.</p> <p>„ Daniel, Herbert</p> <p>„ Paris, Percy R.</p> <p>„ Roberts, Charles M.</p> <p>„ Ryan, Henry</p> <p>„ White, Hedley</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—continued

- 1907—Blair, Charles
- 1908—Cox, Edwin T., M.A.
 „ Jordan, Chas. B.,
 „ M.A., B.D. (Hons.), F.R.E.S.
 „ Martin, J. Frederick
 „ Speer, William H. (Sup.)
 „ Tinsley, Robt. B.
- 1909—Cottom, 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. (Sup.)
 „ 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
 „ Nelson, John R.
 „ Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 „ Neal, Wallace S.
 „ Parker, James W.
 „ Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Cuming, William B.
 „ Ford, Herbert
 „ Gatman, William
 „ Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Orchard, Hector C.
 „ 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.
 „ Spencer, Herbert
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses
 „ Bailey, John H.
 „ Bateup, Frank
 „ Brown, Hubert G.
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 „ Kings, Harry S.
 „ McGregor, Robert
 „ Taylor, Cecil R.
- 1925—Brown, F. Gardner
 „ Peterson, Gordon R. H.
- 1926—Hall, James H.
 „ Harris, G. Raymond
 „ Voyce, Arthur H.
- 1927—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.
 „ Jeffreys, Howard H.
 „ Mead, Victor, L.Th.
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 „ Horwood, Leonard C.
 „ Kent, Arthur T.
 „ Parker, Walter

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| <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
 „ 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, M.A., Dip.
 „ Soc.Sc.
 „ Witheford, Arthur R.</p> <p>1936—Beckingsale, George E.
 „ Hopper, H. Ian K.
 „ Tasker, Bert. M., B.A.
 „ Willoughby, James S.</p> <p>1937—Churchill, John
 „ Francis, William R.
 „ Mayson, Robert W.
 „ Norwell, Leslie T.
 „ Sanft, Alfred</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1911—Kakuere, Hori
 „ Te Tuhi, Eruera</p> <p>1914—Rakena, Rakena P.</p> <p>1920—Tauroa, Matarae</p> | <p>1928—Keepa, Matene</p> <p>1930—Gina, Belshazzar</p> <p>1933—Kera, Nathap</p> |
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1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parentheses immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M. = Home Missions. F.M. = Foreign Missions. M.M. = Maori Missions. C.S. = Connexional Secretary. Y.P. = Young Peoples' Department. Th.C. = Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. 3	Allen, J. Henry, 78 West St. Feilding	.. 66
1932	.. 2	Alley, Donald C., Methodist Mission, Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.. (5)
1895	.. S	Ashcroft, Arthur, 26 Alfred St., Palmerston N. (1935)	.. 63
1906	.. 2	Avery, William W., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton	.. 116
1924	.. 4	Ayrton, Moses, Springston Road, Tai Tapu, Canterbury	.. 101
1924	.. 3	Bailey, John H., Pah Road, Motueka	.. 84
1901	.. 3	Bailey, Samuel, Selwyn Street, Leeston, Canterbury	.. 102
1924	.. 2	Bateup, Frank, Kaeo, North Auckland	.. 19
1936	.. 2	Beckingsale, George E., Wakefield, Nelson	.. 83
1894	.. S	Bellhouse, Harold E., Clifton Terrace, Sumner, Christchurch (1934)	.. 93
1921	.. 2	Benny, Henry, Ohoka, Canterbury	.. 104
1913	.. 3	Bensley, Arthur A., Thames St., Morrinsville	.. 30
1914	.. 1	Binet, Vincent le C., Queen St., Waiuku, Auckland	.. 13
1907	.. 2	Blair, Charles, 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 110
1923	.. 2	Blakemore, Albert, 23 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North	64
1900	.. 16	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland N.I.	Y.P.
1904	.. 3	Blamires, Ernest O., 32 Crawford Rd., Wellington, E.3.	.. 68
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W. 1 (1930)	.. 90
1930	.. 1	Blight, J. Montgomery, Riverton, Southland	.. 135
1917	.. 7	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1922	.. 3	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 46 Radley Street, Woolston, Christchurch, S.E. 1	.. 93
1925	.. 3	Brown, F. Gardner, 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	.. 91
1916	.. 2	Brown, George E., 68 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 33
1924	.. 3	Brown, Hubert G., 27 Cambrai Ave., Roskill Auckland, S.2	1
1910	.. 2	Burley, William A., M.A., 3 Repton Street, Merivale, Christchurch, N.W. 1	.. 93
1914	.. 3	Burnet, Oswald, 136 Bank Street, Whangarei	.. 18

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1935	.. 3	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., 22 Webb Street, Wellington	.. 68
1931	.. 3	Carr, Thomas H., Mowatt St., Waitara	.. 46
1931	.. 3	Carr, W. E. Allon, Tancred Street, Hokitika	.. 89
1917	.. 4	Chambers, Ernest B., 232 Spey Street, Invercargill	.. 131
1896	..21	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C.I.	.. 4
1933	.. 1	Chrystall, Bernard M., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	6
1937	.. 1	Churchill, John, Huntly, Waikato	.. 34
1887	.. S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin, S.I. (1923)	.. 119
1902	.. 1	Coatsworth, Thomas, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.. 61
1901	.. S	Cook, George S., Hawera (1928)	.. 49
1915	.. 2	Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu	.. 10
1905	.. 5	Copeland, Fred., Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 45
1918	.. 2	Costain, Alfred M., 235 Main Rd., Wellington, W.3.	.. 69
1909	.. 5	Cottom, Harry, Hassard Street, Manaia, Taranaki	.. 50
1908	.. 3	Cox, Edwin, T., M.A., 48 Heriot Row, Dunedin	.. 125
1921	..16	Cropp, Allan H. Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.. (8)
1919	.. 2	Cuming, William B., 53 Wellington Road, Marton	.. 54
1933	.. 1	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Johnson St., Milton	.. 129
1906	.. 2	Daniel, Herbert, Matamata, Waikato	.. 35
1932	.. 2	Day, Reginald, Waihi	.. 28
1917	.. 2	Dennis, John, Cambridge Street, Levin	.. 79
1929	.. 3	Dickens, Charles E., Reefton	.. 86
1893	.. S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I (1936)	.. 97
1930	.. 4	Draper, Joseph C., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch, E.I.	.. 91
1935	.. 1	Duder, Clifford L., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	.. 26
1898	.. 5	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 82
1931	.. 6	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.. 52
1901	.. 5	Eaton, Clarence, 54 Chester Street, Christchurch, C.I.	.. 90
1893	.. S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Avenue, Devonport, Auckland N.I (1933)	.. 6
1903	.. 5	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.. 7
1911	.. 2	Enticott, Walter J., 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton	.. 99
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel Street, Christchurch, E.I. (1931)	.. 91
1877	.. S	Fee, Thomas, 9 Aynsley Ter., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E. 1 (1913)	.. 93
1924	.. 2	Fiebig, Herbert, L., B.A., 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch C.I.	.. 91
1919	.. 2	Ford, Herbert, Port Albert	.. 21
1916	.. 4	Fordyce, Robert E., Sanson, Manawatu	.. 67
1914	.. 4	Foston, Charles A., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.. 65
1911	.. S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christchurch (1936)	.. 91
1937	.. 1	Francis, William R., Russell, Bay of Islands	.. 20
1893	.. S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.. 4
1919	.. 5	Gatman, William, Onewa Road, Birkenhead, Auckland N.5	.. 8
1897	..36	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (5)
1934	.. 3	Goodman, George H., Taihape	.. 55
1912	.. 5	Gosnell, Robert B., Queen Street, Hastings	.. 57
1931	.. 3	Greenslade, William W. H., Balclutha, Otago	.. 128
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington E.5 (1934)	.. 71

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1882	.. S	Griffith, Samuel, 10 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.	
		(1920)	4
1888	.. S	Grigg, W., 88 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I.	
		(1932)	90
1928	.. 1	Grocott, John D., 50 Grey St. East., Onehunga, S.E.5	9
1928	.. 3	Hailwood, Charlie O., Regan Street East, Stratford	47
1926	.. 2	Hall, James H., Tawa Street, Te Kuiti, King Country	43
1923	.. 2	Hames, Eric W., M.A., 11 Sherwood Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.W. 1	1
1928	.. 3	Handy, Francis J., 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1.	3
1935	.. 1	Hanna, L. Gordon, Rolleston St., Rakaia	118
1890	.. S	Harding, Arthur, 22 Raroa Road, Lower Hutt (1925)	73
1916	.. 1	Harkness, Edwin S., King Edward St., Eltham	48
1910	.. 1	Harris, Archer O., 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch W.1	96
		.. .. .	95
1926	.. 2	Harris, G. Raymond, 336 Selwyn St., Christchurch, S.W.1	
1893	.. S	Harrison, Colin C., 54 Waripori St., Berhampore, Wellington S.1 (1933)	71
1900	.. 3	Haslam, Jonathan H., 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W. 1	68
1928	.. 3	Hayman, Frank H., 38 Lake Rd., Frankton Junct.	32
1894	.. S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland Street, Vogelstown, New Plymouth (1934)	45
1932	.. 3	Hickman, D. J. Donald, Warkworth, North Auckland	14
1932	.. 2	Hindmarsh, Sydney, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	78
1912	.. 2	Hinton, George B., 154 Elles Rd., Invercargill	132
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 20 Bentfield Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1935)	5
1936	.. 2	Hopper, H. Ian K., Ruawai, N. Wairoa	17
1929	.. 3	Horwood, Leonard C., Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	103
1900	.. 3	Hunt, George P., Devonport Road, Tauranga	38
1922	.. 5	Jack, J. Francis, Eden Street, Oamaru	117
1903	.. 1	James, Benjamin J., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	109
1932	.. 2	Jamieson, V. Roy, Normanby Street, Dargaville	16
1919	.. 1	Jefferson, Alfred E., 467 Leith St., Dunedin, N.I.	121
1928	.. 3	Jeffreys, Howard H., Wesley Street, Pukekohe	12
1932	.. 2	Jenkin, William C., Opotiki	40
1934	.. 1	John, John, 13a Hackthorne Rd., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	90
1934	.. 4	Johnston, Andrew J., Mangonui, Nth., Auckland	24
1882	.. S	Jones, T. Francis, Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland (1919)	4
1908	.. 2	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Roxburgh	130
1887	.. S	Joughin, Thomas A., 7 Belmont Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2 (1922)	1
1899	.. 3	Keall, R. Purcell, Birkett Street, Temuka	113
1916	.. 4	Kendon, Charles H., Springston, R.D., Canterbury	100
1929	.. 2	Kent, Arthur T., Irk Street, Gore	134
1924	.. 4	Kings, Harry S., Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch N.1	97
1889	.. S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 9 Kerr Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1935)	3
1927	.. 4	Larsen, Norman P., 112 Derby Street, Westport	87
1927	.. 3	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Chamberlain Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	H.M.
1912	.. 3	Lawrence, Frederick B., 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	98
1885	.. S	Lawry, Albert C., 43 St. Albans Street, Christchurch (1931)	97
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Aldred Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1931)	4

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1930	.. 4	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.. (5)
1900	.. 2	Leadley, Frank E., 351 Palmerston Road., Gisborne	.. 58
1903	.. 1	Liddell, Ralph J., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	.. 5
1900	.. 3	Liversedge, Arthur, Oxford, Canterbury	.. 118
1935	.. 1	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Whakatane, Bay of Plenty	.. 39
1883	.. S	Marshall, George T., 27 Kenneth Avenue, Morningside	..
		Auckland, S.W. 1 (1920)	.. 1
1908	.. 5	Martin, J. Frederick, Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	.. 72
1934	.. 2	Matthews, Howard C., 12 Flinders Street, Timaru	.. 111
1937	.. 1	Mayson, Robert W., Waitoa, Morrinsville	.. 30
1909	.. 1	McArthur, John D., 71 High St., Blenheim	.. 85
1904	.. 2	McBean, Angus, Havelock Street, Ashburton	.. 115
1930	.. 1	McDowell, Matthew A., 278 Church St. Palmerston Nth.	.. 63
1924	.. 2	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	.. 107
1928	.. 1	Mead, Victor, L.Th., Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.. 45
1916	.. 18	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, via Gizo,	..
		Solomon Islands	.. (7)
1905	.. 5	Metson, Basil, South Road, Hawera	.. 49
1935	.. 1	Mills, William A., Greenmeadows, Napier	.. 56
1890	.. S	Mitchell, Arthur, 32 Orakau Rd., Greenwood's Cr., Epsom,	..
		Auckland, S.E. 3 (1930)	.. 4
1933	.. 2	Mitchell, John L., 45 Haupapa Street, Rotorua	.. 37
1931	.. 3	Moore, William E., Ferguson Street, Geraldine	.. 114
1918	.. 2	Neal, Wallace S., Woodend, Canterbury	.. 106
1911	.. 7	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Ter., Dunedin, C.2	.. 120
1917	.. 4	Nelson, John R., Kirk Street, Otaki	.. 80
1875	.. S	Nixon, John, Eliot Street, New Plymouth (1907)	.. 45
1937	.. 1	Norwell, Leslie T., Putaruru	.. 36
1915	.. 3	Odell, Henry J., Madiera Steps, Napier	.. 56
1910	.. 4	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 149 Tenyson St., Dunedin, C.2	.. 119
1915	.. 3	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2	.. 1
1888	.. S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland C.3 (1932)	.. 1
1920	.. 2	Orchard, Hector C., 308 Macandrew Rd., Dunedin S.1	.. 122
1933	.. 5	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1	.. 2
1902	.. 3	Oxbrow, Walter J., Queen Street, Cambridge, Waikato	.. 31
1906	.. 3	Paris, Percy R., 38 Macfarlane St., Wellington, E.1	.. 68
1917	.. 5	Parker, Frederick J., 12 East Av., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.. 4
1931	.. 3	Parker, Gordon, Paparoa, Nth. Auckland	.. 15
1918	.. 3	Parker, James W., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	.. 53
1930	.. 1	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham,	..
		Christchurch, S.1	.. 94
1929	.. 2	Parker, Walter, 24 Colombo Street, Wellington, S.1	.. 70
1902	.. 7	Patchett, Ernest D., Selwyn Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3	.. 4
1933	.. 1	Patchett, Ralph E., 95 Fitzroy St. Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1	.. 124
1931	.. 3	Payne, Herbert W., Otorohanga	.. 42
1913	.. 2	Peat, Harold T., 1 Knight's Road, Lower Hutt	.. 73
1927	.. 5	Penn, Athol R., 12 Domet St., Opuake, Taranaki	.. 51
1892	.. S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Terrace, Johnsonville	..
		(1928)	.. 72
1877	.. S	Peters, Alfred, St. John's Street, Papanui, Christchurch,	..
		N.W.2 (1920)	.. 92
1925	.. 2	Peterson, Gordon R. H., Taitua Street, Taumarunui	.. 44
1920	.. 4	Pickering, William B., 305 Manchester St., Christchurch C.1	.. 93
1902	.. 11	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles Street, St.	..
		Albans, Christchurch, N.1	.. C.S.
1897	.. 12	Pybus, T. Arthur, Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	.. 127
1892	.. S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka St., Brooklyn, Wellington (1932)	.. 68

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1901	..15	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Richmond House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1927	.. 2	Raynor, Ivo M., Papakura, Auckland	11
1889	.. 8	Read, Frederick T. 64 Lindsay St., St. Albans, N.1 (1927) ..	97
1911	.. 2	Richards, H. Leslie, Coronation Street, Waimate ..	112
1910	.. 3	Richards, James, 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington ..	69
1905	.. 2	Richards, Raymond, Paeroa	27
1895	.. S	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde St., Island Bay, Wellington S.2 (1935)	68
1906	.. 4	Roberts, Charles M., Pahiatua	62
1911	.. 2	Rowe, William, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	81
1906	.. 1	Ryan, Henry, King St., Rangiora	105
1916	.. 3	Sage, Ernest E., 37 Nelson St., Petone	74
1937	.. 1	Sanft, Alfred, Hikurangi, Nth. Auckland	22
1900	.. 1	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., Queen St., Thames	25
1912	.. 5	Scriven, Arthur H. Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1. (Private Address: 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3)	F.M.
1903	..14	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland C.1 ..	H.M.
1910	.. 2	Sharp, Harold A., 774 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	5
1927	.. 3	Silvester, A. Wharton, Gizo, British Solomon Is. ..	(6)
1891	.. S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E.3, (1933)	4
1918	.. 3	Skuse, Thomas, 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2	123
1915	.. 2	Slade, William G., M.A., 147 Hataitai Rd., Wellington, E.2 ..	71
1892	.. 1	Smith, G. Knowles, Elizabeth St., Bluff	133
1908	.. S	Speer, William H., Whangarei (1937)	18
1923	.. 1	Spencer, Herbert, Bank St., Te Awamutu	41
1904	.. 5	Stockwell, George F., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	77
1936	.. 2	Tasker, Bert, M., B.A., Central Mission, Dunedin	120
1924	.. 3	Taylor, Cecil R., Church St., Te Aroha	29
1935	.. 1	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 63 Knight's Rd., Lower Hutt	73
1908	.. 2	Tinsley, Robert B., London Street, Hamilton	32
1934	.. 2	Tozer, Henry J., M.A. c/o Methodist Youth Office, Taranaki Street, Wellington	Y.P.
1927	.. 4	Utting, Harry V., Main Road, Tua Marina, Blenheim	85
1894	.. S	Vealie, Thomas W., 22 Rolleston St., Wellington S.1. (1934) ..	68
1926	..12	Voyce, Arthur H., Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	(8)
1933	.. 1	Waite, Alfred E., 230 High St., Dannevirke	60
1912	.. 3	Walker William, 22 Station Ter. Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 ..	4
1885	.. S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 87 Norman's Rd., Christchurch, N.W. 1 (1928)	97
1914	.. 5	Werren, Samuel J., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, C.3	1
1906	.. 3	White, Hedley, High Street, Carterton	76
1931	.. 3	Williams, David O., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington Dunedin, W.1	125
1932	.. 2	Williamson, Ivan S., 46 Brighton Rd., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1	126
1936	.. 2	Willoughby, James S., 228 Seatoun Rd., Wellington, E.3 ..	71
1899	.. 1	Wills, William, Franklin Street, Greymouth	88
1935	.. 1	Witthford, Arthur R., Kaikohe, Bay of Islands.	23
1901	.. S	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1937) ..	7
1887	.. S	Wrigley, James, Rawene Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 (1924)	8

MAORI MINISTERS.

1911	..	8	Kakuere, Hori, Pukekohe	..	..	..	..	(1)
1928	..	7	Keepa, Matene; Ngaruawahia	..	..	..	..	(2)
1914	..	2	Rakena, Rakena P., Waima, Hokianga	..	..	..	..	(1)
1920	..	2	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	..	..	..	..	(4)
1911	..	1	Te Tuhi, Eruera, Tuakau	..	..	..	..	(1)

HOME MISSIONARIES.

							years
1904	—	C. Aker, Halcombe	..	..	..	..	3
1904	—	W. T. Hooper (retired) 9 Alva St., Riccarton, Christchurch,	W.1	..	..	..	6
1907	—	S. Keen, Waipawa	..	..	..	..	1
1909	—	C. W. Brown, Gonville, Wanganui	..	..	..	..	1
1909	—	T. W. Featherstone, Roy Terrace, New Plymouth	..	..	..	..	4
1910	—	C. Duncan, Maori Hill, Dunedin	..	..	..	..	4
1911	—	C. Strand (retired), Warden Street, Shirley, Christchurch	..	..	..	..	7
1913	—	J. Common (retired), Beach Rd., Weraroa, Levin	..	..	..	..	2
1914	—	F. E. Foot (retired), Anderson's Bay, Dunedin N.W.1	..	..	..	..	3
1915	—	J. H. Edmondson (retired), Silverdale	..	..	..	..	5
1917	—	A. L. Witheford (retired) Ngaruawahia	..	..	..	..	3
1919	—	J. Belshaw (retired), Avondale	..	..	..	..	6
1922	—	H. Ashworth (retired), Inglewood	..	..	..	..	1
1922	—	C. Robinson, Otautau	..	..	..	..	1
1924	—	R. T. Alexander, Ohura	..	..	..	..	4
1924	—	G. Hall, Okato, Taranaki	..	..	..	..	2
1924	—	W. H. Wilson, Coromandel	..	..	..	..	2
1925	—	W. J. Henderson, Ravensbourne	..	..	..	..	3
1925	—	H. J. Malcolm, Waddington	..	..	..	..	1
1925	—	W. Wilson (resting), Flag Swamp, Waikouaiti	..	..	..	..	5
1926	—	F. O. Prosser, Island Bay, Wellington	..	..	..	..	4
1927	—	R. Grice, Foxton	..	..	..	..	1
1928	—	R. Coombridge, Apiti	..	..	..	..	2
1929	—	F. Sanderson, Granity	..	..	..	..	2
1930	—	J. C. R. Ashworth, Edendale	..	..	..	..	3
1931	—	W. Long, Porirua	..	..	..	..	1
1931	—	H. Whitfield, Paraparaumu	..	..	..	..	2
1933	—	C. H. Bell, Kohukohu, North Auckland	..	..	..	..	3
1933	—	E. H. Dalley, Helensville, North Auckland	..	..	..	..	1
1933	—	H. R. Wright, Waikouaiti	..	..	..	..	1
1923-9—1937	—	W. Macdonald, Nightcaps	..	..	..	..	1
1937	—	H. A. Cochrane, Rawene, Hokianga	..	..	..	..	1

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1935	—	A. P. Dorrian, Tuakau	..	..	..	..	3
1936	—	W. Gregory, Kaitangata	..	..	..	..	1
1936	—	W. J. Trusttum, Raetihi	..	..	..	..	2
1936	—	P. C. Johansen, Havelock, Nelson	..	..	..	..	2
1937	—	N. Hendra, Cromwell	..	..	..	..	2
1937	—	W. J. Hughes, Te Puke	..	..	..	..	2
1937	—	A. O. Jones, Silverdale	..	..	..	..	1
1937	—	R. C. Patchett, Patea	..	..	..	..	2
1937	—	H. W. Burley, Wanganui East	..	..	..	..	2
1937	—	A. Collins, Lawrence, Otago	..	..	..	..	1
1937	—	G. W. Crammond, Murchison	..	..	..	..	1
1937	—	W. Falkingham, Greytown	..	..	..	..	1
1937	—	G. V. Thomas, Kuripuni, Masterton	..	..	..	..	1
1937	—	J. H. Woolford, Wairoa, H.B.	..	..	..	..	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1918—Hone Tamati, Taumarere	4
1920—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, Raglan	8
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, King Country	17
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	10
1924—Hone Taotahi, Matauri Bay, Kaero	8
1927—Hauotu Hapimana, Pukeatua, King Country	11
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	9
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	8
1930—Paahi Moke, New Plymouth	7
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	8
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	9
1930—Hikuroa Te Maaha, Waitotara, Taranaki	8
1931—Tame Tuari, Whananaki, North Auckland	7
1932—Hoani Hakaraia, Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	7
1932—Hoani Waata, Aratapu, Northern Wairoa	6
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	5
1932—Te Uira Tuteao, c/o H.M. Office	2
1932—Paieka H. Toka, Hawera	2
1933—Ruihi Netana, Rewiti, Helensville	5
1934—Hamiora Kingi, Waimate North	4
1934—Huru Wiperi, Horeke	4
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	2
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	4
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	4
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Waahi Pa, Huntly	2
1934—Ngatete Kerei Kukutai, Te Kuiti	2
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	3
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	3
1935—Hori Te Awa, Huntly	3
1935—Tuheke Poihipi, Puru, Thames	3
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	2
1936—Remi H. Kukutai, Te Kohanga	2
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	2
1937—Tahuna Herangi, Te Kopua, Te Awamutu	1
1937—Paki Kinita, Marokopa, King Country.	1
1937—Roi Moke, Aotea, Kawhia	1
1937—Taima Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Taheke, Hokianga
 Sister Nicholls, Hamilton
 Sister Hobbs, H.M. Office, Auckland
 Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland
 Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga
 Sister Atawhai, New Plymouth
 Sister Rangimarie, c/o H.M. Office, Auckland
 Sister Olive Bott, Te Kuiti
 Sister Marama Muriwai, Okaiawa, Taranaki
 Sister Madeline Holland, Ratana Pa
 Sister Heeni Te Teira, c/o H.M. Office, Auckland
 Sister Rona Taylor, Kawhia
 Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands
 Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands
 Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Solomon Islands
 Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands
 Nurse Vera Cannon, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands
 Nurse Edna White, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS for Year ending Sept. 30, 1936—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	4	9	..	..	21	..	730	..	252	363	677
Auckland Central Mission ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	6	16	136	10	68	56	115
Auckland West ..	4	..	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	190	..	86	54	140
Auckland East ..	8	2	6	3	13	..	..	24	5	859	..	232	86	660
Auckland, Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	3	1	..	14	..	451	..	100	40	350
Auckland, Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	..	140	..	15	46	90
Auckland, Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	165	..	3	40	130
Auckland, Birkenhead ..	4	2	3	1	2	..	..	5	..	267	..	35	48	240
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	246	..	52	59	231
Otahuhu ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	9	6	212	..	40	70	181
Papakura ..	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	7	..	174	..	63	50	170
Pukekohe ..	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	11	..	145	..	50	37	170
Waiuku ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	79	..	25	18	55
Mahurangi ..	3	11	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	85	..	41	11	122
Paparoa ..	5	8	1	1	1	..	..	4	5	62	..	31	26	70
Dargaville ..	6	7	..	2	1	..	..	6	..	158	12	52	55	90
Ruawai ..	1	7	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	93	..	15	21	50
Whangarei ..	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	3	137	..	25	30	70
Whangaroa ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	34	..	16	39	25
Bay of Islands ..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	21	..	14	5	25
Port Albert ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	65	..	34	33	61
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	50	..	30	20	20
Kawakawa Ohaeawai ..	2	9	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	51	1	31	32	36
Mangonui ..	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	58	4	8	4	35
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	4	..	1	..	1	..	5	1	86	..	29	30	79
Kaukapakapa ..	3	7	3	2	..	2	..	5	4	61	..	14	8	35
Helensville ..	1	6	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	60	..	17	15	41
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	2	9	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	39	..	10	22	58
Hokianga (Kohukohu) ..	2	12	..	..	..	1	..	5	1	63	..	35	41	56
Grand Totals ..	92	124	45	32	48	7	1	167	43	4917	27	1433	1359	4082

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	132	16	37	43	120
Te Aroha ..	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	10	..	215	..	92	20	130
Morrinsville ..	3	4	1	1	2	..	..	9	..	194	8	29	40	80
Paeroa ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	63	..	26	22	25
Cambridge ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	144	..	50	36	130
Hamilton ..	4	3	2	1	2	..	..	14	..	384	..	48	46	164
Hamilton East ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	138	..	70	35	178
Rotorua ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	62	..	21	10	40
Tauranga ..	1	10	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	120	5	45	14	60
Opotiki ..	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	42	..	33	24	45
Taumarunui ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	104	10	28	28	136
Te Awamutu ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	9	4	151	..	37	44	150
Matamata ..	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	133	..	36	21	130
Huntly ..	1	7	..	..	1	..	..	5	1	120	6	34	45	75
Whakatane ..	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	59	..	29	15	80
Otorohanga ..	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	73	..	65	22	65
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	68	..	28	24	80
Te Kuiti ..	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	69	..	30	19	50
Waihi ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	84	..	18	66	80
Putaruru ..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	3	1	60	..	25	15	30
Te Puke ..	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	61	..	8	14	40
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	42	..	15	24	33
Ohura ..	3	9	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	44	..	16	5	32
Coromandel ..	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	23	3	12	5	25
Kawhia ..	1	9	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	28	..	4	7	50
Grand Totals ..	49	106	16	22	22	4	1	94	14	2613	48	836	644	2028

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1936.

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	Communicants
New Plymouth	9	3	3	2	4	1	..	12	..	435	..	65	31	260
Waitara	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	2	145	..	80	30	80
Inglewood	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	87	1	28	47	66
Stratford	7	..	1	2	1	..	..	13	..	179	..	30	..	80
Eltham-Kaponga	3	6	1	2	1	..	..	6	..	128	18	19	28	110
Hawera	3	3	2	1	2	..	..	12	..	243	..	37	36	200
Manaia	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	96	..	32	29	78
Opunake	6	9	2	3	1	1	..	8	..	173	..	29	179	160
Wanganui	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	341	..	63	46	150
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	1	1	..	2	..	172	..	49	14	160
Marton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	81	..	45	48	66
Taihape	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	49	..	23	7	40
Raetihi-Ohakune	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	36	..	5	..	12
Gonville	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	123	4	24	12	81
Patea	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	53	..	18	2	25
Grand Totals	50	38	20	21	16	6	..	75	4	2341	23	547	509	1568

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	5	..	2	1	1	..	..	19	..	389	..	90	115	300
Hastings	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	456	10	120	108	300
Gisborne	4	3	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	196	..	81	38	150
Wairoa	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	25	..	19	19	20
Dannevirke	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	4	110	..	45	66	60
Woodville	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	87	..	9	23	65
Pahiatua	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	73	..	38	20	53
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	8	..	258	4	59	55	150
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	4	..	198	..	48	72	200
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	84	..	5	28	75
Feilding	6	1	2	2	1	1	..	7	..	280	..	98	65	220
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	110	1	13	36	60
Waipawa	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	58	..	29	33	55
Foxton-Shannon	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	5	2	79	..	15	7	48
Apiti	2	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	79	..	19	7	30
Norsewood	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	12	22	40
Grand Totals	39	26	16	16	12	5	..	80	6	2546	15	700	714	1826

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	4	..	4	3	9	..	..	8	..	524	..	53	30	300
Wellington (Thorndon)	4	..	3	2	2	..	..	9	..	299	..	97	84	280
Wellington South	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	186	..	68	45	250
Wellington East	5	..	2	2	4	1	..	10	..	400	3	139	117	385
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	3	3	2	2	1	..	10	..	218	..	67	41	220
Hutt	4	..	2	1	3	..	..	15	..	360	..	97	20	260
Petone	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	176	..	28	44	100
Greytown-Featherston	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	56	..	24	25	26
Carterton	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	125	..	31	36	70
Masterton	3	3	2	2	1	1	..	4	..	280	..	150	80	160
Eketahuna	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	86	..	11	48	25
Levin	1	2	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	141	..	86	..	120
Otaki	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	88	..	20	15	50
Paraparamu	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	52	1	16	12	32
Upper Hutt	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	40	..	10	20	35
Grand Totals	43	19	27	20	27	5	1	93	..	3031	4	897	617	2313

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1936.

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	..	..	9	..	283	..	60	64	200
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	12	..	160	..	41	15	155
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	7	..	100	..	18	9	47
Motueka	1	4	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	113	..	24	19	80
Blenheim	6	5	5	3	2	..	..	9	..	355	..	152	37	254
Reefton	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	81	..	46	49	38
Westport	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	90	..	36	35	50
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	190	..	40	120	150
Hokitika	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	87	..	28	20	50
Havelock	4	11	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	43	..	31	20	32
Murchison	1	6	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	30	..	14	22	30
Granity	4	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	48	..	16	32	38
Grand Totals	33	41	21	12	10	3	..	63	..	1580	..	506	442	1124

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Christchurch—														
Durham Street	2	..	1	1	5	..	..	9	..	312	..	42	20	225
East	6	1	5	3	5	1	..	17	..	655	..	332	149	395
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	2	2	2	..	..	7	..	172	..	40	20	110
Woolston	5	..	5	1	3	..	..	7	..	292	..	135	40	255
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1	..	..	7	..	177	10	80	83	180
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	270	..	147	77	265
Riccarton	3	1	2	1	1	1	..	5	..	140	..	62	18	114
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	6	..	..	4	..	393	..	75	32	305
Papanui	3	1	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	208	..	105	..	140
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	83	..	26	20	60
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	136	..	27	61	120
Tai Tapu	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	73	..	20	..	60
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	230	1	64	54	123
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	5	126	..	30	45	80
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	79	..	25	15	70
Rangiora	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	190	..	11	..	100
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	90	..	32	37	58
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	63	..	14	45	30
Oxford	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	79	6	25	15	52
Home Mission Stations—														
Hawarden	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	33	..	21	19	30
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	46	..	13	8	30
Grand Totals	66	20	32	27	35	4	..	109	5	3847	17	1326	758	2802

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1936.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants
Timaru—														
Bank Street ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	194	..	75	54	160
Woodlands Street ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	190	..	70	60	180
South ..	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	96	..	39	39	86
Waimate ..	2	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	160	..	67	50	80
Temuka ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	112	..	31	27	90
Geraldine ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	76	..	22	24	68
Ashburton ..	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	13	..	285	..	90	60	215
Willowby ..	6	5	3	2	1	..	..	9	..	140	..	40	38	100
Oamaru ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	168	..	30	22	150
Rakaia-Methven ..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	59	3	26	19	43
Grand Totals ..	25	22	12	9	10	..	1	49	..	1480	3	490	393	1172

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin—														
Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	8	..	235	..	53	23	192
Central Mission ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	3	1	..	213	..	4	48	130
Dundas Street ..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	140	..	27	34	110
Cargill Road ..	2	1	3	1	1	1	..	7	..	186	..	55	35	150
St. Kilda ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	167	..	33	..	150
Caversham ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	159	..	16	..	100
Mornington ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	165	..	42	26	100
Roslyn ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	95	..	4	1	50
Port Chalmers ..	5	1	2	1	1	1	..	2	2	143	..	62	17	100
Balclutha ..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	64	4	36	19	45
Milton ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	83	..	25	26	46
Roxburgh ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	58	..	30	14	66
Invercargill Central ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	277	..	119	62	150
Invercargill, St. Peter's ..	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	161	..	75	30	131
Bluff ..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	107	..	73	47	25
Gore ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	102	..	21	48	52
Riverton ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	103	..	23	22	80
Maori Hill ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	59	..	22	15	57
Waikouaiti ..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	32	..	7	10	20
Mosgiel ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	50	..	14	11	35
Edendale ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	35	..	14	20	20
Kaitangata ..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	38	..	17	6	24
Lawrence ..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	24	..	16	11	16
Cromwell ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	18	9	17
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	65	..	15	18	50
Nightcaps ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	45	..	30	15	19
Grand Totals ..	48	17	23	26	20	11	3	55	5	2838	4	851	567	1939

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1936.

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland	92	124	45	32	48	7	1	167	43	4917	27	1433	1359	4082
South Auckland ..	49	106	16	22	22	4	1	94	14	2613	48	836	644	2028
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	50	38	20	21	16	6	..	75	4	2341	23	547	509	1568
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	39	26	16	16	12	5	..	80	6	2546	15	700	714	1826
Wellington	43	19	27	20	27	5	1	93	..	3031	4	897	617	2313
Nelson	33	41	21	12	10	3	..	63	..	1580	..	506	442	1124
North Canterbury ..	66	20	32	27	35	4	..	109	5	3847	17	1326	758	2802
South Canterbury ..	25	22	12	9	10	..	1	49	..	1480	3	490	393	1172
Otago-Southland ..	48	17	22	26	20	11	3	55	5	2838	4	851	567	1939
Grand Totals, 1936	445	413	211	185	200	45	7	785	77	25193	141	7586	6003	18854
Grand Totals, 1935	443	440	203	186	201	49	6	791	101	25408	210	7700	5630	19555
Increases ..	2	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	373	..
Decreases ..	..	27	..	1	1	4	..	6	24	215	69	114	..	701

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches	17	Deaconesses ..	11
Other Preaching Places	124	Local Preachers ..	196
Ministers	6	Members ..	2762
Home Missionaries ..	33	Jr. and I't Mmbrs.	2143

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1936.
SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Roviana	Vella L.	Choiseul	Boug. & Buka	Total
Churches	32	18	33	87	170
Other Preaching Places ..	14	..	2	36	52
European Missionaries ..	2	1	1	3	7
Missionary Sisters ..	3	1	1	1	6
Native Probationers ..	3	..	1	2	6
Catechists and Native Teachers	48	22	38	133	241
Local Preachers ..	66	35	8	7	116
Class Leaders ..	54	19	36	4	113
European Members ..	6	4	3	15	28
Native Members ..	3617	1160	1258	265	6300
Native Members on Trial and Juniors ..	137	576	1042	109	1864
Deaths ..	46	26	82	3	157
Sunday Schools ..	10	1	3	2	16
Sunday School Scholars ..	380	170	150	70	770
Day Schools ..	32	17	32	120	201
Day School Teachers ..	49	20	39	136	244
Day School Scholars ..	1072	325	854	1742	3993
Adherents ..	3695	1800	2819	6894	15208

STATE OF CIRCUIT FUNDS (By Districts) AS AT SEPT. 30, 1936.

DISTRICT	DEBITS			CREDITS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	969	6	8	215	2	11
S. Auckland	1013	0	4	22	11	8
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	1210	0	0	67	14	6
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	799	7	8	21	16	4
Wellington	992	0	9	8	10	3
Nelson	463	13	11	11	14	5
North Canterbury ..	676	3	8	96	14	11
South Canterbury ..	420	14	11	109	13	2
Otago-Southland ..	1271	2	0	39	16	1
Totals, 1936 ..	7815	9	11	593	14	3
Totals, 1935 ..	9915	5	2	433	11	7
Increase ..				160	2	8
Decrease ..	2099	15	3			

DISTRICT STATISTICAL RETURN—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND Y.P. SECTION

DISTRICT	No. of Schools	Cradle Roll		Sunday School												Junior Societies			Church Membership					
				No. Now on Roll						Average Attendance									Infant	Junior	Senior			
		No. on Roll	Recd. during year	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	No. of T'ch'rs and Officers		No. of Societies	Total No. on Rolls	Total ave. attend.	No. on Roll	Recd. during year	No. on Roll	Recd. during year	No. on Roll	Recd. during year
														Men	Women									
Auckland	102	698	134	537	1120	1066	1651	4448	318	632	709	866	3125	230	406	94	2014	1468	879	166	1017	157	519	41
South Auckland ..	43	299	118	392	481	596	552	2038	237	334	428	388	1387	83	176	32	643	464	610	86	606	43	206	20
Taranaki-Wanganui	54	349	75	257	458	594	418	1758	141	231	340	205	1132	71	151	41	628	363	350	80	441	43	220	43
Hawke's Bay-																								
Manawatu	44	423	98	355	297	597	440	1802	..	..	..	..	1322	76	153	35	741	543	558	102	491	57	189	4
Wellington	38	396	83	557	532	777	673	2547	336	288	549	405	1643	137	203	54	1056	730	402	70	157	364	36	..
Nelson	31	251	48	175	215	324	327	1104	..	..	..	..	791	55	109	24	336	265	488	73	353	47	143	3
North Canterbury	57	479	139	395	657	885	862	2799	276	467	652	656	2051	169	281	96	2391	1895	721	141	1117	194	394	36
South Canterbury ..	25	159	14	192	200	253	284	929	115	130	167	206	618	48	98	27	546	378	302	17	329	22	144	..
Otago-Southland ..	46	362	101	377	488	625	515	2005	259	244	467	381	1451	103	198	73	1602	1210	504	93	512	57	270	11
Total this Year ..	440	3416	810	3237	4448	5717	5722	19430	2722	2426	3312	3107	13520	972	1775	476	9957	7316	4814	828	5023	984	2121	158
Total previous Year	459	3540	..	..	..	12731			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4511	660	..	..	..	..
Increase .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	12731			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	303	168	..	..	..	..
Decrease	19	124	..	..	..	1292			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

DISTRICT STATISTICAL RETURN—BIBLE CLASS SECTION.

DISTRICT	No. of Classes	B.C. Membership												Church Membership			
		Y.W. Classes								Y.M. Classes				Senior		Junior	
		Membership				Average Attendance				Membership				Average Attendance		No. Members.	Reed. during year
		Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total	Junior	Intermdt.		
Auckland	186	338	202	388	1045	245	136	275	787	226	125	313	745	153	83	206	537
South Auckland	82	128	64	236	428	92	39	177	308	99	72	188	359	71	57	129	257
Taranaki-Wanganui	62	100	81	173	382	61	41	70	240	81	38	104	246	57	17	55	179
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	79	134	109	158	401	108	81	108	297	145	93	170	408	115	71	121	307
Wellington	81	195	88	198	481	141	54	135	353	209	76	171	456	136	46	100	313
Nelson	64	119	43	115	277	..	..	..	197	81	41	118	240	..	..	..	172
North Canterbury	121	209	193	222	624	160	149	163	472	183	143	265	591	133	102	178	413
South Canterbury	62	60	61	98	219	47	47	68	162	46	50	65	161	39	35	47	121
Otago-Southland	95	151	150	205	506	115	114	151	380	109	129	154	392	86	91	101	278
Total this Year	832	1434	991	1793	4363	969	661	1147	3196	1179	767	1548	3598	790	502	937	2577
Total Previous Year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4401	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3896	..	..	..	..
Increase .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	298	..	..	..	..

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Finance for Period Ending January 31st, 1937.

1936—				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To Repairs (Geo. Rhodes) ..	..	..	..	3	7	6	By Balance last Statement Mortgage ..	..	..	..	700	0	0
„ Grant L. P. Assn. ..	..	..	..	20	0	0	„ Inscribed Stock ..	..	..	..	200	0	0
„ Water Rates and Repairs to Meter ..	..	..	..	2	6	4	„ Interest ..	..	..	..	10	18	4
„ General Rates ..	..	..	..	10	13	6	„ Rents ..	..	..	..	36	0	0
„ Interest L. P. Assn. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	„ Savings Bank ..	..	..	..	29	16	11
„ Insurance ..	..	..	..	1	17	6							
„ Mortgage ..	..	..	..	700	0	0							
„ Inscribed Stock ..	..	..	..	100	0	0							
„ I.S. Transferred to L.P. Assn. ..	..	..	..	100	0	0							
„ Savings Bank ..	..	..	..	34	10	5							
				£976	15	3					£976	15	3

By Balance Brought Forward—

Mortgage ..	..	..	..	£700	0	0
Inscribed Stock ..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Savings Bank ..	..	..	..	34	10	5

Examined, compared with Statements, Vouchers and Pass Book and found correct.

Onehunga
2nd February, 1937.

F. W. EDWARDS, Accountant

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

General Account.

Receipts and Payments for Year Ended December 31st, 1936.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance on Jan. 1st., 1936, at Auckland Savings Bank	1	14	4	Printing and Stationery	5	15	6
Auckland Trustees	20	0	0	Postages	6	12	4
Interest	0	1	11	Books for Tutors	0	15	9
Donations	0	18	6	Remitted to Epworth Press, London ..	5	0	0
Sales under Book Scheme	1	6	3	Exchange	1	6	3
				Cash in hand on December 31st, 1936 at Auckland Savings Bank	4	11	2
					£24	1	0
	£24	1	0	Interest Accrued—Auckland Savings Bank ..	£0	2	7

Trust Account Mutual Aid Association Funds.

1936, Jan. 1st—	£	s.	d.	1936, Dec. 31st—	£	s.	d.
Balance, Auckland Savings Bank	63	12	4	By Balance	65	10	2
Interest	1	17	10				
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	£65	10	2				
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Interest Accrued, Auckland Savings Bank ..	£1	6	0		£65	10	2
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Benevolent Fund.

Receipts and Payments for Year Ended December 31st, 1936.

1936, Jan. 1st—				1936, Dec. 31st—			
Balance at Auckland Savings Bank	..	£	s. d.	Balance at Auckland Savings Bank	..	£	s. d.
		227	10 6			243	4 8
Dividends—9 months	.. ..	8	1 3				
Interest, Inscribed Stock	.. ..	4	0 0				
Auckland Savings Bank	.. ..	3	12 11				
		<u>£243 4 8</u>					
Interest Accrued : Auckland Savings Bank	..	£4	13 10				
		<u>£243 4 8</u>					
Benevolent Fund Assets at Dec. 31st, 1936	..	243	4 8				
N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	.. ..	100	0 0				
215 Preference Shares in Wright, Stephenson & Co.	215	0	0				
		<u>£558 4 8</u>				<u>£243 4 8</u>	

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW }
T. W. HEMER } Auditors.

17th February, 1937.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

		RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE							
				£	s.	d.							
205	Credit Balance, 1935	..	..	3	7	8	Postages	..	..	0	8	5
	By Levies	..	..	2	1	3	Credit Balance	..	..	5	0	6
				£5	8	11					£5	8	11

R. J. SHERRIS, A.I.A., A.O.S. (N.Z.) }
A. T. BLACKWELL } Auditors.

M. KERSHAW, Treasurer.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1936.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1936

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 ended 30th September, 1936.

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Auditor.

Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th November, 1936.

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(Signed) T. M. PACEY, Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST Y.M.B.C. MOVEMENT.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th September, 1936

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Foreign Mission Board			159 10 0	By Thankofferings	533	3	5
„ Travelling Secretary, Salary ..	130	6	0	„ Special Offering Foreign Mission Board ..	9	10	0
„ Travelling Secretary, Expenses ..	121	18	4	„ Trading Department net surplus ..	24	14	0
			252 4 4	„ Travelling Secretary Book Sales profit ..	3	4	4
„ Administration Expenses			49 6 6	„ P.O.S.B. Interest	3	19	9
„ Youth Board			50 0 0				
„ Convention Expenses			19 4 6				
„ Special Organising Expenses			15 15 9				
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Fund Account			28 10 5				
			<u>£574 11 6</u>				<u>£574 11 6</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1936

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Foreign Mission Board	7	10	0	Cash :			
Sundry Creditors	2	5	3	Cash on hand	35	0	0
			9 15 3	National Bank of N.Z. Ltd. ..	161	14	2
Depreciation Reserve			10 0 0	P.O.S.B. Account	116	14	4
Special Organising Reserve			1 8 3	Plus interest Accrued	1	14	10
Accumulated Fund—Balance as at 1st October, 1935	344	12	11		118	9	2
Plus Excess of income over expenditure for the year ended 30 Sept., 1936	28	10	5	Imprest Accounts :			
			<u>373 3 4</u>	Travelling Secretary	6	8	5
				Leadership Training Committee ..	0	7	9
				National Schools Committee	5	10	0
							<u>327 9 6</u>

New Zealand Methodist Y.M.B.C. Movement—Balance Sheet—continued.

				Sundry Debtors :					
				Trading Department	24	14	0		
				Sayer's Appeal	2	0	0		
				N.Z. S.C.M.	0	13	2		
								27	7 2
				Book Stocks—Travelling Secretary ..				18	15 10
				Typewriters	14	15	1		
				less depreciation	2	19	0		
								11	16 1
				Duplicator (half share)	0	12	0		
				less Depreciation	0	2	6		
								0	9 6
				Leadership Training Prospectus ..				6	9 5
				Car Expenses paid in Advance ..				1	19 4
								£394	6 10
								£394	6 10

Auditor's Report.

I report to members that I have audited the books and accounts of the New Zealand Methodist Y.M.B.C. Movement for the year ended 30th September, 1936, and that I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

I have accepted the Certificate of the Rev. Henry Tozer as to quantities and prices of the Travelling Secretary's Stock on hand £18/15/10.

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 Movement's affairs as at 30th September, 1936, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the Books of the Movement.

Wellington,
20th November, 1936.

P. E. PATTRICK, F.P.A. N.Z., F.C.V.A. (London),
Hon. Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th September, 1936.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				
Cash in Banks 1/10/35 .. ..	..	..	1,119 7 8	Travelling Secretary, Salary ..	160 0 0		
Book Sales—Travelling Secretary ..	..	..	33 19 7	Travelling Expenses ..	51 0 11		
Trading Department Profit, 1934-35 ..	..	..	20 16 9			211 0 11	
Interest from P.O.S.B. .. ..	..	..	21 13 0	Youth Board .. ..	..	65 0 0	
Allocation from Unions :				Foreign Missions—Sister ..	123 14 0		
1935-36 .. ..	..	£115 5 7		Native Teachers	40 0 0		
1936-37 .. ..	..	593 15 9				163 14 0	
			709 1 4	Home Missions .. ..	..	160 0 0	
				Sunday School Executive Council ..	..	25 0 0	
				Leadership Schools Committee ..	..	3 0 0	
				Combined Committee on Social Standards .. ..	..	3 0 0	
				Administration Expenses ..	..	48 13 3	
				Fellowship Conference Expenses ..	..	48 2 6	
						727 10 8	
				Balance Special Missionary Fund to Foreign Mission Debt Reduction ..	..	15 1 4	
				Books—Travelling Secretary ..	..	28 0 9	
				Cash in Banks : Bank of N.Z. ..	697 9 6		
				P.O.S.B.	436 16 1		
						1,134 5 7	
			£1,904 18 4			£1,904 18 4	

Y.W.B.C. Movement—Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Amount Budgeted ..	..	..	750 0 0	Cash in Banks ..	..	..	1,134 5 7
General Reserve ..	..	..	175 0 0	Typewriters ..	..	..	25 10 0
Balance ..	..	..	242 13 6	Books held by Travelling Secretary ..	..	..	7 17 11
			<u>£1,167 13 6</u>				<u>£1,167 13 6</u>

Audited and found correct.

(Sgd.) N. ALLEN HUNT, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

16th October, 1936.

(Sgd.) A. E. JOHNSTON,
Hon. Treasurer.

In presenting the Financial Statement it is necessary to state that although the amount budgeted was £750, Unions were asked to contribute £675 only, the sum of £75 being utilised from the balance in hand. However, Unions have forwarded only £593/15/9, which is £81/4/3 short of the amount they were asked to contribute and £156/4/3 short of the total amount of the Budget.

In view of Sister Ada Lee's return to New Zealand on furlough next year, there will be an extra expenditure for Travelling Expenses, allowances, deputation work, etc., and approximately £80 should be held for this purpose.

Recommendation from Executive Council : "That the amount of £40 saved in Travelling Secretary's Expenses this year be used to assist in paying Travelling Expenses of Convention Delegates."

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1936.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Church Sites Fund—				Church Sites Fund—			
Grants : Northcote ..	..	75	0 0	Grants : Fire Insurance Fund ..	..	50	0 0
Kawhia ..	..	50	0 0	Home Mission Fund ..	..	50	0 0
Oruaiti ..	..	6	0 0				100 0 0
			131 0 0	Interest : Mortgages ..	..	52	0 0
Balance to Sites Fund ..	..		29 19 7	Deposits ..	..	8 19 7	
Administration—							60 19 7
Authorised Appropriation ..	..	195	0 0	Administration—			
Stationery and General Expenses ..	..	50	14 9	Working Expenses Repaid ..	..	115	1 11
			245 14 9	Trust Contributions ..	..	44	11 0
Working Expenses Trust Account ..	..		200 0 0	Interest on Arrears ..	..	86	14 2
Reserve Appropriation Account ..	..		48 12 9	Interest on Deposits ..	..	24	3 11
				From Hymn Book Commission A/c	223	16	6
						494	7 6
							£655 7 1
			£655 7 1				£655 7 1

Loan Account as at 30th September, 1936.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To	Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1935 ..	20,630	4 11	By	Loans Repaid ..	2,484	8 6
„	New Loans Advanced ..	3,249	7 2	„	Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1936 ..	21,399	17 6
„	Rates on Trust Properties ..	4	13 11				
		£23,884	6 0			£23,884	6 0

Audited and found correct.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 19th October, 1936.

ARTHUR C. REED }
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1936.

		LIABILITIES			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds	18,675	0	0		
Transfer from Office Expenses ..	225	0	0		
	<u>18,900</u>	0	0		
Capital Account—					
Thomas Emsly Bequest 1500					
H. Herbert Wake Bequest 50					
David Graham Bequest 50					
Wm. H. Duke Bequest 100					
Samuel Lawry Bequest 50					
Geo. Winstone Bequest 1000					
	<u>2,750</u>	0	0		
				21,650	0 0
Trust Accounts (properties sold)				1,016	12 2
Church Sites Fund—					
As at 30th Sept. 1935 ..	279	11	2		
Trust Properties for Investm't.	1,000	0	0		
	<u>1,279</u>	11	2		
Increase for 1936	29	19	7		
				1,309	10 9
Administration—					
Working Expenses Trust A/c.				200	0 0
Reserve Appropriation Account					
30/9/35	367	6	0		
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	225	0	0		
	<u>142</u>	6	0		
Transfer from Revenue A/c. ..	48	12	9		
				190	18 9
				<u>£24,367</u>	1 8

		ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Outstanding Loans	23,029	5	6		
Less Working Exp. 1197 4 8					
Less Interest 432 3 4					
	<u>1,629</u>	8	0		
				21,399	17 6
Deposits—					
Supernumerary Fund ..				250	2 6
Invested for Church Sites Fund				1,000	0 0
Deposit Supernumerary Fund				16	12 2
Church Sites Fund—					
Mortgage Investments ..				1,000	0 0
Interest due	31	4	0		
Interest Accrued	8	11	4		
				39	15 4
Deposits : Super. Fund ..	146	19	1		
P.O. Savings Bank	122	16	4		
				269	15 5
Deposits : Super. Fund ..	187	15	5		
P.O. Savings Bank	38	1	9		
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	165	1	7		
				390	18 9
				<u>£24,367</u>	1 8

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 19th October, 1936.

Audited and found correct.
ARTHUR C. REED }
A. A. SANDFORD } Auditors.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1936

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J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

J. VEALE, Hon. Treasurer.
Auckland, 18th Nov., 1936.

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

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1936

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1935, Oct. 31st—									
To Balance	..	..	..	924	8	0			
1936, Oct. 31st—									
To Rents Accrued	..	..	..	3,437	17	6			
„ Interest Accrued	..	..	..	12	10	0			
By Rents Received	..	..	..				3,544	17	6
„ Interest Received	..	..	..				12	10	0
„ Balance	..	..	..				817	8	0
				<u>£4,374</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>£4,374</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>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, 18th Nov., 1936.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1936.

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THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Remittances—Masterton Home ..	450	0	0	By Interest	457	17	5
„ Repairs—Masterton Home ..	62	2	7	„ Rents	1,083	12	4
„ Repairs and Maintenance, Wellington	237	17	0	„ Balance (being excess of Expenditure over			
„ Rates and Taxes	218	15	7	Income transferred to Capital Account)	158	11	7
„ Legal Expenses	21	3	0				
„ Insurances	23	7	3				
„ General Expenses	76	15	11				
„ Depreciation—Masterton Home ..	150	0	0				
„ Grants to:—							
Wesley Training College ..	100	0	0				
Home Mission and Church Ex-							
tension Department ..	360	0	0				
	460	0	0				
	£1,700	1	4		£1,700	1	4

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th September, 1936.

Treasurers : MESSRS. JOSEPH STANTON and JOHN W. SHACKELFORD.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Oct. 1st, 1935—				Interest A.S. Bank	..	..	68 8 0
Balance A.S. Bank	..	..	0 2 5	Paid off Mortgage	..	..	100 0 0
Rents ..	..	..	696 0 0	Trinity College	..	..	375 0 0
Interest ..	..	..	1 12 8	Wesley College	..	..	75 0 0
				Land Tax	..	..	34 2 11
				Registration Trustees	..	..	0 10 0
				Commission	..	..	17 8 0
				Balance A.S. Bank, Sept. 30th	..	..	27 6 2
			<u>£697 15 1</u>				<u>£697 15 1</u>

Mortgage Account—A. S. Bank.

			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Oct. 1st, 1935—				Sept. 23rd—			
Balance, Mortgage	..	..	1,520 0 0	Paid off Mortgage	..	..	100 0 0
				Balance	..	..	1,420 0 0
			<u>£1,520 0 0</u>				<u>£1,520 0 0</u>

We have examined Bank Book, Vouchers and Balance Sheet and certify same to be correct.

12th November, 1936.

(Sgd.) ANDREW MESSER, F.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
JAS. P. BLAIR.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE					
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Balances at Bankers at commencement of year ..	27	6 5	Stamps			2	0 0	
Interest, Auckland Savings Bank	1	4 8	Stationery			1	7 10	
Inscribed Stock Dividends	447	3 4	Bank Charges			0	10 0	
			Secretary's Salary			25	0 0	
			Rent			5	0 0	
			Grants			358	13 10	
			Balances at Bankers at end of year :					
			Bank of New Zealand	80	14 7			
			Auckland Savings Bank	2	8 2			
						83	2 9	
	<u>£475</u>	<u>14 5</u>				<u>£475</u>	<u>14 5</u>	

Balance Sheet as at close of the day on 31st December, 1936.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Trust Fund—Maturity Value	11,180	0 0	Inscribed Stock, Maturity Value	11,180	0 0
Income Account	83	2 9	Cash, Balances at Bankers	83	2 9
	<u>£11,263</u>	<u>2 9</u>		<u>£11,263</u>	<u>2 9</u>

H. RANSTON, J. MARSDEN CAUGHEY.

by his Attorneys

A. L. CAUGHEY, J. S. CAUGHEY, Treasurers.

4th January, 1937.

Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY, Auditor.

STATEMENT RE MARTIN BROS. MEMORIAL HOME.

1936, Jan.—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Hand				12	17	9
Savings Bank Interest to 31st March, 1936 ..				0	2	1
Rent to 30th January, 1937				121	10	0
				<hr/>		
				134	9	10

CONTRA :

Agents Commission Collecting Rent., etc., ..	6	1	6			
Attending to Repairs	20	17	0			
Repair to Roof and Hot Water Service ..	2	0	0			
Insurance Premium	25	11	0			
Rates	2	5	0			
Land Tax						
				<hr/>	56	14 6
Balance in Auckland Savings Bank ..					£77	15 4
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Auckland,

FREDERICK J. PARKER,

5th February, 1937.

Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1936.

RECEIPTS				1936, Oct. 31st—				£	s.	d.
1935, Oct. 31st—				£	s.	d.	By Theological College ..	..	..	89 0 0
To Balance			1 11 6				„ Management to 31/10/35 ..	..	..	5 10 0
1936, Oct. 31st—							„ Balance .. .. .	..	..	0 5 6
To Interest from Mortgages ..		23 4 0								
„ Interest from Deposit ..		70 0 0								
			£94 15 6							£94 15 6

1936, Oct. 31st—	£	s.	d.	1936, Oct. 31st—	£	s.	d.
To Capital	1,900	0	0	By Freehold Mortgages	500	0	0
				„ Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board	1,400	0	0
	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

J. VEALE, Treasurer.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUSTEES.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th September, 1936.

Chairman : REV. F. COPELAND.

Secretary and Treasurer : HADDON G. SMITH, A.P.A. (N.Z.)

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank of N.S.W. 1/10/35 ..			41 10 11	By Salary	50	0	0
„ Current Rents (due 30/11/35 and 31/5/36)	508	1	0	„ Remitted to Home Mission Fund ..	605	0	0
„ Outstanding Rents (due prior to 30/11/35)	327	18	0	„ Land Tax	40	19	2
			835 19 0	„ Borough Rates (2 years)	36	19	10
„ Interest			11 5 0	„ Audit Fee	2	2	0
„ Consent Fees			3 13 6	„ Bank Charge	0	10	0
				„ Stationery, Stamps, Exchange and Sundries	6	16	9
				„ Legal Expenses	1	11	6
				„ Refund of Amount Banked to Grey Trust			
				Account in error by C. E. Pepperell ..	4	15	0
				„ Repairs to Mission House	4	14	2
				„ Drainage and Sewerage Installation at			
				Mission House	32	0	0
				„ Addition of Bathroom and Fittings at			
				Mission House	99	6	6
				„ Balance at Bank of New South Wales ..	7	13	6
			<u>£892 8 5</u>				<u>£892 8 5</u>

HADDON G. SMITH, A.P.A. (N.Z.).

New Plymouth, 16th October, 1936.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1936. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked, and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective tenants' accounts and found these in order.

New Plymouth,
2nd November, 1936.

J. DUFF, Public Accountant,
Auditor.

KAI IWI MISSION FARM ACCOUNT.
Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1936

					£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS					£	s.	d.
					0	4	4								
Balance	..	..	..	..				1935, Oct.—							
By Rent ..	..	..	..	..	108	16	3	To Treasurer	..	..	..	..	95	0	0
1936, April—								„ Land Tax	..	..	..	..	6	4	9
By Rent ..	..	..	..	..	108	16	3	1936, April							
Balance ..	..	..	..	..	2	0	11	To Treasurer	..	..	..	..	115	0	0
								„ Disbursements	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
								„ Bank Charge	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
													£219	17	9

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1936.

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EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Re-Insurances	704 17 11	By	Levies and Premiums	2,083 10 3
„	Office Expenses—				„	Mortgage Interest	..	..	327 4 10
	Authorised Appropriation	..	350 0 0		„	Mortgage Interest Accrued	..	119 11 0	
	Stationery and General Exps.		48 15 1						446 15 10
				398 15 1	„	Debenture Interest	..	..	731 15 2
„	Fire Losses	..	754 13 1		„	Debenture Interest Accrued	..	237 12 6	
	Less Re-Insurance Cover	..	467 11 10						969 7 8
				287 1 3	„	Interest—			
„	Investment Contingency Res. A/c.		100 0 0			P.O. Savings Bank Deposit	..	11 19 7	
„	Balance to P. and L. Appropriation					Supernumerary Fund Deposit		34 6 9	
	Account	..		2,055 5 10					46 6 4
				£3,546 0 1					£3,546 0 1

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. }
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

Christchurch, 11th November, 1936.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.—Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1936.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Accumulated Fund				25,000	0	0	Mortgage Investments ..	9,055	0	0					
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..				4,500	0	0	Interest Accrued	119	11	0					
Investment Contingency Res. A/c.				1,096	15	1					9,174	11	0		
P. and L. Appropriation Account	2,183	7	6				Debenture Investments ..	22,555	0	0					
Less Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	1,000	0	0				Interest Accrued	237	12	6					
				1,183	7	6					22,792	12	6		
Less Appropriations Voted :							Deposits—								
(1) Ordinary Grants—							P.O. Savings Bank						16	7	1
Home Acquisition Fund	308						Supernumerary Fund						201	16	3
Deaconess House Fund	100						Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..						196	15	0
Foreign Missions ..	100												414	18	4
Home Missions ..	100						Levies in Arrear						45	6	9
Benevolent Fund ..	75						Advance to Natural Calamities								
Church Sites Fund ..	50						Fund						400	0	0
Youth Department ..	50														
(2) Special Grants—															
Wesley Training College	150														
Trinity College ..	140														
Foreign Missions ..	25														
Home Missions ..	25														
Deaconess House Repair Fd.	20														
“Methodist Times” Fund	35														
				1,178	0	0									
				5	7	6									
Add Balance from Revenue A/c.	2,055	5	10												
						2,060	13	4							
Levies Prepaid						170	0	2							
						£32,827	8	7							
											£32,827	8	7		

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 31st October, 1936.

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

Christchurch,
11th November, 1936.

W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. }
E. H. SMITH } Auditors

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments 31st December, 1936.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward—Bank of N.Z.			41 0 6	By Stipend			375 0 0
„ Appropriations :—				„ House Allowance	175	0	0
Church Building & Loan Fund	195	0	0	<i>Less</i> Charges	5	12	6
Connexional Fire Insurance							169 7 6
Fund	350	0	0	„ Connexional Charges			58 6 4
Supernumerary and Allied				„ Clerks' Salaries			602 0 6
Funds	385	0	0	„ Office Rent	135	0	0
Contingent Fund	180	0	0	<i>Less</i> Lettings	14	0	0
"Methodist Times" Fund ..	170	0	0				121 0 0
			1,280 0 0	„ Telephone and Post Office Box ..			18 12 6
„ Registration Fees (per Authorised				„ Bank Charges			0 10 0
Representative)			23 10 6	„ Stationery and General Expenses	21	9	11
„ Deficiency			11 11 8	<i>Less</i> Contras	10	4	1
							11 5 10
							£1,356 2 8
			<u>£1,356 2 8</u>				<u>£1,356 2 8</u>

Christchurch,
 31st December, 1936

Audited and found correct,
 W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st October, 1936.

		RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Probert Trust Board	.. ..			250	0 0	Balance, 1st Nov., 1935	.. .. 296 15 10
Emsly Trust Board	.. ..			89	0 0	House and Service	.. .. 1,512 17 0
Prince Albert College	.. ..			375	0 0	Stipends	.. .. 765 0 0
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	.. ..			140	0 0	Tutors' Fees	.. .. 55 0 0
Contingent Fund	.. ..			740	0 0	Connexional Charges	.. .. 123 9 0
Foreign Mission Fund	.. ..			25	0 0	Quarterages	.. .. 136 0 0
Home Mission Fund	.. ..			135	0 0	Rates	.. .. 434 0 1
Divinity Students' Contributions	.. ..			234	10 0	Insurance	.. .. 26 16 4
Taranaki Street Trust	.. ..			50	0 0	Telephones	.. .. 32 15 0
Congregational Church	.. ..			40	0 0	University Fees	.. .. 77 3 0
Hostel Fees	.. ..			1,345	8 10	Furnishings	.. .. 171 13 4
Tuition	.. ..			32	3 0	Bible Class Camp Fees	.. .. 5 0 0
Trinity Collegiate Church	.. ..			75	6 0	Repairs	.. .. 75 6 2
Rent—Moehau Street	.. ..			54	10 0	Printing, Postage and Stationery	.. .. 25 15 8
Prize Fund Deposit	.. .. 110 0 0					Interest: Moehau Street	.. .. 104 0 0
Less Repayment	.. .. 10 0 0					Site Acquisition Fund	.. .. 213 19 0
				100	0 0	Rent	.. .. 15 8 0
Students' Services	.. .. 37 10 0					Sundries	.. .. 15 18 7
Less Paid Students' Common Fund	.. .. 18 15 0					Advertising Services	.. .. 8 0 0
				18	15 0	Transferred to Reserve Fund	.. .. 27 2 1
E. H. Brooker (Bond)	.. ..			27	2 1		
Balance, 31st October, 1936	.. ..			390	4 2		
				£4,121	19 1		£4,121 19 1

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared the same with Bank Books and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1936.

ANDREW MESSER }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Auditors.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Reserve Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank 1st November, 1935	..	..	..	65	19	7
Add: Payment Received from E. H. Brooker	..	..	..	27	2	1
Bank Interest	..	..	..	2	4	8
				<hr/>		
Cash in Bank 31st October, 1936	..	..	..	£95	6	4

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

New Organ Fund.

				£	s.	d.
Fund as at November 1st, 1935	..	..	..	330	9	8
Add: Dividends—South British Insurance Coy.	..	..	..	12	0	0
Bank Interest	..	..	..	0	15	8
				<hr/>		
				£343	5	4

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

Site Acquisition Fund.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft 1st November, 1935	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,541	18	6
Add: Bank Interest	..	..	..	213	19	0			
Bank Charges	..	..	..	0	12	6			
				<hr/>			214	11	6
							<hr/>		
							4,756	10	0
Less Deposits:									
Hamilton Church Trust	..	..	..	100	0	0			
Trinity College (Interest)	..	..	..	213	19	0			
				<hr/>			313	19	0
				<hr/>			<hr/>		
Bank Overdraft 31st October, 1936	..	..	..				£4,442	11	0

T. A. JOUGHIN }
FRANK M. WINSTONE } Hon. Treas.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Site Acquisition Fund of the Methodist Theological College Council and compared same with Bank Books and we are of the opinion that they correctly set out a true statement as at 31/10/36.

ANDREW MESSER.
F. E. SUTHERLAND.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Students' Library Fund.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1936.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	50	19	7	By Books and Periodicals, etc.	44	11	2
„ Savings Bank Interest	1	14	11	„ Loan to College Council	36	0	0
„ Debenture Interest	34	0	0	„ Balance	31	3	4
„ Refund on Account Temporary Loan to Baumber Collection	25	0	0				
	<u>£111</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£111</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>

Capital Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital	800	0	0	Auckland City Council Debentures	700	0	0
				Auckland Transport Board Debentures	100	0	0
	<u>£800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

23rd February, 1937.

H. RANSTON
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE
T. L. HAMES } Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1936.

LIABILITIES						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loans on Fixed Deposit ..	6,000	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest ..	52	10	0			
				6,052	10	0
Sundry Creditors ..				464	12	2
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan ..	10,833	12	6			
Plus Accrued Interest ..	180	11	2			
(Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties). ..				11,014	3	8
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft ..	44,080	16	11			
Plus Accrued Interest ..	386	13	6			
(Secured over Three Kings, Mount Albert and Waikowhai Properties)				44,467	10	5
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	191	3	7			
Plus Accrued Interest ..	11	13	11			
				202	17	6
Capital Account :						
Balance at 1/1/1936 ..	83,849	11	10			
Plus Increase in Government Valuation of Suburban Properties ..	140	0	0			
				83,989	11	10
Less Increase in Reserve for anticipated loss on Mount Albert Sections ..	29	4	0			
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year ..	95	2	0			
				124	6	0
				83,865	5	10

ASSETS						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paerata Land at Cost ..	15,832	12	0			
College Buildings at Cost ..	43,694	3	0			
Improvements to Paerata Property	10,757	9	3			
				70,284	4	3
City and Suburban Property at Government Valuation :						
Grafton Road	21,958	0	0			
Three Kings	14,225	0	0			
Mount Albert	16,970	0	0			
Dominion Road	2,450	0	0			
Waikowhai	4,255	0	0			
				59,858	0	0
Improvements to Properties :						
Mount Albert	306	15	0			
Waikowhai	50	2	5			
				356	17	5
Plant and Machinery, Paerata ..	1,164	4	3			
Less Depreciation	146	12	0			
				1,017	12	3
Motor Vehicles, Paerata	599	0	0			
Less Depreciation	115	10	0			
				483	10	0
				1,501	2	3
Furniture and Fittings, College ..	477	6	0			
Equipment, College	1,534	12	9			
				2,011	18	9
Less Depreciation	183	3	10			
				1,828	14	11

Balance Sheet—Continued.

		Stock on Hand, Paerata :				
		Live Stock at Valuation ..		8,076	16	9
		Produce and Sundry Stocks ..		967	8	3
				<hr/>		
				9,044	5	0
		Mount Albert Estate and Three				
		Kings Purchasers ..				
		Principal Outstanding ..		1,036	11	5
		Plus Accrued Interest ..		49	13	9
				<hr/>		
				1,086	5	2
		Less Reserve for Anticipated				
		Loss		258	7	8
				<hr/>		
				827	17	6
		Loan on Mortgage				
		Plus Accrued Interest ..		215	8	0
				2	14	5
				<hr/>		
				218	2	5
		Sundry Debtors :				
		For Rent and Rates ..		669	19	9
		For Fees		335	8	9
		For Sundries		717	5	10
				<hr/>		
				1,722	14	4
		Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..		141	12	4
				<hr/>		
				1,581	2	0
		Payments in Advance ..				
				536	6	2
		Cash in Hand :				
		Paerata and Office ..		30	7	8
				<hr/>		
				£146,066	19	7
				<hr/>		
				£146,066	19	7
				<hr/>		

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, 1936, 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. We have accepted as correct the valuation of the stock on hand as certified by the Board's Officials.

Auckland, 25th January, 1937.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1936.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Advertising	73	14	7	By School Fees	3,673	6	10
„ Bad Debts Written off ..	41	2	6	„ Reduction in Bad Debts Reserve ..	15	0	0
„ Beneficiary Work, European ..	228	10	0	„ Laboratory Expenses—Income ..	39	0	0
„ „ „ Island ..	15	13	0	„ Less Expenditure ..	5	11	3
„ „ „ Maori ..	387	7	8				
			631	„ Piano Fees		33	8
„ Depreciation	238	3	10	„ Boys' Stationery—Income ..	57	4	9
„ Fuel and Light	384	19	3	„ Less Expenditure ..	56	2	9
„ Insurance	53	2	11			1	2
„ Provisions, Bread ..	243	15	10	„ Grants from Methodist Funds ..	425	0	0
„ „ Dairy Produce ..	404	8	5	„ Net Loss transferred to Income and			
„ „ Groceries	291	17	7	Expenditure Account ..	1,027	17	6
„ „ Meat	189	1	8				
„ „ Sundries	141	11	8				
			1,270				
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..	171	1	11				
„ Salaries	1,309	13	1				
„ Stationery and Books ..	38	0	11				
„ Sundry Expenses	267	15	5				
„ Wages	708	2	10				
			£5,188				£5,188
			3				3
			1				1

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1936.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Departmental Losses as under :								
Bees	..	..	..	31	13	1		
Garden	..	..	..	98	2	9		
Pigs	..	..	..	18	1	9		
Poultry	..	..	..	72	6	1		
							220	3 8
„ Net Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	..						777	12 4
							£997	16 0

By Departmental Profits as under :	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
No. 1 Cattle and Dairy	..	247	13	0		
No. 3 Cattle and Dairy	..	382	7	4		
No. 4 Cattle and Dairy	..	94	19	8		
Flock Sheep	..	146	18	1		
Stud Sheep	..	125	17	11		
					997	16 0
					£997	16 0

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1936.

	£	s.	d.
To Audit Fees	21	0	0
„ Insurance	2	8	10
„ Legal and Collection Expenses	16	7	10
„ Office Expenses	23	0	2
„ Printing, Stationery and Advertising	8	15	8
„ Rates	364	1	11
„ Rent—Board Room	16	10	0
„ Salary—Secretary	280	0	0
„ Sundry Expenses	13	2	3
	<hr/>		
	£745	6	8

	£	s.	d.
By Sales of Stone and Timber	100	14	0
„ Reduction in Bad Debts Reserve	11	0	0
„ Bad Debts Recovered	8	0	3
„ Dividends	60	0	0
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	565	12	5
	<hr/>		
	£745	6	8

Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1936.

To Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2,842 12 4	By Rents Received from :	£	s.	d.
		Grafton Road Property	1,007	10	4
		Three Kings Property	763	3	6
		Mount Albert Property	562	10	0
		Dominion Road Property	142	0	0
		Waikowhai Property	367	8	6
	<u>£2,842 12 4</u>		<u>£2,842</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1936.

To Interest on Overdraft	£	s.	d.	By Interest from :	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan	1,404	13	0	Mount Albert Estate	35	14	1			
„ Interest on Fixed Deposits	549	11	10	Three Kings Estate	8	15	4			
	223	7	8	Kawhia Property	11	6	4			
								55	15	9
				„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account				2,121	16	9
	<u>£2,177 12 6</u>							<u>£2,177</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1936.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Interest	2,121	16	9	By Rents	2,842	12	4
„ Loss on College	1,027	17	6	„ Profit on Farm	777	12	4
„ General Expenses	565	12	5	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income— transferred to Capital Account	95	2	0
	<u>£3,715</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£3,715</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

	£ s. d.		By Gross Profit on:	£ s. d.	
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Wages and Salaries	1,585	8 6	Nos. 1 and 2 Dairy and Cattle ..	1,136	5 9
„ Stock Foods	563	11 10	No. 3 Dairy and Cattle	1,033	15 10
„ Seeds and Manure	508	2 2	Pigs	516	11 7
„ Sundries, including Freight and Packing, Association Fees and Stock Dips ..	281	13 7	Stud Sheep	477	3 3
„ Lorry Expenses	176	11 1	Poultry	410	6 4
„ Horse and Tractor Expenses	117	12 0	Flock Sheep	388	7 7
„ Depreciation written off	117	2 0	No. 4 Dairy	201	0 0
„ Power and Light	95	15 11	Garden	142	15 0
„ Advertising—Live Stock	79	18 7	Bees	91	9 3
„ Repairs and Maintenance	59	1 6			
„ Rates and Insurance	35	5 1			
„ Net Profit transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account	777	12 4			
	<u>£4,397</u>	<u>14 7</u>		<u>£4,397</u>	<u>14 7</u>

We have compared the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify that it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1936.

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. S. SALTER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 16th December, 1936

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.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Accumulated Funds as per						Investments : Mortgages	101,958 16 6
Revenue Account		150,217	9 11			Debentures	26,550 0 0
Suspense Account		155	1 0				128,508 16 6
Deposit Accounts—						<i>less</i> Investment Fluctuation and	
Allied Funds (6)	24,167 4 7					Doubtful Debts Reserve ..	
Connexional Funds (11) ..	2,524 18 4						4064 14 8
Church Trusts (8)	2,414 1 10					<i>plus</i> further Provision	
Personal (34)	12,172 17 10						100 0 0
		41,279	2 7				4164 14 8
Freeholds—						<i>less</i> Written off Mortgage	
Rates Accrued	285 2 10						574 5 7
Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	4 6 8						3,590 9 1
		289	9 6				124,918 7 5

Freehold Properties—

Epworth Chambers	..	48,424	2	5		
Worcester Street	..	4,118	15	8		

 52,542 18 1

less Epworth Chambers Depre-						
ciation Reserve	1350	0	0			
plus further Reserve	500	0	0			

 1,850 0 0

Deposit : P.O. Savings Bank	..				50,692	18 1
Balance at Bank of N.Z.	..				1,011	17 11
					231	2 6

Interest :

Mortgages due	..	3,152	12	7		
Mortgages Accrued	..	1,068	12	2		
Debentures Accrued	..	327	11	8		

 4,548 16 5
Purchase of Benefits : Balance due

..	..				100	0 0
Circuit Levies : Arrears	..	162	10	0		
Accrued	..	426	17	4		

 589 7 4
Personal Subscriptions :

Arrears	..	835	8	2		
Interest due	..	142	17	1		

 978 5 3
less Subscriptions Prepaid

 22 8 0

 955 17 3
Freehold Properties :

Rents due	..	249	1	4		
Rents Accrued	..	127	8	2		

 376 9 6

Supernumerary Fund—continued

	Properties in Possession ..	4,022 5 2
	Mortgagors' Stock Accounts and Farm Working Accounts ..	4,318 5 5
	General Treasurers Melbourne— Prepaid	3 6 2
	Epworth Press	172 9 10
	<hr/>	
	£191,941 3 0	<hr/> £191,941 3 0 <hr/>

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, 1936.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. S. SALTER } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch 16th, December, 1936.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1936.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Grants	146	5 0	By Balance 30/11/35			
„ Exchanges	0	8 0	„ Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..		687	1 1
			146 13 0	„ Donations—			
„ Exchanges on Annuities ..	..		10 8 4	Fire Insurance Fund ..	75	0 0	
„ Authorised Appropriation ..	..	3	0 0	Special	15	5 0	
„ Debenture Commission ..	..	0	5 0			90	5 0
„ Balances—			3 5 0	„ Interest—			
Super. Fund Capital Account ..	400	0 0		Debenture Investments ..	42	10 0	
Revenue Account ..	285	13 3		Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..	26	3 6	
			685 13 3			68	13 6
			<u>£845 19 7</u>				<u>£845 19 7</u>

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We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account 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, 1936.

HARRY R. BEST F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 16th December, 1936.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1936.
Contributors' Accounts.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. .. .	..	..	177 7 4	By Balance as at 30/11/35 .. .. .	..	..	7,814 7 0
„ Reserve Account .. .. .	..	..	20 0 9	„ Personal Contributions .. .. .	..	..	664 17 9
„ Balance as at 30/11/36 .. .. .	..	..	8,918 9 1	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy .. .. .	..	..	308 0 0
				„ Interest .. .. .	..	..	328 12 5
			<u>£9,115 17 2</u>				<u>£9,115 17 2</u>

Reserve Account.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts		328 12 5	By Balance as at 30/11/35	36 18 11
„ Office Expenses—			„ Contributors' Account	20 0 9
Authorised Appropriation	20 0 0		„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund	329 19 4
Stationery and General Expenses	3 9 3			
		23 9 3		
„ Balance as at 30/11/36		34 17 4		
		<u>£386 19 0</u>		<u>£386 19 0</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1936.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	8,918 9 1	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	8,953 6 5
Reserve Account	..	..	34 17 4				
			<u>£8,953 6 5</u>				<u>£8,953 6 5</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1936.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. S. SALTER } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 16th December, 1936.

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1936.
Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	..	1,961 7 2	By Balance as at 30/11/35 ..	..	..	8,798 12 10		
„ Reserve Account .. ..	..	..	32 5 7	„ Contributions —					
„ Balance as at 30/11/36 .. ..	..	..	8,250 1 6	Personal .. ..	..	231 0 0			
				Circuit .. ..	..	184 10 0			
				Home Mission Board ..	..	184 10 0			
								600 0 0	
				„ Interest .. ..	..	..	311 6 5		
				„ Bonus Allocation .. ..	..	..	533 15 0		
			<u>£10,243 14 3</u>				<u>£10,243 14 3</u>		

Reserve Account.

			£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	..	..	311 6 5	By Balance as at 30/11/36 ..	..	..	886 7 10		
„ Bonus Allocation .. ..	..	..	533 15 0	„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund ..	..	..	355 0 9		
„ Office Expenses —				„ Contributors' Account .. ..	..	..	32 5 7		
Authorised Appropriation ..	45	0	0						
Stationery and General Expenses	5	15	10						
			50 15 10						
„ Balance as at 30/11/36 .. ..	..	..	377 16 11						
			<u>£1,273 14 2</u>				<u>£1,273 14 2</u>		

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1936.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	.. ..			8,250	1 6	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	.. .. 8,772 13 5
Reserve Fund	.. ..			377	16 11		
Accumulated Funds—							
Centenary Gift	.. ..	100	0 0				
Inscribed Stock Profit	.. ..	44	15 0				
				144	15 0		
				<u>£8,772</u>	<u>13 5</u>		<u>£8,772 13 5</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1936.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
G. S. SALTER }

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors

Christchurch, 16th December, 1936.

DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1936.

Contributors' Accounts.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	104	9 0	By Balance as at 30/11/35 ..	..	4,473	16 7
„ Reserve Account .. ..	..	8	11 10	„ Contributions —			
„ Balance as at 30/11/36 .. ..	..	5,061	5 6	Personal .. ..	..	166	0 0
				Circuit .. ..	..	91	10 0
				Home Mission Board .. ..	..	80	0 0
				Foreign Mission Board .. ..	..	72	10 0
							410 0 0
				„ Interest .. ..	..	186	9 9
				„ Bonus Allocation .. ..	..	104	0 0
							£5,174 6 4
							£5,174 6 4

Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..				186	9	9	By Balance as at 30/11/35 ..	241	9	6
„ Bonus Allocation ..				104	0	0	„ Interest—Supernumerary Fund ..	193	17	6
„ Office Expenses—							„ Contributors' Account ..	8	11	10
Authorised Appropriation ..	11	0	0							
Stationery and General Expenses ..	4	2	2							
					15	2				
„ Capital Account ..				100	0	0				
„ Balance as at 30/11/36 ..				38	6	11				
				£443	18	10				
								£443	18	10

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1936.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	5,061 5 6	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..	5,199 12 5	
Capital Account..	..	..	100 0 0				
Reserve Fund ..	..	..	38 6 11				
			<u>£5,199 12 5</u>			<u>£5,199 12 5</u>	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1936.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. S. SALTER } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 16th December, 1936.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.).

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1936.

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EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
To Interest on Trust Deposit Accounts	..	24 10 8	By Commission on Collections	3 3 3
„ Stationery and General Expenses	..	1 10 0	„ Interest on Deposit	.. ..	29 10 7
„ Capital Account	.. ..	6 13 2			
		<u>£32 13 10</u>			<u>£32 13 10</u>

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1936

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Deposits—				Debentures	700	0	0
Apiti Church	102	4	7	Supernumerary Fund Deposit	480	18	10
Durham Street Church	19	12	2				
Meth. Women's Missionary Union	500	0	0				
Riverton Sunday School	100	0	0				
Sumner Church	202	11	7				
Tai Tapu Church	51	1	4				
Thames Church	87	18	6				
Timaru, Bank Street Church	100	0	0				
			1,163				
Capital Account	10	17	6				
Add Balance from Revenue Account	6	13	2				
			17				
			£1,180				£1,180
			18				18
			10				10

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, 1936.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
G. S. SALTER } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 16th December, 1936.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—CHILDRENS FUND.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1936.

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RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st January, 1936 ..			383 4 0	Payments as per Warrant :			
Circuit Levies :				Auckland ..	382	10	0
Auckland ..	313	11	0	South Auckland ..	94	10	0
South Auckland ..	167	12	0	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	162	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	111	13	8	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	132	15	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	115	2	1	Wellington ..	218	5	0
Wellington ..	189	19	3	Nelson ..	67	10	0
Nelson ..	97	15	8	North Canterbury ..	342	0	0
North Canterbury ..	241	9	8	South Canterbury ..	27	0	0
South Canterbury ..	89	12	4	Otago-Southland ..	108	0	0
Otago-Southland ..	163	10	2				
			1490 5 10	Exchange Chairman District Cheques		1534	10 0
				Bank Charge Keeping Account ..		2	13 6
				Due by South Auckland District ..	17	10	0
				Due by Otago-Southland ..	12	10	5
				By Credit Bank New South Wales	305	15	11
						335	16 4
			£1,873 9 10			£1,873	9 10

E. W. A. KELLOW }
W. G. SLADE } Treasurers.

ERNEST HOBBS }
J. M. DALE } Auditors.

10th February, 1937.

Audited and found correct.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 31st December, 1936.

		RECEIPTS			
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
1936, January 1—					
To Balance ..					1,207 10 4
„ Circuit Levies :					
District :					
Auckland ..	..	491	5	0	
South Auckland ..	..	267	5	4	
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	194	12	2	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	186	13	0	
Wellington ..	..	293	4	0	
Nelson ..	..	145	12	4	
North Canterbury ..	..	360	12	2	
South Canterbury ..	..	132	0	2	
Otago Southland ..	..	294	17	8	
					2,366 1 10
252 „ Synod Collections :					
Auckland ..	..	6	0	0	
South Auckland ..	..	—		
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	2	11	7	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	3	8	4	
Wellington ..	..	4	3	3	
Nelson ..	..	2	4	10	
North Canterbury ..	..	2	5	4	
South Canterbury ..	..	2	15	6	
Otago Southland ..	..	5	3	3	
					28 12 1
„ Sales :					
Agendas ..	..	22	11	0	
Minutes ..	..	19	5	7	
Law Books, etc. ..	..	2	19	9	
					44 16 4

		EXPENDITURE			
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
By Cost of Christchurch Conference :					
(a) Travelling :					
Equalisation Fund ..	..	186	0	0	
Official Representatives ..	..	141	14	3	
					327 14 3
(b) Printing :					
Agenda ..	..	91	4	7	
Minutes ..	..	93	5	2	
Other ..	..	14	2	11	
Stationery, etc. ..	..	17	12	10	
					216 5 6
„ District Expenses—Chairmen's					
Travelling and other Expenses :					
Auckland ..	..	42	10	11	
South Auckland ..	..	31	5	5	
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	26	0	8	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	30	12	6	
Wellington ..	..	33	6	0	
Nelson ..	..	22	5	0	
North Canterbury ..	..	31	2	1	
South Canterbury ..	..	26	8	8	
Otago Southland ..	..	28	8	0	
					271 19 3
„ Synod Expenses :					
Auckland ..	..	35	10	4	
South Auckland ..	..	23	9	9	
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	10	13	11	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	21	5	0	
Wellington ..	..	9	15	4	
Nelson ..	..	21	14	0	
North Canterbury ..	..	9	16	2	
South Canterbury ..	..	8	3	3	
Otago-Southland	35	0	6	
					175 8 3

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

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		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
„ Ministerial Supply :							
Auckland	—					
South Auckland	3	5	2			
Taranaki-Wanganui	3	16	6			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	3	12	6			
Wellington .. ..	..	18	9	6			
North Canterbury ..	..	5	5	0			
South Canterbury ..	..	—				
Otago Southland ..	..	0	15	0			
					35	3	8
„ Connexional Payments :							
Presidents' Travelling ..	..	70	0	0			
„ Postages, etc. ..	..	13	17	5			
„ Supply .. ..	..	29	15	0			
Secretary of Conference, Post-							
ages, etc. .. ..	..	12	10	0			
Printing .. ..	..	58	12	5			
Printing, Youth Dept. ..	..	—				
Examination Committee ..	..	16	14	0			
					201	8	10
„ Grants :							
Theological College ..	..	740	0	0			
Connexional Secretary's Dept. ..	..	180	0	0			
For Affliction .. ..	..	20	0	0			
Deaconess Fund .. ..	..	75	0	0			
University Fees .. ..	..	20	0	0			
Council Religious Education ..	..	20	0	0			
Wesley College Trust ..	..	—				
H.M. Fund for Wanganui Trust ..	..	150	0	0			
Other .. ..	..	—				
					1,205	0	0

		„ Hon. Treasurers :	
		Postages Stationery, etc. ..	3 0 0
		Bank Exchange, Interest, etc. ..	4 10 9
			<hr/> 7 10 9
„ Balances due by Chairmen :			
	Auckland ..	..	199 3 9
	South Auckland ..	..	27 0 0
	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	75 0 0
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	72 14 0
	Wellington ..	..	31 7 8
	Nelson ..	..	46 8 6
	North Canterbury ..	..	80 0 0
	South Canterbury ..	..	—
	Otago-Southland ..	..	61 13 1
			<hr/>
„ Total Balances held by or due to			
	Chairmen ..	..	593 7 0
„ Bank N.Z. Kaiapoi, Current A/c.		613 3 1	
			<hr/> 1,206 10 1
<hr/> £3,647 0 7		<hr/> £3,647 0 7	

I have examined the foregoing Statement and compared same with the books, vouchers and District Chairmen's Statements produced to me; and I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the Statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1936.

J. H. BLACKWELL }
L. C. HORWOOD } Hon. Treasurers.

Christchurch, 12th February, 1937.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com.A.P.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT—Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To Circuit Levies	734	5	1	By Removal Expenses	1,018	0	9
„ Interest Earned .. .. .	..	..	..	31	7	0	„ Sundry Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	7	10	11
„ Transfer from Capital Account .. .. .	..	..	..	260	19	7	„ Refund Auckland District .. .. .	..	..	..	1	0	0
				£1,026	11	8					£1,026	11	8

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1936.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 31/12/35 ..	1,452	16	10				Outstanding Levies	265	9	6
less Deficit 1935-36	260	19	7				Supernumerary Fund Deposit	519	10	8
				1,191	17	3	P.O. Savings Bank	402	18	8
							Bank of N.Z.	3	18	5
				<u>£1,191</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£1,191</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>

Audited and found correct

R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A., A.O.S. (N.Z.) }
A. T. BLACKWELL } Auditors,

EDWARD DRAKE }
M. KERSHAW } Hon. Treasurers,

28th December, 1936,

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1936 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Is.:							Assets in Solomon Islands:						
Circuit Balances	1,164	12	11				Cash in Hand	629	9	0			
Personal Balances	438	5	8				Sundry Debtors	1,036	14	0			
Sundry Creditors	1,187	1	11				Stock on Hand	1,919	14	5			
				2,790	0	6					3,585	17	5
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand,							Advance Payments (1937) ..				1,669	13	5
Auckland (Secured over certain							Medical Mission Fund Assets:						
Working Capital and Medical Fund							To Colonial Sugar Refining Co.						
Assets)				1,057	1	10	Ltd. shares of £20 each, valued at						
Loans: On Fixed Deposit and at Call				3,800	0	0	£25	500	0	0			
Balance Proceeds Banga Debenture							£1,985 N.Z. Govt. Stock 3½% ..	2,066	5	4			
held in Trust for future income				30	0	0	£250 N.Z. Govt. Stock 3½% ..	260	0	0			
Special Funds:							£500 N.Z. Govt. Stock 4% ..	527	10	0			
Medical Mission Fund	8,095	2	3				£1000 Devonport Borough Deben-						
Equipment Fund	1,022	19	7				tures 4½%	1022	10	0			
Atherton Road Trust Account ..	153	0	0				Less Interest due	22	10	0			
Boat Insurance Fund	500	0	0							1,000	0	0	
				9,771	1	10	P.O. Savings Bank	45	18	0			
Excess of Income over Expenditure											4,399	13	4
for the year	1,869	9	9				Interest due on Devonport Debentures				22	10	0
Less Capital Account Overdrawn on							Boat Insurance Fund Assets:						
January 1st, 1936	1,829	9	9				P.O. Savings Bank				500	0	0
Less Legacy received	500	0	0				Working Capital Fund Assets:						
				1,329	9	9	£200 Mt. Eden Borough Deben-						
							tures 4½%	200	0	0			
				540	0	0	£200 Auckland City Council Deben-						
							tures 4½%	200	0	0			
							£1500 Auckland Transport Board						
							Debentures 4½%	1,467	10	0			
							£1515 N.Z. Govt. Stock 4% ..	1,537	0	0			

Fuller and Sons' Debentures 6½%, less 20%	1,000	0	0
N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Union—3 Shares	7	10	0
Loans on Mortgage	3,300	0	0
Auckland Savings Bank	1	10	0
		7,713	10 0
General Secretary's Residence: Atherton Road Property and Furniture	1,525	0	0
Less Mortgage Fire Insurance Bd. 903 0 0			
Loans Equity	525	0	0
	1,428	0	0
		97	0 0
Deficit as per Income and Expendi- ture Account:			
Working Capital Assets as above	7,713	10	0
Less Contra	540	0	0
	7,173	10	0
General Working Account	996	4	1
Deficit at December 31st, 1936	8,169	14	1
		£17,988	4 2

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and that in our 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, 1936, as shown by its books. We have obtained all the information we have required. The Solomon Islands figures are as certified to by the Chairman and Secretary of the Solomon Islands District and have been accepted by us. The value of the Solomon Islands Properties has been expressly excluded from the Balance Sheet.

Auckland, 8th February, 1937

J. B. GILMORE, F.P.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. }

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1936.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Brought Forward ..				10,039	3	10			
„ Solomon Islands District :									
Stipends and Allowances ..	4,937	7	5				156	6	3
Freight and Customs ..	519	13	2				7,433	3	3
Boats and Travelling ..	1,759	14	5						
Colleges and Schools ..	856	7	7						
Properties, Current Expenses ..	409	8	8						
Lands, Surveys, Rents, etc. ..	197	4	5						
General Expenses ..	547	4	9						
				9,227	0	5			
„ Interest on Overdraft and Loans ..				496	11	2			
„ Boat Insurance Fund ..				500	0	0			
„ New Zealand Office—Working Exps.									
Salaries ..	424	14	8						
House Allowance ..	150	0	0						
Connexional Charges ..	47	15	0						
Deputation Expenses and									
Travel ..	108	12	11						
Exchange, Stamps, etc. ..	75	10	2						
Printing and Stationery ..	167	7	3						
Office Rent and Telephone ..	80	16	6						
Auditors ..	10	10	0						
Theological College ..	25	0	0						
Deaconess Institution ..	25	0	0						
				1,115	6	6			
„ Sundry Payments :									
Children's Fund (final payment) ..	7	17	6						
Legal Expenses ..	3	8	0						
Lantern Requisites, etc. ..	25	18	6						
"Methodist Times" ..	10	0	0						
By New Zealand Contributions :									
General Fund 1935 Account ..									
General Fund 1936 Account ..									
							7,589	9	6
Women's Auxiliaries (including									
Y.W.B.C. Movement) ..	1,354	7	6						
Young Men's B.C. Movement ..	150	0	0						
Native Teachers ..	311	11	1						
Orphans ..	53	12	3						
Debt Reduction Fund ..	478	18	6						
Interest ..	441	13	7						
Publications Profit ..	81	2	7						
							2,871	5	6
„ Solomon Islands Contributions :									
Roviana Circuit ..	1,001	3	0						
Choiseul Circuit ..	610	7	3						
Vella Lavella Circuit ..	544	11	5						
Bougainville and Buka Circuit ..	156	6	10						
Produce—less Plantation Exps. ..	701	1	3						
							3,013	9	9
„ Equipment Fund :									
Legacies ..	231	18	8						
Gifts ..	10	0	0						
							241	18	8
„ Working Capital Fund :									
Legacy ..							500	0	0
„ Medical Mission Fund :									
"Samuel and Clara Matilda									
Gorman Medical Bequest" ..	2,000	0	0						
Additional Amounts ..	878	4	10						

Office Expenses, Safe £17,				Interest	157 3 11	
Typewriter, Alterations ..	55 16 9				<u>3,035 8 9</u>	
Supply for Rev. D. Alley,				„ General Secretary's House :		
Wairoa Circuit	6 5 0			House Allowance	150 0 0	
National Missionary Council	5 0 0			„ Balance Deficit	8,169 14 1	
Miscellaneous	32 19 2					
			147 4 11			
„ Gift Duty			118 12 0			
„ General Secretary's House :						
Interest on Mortgage and						
Loans, Rates, etc. ..	85 16 5					
Balance—Surplus	64 3 7					
			150 0 0			
„ Equipment Fund (Balance held						
in Trust) see Contra ..			241 18 8			
„ Working Capital Fund (Balance						
held in Trust) see Contra ..			500 0 0			
„ Medical Mission Fund (Balance						
held in Trust) see Contra ..			3,035 8 9			
			<u>£25,571 6 3</u>			<u>£25,571 6 3</u>

Audited and found correct.

J. B. GILMORE, F.P.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. }

**CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MISSION
FUND, 1936.**

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

				£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ..	..	..	..	261	6	3
Auckland S.S. Mission	..	..	..	23	6	5
Auckland West	..	..	..	61	2	9
"	..	..	..	3	10	9
Auckland East	..	..	..	471	0	1
Avondale	..	..	..	224	17	3
Devonport	..	..	..	34	7	1
Takapuna	..	..	..	41	4	7
Birkenhead	..	..	..	74	10	0
Onehunga	..	..	..	92	14	11
Otahuhu ..	..	..	..	49	12	11
Papakura ..	..	..	..	24	10	5
"	..	..	..	5	12	6
Pukekohe	..	..	..	57	18	8
"	..	..	..	2	5	0
Waiuku ..	..	..	..	59	6	1
Bombay-Tuakau	..	..	..	12	18	5
Mahurangi	..	..	..	13	7	0
Paparoa ..	..	..	..	21	12	9
"	..	..	..	0	10	0
Dargaville	..	..	..	29	14	11
Ruawai ..	..	..	..	23	5	7
Whangarei	..	..	..	15	19	2
Whangaroa	..	..	..	3	0	2
Bay of Islands	..	..	..	13	10	10
Port Albert	..	..	..	100	14	7
Hikurangi	..	..	..	5	0	0
Kawakawa	..	..	..	4	7	6
Mangonui	..	..	..	2	10	0
Kaukapakapa	..	..	..	7	14	6
"	..	..	..	0	15	11
Helensville	..	..	..	16	2	0
Rawene ..	..	..	..	6	9	8
Kohukohu	..	..	..	9	11	2
				<hr/> £1,774 9 10 <hr/>		

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Thames	64	15	7
"	5	3	0
Hauraki Plains	6	1	4
"	0	17	0
Te Aroha	86	3	4
Paeroa	7	7	0
Morrinsville	72	19	6
Cambridge	52	0	5
Hamilton	67	2	5
Hamilton East	55	10	10
Huntly	8	1	3
Matamata	46	12	6
Rotorua	17	19	1
Tauranga	30	1	6
Whakatane	8	1	0
Opotiki	12	0	0
Te Awamutu	87	0	0
Otorohanga	25	3	4
Te Kuiti	21	6	3
Taumarunui	7	13	6
Ngaruawahia			
Waihi	35	16	9
Te Puke	3	3	8
Ohura	3	14	0
Putaruru	2	13	9
Coromandel	11	3	9
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	£738	10	9
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TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
New Plymouth	88	19	8
Waitara	9	10	4
Inglewood	8	12	9
Stratford	29	13	5
Eltham-Kaponga	24	12	5
Hawera	53	6	6
"	1	13	6
Manaia	10	18	8
Opunake	90	8	5
Wanganui	96	9	9
Wanganui North	48	7	4
Marton	9	5	6
Taihape	4	1	0
Raetihi	4	2	3
Gonville	21	0	8
Patea	4	5	2
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	£505	7	4
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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Napier	110	2	1
Hastings	140	4	10
"	9	10	0
Gisborne	23	14	0
Wairoa .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	5	0
Dannevirke .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9	14	11
Woodville .. .. .	..	..	..	..	21	7	0
Pahiatua .. .. .	..	..	..	..	43	1	5
" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	14	2
P.N. St. Paul's .. .. .	..	..	..	..	101	15	10
P.N. Cuba Street .. .. .	..	..	..	..	123	7	2
Ashhurst .. .. .	..	..	..	..	36	3	10
Feilding	314	6	6
Sanson	34	13	9
Waipawa	16	15	9
Foxton	2	13	3
Apiti	1	15	0
Norsewood	4	18	3
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					£997	2	9
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WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Wellington Central	202	5	2
Thorndon	97	18	10
Wellington South	71	17	3
Wellington East .. .. .	..	..	..	..	117	11	11
Johnsonville-Ngaio .. .. .	..	..	..	..	158	15	6
Hutt .. .. .	..	..	..	..	116	8	11
Petone .. .. .	..	..	..	..	29	10	11
Greytown-Featherston .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	10	0
Carterton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	22	9	2
" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	15	0
Masterton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	102	6	8
Eketahuna	16	12	5
Levin	58	15	4
"	14	2	4
Otaki	14	5	6
Paraparaumu	4	11	1
Upper Hutt	2	5	0
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					£1,033	1	0
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NELSON DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Nelson	129	1	7
Richmond	21	7	7
"	5	1	1
Wakefield-Dovedale	10	4	6
Motueka	32	14	7
Blenheim	105	2	1
Reefton	19	18	9
Westport	13	1	1
Greymouth	20	0	0
Hokitika	18	11	11
Havelock			
Murchison	5	1	0
Granity	3	16	6
	<u>£384</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.
Durham Street	103	10	1
Christchurch East	213	12	7
Cambridge Terrace	7	3	6
Woolston	95	3	2
Sydenham	48	8	10
Addington	61	4	3
Riccarton	27	7	10
St. Albans	92	16	9
"	10	2	0
Papanui	86	0	0
Lyttelton	12	12	1
Springston			
Tai Tapu	27	0	0
Leeston	32	19	4
Kaiapoi	35	6	11
Ohoka	38	2	2
Rangiora	44	3	10
Woodend-Sefton	33	1	11
Greendale	17	11	6
Oxford	26	9	5
Hawarden			
Waddington	10	19	1
	<u>£1,023</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru—					£	s.	d.
Banks Street ..	..	..	..	..	42	4	4
Woodlands Street ..	..	..	..	..	36	13	3
South ..	..	..	..	..	19	13	5
Waimate ..	..	..	..	..	20	10	8
Temuka ..	..	..	..	..	33	12	0
Geraldine ..	..	..	..	..	20	8	9
Ashburton ..	..	..	..	..	92	15	0
Willowby ..	..	..	..	..	37	6	0
" ..	..	..	..	..	12	13	6
Oamaru ..	..	..	..	..	31	4	0
Rakaia ..	..	..	..	..	13	13	8
					£360	14	7

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

					£	s.	d.
Trinity ..	..	..	..	..	91	8	5
Central Mission ..	..	..	..	..	51	17	11
Dundas Street ..	..	..	..	..	23	2	7
" ..	..	..	..	..	5	0	10
Cargill Road ..	..	..	..	..	55	18	9
St. Kilda ..	..	..	..	..	31	10	0
Caversham ..	..	..	..	..	35	7	8
Mornington ..	..	..	..	..	25	1	11
Roslyn ..	..	..	..	..	30	14	6
Port Chalmers ..	..	..	..	..	31	10	3
Balclutha ..	..	..	..	..	9	0	11
Milton ..	..	..	..	..	15	4	6
Roxburgh ..	..	..	..	..	16	14	10
Invercargill Central ..	..	..	..	..	77	13	8
Invercargill, St. Peter's ..	..	..	..	..	48	12	0
Bluff ..	..	..	..	..	4	1	7
Gore ..	..	..	..	..	23	1	9
Riverton ..	..	..	..	..	0	4	0
Maori Hill ..	..	..	..	..	11	15	2
Waikouaiti ..	..	..	..	..	11	0	0
Mosgiel ..	..	..	..	..	10	10	0
Edendale ..	..	..	..	..	14	5	0
Kaitangata ..	..	..	..	..	2	9	0
Lawrence ..	..	..	..	..	3	8	8
" ..	..	..	..	..	0	17	6
Cromwell ..	..	..	..	..	4	6	3
Otautau ..	..	..	..	..	20	2	10
					£655	0	6

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Eleven Months Ended 31st August, 1936.

	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, 30/9/35—						
General Account—						
Salaries ..	336	5	6			
Medical & Child Welfare	159	0	0			
Solomon Is. Doctor's Fd.	1	10	0			
Kurahuna Maintenance	3	13	5			
Box Money ..	11	11	0			
Executive Account ..	60	19	0			
			572	18	11	
266 Kurahuna Emergency Fd.	481	10	6			
Kurahuna Depreciation	234	3	6			
			715	14	0	
						1,288 12 11
Salaries ..	1849	6	3			
Gleanings ..	60	0	0			
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C.M. ..	123	10	0			
Medical & Child Welfare	143	7	8			
Kurahuna Maori G. School	306	3	8			
Native Teacher ..	5	0	0			
Solomon Is. G. School ..	1	0	0			
Deaconess House ..	4	17	0			
Debt Reduction ..	45	17	6			
H.M. Debt Reduction ..	14	10	5			
Sister Lina Jones' G. Exps.	6	5	9			
Box Money ..	9	14	0			
Gifts to Sisters ..	18	18	0			
Waiata Maori Choir ..	26	0	0			
						2,252 13 3
Salaries—						
Overseas (3 quarters) ..			992	12	6	
Home (3 quarters) ..			588	15	0	
Kurahuna Maintenance ..			234	5	1	
Kurahuna Depreciation ..			73	5	0	
Medical and Child Welfare			159	0	0	
Debt Reduction ..			45	17	6	
H.M. Debt Reduction ..			14	10	5	
Gifts to Sisters ..			22	18	0	
Doctor's Fund ..			33	2	3	
Native Teacher ..			5	0	0	
Solomon Is. G. School ..			1	0	0	
Deaconess House ..			4	17	0	
S. Ivy's Rent. Depot ..			20	0	0	
Kurahuna C. Fund ..			26	0	0	
Miss Caley's Bequest ..			5	0	0	
Donations towards S. Dobby's T. Exp.			10	0	0	
Mr. Goldie ..			7	7	0	
Rates on Section ..			0	12	6	
Box Money ..			8	11	0	
Travelling Expenses—						
Mrs. Duke, to Auckland ..			8	1	0	
Travelling Exps. to New Plymouth			19	18	9	
Printing ..			22	14	9	
Telephone ..			8	10	0	
Executive Expenses ..			21	11	0	
						80 15 6

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

Miss Caley's Bequest	..	5	0	0	
Dom. Stamps	..	39	3	11	
Doctor's Fund	..	31	12	3	
					2,690 6 5
Executive Fund	..	54	7	3	
Affiliation Fees	..	17	6	9	
P.O.S.B. Interest	..	9	13	7	
Exchange and Discount		1	8	4	
					82 15 11
Kurahuna Emergency Fd.	120	0	0		
Interest, P.O.S.B.	..	12	10	10	
Kurahuna Depreciation Fd.	23	6	0		
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements	..	49	19	0	
Interest, P.O.S.B.	..	7	3	2	
					212 19 0

Depreciation Fund—					
Repairs	25	0	9
Emergency Fund—					
Kurahuna Capital Fund	50	0	0	
				75	0 9
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Credit Balances in Bank—					
Salaries	787	14	3
Medical and Child Welfare	143	7	8	
Dominion Stamps	39	3	11	
Kurahuna M. G. School	2	7	0	
Box Money	1	7	0	
Executive Fund	38	12	8	
				1,012	12 6
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Kurahuna Emergency Fund	564	1	4	
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements		289	10	11	
				853	12 3
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					£4,274 14 3

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1936.

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I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, with the exception of those relating to the Accounts of the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School, a copy of the Audited Accounts of which has been submitted for my inspection.

I have inspected the Post Office Savings Bank Pass Books and have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the Super-numerary Fund Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the Kurahuna property, the Auckland Section and the Drainage Board Debentures.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet correctly sets out the position of the Union's Funds, as shown by its books, at 31st August, 1936.
Dated, 18th September, 1936.

G. S. GAPPER, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

G. S. GAPPER, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund.

Solomon Island Girls' School.

	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Solomon Island Girls' School	679	15	2	By Balance, 30/9/35 .. ..	..	..	657	13	6
				„ Donation .. ..	..	..	1	0	0
				„ Interest Accrued .. ..	..	..	21	1	8
	<u>£679</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>				<u>£679</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>

Kurahuna Capital Account.

	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Kurahuna Capital Account	148	18	3	By Balance, 30/9/35 .. ..	..	..	63	13	4
				„ Waiata Maori Choir .. ..	..	..	26	0	0
				„ Miss Caley's Bequest .. ..	..	..	5	0	0
				„ Emergency Fund .. ..	..	..	50	0	0
				„ Interest Accrued .. ..	..	..	4	4	11
	<u>£148</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>				<u>£148</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3</u>

"KURAHUNA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL

Maintenance Account from 1st October, 1935 to 31st August, 1936.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance, 1/10/35, General Fund	..	86	1 11	Household Expenses—			
„ Balance Girls' Stall, 1/10/35	..	9	0 1	By Grocer, etc.	..	70	16 1
„ Girls' Fees from Parents	..	101	2 0	„ Baker	..	14	6 11
„ Girls' Fees from Collection and Stall at				„ Butcher	..	13	3 8
"Kurahunu"	..	12	14 3	„ Milk	..	2	11 7
„ Interest on £3,000	..	105	0 0	„ Wood, Coal and Coke	..	16	9 0
„ Interest on Debentures	..	20	3 10	„ Electric Light	..	4	6 10
„ Subscription from Auxiliaries per Treas.				„ Gas Account	..	2	0 0
M.W.M.U.	..	287	6 3	„ Matron's Petty Cash	..	10	10 0
„ Refund from Repairs and Replacements	..	25	0 9	„ Clothing	..	2	13 5
„ Bequest from Est. Miss A. J. Caley	..	5	0 0	„ Dentist	..	8	12 0
„ Donation from Waiaata Maori Choir	..	26	0 0	„ House Linen, etc.	..	4	1 3
„ Donations for "Kurahunu"	..	6	5 0	„ Sundry Payments	..	5	6 8
„ Donations for Furnishing and Labour	..	5	10 0				154 17 5
„ Donations for Outings	..	0	10 0	„ Furnishing (Donation £4)	..	6	9 6
„ Donations from Visitors' Box	..	0	15 7	„ Plumber	..	7	13 0
„ Payment for Dentist's Account	..	5	10 6	„ Papering	..	8	5 0
„ Payment for Produce	..	4	6 8	„ Fencing and Labour (Donation			
„ Payment for Clothing	..	0	12 0	£1/10/-)	..	3	5 8
„ Girls' Stall at Pitt Street, 1936	..	15	4 1	„ Girls' Travelling, Pocket Money,			
„ Bank Interest	..	1	8 3	etc., (from Parents and Pensions)	..	21	1 6
							46 14 8
				Miscellaneous—			
				By Matron's Salary	..	91	13 4

I have examined the above Maintenance Account and compared it with the Books and Vouchers related thereto, and certify that in my opinion it correctly represents the position of the Account for the eleven months ended 31st August, 1936.

H. J. TUCK, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

AMOUNTS RAISED BY MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES.

			£	s.	d.
Ashburton	..	..	..	47	18 3
Auckland	..	..	..	572	19 8
Blenheim	..	..	..	31	9 1
Bluff ..	..	..	..	3	13 6
Cambridge	..	..	..	4	10 0
Christchurch	..	..	..	400	4 0
Dannevirke	..	..	..	17	5 0
Dannevirke, Young Women	..	..	..	20	0 0
Dargaville	..	..	..	1	14 0
Dunedin	..	..	..	147	17 11
Eltham ..	..	..	..	10	0 6
Feilding ..	..	..	..	50	15 0
Gisborne	..	..	..	17	0 0
Greymouth	..	..	..	7	6 6
Gonville ..	..	..	..	11	0 0
Gore ..	..	..	..	3	11 9
Hamilton (St. Paul's)	..	..	..	28	10 8
Hamilton East	..	..	..	9	5 6
Hastings	..	..	..	51	15 0
Hawera ..	..	..	..	51	15 6
Invercargill	..	..	..	81	17 11
Lepperton	..	..	..	4	1 0
Lower Hutt	..	..	..	18	19 5
Manaia ..	..	..	..	2	10 9
Masterton	..	..	..	33	10 0
Matamata	..	..	..	9	1 6
Motueka	..	..	..	3	18 9
Morrinsville	..	..	..	35	3 11
Napier ..	..	..	..	36	7 0
Nelson ..	..	..	..	39	7 9
New Plymouth	..	..	..	36	17 6
Oamaru ..	..	..	..	10	13 3
Oxford ..	..	..	..	7	1 6
Pahiatua	..	..	..	6	2 0
Palmerston N.	..	..	..	81	17 6
Petone ..	..	..	..	15	11 0
Rangiora	..	..	..	45	7 2
Roxburgh	..	..	..	16	0 0
Ruawai ..	..	..	..	20	0 0
Richmond	..	..	..	9	5 0
Stratford	..	..	..	11	2 0
Southbrook Y.P.	..	..	..	2	12 2
Te Aroha	..	..	..	20	1 5
Te Awamutu	..	..	..	26	19 9
Thames ..	..	..	..	18	19 6
Timaru ..	..	..	..	38	4 4
Taumarunui	..	..	..	0	2 6
Waimate	..	..	..	11	11 6
Waitara ..	..	..	..	7	5 0
Waiuku ..	..	..	..	8	8 6
Waiwhetu	..	..	..	20	3 9
Wanganui (Trinity)	..	..	..	29	19 10
Wanganui North	..	..	..	25	13 5
Willowby	..	..	..	9	14 1
Willowby Y.P.	..	..	..	0	2 6
Wellington	..	..	..	253	4 10
Woodville	..	..	..	18	17 0
Whangarei	..	..	..	1	0 0
Otago Y.W.M.M.	..	..	..	60	0 0
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C.M.	..	..	..	123	10 0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 19th January, 1937.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. I. LAURENSEN and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	Circuits.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	211	5	7			
Ditto, 1935 ..	1	10	0			
Auckland Central Mission	69	17	10			
Auckland West	40	9	1			
Ditto, 1935 ..	2	2	6			
Auckland East ..	411	11	3			
Ditto, 1935 ..	2	15	0			
Auckland - Avondale	176	14	6			
Ditto, 1935 ..	2	0	0			
Auckland-Devonport	27	0	1			
Auckland - Takapuna	36	8	0			
Ditto, 1935 ..	12	3	6			
Auckland - Birkenhead	44	12	10			
Onehunga ..	52	8	0			
Otahuhu ..	35	18	3			
Ditto, 1935 ..	0	5	0			
Papakura ..	29	3	2			
Pukekohe ..	43	13	9			
Ditto, 1935 ..	5	8	0			
Waiuku ..	140	17	3			
Mahurangi ..	41	1	10			
Paparoa ..	30	16	0			
Dargaville ..	23	3	0			
Ruawai ..	17	0	11			
Whangarei ..	23	17	4			
Whangaroa ..	12	1	6			
Bay of Islands	15	9	10			
Port Albert ..	38	2	6			
Ditto, 1935 ..	3	0	0			
Hikurangi ..	6	0	0			
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	18	5	8			
Mangonui ..	10	14	0			
Maori Missions ..	40	3	3			

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay-Tuakau	11	2	1
Kaukapakapa ..	17	3	10
Helensville ..	17	16	2
Hokitika-Rawene	9	17	9
Hokitika ..	13	0	1
Kohukohu ..	13	0	1

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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

	Circuits.		
	£	s.	d.
Thames ..	53	14	2
Ditto, 1935 ..	3	18	6
Hauraki Plains	9	8	0
Paeroa ..	3	11	6
Te Aroha ..	118	18	8
Morrinsville ..	65	0	0
Cambridge ..	53	15	3
Hamilton ..	107	0	10
Ditto, 1935 ..	3	7	0
Hamilton East ..	57	10	7
Ditto, 1935 ..	1	18	0
Huntly ..	9	5	8
Matamata ..	47	0	0
Rotorua ..	2	16	2
Tauranga ..	28	5	5
Whakatane ..	14	15	0
Opotiki ..	14	11	6
Te Awamutu ..	93	0	0
Otorohanga ..	0	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

MAORI MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	1,270	0	0			
Waikato - King County	1,521	9	6			
Taranaki-Wanganui	1,337	15	0			
				4,129	4	6
Special.						
South Island Travelling	50	0	0			
Sunday School Materials	10	0	0			
Evangelistic Mission and Workers' Conference	60	0	0			
Students	60	0	0			
Removal Expenses	54	17	10			
Printing New Edition Hymn Book and Leaflets	60	0	0			
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0			
Maori Furniture	44	1	0			
Contingencies	50	0	0			
				393	18	10
				£4,523	3	4

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Rawene ..	10	0	0
Kaukapakapa ..	10	0	0
Silverdale ..	10	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Mahurangi ..	48	15	0
Bay of Islands	15	0	0
Hikurangi ..	27	10	0
Ditto, Special	30	18	3
Paparoa ..	40	0	0
Whangaroa ..	75	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	16	5	0
Mangonui ..	3	15	0

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SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	28	15	0
Ditto, Special	15	0	0
Ngaruawahia	7	10	0
Kawhia ..	50	0	0
Investments' Board on Account Ohura	25	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Whakatane ..	18	15	0
Paeroa ..	41	5	0
Tauranga ..	10	0	0
Opotiki ..	40	0	0
Taumarunui	60	0	0
Otorohanga ..	21	5	0
Huntly ..	5	0	0
Hauraki Plains	33	15	0
Morrinsville	16	5	0
Te Kuiti ..	45	0	0
Waihi ..	30	0	0

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1936—Continued.

RECEIPTS.									
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Te Kuiti ..	0	0	0						
Ditto, 1935 ..	8	16	0						
Taumarunui ..	17	2	8						
Maori Missions ..	53	2	3						
Ngaruawahia ..	7	0	0						
Waihi ..	30	1	8						
Ditto, 1935 ..	5	0	3						
Putaruru ..	4	9	2						
Home Mission Stations.									
Te Puke ..	6	2	7						
Ohura ..	16	8	1						
Coromandel ..	12	3	3						
					848	2	2		

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.									
New Plymouth ..	111	14	6						
Waitara ..	4	11	2						
Inglewood ..	6	7	2						
Stratford ..	36	4	7						
Eltham-Kaponga ..	30	14	10						
Hawera ..	80	5	0						
Manaiā ..	11	16	3						
Opunake ..	71	4	2						
Wanganui ..	111	13	1						
Wanganui North ..	24	18	4						
Marton ..	18	0	6						
Taihape ..	2	2	0						
Maori Missions ..	60	11	8						
Home Mission Stations.									
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	11	17	8						
Gonville ..	44	5	0						
Patea ..	17	0	0						
					643	5	11		

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.									
Napier ..	150	5	9						
Hastings ..	55	7	4						
Ditto, 1935 ..	28	7	9						
Gisborne ..	21	2	0						
Ditto, 1935 ..	7	12	4						
Waioa ..	3	14	9						
Dannevirke ..	14	13	0						
Woodville ..	24	17	6						
Ditto, 1935 ..	0	10	0						
Pahiatua ..	0	4	0						
Palmerston North—									
St. Paul's ..	81	13	11						
Cuba Street ..	68	5	8						
Ashhurst-Bunny-									
thorpe ..	20	13	0						
Feilding ..	141	19	3						
Sanson-Rongotea ..	27	17	8						
Home Mission Stations.									
Waipawa ..	12	18	8						
Foxton-Shannon ..	13	12	8						
Apiti ..	15	4	7						
Norsewood ..	8	1	2						
					697	1	2		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.									
Wellington—									
Central ..	255	12	3						
Thorndon ..	92	4	8						
South ..	43	17	5						
Ditto, 1935 ..	0	5	6						
East ..	100	16	7						
Johnsonville—									
Ngalo ..	107	12	0						
Ditto, 1935 ..	1	7	0						
Hutt ..	83	6	10						
Petone ..	24	7	10						
Greytown—									
Featherston ..	1	0	0						

EXPENDITURE.

EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.						
Home Mission Stations.						
Raetihi-Ohakune	10	0	0			
Patea	16	5	0			
Ditto, Special	15	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Inglewood	60	0	0			
Waitara	15	0	0			
Manaiā	17	10	0			
Marton	35	0	0			
Taihape	36	5	0			
Wanganui North	7	10	0			
Wanganui—						
Special	150	0	0			
	<hr/>			362	10	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.				
Waipawa ..	18	10	0	
Foxton-Shannon ..	17	10	0	
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0	
Apiti ..	20	0	0	
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0	
Norsewood ..	5	0	0	
Aided Circuits.				
Wairoa ..	30	0	0	
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0	
Dannevirke ..	15	0	0	
Woodville ..	20	0	0	
Pahiatua ..	10	0	0	
				166 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.				
Paraparaumu	18	15	0	
Ditto, Special	20	0	0	
Upper Hutt	29	0	0	
Aided Circuits.				
Eketahuna ..	46	5	0	
Otaki ..	33	15	0	
Greytown ..	12	10	0	
				160 5

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.					
Havelock ..	13	15	0		
Granity ..	45	0	0		
Murchison * ..	7	10	0		
Aided Circuits.					
Westport ..	15	0	0	81	5 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.				
Hawarden ..	13	15	0	
Waddington ..	25	0	0	
Aided Circuits.				
Addington ..	20	0	0	
St. Albans ..	16	5	0	
Lyttelton ..	18	15	0	
Springston ..	17	10	0	
Tai Tapu ..	33	15	0	
Oxford ..	40	0	0	
Ohoka ..	3	15	0	
				188 15

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.			
Temuka ..	31	5	0
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0
Geraldine ..	42	10	0
Rakala-Methven	2	10	0
			81 5 0

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1936—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Carterton ..	18	14	7			
Ditto, 1935 ..	14	2	10			
Masterton ..	104	15	1			
Eketahuna ..	30	2	7			
Levin ..	56	0	0			
Ditto, 1935 ..	19	15	0			
Otaki ..	25	15	5			

Home Mission Stations.

Upper Hutt ..	6	15	9			
Paraparaumu ..	9	7	6			
Island Bay, 1935 ..	1	11	8			
				997	10	6

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	127	15	2
Richmond ..	28	1	9
Wakefield- Dovedale ..	11	13	0
Motueka ..	48	9	5
Blenheim ..	147	0	11
Reefton ..	18	11	2
Westport ..	26	8	10
Greymouth ..	37	10	11
Hokitika ..	41	5	0

Home Mission Stations.

Home Mission Stations.			
Havelock	..	3 11 0	
Murchison	..	4 2 3	
Granity	..	7 8 8	
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NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Christchurch—			
Durham St. ..	181	8	6
East ..	214	3	8
Cambridge Ter. ..	33	13	3
Woolston ..	89	2	8
Sydenham ..	40	11	1
Addington ..	70	0	0
Ditto, 1935 ..	10	6	6
Riccarton ..	29	13	5
St. Albans ..	69	14	3
Ditto, 1935 ..	0	10	0
Papanui ..	55	6	0
Lyttelton ..	16	3	5
Springston ..	21	4	9
Tai Tapu ..	12	0	0
Leeston ..	52	11	2
Ditto, 1935 ..	0	10	7
Katapoi ..	138	1	1
Ohoka ..	41	10	1
Rangiora ..	47	11	2
Woodend-Sefton ..	27	3	1
Greendale ..	24	1	10
Oxford ..	65	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden ..	0	0	0
Waddington ..	9	11	5
Proceeds Christ- church Com- bined Rally..	12	14	6
			1,262 12 5

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Timaru—			
Bank Street ..	59	8	1
Woodlands St. ..	28	9	4
South ..	17	5	5
Ditto, 1935 ..	3	18	3
Waimata ..	41	0	0
Temuka ..	33	14	3
Geraldine ..	22	12	3
Ashburton ..	153	11	0

EXPENDITURE.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Nightcaps ..	18	15	0
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0
Edendale ..	20	0	0
Waikouaiti ..	2	10	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Port Chalmers ..	45	0	0
Ditto, Maori ..	3	15	0
Ditto, Ravens- bourne ..	20	0	0
Ditto, Ravens- bourne, Maori ..	6	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Balclutha ..	11	5	0
Roxburgh ..	22	10	0
Milton ..	22	10	0
Riverton ..	35	0	0
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0

Dunedin—

Central Mission,			
Probationer	37	10	0
Ditto, Mission			
Deaconess	15	0	0

Total for Circuits .. £2,064 13 3

GENERAL.

General Superintendent—

Stipend ..	250	0	0
House Allow- ance ..	150	0	0
Travelling ..	123	0	0

Assistant Superintendent—

Stipend ..	225	0	0
Parsonage Rent	130	0	0
Travelling	115	0	0

Treasurer—In-

cidental Ex-					
penses	..				
onnexional					
Charges	..				

					Office.

					Office.
Rent	64	9	0		
Telephones ..	30	0	9		
Electric Power	10	10	10		
Book-keeping	95	19	2		
Secretarial Work	115	5	6		

Printing and Stationery.

Annual Reports	56	7	10
Printing and Stationery	186	18	11

**Postage and
Telegrams ..**

72 15 1

Interest, Etc.

Interest on			
Overdraft	187	17	3
Cheque Books &			
Bank Charges	2	10	0
Exchange, etc.	17	0	0

**Deputation Ex-
 penses ..**

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	RECEIPTS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Willowby ..	44	7	1			
Oamaru ..	39	14	8			
Ditto, 1935 ..	1	13	10			
Rakala-Methven ..	12	16	5			
				458	10	7

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.					
Dunedin	126	7	9		
Ditto, 1935 ..	3	18	8		
Central Mission	59	8	6		
Dundas Street	19	10	1		
Cargill Road	33	2	11		
St. Kilda ..	28	16	5		
Ditto, 1935 ..	3	5	6		
Caversham ..	25	12	0		
Mornington	13	4	8		
Roslyn ..	18	14	6		
Port Chalmers	32	9	0		
Balclutha ..	11	17	3		
Milton ..	21	2	11		
Roxburgh ..	31	8	3		
Invercargill—					
Central ..	117	9	4		
St. Peter's ..	52	5	0		
Bluff ..	5	10	9		
Gore ..	34	3	5		
Riverton ..	11	2	11		
Home Mission Stations.					
Maori Hill ..	6	16	1		
Waikouaiti ..	11	10	0		
Mosgiel ..	15	8	11		
Edendale ..	13	4	3		
Kaitangata ..	8	16	3		
Lawrence ..	4	1	9		
Cromwell ..	6	0	3		
Otautau—					
Tuatapere ..	12	8	5		
Nightcaps ..	5	5	0		
Proceeds Dunedin					
Combined Rally	18	15	4		
				751	16 1

SUNDRY DONATIONS.

Waiata Choir ..	600	0	0
"Te Matere" ..	25	0	0
Estate late Chas.			
White ..	50	0	0
W.C.S.I. ..	10	0	0
"Thankoffering" ..	5	0	0
"Best Wishes" ..	5	0	0
"Grateful" ..	4	0	0
Sister Lily White	3	10	0
Auckland Minis-			
ters' Fraternal			
—Sale of Books	3	17	6
"Thanks be to God"	3	18	0
"Thankful" ..	3	0	0
Mrs. M. A. Turton	3	0	0
"Elah," Dunedin	2	10	0
"Two Friends" ..	2	0	0
A.D. ..	2	0	0
Anon. ..	2	0	0
Easter Camp, Pa-			
rata, Y.W.B.C.	1	17	7
Deaconess' Con-			
ference, Ratana			
Pa ..	1	7	0
Taranaki Y.W.B.C.	1	7	0
Well Wisher ..	1	0	0
Anon. ..	1	0	0
Mrs. Shearman	1	0	0
J.G. ..	1	0	0
Sister Vera Cannon	1	0	0
Geo. Dennis, En-			
field ..	1	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Retiring Funds.					
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Deaconess ..	108	0	0		
Home Mis-					
sionaries ..	177	0	0		
				285	0 0
Miscellaneous.					
Theological Col-					
lege ..	135	0	0		
Deaconess House	75	0	0		
Ministerial Sup-					
plies ..	25	2	6		
Sites' Fund ..	50	0	0		
Car Replacement	100	0	0		
Motor Cars,					
Registration,					
Insurance, etc.	53	0	2		
Pictures' De-					
partment ..	100	0	0		
Code "Paipera"	2	0	0		
Rates, Hawera &					
Spring Creek	3	11	10		
"Methodist Times"	12	10	0		
Alterations to					
Office ..	14	9	3		
Bibles for Home					
Missionaries	3	0	0		
Toll ..	11	17	7		
Sundries ..	9	15	6		
				595	6 10
				£5,126	4 10
Maori ..				4,523	3 4
Dr. Balance, 1935				3,523	2 1

Carried Forward 13,172 10 3

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1936—Continued.

	113	18	5
Dr. Balance, 1936	837	7	6
	£13,172	10	3

P. DELLOW
J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.

£	s.	d.	Special Grant
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Audited and found correct.	P. DELLOW J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.	} Hon. Auditors.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1937.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital Awaiting Investment, 15/1/36				3,308	16	0
„ Cash on Account Capital—						
Estate S. Uren	500	0	0			
„ J. Sheat	2	8	8			
„ Mrs. Willis, Ashburton	6	18	8			
„ W. Phillips	100	0	0			
„ Chas. Gibbs	100	0	0			
„ S. J. Ambury	20	0	0			
Ohura Property	25	0	0			
Mr. S. Gorman (to be known as Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest) see below	2,050	0	0			
Sinking Funds Interest and Maintenance Accounts	170	8	5			
Car Replacement Account	115	15	3			
				3,090	11	0
„ Interest from H.M. Fund on Capital Awaiting Investment—						
On General	139	11	6			
On Canterbury Matured Debentures	13	10	0			
On Gorman Bequest	14	5	0			
				167	6	6
„ Interest from Wake Estate	170	13	11			
„ „ Canterbury Inscribed Stock	33	11	8			
„ „ Gorman Stock	18	0	0			
„ „ Mornington Investment	5	0	0			
„ Interest on Memorial Gifts as opposite	60	0	0			
Auckland Investments	446	10	3			
				733	15	10
„ Interest Collected on Account Mission Property Trustees				244	19	0
				£7,545	8	4
By Interest Transferred to H.M. Fund				901	2	4
„ Interest Transferred to Mission Property Trustees				244	19	0
„ Capital Invested				229	17	8
„ Car Replacement Account (Loaned to Maori Workers' Car Fund)				431	0	3
„ Maintenance Account, Balance Disbursed				3	3	11
„ Capital Awaiting Investment				5,735	5	2

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION BEQUEST.

(Abstracted from the above Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Inscribed Stock, at 15/1/36	450	0	0	By Interest to Home Mission Fund ..	32	5	0
„ New Capital during the year	2,050	0	0	„ Balance, Capital at 15/1/37	2,500	0	0
„ Interest on Inscribed Stock	18	0	0				
„ Interest on New Capital	14	5	0				
	£2,532	5	0		£2,532	5	0

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT JANUARY 16th, 1937.

Treasurers: REV. G. I. LAURENSEN and MR. FRANK PENN.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Legacies and Memorial Gifts at 15/1/36	24,085	10	7	By Loans on Mortgage	11,125	0	0
„ Car Replacement Account at 15/1/36	315	5	0	„ Debentures	225	0	0
„ Sinking Funds at 15/1/36	97	4	9	„ Government Inscribed Stock, excluding Canterbury Investment	3,000	0	0
„ Maintenance Account at 15/1/36	3	3	11	„ Properties	5,897	5	11
	24,501	4	3	„ Lodged with Wesley College Board	350	0	0
„ New Capital Received During the Year—				„ Canterbury Investment Inscribed Stock	800	0	0
Estate S. Uren	500	0	0	„ Car Replacement Account, Lodged in Maori Workers' Car Account	431	0	3
„ J. Sheat	2	8	8	„ Capital Awaiting Investment—			
„ Mrs. Willis	6	18	8	Canterbury Matured Debentures	300	0	0
„ W. Phillips	100	0	0	Sinking Funds and Maintenance Accounts	267	13	2
„ Chas. Gibbs	100	0	0	General	5,167	12	0
„ S. J. Ambury	20	0	0		5,735	5	2
Gorman Bequest	2,050	0	0				
	2,779	7	4				
„ Car Replacement Account	115	15	3				
	115	15	3				
„ Sinking Funds and Maintenance	170	8	5				
Less Disbursal Account	3	3	11				
	167	4	6				
	£27,563	11	4		£27,563	11	4

MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND.

Treasurers: REV. G. I. LAURENSEN and MR. FRANK PENN.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital Lodged with Wesley College Board				By Interest Transferred to Kurahina School Committee	131	5	0
at 15/1/36	3,000	0	0	.. Balance Principal, Lodged with Wesley Training College Board	3,000	0	0
.. Interest Received During the Year ..	131	5	0				
	£3,131	5	0		£3,131	5	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 January 16th, 1937.

P. DELLOW
J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 16th, 1937.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. FROST and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1936					26	4	5	By Payments, H.M. Fund ..		294	19	0			
.. Rents—								.. Office Rent ..		8	10	0			
Kao	38	0	0					.. Rates ..		24	5	3			
Newark	23	0	0					.. Water Rights ..		10	0	0			
Mangungu	0	10	0					.. Secretarial Work ..		10	0	0			
Mangawhare	40	3	6					.. Bank Charges ..		0	10	0			
					101	13	6	.. Cr. Balance					348	4	3
From Loan on Mortgage	244	19	0										37	15	2
.. Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.	13	2	6												
					258	1	6								
					£385	19	5						£385	19	5

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds		16,271	16	8	By Mortgages		11,500	0	0
.. Balance, Revenue Account			37	2	.. Properties		4,471	16	8
					.. Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.		300	0	0
					.. Credit, Bank of New Zealand		37	15	2
		£16,309	11	10			£16,309	11	10

Audited and found correct. P. DELLOW
J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST HOME MISSION

ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1937

INCOME.

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland District				1,229	0	0
South Auckland District				724	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District				444	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District				548	0	0
Wellington District				674	0	0
Nelson District				480	0	0
North Canterbury District				891	0	0
South Canterbury District				365	0	0
Otago-Southland District				645	0	0
Properties				6,000	0	0
Investments				1,000	0	0
Special for Social and Religious Work amongst the Maoris:—				950	0	0
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	820	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Movement	160	0	0			
Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust	360	0	0			
(The Sunday School contributions for the support of a Deaconess are included in the Circuit Estimates)				1,340	0	0
Miscellaneous				200	0	0
Estimated ordinary income apart from the special effort				<u>£9,490</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT. Maori Work.

	£	s.	d.
Senior Supt.—Stipend	210	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Rent	30	0	0
Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Minister—Travelling	60	0	0
13 H.M.'s—Grant for Travel- ling Expenses	213	10	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
To Investment Board for Rent	16	10	0
	<u>£1,575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.
Rawene	10	0	0
Conditional	5	0	0
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	20	0	0
Conditional	10	0	0
Special	30	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Mahurangi	35	0	0
Conditional	10	0	0
If 2nd agent appointed	35	0	0
Whangarei, if 2nd agent ap- pointed	35	0	0
Dargaville, if 2nd agent ap- pointed	40	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Bay of Islands (if P.)	25	0	0
Conditional	5	0	0
Hikurangi (if P.)	30	0	0
Conditional	10	0	0
Paparoa	40	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Whangaroa ..	80	0	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Conditional ..	10	0	0	Raetihi-Ohakune ..	10	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	30	0	0	" Conditional ..	10	0	0
" Special ..	20	0	0	Patea ..	15	0	0

£180 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	80	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	80	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	60	0	0
18 H.M.'s—Grant for Travel- ling Expenses ..	366	7	6
Deaconess—Stipend ..	135	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	104	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess Supply Travelling ..	26	0	0
To Investment Board for Rent ..	138	2	6

£1,699 10 0

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	40	0	0
Kawhia ..	50	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Paeroa ..	45	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0
Tauranga ..	10	0	0
Opotiki ..	40	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0
Taumarunui ..	50	0	0
Otorohanga ..	20	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0
Huntly ..	5	0	0
Hauraki Plains ..	35	0	0
Conditional ..	5	0	0
Te Kuiti ..	50	0	0
Conditional ..	10	0	0
Waihi ..	40	0	0
Rotorua (M.O.M.) ..	40	0	0
Putaruru ..	10	0	0

£495 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Rent ..	20	0	0
11 H.M.'s—Grant for Travel- ling Expenses ..	170	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	55	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	125	0	0
Travelling ..	55	0	0
Grey Institute for Rent ..	39	0	0

£1,024 0 0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Wanganui North ..	20	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Waitara ..	10	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0
Manaiā ..	25	0	0
Marton ..	35	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0
Taihape ..	35	0	0
Wanganui, Special ..	100	0	0

£290 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa ..	45	0	0
Foxton-Shannon ..	40	0	0
Apiti ..	25	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wairoa ..	20	0	0
Dannevirke, Conditional ..	15	0	0
Woodville ..	10	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0
Pahiatua ..	10	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0

£210 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	35	0	0
Upper Hutt ..	30	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Otaki ..	35	0	0
Eketahuna ..	40	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0

£155 0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Murchison ..	15	0	0
Conditional ..	10	0	0
Granity ..	45	0	0
Havelock ..	5	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Westport ..	15	0	0
Reefton (if M.O.M.) ..	30	0	0
Conditional ..	15	0	0

£135 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Hawarden ..	25	0	0
Waddington ..	25	0	0
Conditional ..	5	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

Aided Circuits.						£ s. d.		
	£	s. d.						
Christchurch East (Wainoni)			Students	..	..	30	0	0
(If Supernumerary Supply)	20	0 0	" Methodist Times "	..	..	5	0	0
Addington, Lincoln Road ..	15	0 0	Contingencies	..	..	50	0	0
St. Albans, Bryndwr ..	15	0 0	Removal Expenses and Fur-	..	..	100	0	0
Lytelton ..	35	0 0	niture	..	..	
Springston ..	20	0 0				£285	0	0
Tai Tapu ..	40	0 0	Miscellaneous.					
" " Conditional ..	15	0 0	H.M. Retiring Fund	..	..	250	0	0
Oxford ..	40	0 0	Deaconess Retiring Fund	..	..	100	0	0
" Conditional ..	15	0 0	H.M. Deputation Expenses	..	..	150	0	0
	£270	0 0	Ministerial Supplies	..	..	200	0	0
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.			Theological Institution	..	..	135	0	0
Aided Circuits.			Deaconess House	..	..	75	0	0
Geraldine ..	45	0 0	Interest and Bank Charges	..	..	250	0	0
" Conditional ..	15	0 0	Church Sites Fund	..	..	50	0	0
Rakaia-Methven, Conditional	10	0 0	Printing	..	..	200	0	0
Temuka ..	30	0 0	Advertising Space, " Metho-	..	..	
" Maori ..	5	0 0	dist Times "	..	..	12	10	0
	£105	0 0	Spiritual Advance	..	..	25	0	0
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.			Picture Department, Plant	..	..	100	0	0
Home Mission Stations.			Picture Department, Subsidy	..	..	
Edendale ..	15	0 0	Stipend ..	..	..	150	0	0
Nightcaps ..	35	0 0	Car Depreciation Account	..	..	100	0	0
			Contingencies ..	..	..	400	0	0
						£2,197	10	0
Circuits with Home Missionaries.			General Superintendent.					
Port Chalmers ..	50	0 0	Stipend ..	..	..	275	0	0
" " Maori ..	5	0 0	House Allowance ..	..	..	150	0	0
" " Ravensbourne			Travelling ..	..	..	100	0	0
(M.H.M.)	25	0 0				£525	0	0
" " Ravensbourne			Assistant Superintendent.					
Maori ..	5	0 0	Stipend ..	..	..	250	0	0
Aided Circuits.			Rent ..	..	..	135	0	0
Roxburgh ..	25	0 0	Travelling ..	..	..	100	0	0
" Conditional ..	15	0 0				£485	0	0
Riverton ..	30	0 0	Connexional Charges	..	..	£90	0	0
" Maori ..	5	0 0	General Treasurers.					
Balclutha ..	10	0 0	Book-keeping ..	..	..	110	0	0
Milton ..	40	0 0	Incidental Expenses	..	..	15	0	0
Caversham ..	10	0 0				£125	0	0
" Conditional ..	5	0 0	Office Expenses.					
Bluff (M.O.M.) ..	40	0 0	Secretarial ..	..	..	125	0	0
	£315	0 0	Rent ..	..	..	68	7	0
GENERAL.			Telephone Rentals	..	..	27	0	0
Maori Work.			Light and Heating	..	..	10	0	0
S.S. Material ..	10	0 0	Postage and Telegrams, etc.	..	..	50	0	0
Printing New Edition Hymn						£280	7	0
Book and Leaflets	60	0 0						
Special — South Island								
Travelling ..	30	0 0						

SUMMARY—HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1937.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.			
Circuits ..	6,000	0 0	Maori ..	4,583	10 0			
Properties ..	1,000	0 0	General ..	6,157	17 0			
Investments ..	950	0 0				10,741	7 0	
Special for Maori Work ..	1,340	0 0				837	7 6	
Miscellaneous ..	200	0 0	Dr. Balance, 1936					
Ordinary income ..	9,490	0 0						
To be raised by special effort	2,088	14 6						
	£11,578	14 6				£11,578	14 6	

WILSON & HORTON LTD., PRINTERS, AUCKLAND

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31st July, 1936.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock	..	..	786	12	9				By Sales	..	..	3117	17	11			
„ Purchases	..	..	2410	2	4				„ Stock on Hand	..	..	1037	10	5			
						3196	15	1							4155	8	4
„ Gross Profit	..	..				958	13	3									
															£4,155	8	4
						£4,155	8	4									
To Salaries	..	..	635	0	0				By Gross Profit	..	..				958	13	3
„ Office and Bookroom Exps.	..	..	19	14	1				„ Payments for work done	..	..	420	10	8			
„ Rent	..	..	54	10	0				„ Waiata Maori Choir	..	..	395	10	0			
„ Stamps	..	..	79	0	9				„ Subscriptions	..	..	3	17	0			
„ Printing and Stationery	..	..	26	13	7										819	17	8
„ Depreciation	..	..	17	10	11												
„ Freight	..	..	15	8	4												
„ Cables	..	..	2	11	9												
„ Advertising	..	..	10	10	0												
„ Insurance	..	..	1	3	2												
„ Interest	..	..	0	3	1												
„ General Expenses	..	..	2	9	0												
„ Reserve for Bad Debts	..	..	35	0	0												
						899	14	8									
„ Balance to Capital				878	16	3									
						£1,778	10	11							£1,778	10	11

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1936.

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We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and, in our opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs as at 31st July, 1936. 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.

21st September, 1936

J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance in hand 1st Jan., 1936	..			168	6 1	To House Accounts	.. 392 16 2
By Conference Grants —						„ Renewals	.. 71 11 10
Home Mission Board	..	75	0 0			„ Repairs	.. 37 18 0
Fire Insurance Board	..	120	0 0			„ Salaries	.. 286 6 0
Foreign Mission Board	..	25	0 0				788 12 0
Contingent Fund	..	75	0 0			„ Advertising	.. 7 0 0
				295	0 0	„ Telephone	.. 10 10 0
„ Rents	..			52	0 0	„ Bank Charges	.. 1 0 0
„ Dedication Service	..			5	18 5	„ Periodicals	.. 2 2 8
„ Associates Subscriptions	..	27	5 0			„ Sundries, Petty Cash, etc.	.. 1 7 8
„ Women's Missionary Auxiliary	..	4	17 0			„ Travelling Exps., Deaconesses	.. 4 1 9
„ Other Donations	..	8	11 0				26 2 1
				40	13 0	„ Rates	.. 49 9 11
„ Hostel Receipts	..			790	19 9	„ Insurances	.. 25 6 10
						„ Interest	.. 72 0 0
							146 16 9
						„ Balance —	
						At Bank of New Zealand	.. 311 6 5
						Cash on Hand	.. 80 0 0
							391 6 5
							£1,352 17 3
							£1,352 17 3

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.

11th January, 1937.

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurer.

7th January, 1937

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.
Assets and Liabilities, Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mortgage (Duncan Cottrill & Co.)	1,600	0	0				Deaconess House Property ..	5,000	0 0
Depreciation Account	1,100	0	0				Furnishings (£324, <i>less</i> depreciation)	292	0 0
				2,700	0	0			5,292 0 0
Rates due	48	11	10				Balance at Bank of N.Z. 31/12/36	311	6 5
Interest due 13th Jan., 1937 ..	36	0	0				Cash on hand	80	0 0
Hostel Accounts for December due (approx).	36	10	0						391 6 5
				121	1	10			
Balance of Assets over Liabilities				2,862	4	7			
				£5,683	6	5			£5,683 6 5

Audited and found correct.

ARTHUR R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.

11th January, 1937,

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurer.

7th January, 1937

MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurer : REV. GEO. FROST, MR. A. LEN. CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended 16th October, 1936.

1935—Oct. 18th—
To Balance—Capital A/c. .. £ s. d.
426 16 6

RECEIPTS

1936—Oct. 17th—
Revenue—
Circuit Collections and Subs. .. 665 15 5
Sunday Schools and Y.P. Soes. .. 17 17 6
General Donations .. 50 6 0
City Collections .. 110 17 0
Maintenance Fees .. 1,454 1 10
Discount, Exchange, Refunds, etc. 22 1 10
Interest .. 106 8 9
Dividends .. 407 6 7
Rents .. 106 16 8
Sale of Stock .. 7 8 0
Concert—Gross Proceeds .. 38 8 0

2,987 7 7

Capital—
Sara Andrew Bequest .. 208 15 0
Crago Bequest .. 95 12 7
W. Phillips Bequest .. 50 0 0
M. B. Thompson Bequest .. 124 18 0
De Luen Bequest .. 250 0 0
Purchase Money—Danielson .. 350 0 0

1,079 5 7

Withdrawals—Savings Bank .. 900 0 0

£5,393 9 8

1935, Oct. 18th—
By Balance—Bank N.Z. Current A/c £ s. d.
153 15 6

DISBURSEMENTS

1936, Oct. 17th—
Revenue—
Salaries and Commission .. 1,195 16 2
Provisions .. 657 19 9
Furnishings .. 20 14 1
Drapery, Clothing, Boots .. 38 7 7
Fuel and Light .. 156 5 3
Farm and Garden .. 26 10 4
Printing, Stationery, Advertising 53 9 4
Medical and Dental .. 15 6 2
Stamps and Telephones .. 47 8 8
Travelling Expenses .. 14 18 8
Interest .. 16 12 3
Repairs .. 125 14 5
Insurance .. 68 15 0
Sundry Expenses .. 45 9 7
Matron's Petty Cash .. 44 1 2
Rates and Taxes .. 85 0 10
Office Rent .. 15 13 8
Concert Expenses .. 18 1 2

2,646 4 1

Capital—
N.Z. Inscribed Stock purchased 1,029 2 6
Whangarei Lighting Co.—Calls 499 10 0
Deposits—Auckland Savings Bank 875 0 0

Balance—
Bank N.Z. Current Account .. 187 8 0
Bank N.Z. Capital Account .. 2 9 7

£5,393 9 8

Revenue Account.

1936—Oct. 17th—

To Expenditure as per above statement ..	£	s.	d.
„ Depreciation—Furniture	2,646	4	1
„ Capital A/c.—Excess Revenue Transferred ..	84	3	0
	257	0	6

 £2,987 7 7

1936—Oct. 17th—

By Receipts as per above Statement ..	£	s.	d.
	2,987	7	7

 £2,987 7 7

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I have examined the Books and Vouchers relating to the above Accounts and Balance-Sheet of the Mt. Albert and Epsom Methodist Orphanages, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust as at the 17th October, 1936, as shown by the Books of the Trust.

EGERTON GILL, F.P.A.N.Z.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME MASTERTON.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st December, 1936.

		RECEIPTS			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
To	Balance forward Bank of N.Z.	..					96	17	1	
„	Endowments and Legacies :									
	Skinner Estate, Interest	..					24	1	3	
„	Maintenance :									
	Donations .. .. .	..	30	13	9					
	Collections .. .. .	..	259	11	8					
	Fees Maintenance .. .. .	..	227	0	8					
	Grant, The Board of Wellington									
	Charitable and Educational									
	Endowment .. .. .	..	450	0	0					
							967	6	1	
„	Sundry Receipts .. .. .	..					2	3	0	
							<hr/> £1,090 7 5			

PAYMENTS			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Staff Salaries and Wages	..					363	0	0
„ Property Account :								
Ordinary Repairs and Maintenance	..	..				50	2	0
„ General House Supplies	..					347	13	11
„ Clothing, etc.	..	..				81	9	10
„ Printing, Advertising, Stationery	..					44	8	4
„ Lighting and Heating	..	..				91	16	8
„ Miscellaneous :								
Hospital, Dental, and Medical			5	1	0			
Travelling, etc.	..	..	11	3	5			
Stamps, etc...	..	..	6	6	1			
Sundry Expenses	..	..	15	16	10			
Recreation Fund	..	..	8	1	0			
						46	8	4
„ Balance Bank of New Zealand	..					65	8	4
						£1,090	7	5

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1936.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	..	48	14 9	Cash Bank of New Zealand ..	..		65 8 4
Balance Newcombe Endowment .. ..	..	0	2 9	Furnishings, etc. .. ..	..	330 0 0	
Balance being excess of Assets over Liabilities ..	..	313	10 10	Less Depreciation .. ..	..	33 0 0	
							297 0 0
		£362	8 4			£362	8 4

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, 1936.

A. E. BATE, Treasurer.

Masterton, 13th January, 1937.

ARCH. H. DANIELL

F. E. WELLS

} Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September, 1936.

LIABILITIES						
Permanent Capital Account—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 1/10/35	1,050	0	0			
Gifts and Bequests during year ..	1,050	0	0			
				2,100	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..				31,003	15	2

ASSETS						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Freehold Property—						
4½ Acres Land ..				2,255	0	0
Dwelling House Har-						
wood Road ..	1,050	0	0			
less Depreciation ..	50	0	0			
				1,000	0	0
Chapel Street ..	1,000	0	0			
less Depreciation ..	50	0	0			
				950	0	0
				4,205	0	0
Home Buildings and Grounds—						
Home & Outbuildings	20,859	10	2			
less Depreciation ..	84	10	2			
				20,775	0	0
Grounds, 12 acres ..	4,523	15	8			
less Decrease in Value	350	15	8			
				4,173	0	0
Furnishings ..	1,160	5	9			
less Depreciation ..	115	5	9			
				1,045	0	0
Tennis Courts ..	239	0	0			
less Depreciation ..	39	0	0			
				200	0	0
				26,193	0	0

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Financial Statement for Year Ending 30th September, 1936.

RECEIPTS							
				£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Balance at Bank of New Zealand	30/9/35	..	..				190 6 8
" General Account—							
Donations and Collections	..	..	..	565	12	4	
Maintenance Fees	..	..	..	906	7	6	
Combined Orphanage Appeal	..	..	..	348	6	6	
Interest	..	..	..	60	7	4	
R. B. Maxwell Estate	..	..	..	100	0	0	
Christian Schmidt Estate	..	..	..	342	0	0	
Anne T. Cuming Estate	..	..	..	55	12	6	
Lilly Richter Estate	..	..	..	6	10	0	
Elizabeth Slater Estate	..	..	..	9	9	4	
Theresia Walker Estate	..	..	..	11	10	0	
Sara Andrew Estate	..	..	..	30	0	0	
Mrs. A. B. C. Wills Estate	..	..	..	6	18	8	
							2,442 14 2
" Harewood Rd. Property Account—							
Rents	..	..	..				104 16 11
" Cheer Fund Account—							
Contributions	..	..	..				29 18 0
" Capital Account—							
A. Cowie Trust per Mr. H. de							
R. Flesher	..	..	..	50	0	0	
Sampson Uren Bequest	..	..	..	1,000	0	0	
							1,050 0 0
							£3,817 15 9

PAYMENTS							
				£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
By General Account—							
Salaries	..	..	..	880	2	5	
House Supplies	..	..	..	549	4	7	
Drapery, Clothing and Boots	..	..	..	181	1	11	
Lighting and Heating	..	..	..	177	17	9	
Printing, Stationery, Stamps,							
Audit, Telephone, Fees Bank							
Charge	..	..	..	87	5	3	
Petty Cash	..	..	..	70	0	0	
Architect's Fees (Final)	..	..	..	88	10	0	
Renewals and Repairs	..	..	..	19	9	10	
Fire and Accident Insurance	..	..	..	7	19	9	
Rates	..	..	..	23	1	11	
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	16	15	11	
							2,101 9 4
" Harewood Rd. Property Account—							
Land Tax	..	..	..				5 10 7
Rates	..	..	..				79 7 10
Fire Insurance	..	..	..				3 8 0
Erection of Garage	..	..	..				11 2 0
Renewals and Repairs	..	..	..				13 6 3
Legal Expenses	..	..	..				1 11 6
" Cheer Fund Account—							
Sundries	..	..	..				114 6 2
							10 14 0
" Capital Account—							
Deposit : Supernumerary Board				50	0	0	
Interest Supernumerary Board	..	..	..				1 8 8
Debentures Timaru Borough							
Council	1000	0	0	
							1,051 8 8
" Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..							539 17 7
							£3,817 15 9

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"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1936.

		LIABILITIES			
Unexpired Values—			£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	311	7	4
Advertisements	79	12	4
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			390	19	8
Contingent Reserve Account	500 0 0		
Accumulated Funds 31/12/35	124	3	11
Less Net loss	88	11	5
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			35	12	6
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			£926	12	2

		ASSETS			
			£	s.	d.
Subscriptions Outstanding	216	4	9
Less Prepaid	14	0	8
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			202	4	1
Less Provision for Agents' Commission			16	7	6
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				185	16 7
Advertisement Accounts Outstanding			31 17 11		
Deposits—					
Post Office Savings Bank	407	8	1
Supernumerary Fund	220	6	8
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				627	14 9
Balance at Bank of New Zealand	81 2 11		
			<hr/>		
			£926	12	2

H. HOLLAND
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 13th January, 1937.

Audited and found correct.
W. L. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z. }
E. H. SMITH. } Auditors.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1937.

NOTE.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for the H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 2 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS
ALTERED THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS
SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 7%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central ..	1050	0	0	63	0	0	650	0	0	45	10	0
F.M. Dept. ..	275	0	0	16	10	0	175	0	0	12	5	0
H.M. Dept. ..	433	6	8	26	0	0	233	6	8	16	6	8
Auckland Central Mission ..	180	0	0	10	16	0	120	0	0	8	8	0
Auckland West ..	226	10	0	13	12	0	126	10	0	8	17	0
Auckland East ..	758	10	0	45	10	6	458	10	0	32	2	0
Trinity College ..	765	0	0	45	18	0	565	0	0	39	11	0
Avondale ..	510	0	0	30	12	0	310	0	0	21	14	0
Avondale H.M. ..				4	0	0						
Devonport ..	78	0	0	4	13	9						
Takapuna ..	227	1	8	13	12	6	127	1	8	8	18	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 ..	203	2	6	12	4	0	103	2	6	7	4	3
Pukekohe ..	214	0	0	12	17	0	114	0	0	7	19	8
Waiuku ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Mahurangi ..	190	0	0	11	8	0	90	0	0	6	6	0
Paparua ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Dargaville ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Ruawai ..	160	0	0	9	12	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Whangarei ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Whangaroa ..	225	0	0	13	10	0	125	0	0	8	15	0
Bay of Islands ..	140	0	0	8	8	0	80	0	0	5	12	0
Port Albert ..	200	0	0	12	0	0	100	0	0	7	0	0
Hikurangi ..	144	0	0	8	12	8	84	0	0	5	17	8
Mangonui ..	150	0	0	9	0	0	90	0	0	6	6	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	140	0	0	8	8	0	80	0	0	5	12	0
H.M. Stations :												
Kaukapakapa ..				4	0	0						
Helensville ..				4	0	0						
Hokianga (2) ..				8	0	0						
Bombay-Tuakau ..				4	0	0						
	7894	10	10	497	14	5	4656	10	10	325	19	3

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund		After Exemption		Children's Fund	
			Levy 6%				Levy 7%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Thames	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Hauraki Plains	130	0 0	7	16 8	70	0 0	4	18 0
Paeroa	185	0 0	11	2 0	85	0 0	5	19 0
Waihi	112	10 0	6	15 0	12	10 0	0	17 6
Te Aroha	260	0 0	15	12 0	160	0 0	11	4 0
Morrinsville	385	0 0	23	2 0	225	0 0	15	15 0
Cambridge	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Hamilton	500	0 0	30	0 0	300	0 0	21	0 0
Hamilton East	231	5 0	13	17 6	131	5 0	9	3 6
Ngaruawahia H.M.			4	0 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
Putaruru	144	0 0			84	0 0	5	17 6
Rotorua	196	5 0	11	16 0	96	5 0	6	14 6
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	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Te Awamutu	231	5 0	13	17 6	131	5 0	9	3 6
Otorohanga	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Te Kuiti	190	0 0	11	8 0	130	0 0	9	2 0
Taumarunui	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
H.M. Stations :								
Kawhia			4	0 0				
Te Puke			4	0 0				
Coromandel			4	0 0				
	4435	5 0	273	10 8	2391	5 0	173	4 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
New Plymouth H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Waitara ..	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Stratford ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 0
Eltham-Kaponga ..	250	0 0	15	0 0	150	0 0	10	10 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
Opunake H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Wanganui ..	275	0 0	16	10 0	175	0 0	12	5 0
Wanganui North ..	225	0 0	13	10 0	125	0 0	8	15 0
Wanganui North H.M. ..			4	0 0				
Marton ..	200	0 0	12	0 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
Taihape ..	160	0 0	9	12 0	100	0 0	7	0 0
H.M. Stations :								
Raetihi-Ohakune ..			4	0 0				
Gonville ..			4	0 0				
Patea ..			4	0 0				
Ohura ..			4	0 0				
Inglewood ..			4	0 0				
	2775	0 0	198	10 0	1615	0 0	113	1 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Napier	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Hastings	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Gisborne	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Wairoa	120 0 0	7 4 0	20 0 0	1 8 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.)	260 0 0	15 12 0	160 0 0	11 4 0
Ashhurst-Bunthythorpe	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
Feilding H.M.		4 0 0		
Sanson-Rongotea	234 0 0	14 0 8	134 0 0	9 7 6
H.M. Stations :				
Waipawa		4 0 0		
Foxton-Shannon		4 0 0		
Apiti		4 0 0		
Norsewood		4 0 0		
	2806 10 0	192 7 8	1606 10 0	112 9 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington Central	750 0 0	45 0 0	490 0 0	34 6 0
Y.P. Dept.	365 0 0	21 18 0	205 0 0	14 7 0
Thorndon	507 10 0	30 9 0	307 10 0	21 10 4
Wellington South	270 0 0	16 4 0	170 0 0	11 18 0
Wellington East	420 0 0	25 4 0	260 0 0	18 4 0
Wellington East H.M.		4 0 0		
Johnsonville-Ngaio	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Johnsonville-Ngaio H.M.		4 0 0		
Hutt	435 0 0	26 2 0	275 0 0	19 5 0
Petone	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Greytown-Featherston	120 0 0	7 4 0	20 0 0	1 8 0
Carterton	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Masterton	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Masterton H.M.		4 0 0		
Eketahuna	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Levin	262 10 0	15 15 0	162 10 0	11 7 8
Otaki	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
H.M. Stations :				
Paraparaumu		4 0 0		
Upper Hutt		4 0 0		
	4505 0 0	294 6 0	2665 0 0	186 11 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson	325 0 0	19 10 0	225 0 0	15 15 0
Richmond	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Wakefield-Dovedale	162 0 0	9 14 4	102 0 0	7 2 8
Blenheim	485 0 0	29 2 0	285 0 0	19 19 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	180 0 0	10 16 0	80 0 0	5 12 0
H.M. Stations:				
Havelock		4 0 0		
Murchison		4 0 0		
Granity		4 0 0		
	2302 0 0	150 2 4	1342 0 0	93 18 8

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch :				
Durham Street	510 0 0	30 12 0	350 0 0	24 10 0
Connexional Secretary	368 0 0	22 1 9	268 0 0	18 15 3
Christchurch East	700 0 0	42 0 0	400 0 0	28 0 0
Cambridge Terrace	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Woolston	350 0 0	21 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Sydenham	238 0 0	14 5 9	138 0 0	9 13 3
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	512 10 0	30 15 0	312 10 0	21 17 6
Papanui	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Lyttelton	232 10 0	13 19 0	132 10 0	9 5 6
Springston	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Tai Tapu	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
Leeston	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Kaiapoi	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 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	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 0
H.M. Stations :				
Hawarden		4 0 0		
Waddington		4 0 0		
	5936 0 0	364 3 6	3476 0 0	243 6 6

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 :				
Banks Street ..	275 0 0	16 10 0	175 0 0	12 5 0
Woodland Street ..	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
South ..	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 ..	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 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 8	84 0 0	5 17 8
	2229 0 0	133 14 8	1309 0 0	91 12 8

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 7%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Trinity ..	275 0 0	16 10 0	175 0 0	12 5 0
Trinity H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Central Mission ..	480 0 0	28 16 0	320 0 0	22 8 0
Dundas Street ..	229 0 0	13 15 0	129 0 0	9 1 0
Cargill Road ..	237 10 0	14 5 0	137 10 0	9 12 6
Cargill Road H.M. ..		4 0 0		
St. Kilda ..	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Caversham ..	220 0 0	13 4 0	120 0 0	8 8 0
Mornington ..	250 0 0	15 0 0	150 0 0	10 10 0
Roslyn ..	190 0 0	11 8 0	90 0 0	6 6 0
Port Chalmers ..	212 0 0	12 14 6	112 0 0	7 16 8
Port Chalmers H.M. ..		4 0 0		
Balclutha ..	225 0 0	13 10 0	125 0 0	8 15 0
Milton ..	200 0 0	12 0 0	100 0 0	7 0 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 ..	201 0 0	12 1 3	101 0 0	7 1 5
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		
	4189 10 0	299 7 9	2429 10 0	170 1 7

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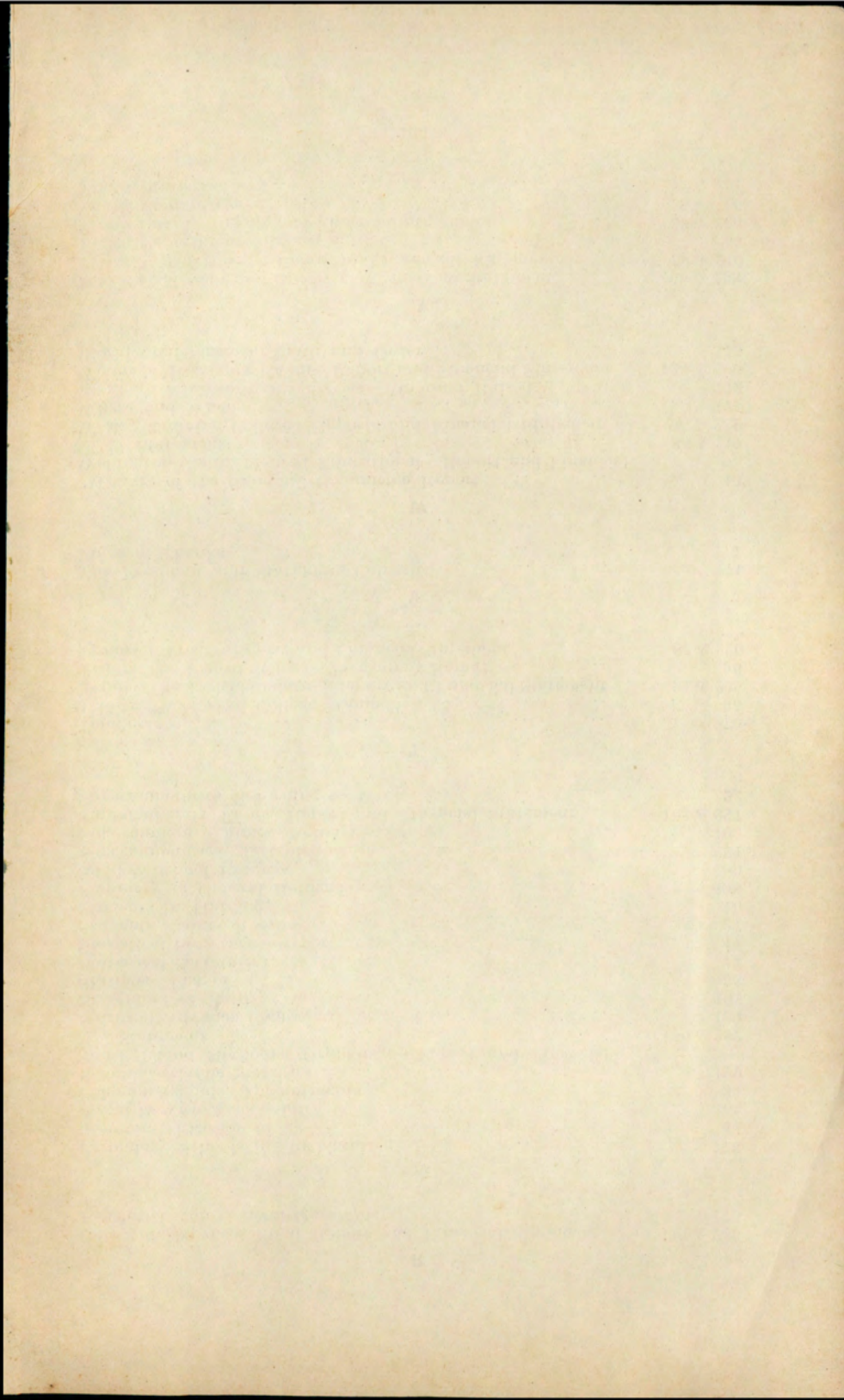
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