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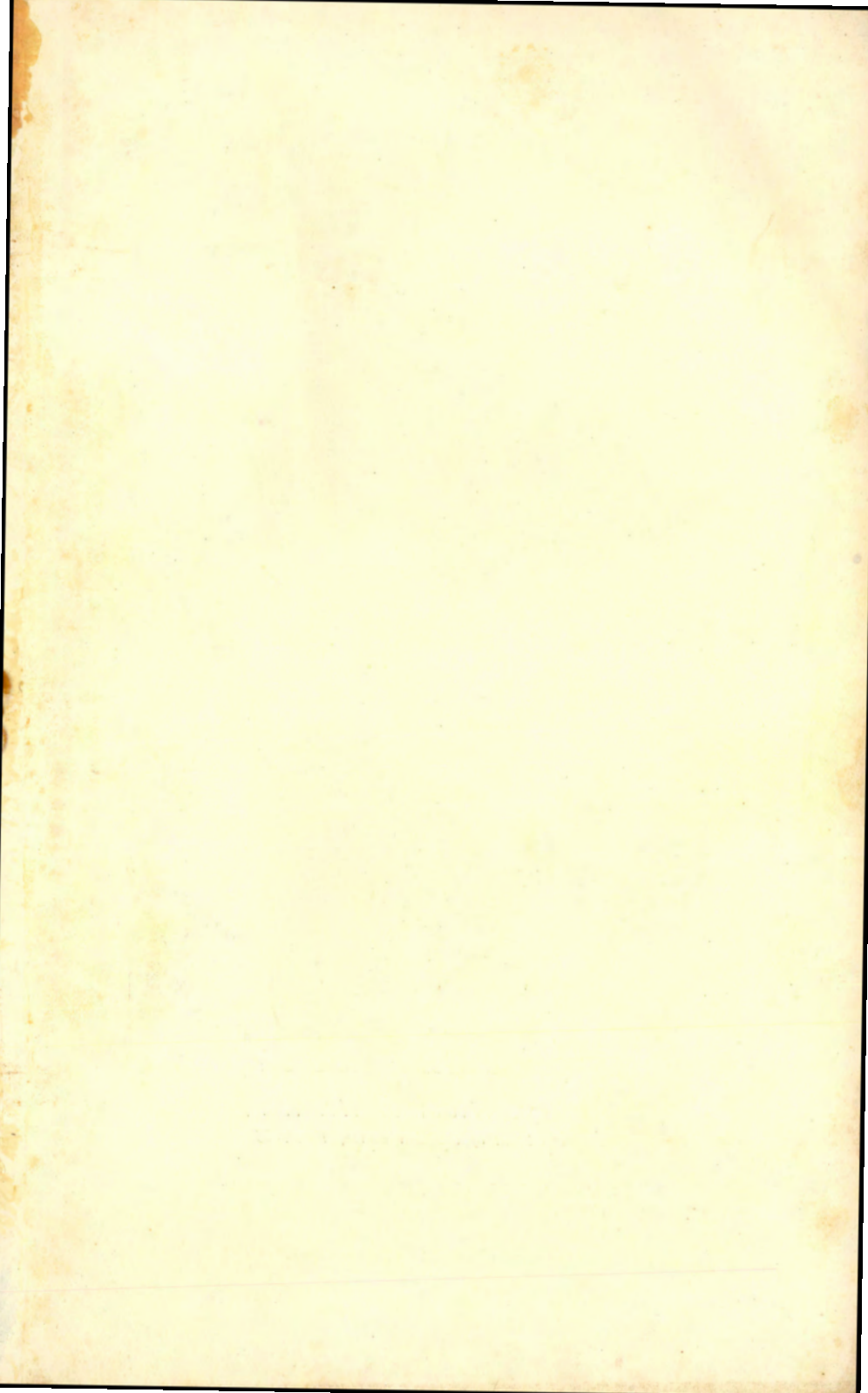
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference, 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

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

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The Session was opened by the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., Retiring President, after which the Rev. William Walker was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. G. H. B. Lill was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. Frank Penn, retiring Vice-President.

The Secretary, the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., was introduced, and took up his duties.

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 Arthur R. Witheford
 George E. Beckingsale*
 H. Ian K. Hopper
 Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 James S. Willoughby*
 John Churchill
 William R. Francis, B.A.
 Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
 Leslie T. Norwell*
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 Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
 Ernest S. Hoddinott
 William R. Laws, B.A.
 Wesley L. Long
 Ashleigh K. Petch
 John Silvester, M.A.
 Harris Whitfield
Maori Ministers—
 Eruera Te Tuhi
 Rakena P. Rakena
 Matarae Tauroa
 Ngatete Kerei Kukutai

2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) Vice-President of Conference, 1941, Frank Penn.

(b) Representatives of Circuits.

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Auckland Central	Mrs. J. O. Sims
"	C. W. Freeman
"	Mrs. R. Joiner
"	Mrs. S. E. Chappell
Auckland Central Mission	Miss Joynt
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Auckland East	J. F. Roberts
"	W. E. Burley, B.A.
"	Miss E. M. Rishworth
Auckland (Avondale)	G. W. Turley
"	....	....	....	J. E. Astley
Auckland (Devonport)	....	....	....
Auckland (Takapuna)	....	....	....	J. G. Lewis
Auckland (Birkenhead)	....	....	....	J. R. Hall
Onehunga	....	....	....	R. G. Laking
Otahuhu	....	....	....
Papakura	....	....	....
Pukekohe	....	....	....	R. C. Clark, M.A.
Waiuku	....	....	....
Mahurangi	....	....	....
Paparoa	....	....	....
Dargaville	....	....	....
Ruawai	....	....	....	Mrs. R. W. Mayson
Whangarei	....	....	....	J. Wilson
Whangaroa	....	....	....	Miss A. Anderson
Port Albert	....	....	....	Mrs. L. Sharp
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	....	....	....	T. Moor
Mangonui	....	....	....
Hokianga	....	....	....	E. D. Jones

South Auckland District.

Thames	....	....	....
Hauraki Plains	....	....	....
Paeroa	....	....	....	V. C. Davies
Waihi	....	....	....	J. B. Beeche
Te Aroha	....	....	....	A. Zeigler
Morrinsville	....	....	....	G. Sealey
Cambridge	....	....	....	R. J. Melville
Hamilton	....	....	....	J. C. Tietjens
"	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Silvester
Hamilton East	....	....	....	J. T. Bryant
Huntly	....	....	....
Matamata	....	....	....
Putaruru	....	....	....

Rotorua	....	....	....	....	L. Tester
Tauranga	....	....	....	....	Mrs. Bulmer
Whakatane	....	....	....	....
Opotiki	....	....	....	....
Te Awamutu	....	....	....	....	J. T. Johnson
Otorohanga	....	....	....	....	W. Walters
Te Kuiti	....	....	....	....	G. Elliott
Taumarunui	....	....	....	....	G. W. Sherson

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	....	....	....	....	C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	....	....	....	....	L. M. Moss
Waitara	....	....	....	....
Stratford	....	....	....	....	J. Bilkey
Eltham-Kaponga	....	....	....	....
Hawera	....	....	....	....	E. Dixon
Manaia	....	....	....	....	Mrs. F. Johnston
Opunake	....	....	....	....	T. P. Hughson, Senr.
Wanganui	....	....	....	....	P. E. Lee
Wanganui North	....	....	....	....	Mrs. J. F. Martin
Gonville	....	....	....	....	E. L. F. Buxton
Marton	....	....	....	....
Taihape	....	....	....	....

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	....	....	....	....	R. H. Powell
Napier	....	....	....	....	J. Wray
Hastings	....	....	....	....	E. E. Bott
Gisborne	....	....	....	....
Wairoa	....	....	....	....
Dannevirke	....	....	....	....
Woodville	....	....	....	....	Mrs. Bowman
Pahiatua	....	....	....	....
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....	....	C. V. Woodfield
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	P. Gourlay
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	W. N. Brewer
Feilding	F. Flavall
Sanson-Rongotea	

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Wellington Central	H. E. Pacey
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Wellington (Webb St.)	A. C. Barrington
Wellington West	R. E. Flaws
"	Mrs. H. R. Payne
Wellington South	H. Smith
Wellington East	N. R. Seddon
Wellington East	R. W. Miners
Johnsonville-Ngaio	W. J. Carmen
Hutt	W. H. Johnston
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Greytown-Featherston	Mrs. Ross
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Masterton	E. M. Hodder
Eketahuna	Mrs. H. Gallagher
Levin	P. W. Goldsmith
Otaki	Mrs. L. G. Billeliff

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Richmond	Mrs. H. Sparrow
Motueka	S. E. Hulbert
Blenheim	H. Oldham
"	H. Harris
Reefton	
Westport	....	....	....	....
Greymouth	....	....	....	....
Hokitika	....	....	....	....

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	....	....	....	J. E. Purchase, M.A.
"	....	....	....	D. Rowse
Christchurch East	....	....	....	H. J. S. Harrington
"	....	....	....	J. Gilbert
"	....	....	....	J. Buxton
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	....	....	....	M. Kershaw
Christchurch (Woolston)	....	....	....	S. Falkingham
Christchurch (Sydenham)	....	....	....	S. H. Maddren, J.P.
Christchurch (Addington)	....	....	....	H. K. Bowden
Christchurch (Riccarton)	....	....	....	H. B. Moore
Christchurch (St. Albans)	....	....	....
"	....	....	....	R. Todhunter
Christchurch (Papanui)	....	....	....	W. F. Baynes
Lyttelton	....	....	....
Springston	....	....	....
Leeston	....	....	....	Miss C. Sheat
Kaiapoi	....	....	....
Ohoka	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	
Woodend-Sefton	
Greendale	Mrs. R. McGregor
Oxford	

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Timaru (Banks Street)	
Timaru (Woodland Street)	J. C. Butcher
Timaru South	
Waimate	J. I. Hayman
Temuka	....	....	....
Geraldine	....	....	....
Ashburton	....	....	....	C. Bishop
Willowby	....	....	....	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	....	....	....

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	....	....	....	G. S. Gapper
Dunedin Central Mission	....	....	....
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	....	....	....	Mrs. J. McIndoe
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	....	....	....	A. H. Harman
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	....	....	....
Dunedin (Caversham)	....	....	....
Dunedin (Mornington)	....	....	....
Dunedin (Roslyn)	....	....	....

Port Chalmers	....	....	....
Balclutha	....	....	....
Milton	....	....	....	C. R. Sheat
Roxburgh	....	....	....	T. P. Michelle
Invercargill (Central)	D. J. Wesney
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	
Gore	

Solomon Islands District.

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"	T. Clark
Home Missionaries' Representative	F. O. Prosser
"	R. Coombridge
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Youth Department	Miss A. Firth
"	Mr. A. E. Bate
"	A. G. Worboys
"	Mr. C. A. Russell
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Children's Fund	E. W. A. Kellow
Wesley Training College	
Removal Expenses Fund	
Deaconess Institution	
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	
Local Preachers' Association	

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South Auckland	*H. Wood
Taranaki-Wanganui	*G. H. White
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	*C. E. Taylor
Wellington	....	....	....	S. T. S. Martin
Nelson	....	....	....	*W. D. Pike
North Canterbury	....	....	....	*J. W. Hillary
South Canterbury	....	....	....	*A. L. Hudson
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	J. McIndoe

Maori Missions.

Taranaki	....	....	....	....
Waikato	....	....	....	....
Auckland	....	....	....	....

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

Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
Ernest S. Hoddinott
William R. Laws, B.A.
Wesley L. Long
Ashleigh K. Petch
John Silvester, M.A.
Harris Whitfield

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Herbert A. Cochrane
Reginald Grice
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.)
Campbell P. Lucas
Charles B. Oldfield
Alfred Sanft (overseas)
J. Stanley Waite
John K. Watson, B.A. (overseas)
Who have travelled three years.
John B. Dawson
Haddon C. Dixon, B.A.
Leslie R. M. Gilmore
Lawrence Greenslade
Alan O. Jones
Maharaia Winiata (without pastoral charge)
Who have travelled two years.
Charles H. Bell
Harold K. Brown
Harold W. Burley (overseas)
Harold A. Darvill
Gordon V. Thomas
J. Henry Woolford
Who have travelled one year.

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

Robert F. Clement
Alan F. Collins
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
John J. Lewis, M.A.
William J. Morrison
Leonard V. Willing

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

Clifford G. Brown
William S. Dawson
Wilfred E. Falkingham
Edmund D. Grounds (with the Forces)
Who are continued for a third year.
Robert H. Allen
Ronald G. Bell
Leslie F. Bycroft
Wesley A. Chambers
George W. Crammond
Albert Jolly
Who are continued for a second year.

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

Warren Green

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

Nathan Kera

Who has travelled six years.

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

John Afu

Who has travelled five years.

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

Ranginohooru Rogers

Timothy Piani

QUESTION X.—Who are now received at Native Students for the Ministry?

None.

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

Fourth Year:

N. R. Hooper.

Third Year:

H. M. Brasell

A. A. L. Hutching

C. S. L. Oliver

W. G. Peate

T. A. Winn.

Second Year:

W. J. Anderson

W. J. Bryant

J. S. Clark

W. M. Jones

B. H. Riseley

D. I. Robertson

T. Shepherd

H. C. Skuse

W. T. Withers.

First Year:

Owen L. Christian

W. L. Divers

D. J. A. McDonald

Harry Moore

Norman W. Olds

L. Shapcott

L. E. G. Sharp

T. Steele

J. H. Thompson.

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

Thos. A. Joughin

Matene Keepa

Also—

Hikuroa Te Maaha (Home Missionary).

THOMAS ALFRED JOUGHIN.

Thomas Alfred Joughin was a native of the Isle of Man. He came to New Zealand with his brother in 1880 and took up farming in the Pukekohe district. He was accepted for the ministry in 1884 and spent three years at Wesley College, Three Kings, where he came into close contact with the Maori scholars. He began to acquire their language and became interested in their people. Thus in 1887 he offered for service in the Maori Mission and was appointed to Waima in the Hokianga district, where he spent six successful years. He transferred to the European work and served in one North Island and six South Island circuits, and was for seven years Chairman in the North and South Canterbury Districts. In 1918 he became President of the Conference and carried out his duties with distinction. Owing to an affliction in the prime of his ministry, which rendered public speaking impossible, he became a supernumerary in 1923, and took up his residence in Auckland. Though excluded from the pulpit he was able to render service to Trinity Theological College, the Orphanages, as Chairman of the Trounson Trust, and in various other ways. He was a man of many gifts and aptitudes. He read widely and mastered what he read. Art and literature and the music of the masters were his delight. In younger days he excelled in song, and his rich and resonant voice for many years led the Conference, of which he was the Preceptor. In every circuit where he laboured he left his mark as an administrator, preacher and pastor; he made many friends and held them to the last. His fellowship with Christ grew more tender and beautiful with the passing years. It was his sufficient stay when health was broken, his comfort and assurance amid the infirmities of advancing age. To the last he sat regularly in the sanctuary and heard the Word of God with reverent attention, especially responsive to the deep simplicities of faith and to the Methodist accent of Christian experience. He passed away suddenly on January 10th, 1942, within a few days of completing his 79th year. His memory will long be cherished by his brethren in the ministry and in every circuit where he laboured, for he was a man who had given Christ the pre-eminence and enthroned Him in his life as Lord.

MATENE KEEPA.

Matene Keepa was received into our Ministry in 1928. Gentlemanly in manner and firm in his Christian faith and principles, he was able to render unique service in the Waikato during difficult periods of readjustment. Following successful terms at Kawhia and Tuakau, he was appointed to Ngaruawahia, assuming the Superintendency of the Waikato-King Country Circuit in 1937. Amid many difficult situations, his influence was invaluable, and he was as welcome in the Council of the Chieftains as at the bedside of the sick and aged. He had a ready pen and as an Editor of our Maori magazine "Te Kotuku Kai Whakaata," rendered good service. His sudden passing has left a gap among the Waikato people and his colleagues as deeply as with his own people at Lake Rotoiti, who mourn as for a father beloved.

HIKUROA TE MAAHA.

Hikuroa te Maaha, after many years' service as a local preacher, was received into our Home Mission work in 1930, being at that time 46 years of age. He was very influential amongst his people, and known as Preacher, Musician and Architect Builder. He carried out many commissions that could only have been entrusted to an exceptional man, and was loved greatly by the young people. He was a valued member of the Waiata Choir, and joined in several tours. Throughout his last long and painful illness, he showed an example of true Christian fortitude. His work remains as his monument. There has passed a brave and noble man.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Nixon	Thomas R. Richards
T. Francis Jones	Arthur Hopper
T. Jackson Wallis	Edward Drake
George Clement	Harold E. Bellhouse
Samuel H. D. Peryman	Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
Arthur Mitchell	Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.	T. Arthur Pybus
Henry L. Blamires	William Wills
George S. Cook	Walter J. Oxbrow
Jacob Featherston	Arthur J. Seamer
William Grigg	William H. Speer
John Olphert	Charles A. Foston
Robert Raine	G. Knowles Smith
William A. Sinclair	R. Purcell Keall
William J. Elliott	Jonathan H. Haslam
George Frost	George P. Hunt
Colin C. Harrison	Frank E. Leadley
Samuel Henderson	Arthur Liversedge
Thomas W. Vealie	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Fred. Greenwood	Benjamin J. James
Percy N. Knight, B.A.	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
Arthur Ashcroft	Albert H. Fowles.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

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| (a) Samuel Bailey | Raymond Richards |
| George F. Stockwell | John John |
| (b) Moses Ayrton for a second year. | |
| Angus McBean for one year. | |

SAMUEL BAILEY.

Samuel Bailey was born in the Cannock District, Staffordshire, England, on December 21st, 1871. He was blessed with a godly ancestry the family having been associated with the Primitive Methodist Church from its inception. At 17 he was soundly converted, and became a fully accredited Local Preacher. In his work amongst miners his sincerity and experience were severely tested, and on Sundays he travelled long distances to preach. He was advised to work as an Evangelist, for which he showed great gifts, and attached himself to the Rev. J. Odell's Evangelists' Home at Birmingham, and later at Swindon. In Kent our brother had the joy of witnessing hundreds of conversions among all classes of the people. Mr. Bailey was accepted for the Ministry by the English Primitive Methodist Conference of 1901 and later that year he came to New Zealand. At once he became known as an effective preacher and evangelist. This reputation he has retained during his ministry of 41 years. He has laboured in a number of important circuits, leaving an abiding in-

fluence for good. With a fine voice, a good presence, and a spiritual fervour that has never waned, our brother has commended the Gospel to many. Mr. Bailey has been blessed in his home life, and while he and Mrs. Bailey have known much personal and family affliction, their courage and faith have always triumphed. We pray for our friends a happy and peaceful eventide.

GEORGE F. STOCKWELL.

George F. Stockwell was born in the Grantham Circuit, England, in 1876. Coming to New Zealand in 1901 he entered the Ministry in 1904. He has served since then in six North Island and four South Island circuits. Mr. Stockwell's ministry has been characterised by considerable administrative and organising ability, and his pastoral work has been greatly appreciated. He has specially cared for the various Church properties under his charge, and has carried to a successful conclusion a number of important renovation schemes. Mr. Stockwell has also taken his share of Connexional work. For two years he was Chairman of the Nelson Synod District, and for the record number of thirteen years was Convener of the Conference Committee on Circuits. For four years he was Secretary of the South Canterbury District and held the same office in the Taranaki-Wanganui District for a similar period. In all his circuits he has been ably supported by his wife. After 38 years of active ministry he retires with the goodwill of the whole Church.

RAYMOND RICHARDS.

Raymond Richards was born at Mooropna, Victoria, in 1879. He was brought up in a Methodist Home and converted at the age of fourteen. Mr. Richards began to preach in Brunswick (Melbourne) Circuit. He was appointed a hired local preacher to Rupanyup in 1896, and the following three years were spent as a Home Missionary in the Mallee District. He was a candidate for the Ministry in Victoria in 1899. On coming to New Zealand in 1902, he began work as a Home Missionary at Otaki, and under Rev. J. Wrigley came up as a Candidate. Owing to impaired health Bro. Richards has to retire after 37 years of service. He has brought to the service of his Lord an earnest spirit, evangelical passion and pulpit gifts. We trust that his release from the active work will in some measure restore to Brother Richards improved health.

JOHN JOHN.

A product, spiritually and culturally, of Welsh Methodism, John John came to New Zealand in 1926. As a young local preacher he gave evidence of the possession of more than ordinary gifts and consequently was encouraged to offer himself for the ministry of our Church. He was accepted as a candidate from the Auckland East Circuit in 1931. Three fruitful years in Trinity College followed. Here his tutors found an apt student, and his fellows a challenging and attractive personality. Probationary years were spent at Whakatane and Cashmere Hills (Christchurch, Durham St. Circuit), then came Mr. John's appointment as superintendent of the Auckland West Circuit in 1939. The promise of his earlier ministry appeared to find here rich fulfilment, when ill-health intervened, leading eventually to his retirement from the active work. A gifted preacher and faithful pastor, Mr. John greatly endeared himself to the people in each circuit in which he laboured. His influence upon the young life of his pastorates has been richly fruitful in definite spiritual results. Greatly regretting the necessity for such early retirement from the active work of the ministry, we pray for our brother a continuance of God-given patience and hope as, for the time being, he watches the battle from afar.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

W. T. Hooper

J. W. Bayliss

C. Strand

W. Sussex

J. H. Edmondson

S. Keen

J. Belshaw

C. W. Brown

A. L. Witheford

T. W. Featherstone

J. Common

W. H. Wilson

H. Ashworth

C. Duncan.

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

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.

E. Percy Blamires is a minister resting with permission to remain in England for another year.

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

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

Hedley White.

Maharaia Winiata.

Henry J. Tozer, M.A.

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

None.

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

None.

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

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

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

Frank H. Hayman (who has voluntarily retired).

Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (with the deep regret of the Conference).

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

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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

Elementary Hebrew	Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
Hebrew (1st and 2nd years)	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Hebrew (3rd and 4th years)	....	....	....	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	....	....	....	Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	....	....	....	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
English Bible (Old Testament) 1st and 2nd years	....	....	....	Rev. W. Walker
English Bible (Old Testament) 3rd and 4th years	....	....	....	Rev. W. Rowe
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	....	....	....	Rev. B. Metson
English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	....	....	....	Rev. N. P. Larsen
Theology:				
1st year	....	....	....	Rev. A. H. Fowles
2nd year	....	....	....	Rev. A. M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
3rd year	....	....	....	Rev. F. J. Handy
4th year	....	....	....	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
Church History	....	....	....	Rev. E. E. Sage
Apologetics	....	....	....	Rev. P. R. Paris
Religion and Psychology	....	....	....	Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A.
Social Ethics	....	....	....	Rev. O. Burnet
Comparative Religion	....	....	....	Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A.
Religious Education	....	....	....	Rev. E. Drake

(B) Examiners for Students.

Systematic Theology	....	....	....	Rev. C. Blair
Biblical Theology—				
Old Testament	....	....	....	Rev. H. Ryan
New Testament	....	....	....	Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A.
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	....	....	....	Rev. F. J. Parker
New Test. Intro.	....	....	....	Rev. A. R. Penn
N. T. Exegesis	....	....	....	Rev. H. G. Brown
Homiletics	....	....	....	Rev. W. Walker
Pastoral Theology	....	....	....	Rev. A. Blakemore
Greek	....	....	....	Rev. G. R. Harris
Mental and Moral Philosophy	....	....	....	Rev. J. D. Grocott
English	....	....	....	Mr. J. W. Bennett Mr. K. J. Dellow, M.A.
Religious Education	....	....	....	Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A. B.D.
Elocution and Public Speaking	....	....	....	Revs. T. R. B. Woolloxall, E. T. Olds and Mr. Clyde Harris

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	....	....	....	Rev. E. S. Harkness
Bible Knowledge II	....	....	....	Rev. H. T. Peat
Theology	....	....	....	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	....	....	....	Rev. Gordon Parker, 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. F. J. Handy
Church History and Homiletics	....	....	....	Rev. R. P. Keall

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiners for Local Preachers.

Bible Knowledge	....	....	....	Rev. H. S. Kings
Theology	....	....	....	Rev. J. F. Jack
Homiletics	....	....	....	Rev. A. T. Kent

(G) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

First Year	....	....	....	Rev. G. R. H. Peterson
Second Year	....	....	....	Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc.
Third Year	....	....	....	Rev. I. S. Williamson
Fourth Year	....	....	....	Rev. W. Parker, M.A.

(H) Tutors in Theology.

First Year	....	....	....	....
Second Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade
Third Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
Fourth Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. L. C. Horwood

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons and Book Lists, see new edition Methodist Laws, pp. 78 to 92 and amendments and additions to Laws, pages 1-6.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.

1. Either (A).—Hebrew Old Testament

1st Year—Genesis 1-5.

2nd Year—Amos, with Robinson's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.)

3rd Year—Psalms 73-88, with Oesterley's Hebrew Text and Notes (S.P.C.K.)

4th Year—Nahum, Habakkuk and Malachi with Century Bible or I.C.C.

or (B).—English New Testament.

1st Year—Exodus 1-34 (Cambridge Bible).

2nd Year—Minor Prophets, with Century Bible.

3rd Year—Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible.

4th Year—Ezekiel, with Century Bible, and Daniel, with Cambridge Bible.

2. Either (A).—Greek New Testament

1st Year—John 1-11, with Cambridge Greek N.T.

2nd Year—Acts 1-9, with Burnside's Notes, Cambridge Press.

3rd Year—1 and 2 Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.

4th Year—Romans 5-13, with I.C.C.

or (B).—English New Testament.

1st Year—Matthew and James, with Century Bible.

2nd Year—Romans, with Moffatt's Commentary (Dodd).

3rd Year—Hebrews and Revelation, with Century Bible.

4th Year—Colossians, Philemon and Ephesians, with Moffatt's Commentary.

3. Theology.

1st Year: The Work of Christ.

The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett).

The Doctrine of the Work of Christ (Cave).

The Doctrine of the Atonement (Mozley).

Wesley's Sermons—

Salvation by Faith.
The Way to the Kingdom.
Wandering Thoughts.
The New Birth.
Self Denial.
On Sin in Believers.
The Repentance of Believers.
The Lord our Righteousness.

2nd Year: God.

The Christian Idea of God (M. Hughes).
The World and God (Farmer).
God in Christian Thought and Experience (Matthews).

Wesley's Sermons—

The Almost Christian.
Justification by Faith.
The Original, Nature, Property, and Use of the Law.
The Law Established through Faith I.
The Law Established through Faith II.
Original Sin.
The Scripture Way of Salvation.

3rd Year: The Holy Spirit.

The Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit (Wheeler Robinson).
The Holy Spirit in the New Testament (Swete).

Wesley's Sermons—

The Almost Christian.
Scriptural Christianity.
The First Fruits of the Spirit.
The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption.
The Witness of the Spirit I.
The Witness of Our Own Spirit.
The Means of Grace.
The Circumcision of the Heart.

4th Year: The Doctrine of the Future.

The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie).
And the Life-Everlasting (J. Baillie).

Wesley's Sermons—

The Marks of the New Birth.
The Great Privilege of Those that are Born of God.
The Nature of Enthusiasm.
The Catholic Spirit.
Christian Perfection.
Heaviness Through Manifold Temptations.
The Use of Money.
The Witness of the Spirit II.

4. General.

1st Year: Church History. Text-book: A History of the Christian Church (Walker).

2nd Year—One of the following :—

1. Apologetics :

The Relevance of Christianity (Barry).

The Christian Understanding of Man (Church, Community and State, Oxford Conference Series—Allen and Unwin).

2. Religion and Psychology :

The New Psychology and Religious Experience (T. H. Hughes).

The Psychology of Religion (Selbie).

3. Social Ethics :

The Christian Ideal for Human Society (Garvie).

4. Comparative Religion (including Anthropology) :

Living Religions of the East (Cave).

Soderblom "The Living God"

5. Religious Education :

The Approach to Religious Education (Yeaxlee).

Church Community and State in Relation to Education (Oxford Conference—Allen and Unwin).

3rd Year : One of the subjects listed for 2nd year not already taken.

Or a thesis as specified for 4th year.

4th Year : A Thesis of not less than 10,000 words, embodying the results of special study in some religious or theological subject. The subject for research shall be chosen before April 1st, and after consultation, through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, with the Board of Studies of Trinity College. It shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners on or before November 1st, who shall submit it to a panel of judges. These shall submit a brief report for presentation to the Examination Committee.

REGULATIONS.

1. All Probationers who have completed the two-year Hebrew Course in Auckland University College shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
2. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee., Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers who have been through College, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course, may substitute in lieu thereof the Greek prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
3. Probationers, to whom (1) and/or (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or Greek respectively.
4. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English O.T. and English N.T. shall be mainly on the exegesis of the sections specified.
5. (a). Theology shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors, marks being assessed as follows :—Correspondence work, 40 ; Examination, 60. Each Tutor appointed shall send out study papers for four consecutive months beginning with June 1. He shall mark the work sent in, return

the corrected work together with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10). Each Tutor shall keep full records of every individual case and, on or before November 1, forward a complete report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

(b). Any Probationer taking a Theological subject for a B.D. Course shall be permitted to substitute the same for that set down for his Probationary year.

6. Examinations, when not specifically limited to one particular text-book, shall be on the subject as a whole. Text-books are intended to provide a basis for wider and more thorough reading in the subject, and Probationers are encouraged to pursue the more extensive study, rather than limit it to one or two works.
7. Any Probationer pursuing a University Course shall be entitled to exemption from subjects (1) and (4) for two years of his Probation, but such exemption shall not be granted in his fourth year.
8. Examinations in the subjects 1, (Hebrew or English Old Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in July and in the subjects 2 (Greek or English New Testament) and 3 (Theology) be conducted in December. N.B.—This does not apply to the presentation of Thesis as under 4 General.
9. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, not later than October 15, a classified Book List embodying, in addition to more general reading, the bibliography of his studies during the year.

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."
4. Homiletics—Manual for Preachers (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A. B.D.).

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).
5. Homiletics—A Primer of Homiletics (Edwards).

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.—Local Preachers' Course (Whittome Part I)
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." Part II
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—Matriculation and General English Course (Oliphant). Classical and Modern Literature.

Elocution and Voice Production—"Speak Out" (Watson), and Lectures.

Psychology—"Introduction to Psychology" (Loveday and Green) 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—Matriculation and General English Course (Oliphant), Classical and Modern Literature.

Homiletics—Lectures.

Psychology—"Introduction to Psychology" (Loveday and Green) and lectures

Nursing—Home Nursing and Hygiene, Lectures.

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

(Two Hour Papers.)

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text-Books: Maclear's Primers.
2. Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why"—Hunter.
3. Homiletics—"A Primer of Homiletics"—Edwards.

Regulation (a) The Examination may be takes in sections, provided that the full course be completed within two years. (b) See also Question LV.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations for 1942 shall commence on the following dates:

Probationers—Tuesday, 21st July, and Tuesday, 1st December.

Candidates for the Ministry—Tuesday, 15th September.

Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, 1st December.

Local Preachers—(I) The first week of June and of December.

- (II) Circuit Superintendents nominating Local Preachers shall notify the Chairman on or before May 1st or November 1st as the case may be.

N.B. Commencing 1943 Candidates' Examination first week in August.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1943 be Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
2. That congratulations be extended to the Rev. J. Silvester on obtaining his M.A. degree; the Rev. H. C. Dixon on completing the B.A. degree; and the Rev. John J. Lewis on obtaining the M.A. degree; and that these be printed in the Minutes.
3. **Students or Probationers who have served with the Forces.**
That the following be accepted as guiding principles by the Board of Examiners in determining the course of study for men returning from overseas.
 - (a) That where practicable, Students who had not completed their College training before going into the army, shall return to College for this purpose.
 - (b) That the Probationary Course for each man shall be determined by the period of his College training and/or probation already served, and the type of service rendered in the Forces.
 - (c) That in view of the different periods and types of service rendered by our men, it is undesirable at this stage to outline a Standard Course; but that each case shall be considered on its merits.
 - (d) That such individual adjustments to courses be arranged by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, after consultation with the Board of Studies and/or its appointees.
 - (e) That consideration be given to the provision of a refresher course for all returned men at Trinity College prior to their return to Circuit work.
 - (f) That cognisance be taken of study done while serving with the Forces.

4. Homiletics for Home Missionary Probationers

- (a) That the subject of Homiletics be taken every year instead of in the third and fourth years only and that the Text Books in Curriculum for 1942 be as set forth in the Curriculum.
- (b) That Ministers appointed as Supervisors of Home Missionary Probationers be urged to give suitable practical guidance in sermon preparation to men in these H.M. Stations under their care.

5. Triennial Visitation of Trinity College. That the Board of Studies be asked to consider the matter of a Triennial Visitation of the College and report to next Conference.

6. That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., be thanked for his services and be reappointed.

TRAINING OF MINISTERS.

Realising the need for a better equipped Ministry to meet the needs of the age, Conference approves the following concerning procedure in regard to Candidates, Students, and Probationers.

Candidates.

1. That the regulations and procedure with regard to pre-college training and the admittance of candidates be strengthened so as to raise the general standard of those accepted for training.

2. As the Divine Call to the Ministry may be mediated and confirmed through the agency of some adviser, as well as come directly, ministers are urged to seek out likely young men with a view to directing their attention to the Ministry, and advising them of the way to come forward as well-prepared candidates.

3. That a Manual for the use of candidates, ministers, and others, setting forth the conditions of entrance into the Ministry, the training given, the qualifications required, and other related information, be prepared.

4. That, where possible, practical assistance be given by Circuits to intending candidates for the Ministry by the provision of (a) suitable positions, (b) financial assistance where necessary to enable candidates to qualify educationally, (c) opportunities for leadership in the Sunday Schools, and Bible Classes, and other church activities.

5. **Age of Candidates:** That Candidates who are 25 years of age, or over, shall be accepted only if they receive at least two-thirds of the votes of the Examination Committee, and also of the Conference.

6. **Married Candidates:** That Candidates who are married men shall be accepted only if they receive at least two-thirds of the votes of the Examination Committee, and also of the Conference.

7. **Academic Qualifications:** (a) That the University Entrance Examination, School Certificate, or equivalent, shall be regarded as the normal minimum academic qualification of Candidates. (b) That Candidates be encouraged, prior to Candidature, to pursue a University Course to the completion of their degree; and be recommended through their Minister to consult the Principal of the College in respect to same.

8. Local Preaching: (a) That all Candidates must be fully accredited Local Preachers, and must ordinarily have served at least twelve (12) months at the time of nomination. (b) Every Candidate must be a baptised member of the Church.

9. Selection of Candidates: A. That the following procedure of presenting a Candidate to the Quarterly Meeting be observed:

1. The Superintendent Minister shall advise, if possible, the March Quarterly Meeting of his intention to nominate a Candidate at the forthcoming September Quarterly Meeting.
2. In the June Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a small Committee shall be set up, which shall interview the Candidate and investigate his candidature, consider the prescribed questionnaire, and report thereon to the September Quarterly Meeting.
3. Prior to nomination, the Candidate shall conduct a service in a central church, and all churches within the Circuit shall be advised accordingly, the members of the Quarterly Meeting being invited to be present.
4. The results of the Candidate's Written Conference Examination shall be reported to the September Quarterly Meeting.
5. The Examination Committee's questionnaire—duly filled in by the Superintendent Minister or his deputy, and signed by the former, shall be presented and read to the September Quarterly Meeting.
6. At the September Quarterly Meeting upon the nomination of the Superintendent Minister, and after hearing the Reports, the vote shall be taken by BALLOT.
7. That the Candidate's Written Conference Examination be held in the first week in August.

B. That Superintendent Ministers be requested to advise their brethren at the May Synods and on other suitable occasions before the September Quarterly Meeting of their intention to nominate a Candidate or Candidates at that Meeting.

10. Method of Oral Examination: (a) That where there are two or more Candidates, each Candidate shall be examined separately on the same general lines—the remainder being out of the room at the time of examination. (b) That this method be followed in the District Ministerial Committee, and in the Examination Committee of the Conference.

11. Committee to Interview Candidates: (a) That the District Ministerial Committee give careful attention to the personal qualifications and educational standing of the Candidates and assure itself of their fitness for the Methodist Ministry and their ability to enter upon the course prescribed at Trinity Theological College, and that to assist in this a small sub-committee be set up by the Chairman to meet them privately and report when their cases are under consideration. (b) That in order to ensure a more thorough application of the appointed tests for Candidates, a sub-committee of the Examination Committee be set up at the preceding Conference whose duty it shall be to meet those recommended by the District Ministerial Committees on and by such personal contacts as it may see fit to adopt, to ascertain the general fitness or otherwise of those coming

forward so far as gifts of personality, spiritual qualifications, assurance of definite call, powers of leadership, etc., are concerned. The powers and duties of the Examination Committee shall remain as at present, but careful consideration shall be given to the report of the sub-committee in each case.

12. Preparation for Candidature: That encouragement be given to those preparing for Candidature, and especially those studying for degrees to reside at Trinity College at their own expense, and that a suitable course of instruction be arranged for such cases.

13. Course of Study for Candidates: That the subjects in Section B be as follows:

English: Prescription as for the University Entrance Examination.

History: As for the University Entrance Examination.

Elementary Bookkeeping: That an examination in Elementary Bookkeeping be substituted for that in Arithmetic.

Geography: As for the University Entrance Examination.

Book List: That a small carefully selected list of Books be compiled for the use of Candidates, and that all Candidates be recommended to read the selected works therein as part of their preparation, the list to form the nucleus of the Book List submitted by every Candidate.

14. That Conference may, on the recommendation of the Examination Committee, require that the period of Probation for non-Collegiate men be five (5) years. In such cases the course of study for the first year shall be of a preparatory nature and be followed by the usual course.

COLLEGE.

1. Staffing: That as soon as conditions become favourable, Conference appoint a third member to the Staff as a matter of urgency.

2. Languages: (a) That if at the end of the first year of a student's College training it be found that it would be unprofitable that he should proceed with the study of New Testament Greek, the Board of Studies be empowered to excuse such a student, and arrange for him to pursue such equivalent studies as will provide him with an intensive knowledge of the New Testament in English. (b) That facilities for the study and teaching of Classical Greek and Hebrew be provided for such students as may desire to take these subjects for Degree work or other purposes.

3. Examinations: That an adequate External Examination be held each year for all students, this to be held in Theological subjects only.

4. Nomination of Examiners: (a) That all Examiners be nominated to the Board of Examiners by a sub-committee consisting of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Principal of the College. (b) That this sub-committee shall satisfy itself that all Examination papers conform to the required standards. (c) That Examiners in selected non-theological subjects may include laymen.

5. Length of Course: That the normal period of training shall be three (3) years, but that provision be made for an extra year of training, either as a preliminary year to enable a student to make up any deficiency in pre-college training or as an opportunity for a third-year student to proceed to advanced studies as may be recommended by the Board of Studies—the length of Probation to be reviewed in such cases.

6. (a) That no invitation or approach regarding an appointment to a Circuit shall be extended to any student during his course of training. (b) That no student shall accept an invitation during his course of training.

PROBATION.

1. That Conference re-emphasise the fundamental purpose of the term of Probation, and that more recognition be given to it in the appointments of Probationers. The training of a Probationer shall take precedence over all other considerations in the matter of "stationing."

2. Superintendents shall exercise such oversight over Probationers in their Circuits as will enable the latter to derive the utmost benefit from their personal counsel and practical guidance.

3. **Amendment to Law Book:** That paragraph 100, page 23, of the Law Book be amended by the deletion of the words "and on a Probationer's arrival in his first Circuit shall see that he possesses a copy of Wesley's Sermons, 'The Twelve Rules of a Helper,' and the 'Pastoral Resolutions'."

4. **Duties of Superintendents:** That Superintendent Ministers furnish to the District Ministerial Committee a written report in answer to brief questions which shall be formulated by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and asked by the Chairman concerning Probationers stationed in the District. The questions shall be designed to secure reports upon a Probationer's Pastoral Efficiency, Preaching Ability, Acceptability within the Circuit, and Administrative Ability. A summary of the reports shall be recorded, and retained by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners until acceptance into full connexion.

5. **Length of Probation:** That the period of Probation for College trained men be as set forth in the Law Book, page 17, par. 66, with the possibility of a reduction of one year on the recommendation of the Examination Committee in those cases in which four years have been spent in College.

6. **Curriculum:** That no major change be made in the present Course for Probationers until the recently introduced scheme shall have had a sufficient trial.

7. **Preparatory Year of Study for Candidates Accepted on Probation without College Training:** That the following be the course of study for the first year (of the five years' Probation) for such candidates as may be accepted on Probation without College training:

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| 1. Theology | | | | W. N. Clarke—"Outline of Christian Theology" (Selected parts). |
| 2. Old Testament Theology | | | | Wheeler Robinson—"The Religious Ideas of the Old Testament." |
| 3. New Testament Theology | | | | "The Apostles Teaching" (Pt. I).
W. P. Paterson. |
| 4. Homiletics | .... | .... |  | "This Ministry." Dr. W. B. Selbie. |

8. **Trial Service of Probationers:** That all non-collegiates be required to conduct a Trial Service each year during Probation.

9. **The Method to be adopted in marking Theses:** That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall choose panels of judges to assess the theses presented by the Probationers under the headings of (1) the appreciation of the issues involved in the subject, (2) the treatment of the same in the light of the Methodist position, (3) the evidence of wide reading and sound judgment, and (4) the marks of originality, freshness, and practical worth. Upon receiving the reports of the judges the Secretary (or his deputy) shall award marks, 50 per cent. to be regarded as a "Pass," but such marks shall not count in the "Average" column.

10. **Greek and "Honours":** That regulation 2, page 82 of the Law Book, be amended by the deletion of the words "provided he pass in Greek."

11. **Employment of Agents, etc.:** That no student, probationer or Minister who has ceased to be recognised as such by the Conference shall be employed by the Church as a Home Missionary or Supply without the previous consent of the Conference, or the President in consultation with his Committee of Advice.

12. **Establishment of Degrees in Divinity and Theology:** That Conference reaffirm the principle of the desirability of securing the necessary amendments to the University Act as will enable the establishment of Degrees in Divinity and Theology in the University of New Zealand, and continue to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the accomplishment of that end.

13. That the above regulations shall come into operation in 1943.

14. That a Sub-Committee be appointed consisting of Revs. C. H. Laws, H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, W. G. Slade, H. L. Fiebig, and B. M. Chrystall, to harmonise the above resolutions with the existing regulations and to submit the result to the Law Book Revision Committee.

QUESTION XXIV.—(a) Do we sanction the Alteration or Division of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station?

(1) **AUCKLAND CITY.**—That the Commission appointed in 1941 be reappointed.

(2) **WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU.**—That a separate agent be appointed in each centre when circumstances permit.

(3) **WANGĀNUI.**—That the amalgamation of the Circuits is not practicable and that the present arrangements be continued for another year.

(4) That the name of the Wellington (Thorndon) Circuit be changed to "Wellington West" and that the Superintendent reside at Karori.

(5) That the Christchurch Commission be reappointed and be as follows: The Superintendents of Christchurch City Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, Messrs S. H. Maddren, H. A. Purvis, W. G. Wright, F. Thompson, W. C. Francis, C. Colechin, J. E. Purchase, L. G. Steven, R. A. Marsh, W. A. Bascand, C. H. Perkins, Ewart Smith, J. Olds, E. H. Smith, R. G. Bell, C. A. Comber, F. Olds, F. Colechin, A. Dingwall, and Newman Hall. Convener—Secretary of the Synod.

(6) That the Caversham, Abbotsford, and Mosgiel Churches investigate further during the coming year with a view to working out a suitable basis for amalgamation.

(7) BALCLUTHA-MILTON.—That the present arrangement be continued and that a suitable grant be made.

QUESTION XXIV.—(b) Do we sanction any change in the Status or Staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station?

OHURA.—That the Ohura H.M. Station be transferred to the South Auckland District.

LOWER HUTT (2nd).

QUESTION XXV.—(a) To what Circuits are Additional Preachers to be Appointed?

AUCKLAND (Birkenhead)—That the staffing be an ordained Minister and a single Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—That a single Home Missionary be appointed when possible.

WELLINGTON EAST.—That an additional ordained Minister be appointed with a suitable grant.

CHRISTCHURCH (Durham Street).—That a Probationer be appointed to reside at Somerfield Street.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted?
None.

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

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

Kawakawa-Ohaeawai is due, but is relieved for a third year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Timaru South is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

QUESTION XXVIII.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference Stationed for the Ensuing Year?

Copy for Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuit Stewards

LIST OF STATIONS OF THE Methodist Church of New Zealand

President: REV. WILLIAM WALKER.

Vice-President: MR. G. H. BRANSBY LILL.

Secretary: REV. WILLIAM G. SLADE, M.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1942.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 131 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 and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.)

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **Auckland Central.**—E. Thomas Olds, F. Gardner Brown (C.F. on Active Service) (Supply: Harold K. Brown), Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C., Howard C. Matthews; John Olphert, George P. Hunt (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.

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

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—George I. Laurenson, General Superintendent. Harry J. Odell, Assistant Superintendent.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Youth Director (see Question 29).

2. **Auckland Central Mission.**—A. Everil Orr; Arthur J. Seamer (Supernumerary). Maharaia Winiata (without Pastoral charge). A Deaconess.
3. **Auckland West.**—Alfred E. Waite, A Home Missionary (Grey Lynn), Percy N. Knight, B.A., John John (Supernumeraries).
4. **Auckland East.**—Fred Copeland, J. Francis Jack (Mount Eden), William Walker (Remuera) (President of the Conference), Lawrence Greenslade (Mission Bay); Albert B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., without pastoral charge; T. Francis Jones, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), William A. Sinclair, George Frost (Supernumeraries).
Epsom Orphanage Chaplain—Fred Copeland.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—Acting-Principal: Eric W. Hames, M.A., Resident Tutor.

5. Auckland (Avondale).—Walter Parker, Ralph J. Liddell (Glen Eden), John J. Lewis, M.A. (Avondale); Arthur Mitchell, Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (Supernumeraries).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Walter Parker.
 6. Auckland (Devonport).—Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.; William J. Elliott (Supernumerary), E. Percy Blamires (is a minister resting and with permission to reside in England).
 7. Auckland (Takapuna).—Joseph C. Draper (C.F.); Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Wills, Harold E. Bellhouse, Connexional Editor (Supernumeraries).
 8. Auckland (Birkenhead).—Andrew J. Johnston (Dominion Organiser Centennial Fund), a Home Missionary, George H. Goodman (Travelling Organiser Centennial Fund), Howard H. Jeffreys (C.F. on Active Service).
 9. Onehunga.—D. J. Donald Hickman; Frank E. Leadley (Supernumerary).
 10. Otahuhu.—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.
 11. Papakura.—Wallace S. Neal.
 12. Pukekohe.—William G. Slade, M.A. (Secretary of the Conference) (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station); Robert W. Mayson, B.A. (Wesley College).
Wesley Training College, Paerata.—William G. Slade, M.A., Chaplain; Robert W. Mayson, B.A., Asst. Chaplain.
 13. Waiuku.—William B. Cuming.
 14. Mahurangi.—Harry V. Utting (Warkworth); A Home Missionary.
 15. Paparoa.—One Wanted.
 16. Dargaville.—Ivo M. Raynor, V. Roy Jamieson (C.F. on Active Service); A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
 17. Ruawai.—Clarence T. J. Luxton (Supply).
 18. Whangarei-Hikurangi.—George E. Brown. One Wanted.
 19. Whangaroa.—Herbert A. Cochrane (Kaeo).
 20. Port Albert.—One Wanted.
 21. Kawakawa-Kaikohe.—One Wanted.
 22. Mangonui.—Leslie R. M. Gilmore.
 23. Hokianga.—Charles B. Oldfield.
Maori Mission.—Home Mission Department: Eruera Te Tuhi, Senior Maori Superintendent.
- (1) Auckland—
Rakena P. Rakena (Waima).
13 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.
- BOMBAY-TUAKAU.—A Home Missionary.
HELENSVILLE.—A Home Missionary.
KAUKAPAKAPA-SILVERDALE.—A Home Missionary.
ALBANY.—A Home Missionary.
BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary.
NORTH HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM WALKER, Chairman of the District (President of the Conference).

FRED. COPELAND, Deputy Chairman.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

24. **Thames.**—Francis J. Handy; George F. Stockwell (Super-numerary).
25. **Hauraki Plains.**—One Wanted.
26. **Paeroa.**—John R. Nelson (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
27. **Waihi.**—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.; Reginald Day (C.F. on Active Service).
28. **Te Aroha.**—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
29. **Morrinsville.**—John L. Mitchell, John B. Dawson (Waitoa).
30. **Cambridge.**—Henry Ryan.
31. **Hamilton.**—Charles H. Olds, B.A., James W. Parker (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station).
32. **Hamilton East.**—William Gatman.
33. **Huntly.**—Campbell P. Lucas.
34. **Matamata.**—Arthur R. Witheford (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
34. **Putaruru.**—Harold A. Darvill.
36. **Rotorua.**—William B. Pickering; Walter J. Oxbrow and William H. Speer (Supernumeraries).
37. **Tauranga.**—Arthur A. Bensley (who shall supervise the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits). A Home Missionary.
38. **Whakatane.**—Gordon V. Thomas.
39. **Opotiki.**—Reginald Grice.
40. **Te Awamutu.**—Herbert Spencer.
41. **Otorohanga.**—Vincent le C. Binet (who shall supervise the Te Kuiti Circuit).
42. **Te Kuiti.**—Alan O. Jones.
43. **Taumarunui.**—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Ohura Home Mission Station).

(2) **Waikato**—

Ranginohora Rogers (Ngaruawahia).

10 Home Missionaries.

3 Deaconesses.

(3) **King Country**—

Ngatete K. Kukutai.

12 Home Missionaries.

2 Deaconesses.

NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.

KAWHIA.—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

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

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

- 44. New Plymouth.—Ernest D. Patchett, Ivan S. Williamson. A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
- 45. Waitara.—William C. Jenkin.
- 46. Stratford.—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
- 47. Eltham-Kaponga.—Edwin S. Harkness.
- 48. Hawera.—Wesley Parker, M.A.
- 49. Manaia.—One Wanted.
- 50. Opunake.—John H. Bailey. A Home Missionary.
- 51. Wanganui.—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
- 52. Wanganui North.—J. Frederick Martin. A Home Missionary.
- 53. Gonville.—Charles E. Dickens.
- 54. Marton.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
- 55. Taihape.—William J. Morrison.

(4) Taranaki-Waimarino—

Matarae Tauroa (Okaiawa).

12 Home Missionaries.

3 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

- 56. Napier.—Samuel J. Werren (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit), One Wanted (Greenmeadows), Alfred Sanft (on Active Service).
- 57. Hastings.—Robert B. Tinsley; Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).
- 58. Gisborne.—Albert Blakemore. A Home Missionary.
- 59. Wairoa.—One Wanted.
- 60. Dannevirke.—Herbert Ford.
- 61. Woodville.—Athol R. Penn.
- 62. Pahiatua.—William E. Moore.
- 63. Palmerston North (St. Paul's).—Clarence Eaton; Arthur Ashcroft (Supernumerary).
- 64. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).
- 65. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Frederick B. Lawrence.
- 66. Feilding.—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Apiti H.M. Station). A Home Missionary.

67. **Sanson-Rongotea**.—Charles M. Roberts.
WAIPAWA.—A Home Missionary.
WAIPUKURAU.—A Home Missionary.
FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.
APITI.—A Home Missionary.
NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM T. BLIGHT, B.A., B.D., Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

68. **Wellington Central**.—Percy R. Paris, Thomas Skuse (Brooklyn); Robert Raine, Thomas R. Richards (Supernumeraries).
 Ernest O. Blamires, is a minister resting and is permitted to serve in connection with the Bible in Schools' League.
YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D., Senior Youth Director.
69. **Wellington (Webb Street)**.—One Wanted.
70. **Wellington West**.—Frank Bateup, Thomas H. Carr (Thorndon); Moses Ayrton (Supernumerary).
71. **Wellington South**.—John D. McArthur.
72. **Wellington East**.—William A. Burley, M.A., Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (Island Bay), Ralph E. Patchett, John Churchill (C.F.), Harold W. Burley (on Active Service), Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood (Supernumeraries).
73. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**.—William Rowe, Haddon C. Dixon, B.A. (Porirua), Leonard V. Willing (Ngaio); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
74. **Hutt**.—Frederick J. Parker, Wesley L. Long; Thomas W. Vealie, R. Purcell Keall (Supernumeraries).
75. **Petone**.—Archer O. Harris (who shall supervise the Upper **Hutt** Home Mission Station).
76. **Greytown-Featherston**.—Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agr.); G. Knowles Smith (Supernumerary).
77. **Carterton**.—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
 Hedley White resides in the Circuit and is without pastoral charge.
78. **Masterton**.—Harry S. Kings; A Home Missionary.
 Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, Harry S. Kings.
79. **Eketahuna**.—H. Ian K. Hopper.
80. **Levin**.—G. Raymond Harris; Charles A. Foston (Supernumerary).
81. **Otaki**.—Victor Mead, L.Th. (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Home Mission Station); George S. Cook (Supernumerary).
PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.
UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

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

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

82. Nelson.—Charles Blair, One Wanted (Nelson South).
83. Richmond.—John D. Grocott (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Home Mission Station).
84. Motueka.—Thomas Coatsworth.
85. Blenheim.—Harold A. Sharp, E. Clarence Leadley (Picton).
86. Reefton.—Leslie T. Norwell.
87. Westport.—Hubert G. Brown (who shall supervise the Granity Home Mission Station).
88. Greymouth.—Ernest S. Hoddinott.
89. Hokitika.—L. Gordon Hanna.

WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.

HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.

MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.

GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

CHARLES BLAIR, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

90. Christchurch (Durham Street).—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., James H. Woolford (Somerfield Street); William A. Mills (C.F. on Active Service), William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S., Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., Benjamin J. James (Supernumeraries).

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
Youth Director.—Matthew A. McDowell.

91. Christchurch East.—J. Henry Allen, Cecil R. Taylor, W. E. Allon Carr, Charles H. Bell, John K. Watson, B.A. (on Active Service), Jacob Featherston, Albert H. Fowles, Raymond Richards (Supernumeraries).
92. Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).—Norman P. Larsen.
93. Christchurch (Woolston).—Ernest E. Sage, Alan F. Collins (Opawa). A Home Missionary (Sumner).
94. Christchurch (Sydenham).—George B. Hinton.
95. Christchurch (Addington).—John Dennis; T. Jackson Wallis (Supernumerary).
96. Christchurch (Riccarton).—Harris Whitfield.
97. Christchurch (St. Albans).—David O. Williams, M.A., Charlie O. Hailwood; Edward Drake, Arthur Liversedge (Supernumeraries).
98. Christchurch (Papanui).—James Richards.

SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPLAIN.—James Richards.

99. Lyttelton.—John Silvester, M.A.

100. Springston.—Harry Cottom.
101. Leeston.—Herbert W. Payne.
102. Kaiapoi.—H. Leslie Richards.
103. Ohoka.—Henry Benny.
104. Rangiora.—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
105. Woodend-Sefton.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
106. Greendale.—Robert McGregor.
107. Oxford.—One Wanted.
 TAI TAPU.—A Home Missionary.
 HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
 WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.
 J. HENRY ALLEN, Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

108. Timaru (Banks St.).—Hector C. Orchard.
109. Timaru (Woodland St.).—Oswald Burnet.
110. Timaru South.—J. Stanley Waite.
111. Waimate.—Arthur T. Kent; Jonathan H. Haslam (Supernumerary).
112. Temuka.—Charles H. Kendon.
113. Geraldine.—One Wanted.
114. Ashburton.—Robert B. Gosnell; Angus McBean (Supernumerary).
 A Deaconess.
115. Willowby.—William W. Avery.
116. Oamaru.—William R. Francis, B.A.
 RAKAIA-METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.
 WILLIAM W. AVERY, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

117. Dunedin (Trinity).—Basil Metson; A Home Missionary; George Clement (Supernumerary).
118. Dunedin Central Mission.—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Robert F. Clement; S. Bailey (Supernumerary); Two Deaconesses.
119. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Ashleigh K. Petch.
120. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.; A. Home Missionary (St. Clair).
121. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Leonard C. Horwood, Harold T. Peat (C.F. on Active Service).
122. Dunedin (Caversham).—William R. Laws, B.A.
123. Dunedin (Morningside).—Harold E. Harkness, M.A.
124. Dunedin (Roslyn).—James S. Willoughby.
125. Port Chalmers.—Walter J. Enticott.
126. Balclutha.—Robert E. Fordyce.

127. **Milton.**—Gordon Parker, B.A. (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
 128. **Roxburgh.**—George E. Beckingsale (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
 129. **Invercargill (Central).**—William W. H. Greenslade (who shall supervise the Riverton Home Mission Station).
 130. **Invercargill (St. Peter's).**—Alfred E. Jefferson (who shall supervise the Otatau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations).
 131. **Gore.**—J. Montgomery Blight (who shall supervise the Edendale Home Mission Station).
- BLUFF.—A Home Missionary.
 RAVENSBORNE-BROAD BAY.—A Home Missionary; T. Arthur Pybus (Supernumerary).
 MAORI HILL.—A Home Missionary.
 WAIKOUAITI.—A Home Missionary.
 MOSGIEL.—A Home Missionary.
 EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.
 LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
 CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
 OTAUTAU-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.
 NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.
 RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.

LESLIE B. NEALE, B.A., F.R.G.S.,

Chairman of the District.

LEONARD C. HORWOOD, Financial Secretary.

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

(5) Roviana Circuit—

John Francis Goldie

One Wanted

One Wanted

Two Missionary Sisters

One Nursing Sister

Paul Havea (Maroyo)

Belshazzar Gina, under the direction of the Chairman of the District

Nathan Kera, under the direction of the Chairman of the District

John Afu (Roviana)

Eight Native Catechists

Forty-one Native Teachers

Six Native Medical Assistants

Two Native Nurses.

District Training College:

John F. Goldie, Principal.

One Wanted, Vice-Principal.

(6) Vella Lavella Circuit—

A. Wharton E. Silvester (Bilua)
One Missionary Sister Wanted
One Native Catechist
Twenty-four Native Teachers.

(7) Choiseul Circuit—

John R. Metcalfe (Sasamunga)
One Missionary Sister
One Missionary Sister (Nurse)
Three Native Catechists
Thirty-seven Native Teachers
Two Native Medical Assistants
Two Native Nurses.

(8) Bougainville and Buka Circuit—

A. Harry Voyce (Buin)
Donald C. Alley (Teop)
Clarence T. J. Luxton (Buka)
One Missionary Sister (Buka)
One Missionary Sister (Buin)
One Missionary Sister Wanted (Teop)
Aaron Kotosoma (Teop)
Usaia Sotutu (Buka)
147 Native Teachers
Five Native Medical Assistants.

N.B.—It is understood that the Chairman of the district shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Allen G. Rutter, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), D.T.M. & H.,
Medical Superintendent
Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses)
Seven Native Medical Assistants
Six Native Nurses

JOHN F. GOLDIE, Chairman of the District.

NOTES.

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

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

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

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

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1942.

Auckland District—

Youth Director.—Arthur E. Bate, employed by the Youth Department.

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Road).—One Wanted.

Auckland West (Grey Lynn).—Supply (Rev. G. P. Hunt).

Auckland (Birkenhead).—One Wanted.
Bombay-Tuakau.—R. Coombridge.
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale.—W. M. Jones.
Port Albert.—L. E. G. Sharp.
North Hokianga (Kohukohu).—A. P. Dorrian.
Albany.—One Wanted.
Dargaville (Te Kopuru).—One Wanted.
Otahuhu (Second).—Vacant.
Mahurangi (Second).—Vacant.
Bay of Islands.—Supply.
Whangarei-Hikurangi (Hikurangi).—T. Shepherd.
Helensville.—One Wanted.
Kawakawa-Kaikohe.—W. J. Anderson.

Home Mission Department—

Colporteur Work.—Supply (Sister Rita F. Snowden).

Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo.—Supply.
Batley.—Supply.
Kawakawa.—Te Riri Kawiti.
Paihia.—Hone Tamati.
Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.
Waimate North.—Supply.
Te Karae.—Rameka Eru.
Horeke.—Supply.
Kaikohe.—Wiremu Wi Hongi.
Whananaki.—Nehana Pu.
Rewiti.—Supply.
Purerua.—Supply.
Dargaville.—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
Poutu (Kaipara Heads).—Paraire Paraone Kena.
Pokere (Bay of Islands).—Piripi Livingstone.
Matakana.—John Harris.
Mangamuka.—Paoa Rakena.
Tuakau.—Taniora Poihipi Tokoroa.

South Auckland District—

Hauraki Plains.—N. R. Hooper.
Ngaruawahia.—Owen L. Christian.
Tauranga-Te-Puke (Te Puke).—A. A. L. Hutching.
Coromandel.—C. Aker.
Kawhia.—Supply (Rev. Ranginohora Rogers).
Ohura.—M. H. Taylor.

Maori Mission—

Te Kuiti.—John Nicholls.
Pukeatua.—Heemi Rihimona.
Ohiapopoko.—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama.
Cambridge.—Supply.
Mokau.—Supply.
Ngaruawahia.—Paahi Moke.
Waimiha.—Hari Aroha Pereiti.
Aramiro.—Wiremu Tonga.
Raglan.—Honehone Kereopa.
Rakaunui.—Wene Herangi.
Waitomo.—Aihe Huirama.
Otorohanga (Otewa).—Hoani Tonga.
Whatawhata.—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa.—Supply.
Huntly.—Hori Te Awa.
Rangiriri.—Supply.
Tuakau.—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Te Kohanga.—Supply.
Hauraki Plains.—Supply.
Thames (Puru).—Supply.
Aotea, Kawhia.—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa.—Supply.
Te Kopua, Te Awamutu.—Supply.
Te Waitere.—Te Paki Kinita.
Manunui—King Country.—Huru Wi Peri.
Raglan Rural.—Tuteao Manihera.
Marokopa.—Wiremu Kamana.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyn's).—Supply (H. Ashworth).
Opunake (Okato).—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Patea.—W. J. Henderson.
Raetihi-Ohakune.—One Wanted.
Wanganui North (Second).—One Wanted.
Manaia.—C. Robinson.
Douglas (under Stratford Superintendent).—Vacant.
Inglewood.—C. S. L. Oliver.

Maori Mission—

New Plymouth.—Supply.
Rahotu.—Supply.
Nukumarua.—Supply.
Urenui.—Supply.

Hawera.—Paikea H. Toka (on Active Service).
Pariroa Pa.—Tupito Maruera.
Whenuakura.—Rangiira Tumahuki.
Kai Iwi.—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri.
Wanganui.—Supply.
Rangitikei.—Supply.
Raetihi.—Supply.
Wanganui River.—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Napier (Greenmeadows).—One Wanted.
Feilding (Halcombe).—K. A. Robinson.
Foxton-Shannon.—G. Densem.
Apiti.—J. H. Thompson.
Norsewood (under Dannevirke Superintendent).—One Wanted
Waipawa.—R. C. Patchett.
Gisborne (Second).—Vacant.
Wairoa.—N. W. Olds.

Wellington District—

Wellington (Webb Street).—One Wanted.
Upper Hutt.—Supply.
Paraparaumu.—R. T. Alexander.
Masterton (Kuripuni).—One Wanted.

Nelson District—

Havelock (under Blenheim Superintendent).—Vacant.
Murchison.—A. N. McDonald.
Granity.—W. T. Withers.
Wakefield-Dovedale.—L. Shapcott.
Nelson South.—Supply (J. W. Bayliss).

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch—St. Albans (Bryndwr).—Supply (Rev. A. Liversedge).
Christchurch-Woolston (Sumner).—J. S. Clark.
Christchurch—Durham Street (Cashmere).—Supply (Rev. A. N. Scotter).
Christchurch—Addington (Lincoln Road).—Supply (H. J. Malcolm).
Waddington.—H. Moore.
Tai Tapu.—F. Sanderson.
Hawarden (under Woodend Superintendent).—Vacant.
Oxford.—Green Hall.

South Canterbury District—

Geraldine.—F. O. Prosser.
Rakaia-Methven (under Ashburton Superintendent).—One Wanted.

Otago-Southland District—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—H. Skuse.
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay.—W. L. Divers.
Dunedin-Trinity (North East Valley).—W. H. Gregory.
Cargill Road (St. Clair).—Supply (Rev. S. Bailey).
Dunedin (Maori Hill).—B. H. Riseley.
Mosgiel.—T. A. Winn.
Lawrence.—Supply (C. W. Tolley).
Cromwell.—T. Steele.
Edendale.—D. I. Robertson.
Otautau-Tuatapere.—W. J. Bryant.
Nightcaps.—H. M. Brasell.
Riverton.—H. R. Wright.
Bluff.—N. Challenger.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1942.

I.—Home Work.

1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett (Lady Superintendent, Deaconess House).
1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., Auckland.
1936—Sister Edith K. Beer, Pitt Street, Auckland.
1938—Sister Constance L. Osborne—Without Appointment

II.—Maori Work.

1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
1921—Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.
1927—Sister Netta Gittos (working under Kurahuna Committee).
1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Ratana Pa (Supply).
1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, Hokianga.
1933—Sister Olive Bott, Bay of Islands.
1935—Sister O. Madeline Holland (working under Kurahuna Committee).
1936—Sister Heeni Te Teira, Hamilton and Lower Waikato.
1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott (working under Rangiatea Committee).
1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Okaiawa.
1940—Sister Violet Kruse, Hamilton and Upper Waikato.
1941—Probationer Jean Miller, South Taranaki.

III.—Foreign Work—Solomon Islands—

- 1923—*Sister Elizabeth Common.
- 1924—*Sister Lina Jones.
- 1934—*Sister Ada Lee.
- 1935—*Sister Vera Cannon.
- 1937—*Sister Effie Harkness.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland.
- 1938—*Sister Joy Whitehouse.
- 1939—*Sister Grace McDonald.

*Evacuated owing to war conditions.

IV.—Retired for Special Service—

- 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Government Service, Wellington.

V.—Retired or Resting—

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
- 1913—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.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, retired.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.
- 1934—Sister Marama Muriwai, leave of absence for twelve months.
- 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan, retired.

VI.—Students in Training—

- Miss Annie Wilson (2nd year).
- Miss Annie Davidson (2nd year).
- Miss Audrey Burch (1st year).
- Miss Ruth Hilder (1st year).

QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as Chairmen and Secretaries of Districts and as Statistical Secretaries for the ensuing year?

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

- Auckland—William Walker (President of the Conference).
- South Auckland—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Ernest D. Patchett.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—William T. Blight, B.A. B.D.
- Wellington—William A. Burley, M.A.
- Nelson—Charles Blair.
- North Canterbury—J. Henry Allen.
- South Canterbury—William W. Avery.
- Otago-Southland—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.
- Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—Ernest B. Chambers.

Auckland—Alfred E. Waite.

South Auckland—John L. Mitchell.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Gordon R. H. Peterson.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Athol R. Penn.

Wellington—Frederick J. Parker.

Nelson—John D. Grocott.

North Canterbury—Cecil R. Taylor.

South Canterbury—R. B. Gosnell.

Otago-Southland—Basil Metson.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1943?

President: Charles H. Olds, B.A.

Secretary: William G. Slade, M.A.

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

GENERAL RETURNS.

(a) Properties and Preaching Places.

There is a decrease of three church buildings owing to old properties having been sold. It should be noted, however, that there is also a decrease of 10 Preaching Places. Conference gave direction to Synods some years ago that in cases where Preaching Places have been closed during the year, that satisfactory reasons be given to the Synods. It is to be hoped this was done in each case. It is gratifying to note that three additional Schoolrooms have been acquired during the year.

(b) Staffing.

There is an increase of 4 Ministers and Probationers, 5 Home Missionaries, and 1 Deaconess. At the same time it should be borne in mind that we have 5 Chaplains serving with the Forces overseas, 1 is permanently engaged as a Chaplain at Rongatai, while 7 other ministers have acted as officiating Chaplains at various other camps during the year. The decline continues in the number of Local Preachers and Class Leaders. Last year we lost 31 and 19 respectively, this year 5 and 3.

(c) Membership.

The Senior membership Roll remains stationary. Only three Districts reported increases, the greatest being South Auckland with 126. But, unfortunately, this and the small increases in two other Districts were offset by decreases in other Districts.

The Junior and Infant membership returns are much more encouraging, with an increase of 142 for the former, and 814 for the latter. Last year there was also an increase of 259 Infant members, and the decrease of 281 Junior members reported at last Conference

has been more than overtaken this year. If these children, who are so early brought under the ministry of the Church, can be retained through the years, then our Senior membership should begin to increase. Does not this point to the need for increasing attention being given to the matter of Christian education, not only that this young life may be kept for Christ and the Church, but also that it may be fitted to make a distinctively Christian contribution to the general life of the community?

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS RETURNS.

The fact that an increasing number of Infants are being registered on our Cradle Rolls, and that many of them are being presented to the Church for baptism, is at once a source of gratification and a challenge. For 1500 children were added to the Cradle Roll during the year, which is 336 more than for 1940, and is nearly double the number enrolled during 1936. If Methodism can capitalize this great opportunity the problem of Senior membership should become a thing of the past. But unfortunately a leakage occurs at the very point where young life first comes under our care, as an examination of the Cradle Roll figures reveals. Thus—

Total on Cradle Roll 1940	4256
Received last year	1500
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Total	5756
Total returned this year	4877
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Difference	879

Even assuming that the 220 increase in the Beginners' Department of the Sunday School is due to the transfer of that number from the Cradle Roll, there is still a deficiency of 659 to be accounted for. Ways and means must be found to ensure that a greater number of Cradle Roll members find their way into the Sunday School.

Sunday School returns show a nett decrease of 219. The losses have occurred in the Primary Department 254, and the Intermediates 289, while gains are recorded in the Beginners 220, and Juniors 104. Hence the nett gain of last year has just been maintained. It is not possible to make a comparison of average attendances, as the figures of a year ago were incomplete.

Coming to Bible Class returns, I regret to report that the decline manifested last year, continues. Following a decrease of 63 Classes last year, there is a further decrease of 64 this year, which is a loss of practically 10% in the number of classes. The numerical strength of Y.W.B.C. Members is also smaller. The decreases are as follows, the decrease for 1940 being shown in brackets: Juniors 138 (48), Intermediates 65 (71), Seniors 39 (226).

The Y.W.B.C. Movement has an increased membership of 22 Intermediates, but decreases of 27 and 429 in Juniors and Seniors respectively.

These sections of our Youth Work have been disrupted by the war; at the same time all the losses cannot be attributed to that cause. The figures are such, that Conference must give them serious consideration. For if the Church is to fulfil her mission after the war she must maintain and extend Bible Class work as an important method of Christian Fellowship and education.

It is interesting to note that 459 Y.M.B.C. Members are reported as serving with the Forces, and 3 Y.W.B.C. Members. This return, however, is incomplete, as one of the largest Districts made no return under this heading.

There is again a great disparity between the Infant and Junior Church Membership figures as shown in the General Returns, and those of the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. Circuits appear to be a law unto themselves in furnishing these figures. One includes all its Sunday School scholars as Church Members; another returns an "estimate." The whole matter of the grading of Church members is now under review, together with the relationship of Baptism to Membership. When these matters are settled there will be established a basis for comparisons. At present no comparisons can be made.

I would suggest that in any new forms that are prepared, provision be made for recording the number of baptisms for the year.

MAORI RETURNS.

I have to report again, that in spite of last year's Conference resolution (page 52, par. 6, Minutes of Conference) no Maori returns have come to hand.

E. B. CHAMBERS, General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference returns thanks to Almighty God that, in spite of the general unsettlement created by the war, the work of the Church has been maintained during the year. We cannot, however, be satisfied until there is a great increase in Church membership. Conference therefore calls upon all ministers and leaders to devote still more attention this year to the winning of men and women to complete allegiance to Jesus Christ and His Church. We believe there are many in our congregations who have not yet entered into the full fellowship of the Church and urge that all such be approached personally with a view to bringing them through surrender to Jesus Christ into full fellowship with the Church.
3. That the returns for Members received during the year shall include only those newly received into Church membership, and not those members received on transfer from another Circuit.
4. That in the Statistical Returns Form the column for Class Leaders be deleted.
5. That all Bible Classes retain upon their Class Rolls all members who are serving with the Military Forces and that they be recorded in the proper schedules.
6. That Conference direct all Ministers and Bible Class Leaders to do everything in their power to ensure that every Bible Class member becomes a Church member.
7. That the Rev. E. B. Chambers be thanked for his services and that he be re-appointed.

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

In discussing what work might profitably be attempted by the Committee this year, one member suggested inquiry into the possibility of a School for Lay Evangelists, but it was pointed out that a School for Christian Workers had already received the approval of Conference. The second proposal put forward was a report on Post-War Reconstruction and again it was discovered that a committee was engaged on that matter. Further investigation revealed the fact that there are already committees dealing with the following:

1. The Statement of Faith and its implications.
2. Spiritual Advance.
3. Church Membership.
4. Temperance Education.
5. Other Public Questions.
6. The Social Creed.
7. Publications on various subjects of importance.

The only direction of Conference with regard to the work of the Welfare Committee is that each year it shall "investigate and report on some problem, spiritual, ethical, intellectual or social, at present confronting the Church generally." (Minutes, 1932.) The Committee feels that this need is being met by such committees as those indicated above, and would further point out that on urgent or important matters it is the custom of Conference to appoint a special Committee. Also the time of Conference is very fully occupied and hence it is very desirable to avoid overlapping.

In these circumstances the Committee were agreed on the desirability of having definite work appointed for its consideration. While its members are more than willing to put their best into any essential work they may be called upon to undertake, they feel the need of further definition of their task, and move the following resolutions:

1. That Conference be requested to specify year by year the work it requires the Welfare of the Church Committee to do, definitely indicating the matters on which it is desired the Committee shall report.

2. That owing to a proposed re-arrangement of committee work in Dunedin, the Committee for the next Connexional year only shall be appointed by the Otago-Southland District Executive.

3. That the convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee for the ensuing year be the Rev. J. S. Willoughby.

L. B. NEALE, Chairman.

L. C. HORWOOD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That the Welfare of the Church Committee be instructed to prepare for Synods of 1942 a comprehensive scheme for the establishment of a modern publicity centre which shall be responsible for the dissemination of all information vital to the Church, shall organize Connexional appeals, nourish advance proposals, educate our people in spiritual and institutional movements, and arrange for co-ordinated approach to be made periodically to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations by one travelling agent in each Island.

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

Annual Report, 1941-42.

The Dominion Executive, in submitting its Annual Report, would on behalf of all the Local Preachers in the Dominion, express gratitude to the Church and to God for the opportunity and privilege of serving the Lord and Master by the proclamation of His Gospel.

Long Service Diplomas have been presented as follows:—

Mrs. Letitia Martin, Wanganui—26 years.

Mr. F. J. Whitlock, Wanganui—40 years.

Mr. F. Harrison, Otautau—45 years.

Mr. J. T. Johnson, Te Awamutu—46 years.

Mr. A. H. Leybourn, Te Awamutu—32 years.

Mr. G. Andrew, M.A., Wanganui—55 years.

The Executive is of the opinion that there must be many more in the Dominion who are entitled to receive and would appreciate this Diploma.

L.P. Examinations. The Connexional Written Examination is proving its value. Special thanks are due to the tutors who have so willingly and capably prepared the candidates for the Examination.

The names of those who have completed the Examination during the year will be reported to the Annual Meeting and to Conference.

Appreciation of Hon. Tutors. Special thanks are due to the tutors who have so willingly and capably prepared the candidates for the Examination.

Whittome's Efficiency Course. The Executive is pleased to report that seven copies of Whittome's Efficiency Course have been presented during the year to Local Preachers being received on full plan at public Recognition Services. It is regrettable that in some cases Recognition Services are not held, and young preachers are prevented from receiving this valuable presentation book.

Reception Certificate. Consideration has been given to the question of providing a Certificate to indicate that a Local Preacher has passed the prescribed tests and has been accepted by the Church. The matter has now been finalised and the Certificates are available on application to the Secretary of the Association.

Book Scheme. The Association's Book Scheme is being taken advantage of to a greater extent but it is felt that more use could be made of it by Local Preachers when any book, theological or devotional, published by the Epworth Press, can be procured post free at half English published prices. Catalogues gladly supplied on request.

Women Preachers. Inevitably the War is depleting the ranks of available preachers. Senior brethren are having increasing burdens to bear. To ease these burdens and to carry on the work some circuits are using in their pulpits the gifts and graces of their womenfolk. Every Circuit will surely have in it these young women who, if given suitable leading, could render valuable service to the Church as preachers of the Gospel. It is recommended that these womenfolk be given the opportunity and encouragement to render such service.

Our brethren with the Forces. The Executive regrets to report that it has been most difficult to obtain the address of Preachers serving in the forces overseas. The President has written to all whose addresses have been available.

Benevolent Fund. The Executive would draw attention to the facts shown by the Financial Statement that greatly appreciated help, has been made available to needy Local Preachers from the Benevolent Fund.

Location of Executive. Last Annual Meeting directed that if suitable to the Dunedin brethren the Executive of the Association should be located in Otago in 1942. The Dunedin brethren regret to advise that they have not found it possible to accept the Executive, so it will remain for another year in North Canterbury.

The following brethren are willing to act if the Annual Meeting so desires:—Messrs. J. E. Horrell (President), A. E. Lawry (Secretary), J. H. Pugh (Treasurer), G. Armitage, C. H. Colechin, W. Chas. Francis, Frank Olds, H. B. Moore, A. G. Williams, L. H. Hosking.

(Signed) J. E. HORRELL, President.

A. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That a certificate of acceptance be presented to each Local Preacher when he is received on the Full Plan.

3. That approach be made to the Oil Controller through the Rev. P. R. Paris for sufficient petrol for Local Preachers going to their appointments.

4. That Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., and Mr. N. R. Seddon be empowered to deal privately with the case of Mr. J. V. Burton.

C.—MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1941.

The Dominion Executive is still convinced that the movement is filling a felt want, but it is still largely in the dark in regard to the activities of the work of the District Committees and the various Branches outside North Canterbury and Auckland.

During July 140 Churches were circularised (outside Auckland where the District Committee did the work), and we received replies from only 21 Branches, or 1 in 7. Some of these were very encouraging indeed, still showing what a power the men of our Church can be when they are prepared to put some effort into their work for Christ and His Church.

We circularised 180 Churches in September, and await replies with a great deal of interest.

We understand that North Canterbury District is well to the fore in its activities, but this information has not reached us through the District Committee.

Auckland District Committee report having held two District Combined Rallies, the last one being a welcome to the President and Vice-President of Conference, Rev. W. A. Burley and Mr. Frank Penn, and these have been found very profitable.

The various Branches in Auckland are meeting mainly week-nights, while some meet Sundays as well, but all find the Church Services taken by the men of the Fellowship such an inspiration and a help that they are being held more frequently.

What the future has in store is a question to be faced, as up to the present practically all our financial assistance has been received from Auckland District Committee.

Members will know that there is a levy of 3d. per member from each Branch, this amount to be sent to the various Men's Fellowship District Committees, who keep half the amount and forward the other half to the Dominion Executive.

As we have received the levy from only one District Committee it looks as if the others are not functioning, and if that is the case we appeal to the individual Branches to forward some financial assistance direct to the Dominion Executive to enable the work to be carried on.

We are endeavouring to raise funds for Dr. Rutter Medical Equipment Fund, and the Executive hope that with the co-operation of the Branches a sufficient sum will be realised to materially assist the Doctor with his Medical work.

"It is not by might nor by power but by My Spirit" saith the Lord, and we can plan and work as much as we may but we must fail unless the Spirit behind the movement is founded on "The Rock."

Are the men of the Fellowship prepared—

"To Strive, To Seek, To Find and Not to Yield"

so that when our younger men return from serving their country they will find us "carrying on"?

G. E. SPOONER, President.

A. D. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference learns with pleasure that the Methodist Men's Fellowship is seeking to unite its many branches in a common Missionary objective.
3. That the Vice-President of the Conference shall be ex-officio the Patron for the year concerned of the Dominion Methodist Men's Fellowship.
4. That the Dominion Executive for 1942 be located in Auckland.
5. That the following be the District Committees:—

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the following Churches: Mt. Eden, Remuera, Mt. Albert, and Kingsland; Messrs. J. M. C. Barker, V. E. Wills, A. Williams, D. L. Thomas, F. French, G. E. Spooner, A. D. Whitehead, W. S. Mackay, L. T. Hayman, J. Fletcher, W. Gibson, L. E. Rhodes (Convener).

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Minister and Members of the Matamata Fellowship.

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

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Messrs. A. H. Fisher, Jnr. (Convener), H. S. Tate, C. E. Taylor, and H. Cunningham.

WELLINGTON.—The District Executive.

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

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Appointed by the District Executive (Mr. C. C. Sandford, Convener).

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Executive of the Oamaru Men's Fellowship.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive.

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

I.—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941.

During the year the work of the Department has proceeded steadily, all aspects of it receiving the attention of both the Board and the Directors. Regular monthly meetings of the Board have been held throughout the year and, in addition, various Committees have been at work on matters requiring preliminary survey and preparation prior to presentation to the Board.

Directors.

The Senior Director has been present at meetings of the Board throughout the year while the other two Directors were present at meetings in May and September, in addition to which close contact was maintained with them by correspondence. Following the method of last year, in September the three Directors met in Conference to review the work of the year and make their plans for future work.

During the year the Board has reviewed the appointment of the Directors to their respective Areas, and is convinced that because of the effective work being done by each of them, they should be allowed to continue their present appointment in the same areas.

Literature.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of war conditions and Import Licensing, supplies of literature have been maintained and made available to Sunday Schools with comparatively little delay. The high standard of the Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand stamps them as worthy lessons for the use of our Sunday Schools, and further evidence of the desire of the Graded Lesson's Board to raise the standard progressively of both the material and the general production is shown in the quality and improvement in this year's supplies.

Finance.

We again gratefully acknowledge the loyalty of Circuits and Home Mission Stations throughout the Dominion in their fine response to our Annual Financial Appeal. While there is room for improvement in some places, generally speaking the response to the appeal is very good. This increasing support we feel sure is a recognition of the fine and valuable help being given by the Directors as they develop their programme in their respective Districts.

Temperance Education.

Temperance education has been given a good deal of attention by a special Committee, but lack of response to the appeal in the "Methodist Times" has prevented the programme authorised by last Conference from being carried out in full this year. The booklet "Teaching Temperance," has been prepared and distributed amongst ministers, leaders and teachers. This should provide a basis for advance Temperance work next year, for which materials will be ready

as soon as finance is provided. The co-operation of the Youth Departments of other Churches, and of the New Zealand Alliance has been enlisted. Permission to make personal appeals for assistance for Temperance Education in view of the failure of the appeal through the "Methodist Times" has been granted by the President.

Co-ordination.

The co-ordination of our work throughout the Dominion by a simplification and unification of the channels through which we operate, while recognised by the Board as a natural development of the District Director Policy, has been hastened forward by the urge from the Districts which have found out from their experience the need of co-ordination of all Youth Work in their District if their work is to be really effective. The Board in consultation with our Youth Courts throughout the Dominion has given the matter very careful consideration, and submits a special report on the whole matter.

Correspondence Sunday Schools.

Under the Superintendence of Mrs. W. A. Smith of Hamilton, this valuable section of our work is developing soundly. Due to the energy and initiative of the N.Z. Bible in Schools League, children attached to the State Correspondence School and not previously in touch with religious instruction have been given the opportunity of linking up with a Correspondence Sunday School of one of the Churches of their own choice. This has resulted in an addition of 17 scholars to our roll, bringing the total number on the roll to 113.

The Board has a committee to co-operate with the Superintendent in keeping abreast of the latest methods for this form of instruction, and preparing for the time when the increasing size of the School will require a definite change in method of conducting the school. The Board expresses its appreciation of the excellent service being rendered by the Superintendent.

Correspondence Bible Class.

This continues to meet the needs of 21 young women and four young men. There are sixteen leaders. The work is progressing unobtrusively but the young people concerned have benefited from and appreciated their correspondence studies. The chief difficulties are the locations of new members and the securing of a sufficient supply of suitable leaders.

New Zealand Executive Councils.

The Y.W., Y.M. and Sunday School Executive Councils have done excellent work during the year in their respective sections of the Department's work and at all times have co-operated in a fine spirit with the Board in the wider sphere of Youth work generally.

Long Service Diploma.

It is regretted that there has been some delay in the production of the Sunday School Teachers' Long Service Diploma. This has been mainly due to the endeavour of the Board to prepare a worthy one. It is almost ready, and before Conference meets will be available for award to any who are entitled to receive it.

Guides to District and Local Youth Councils.

Recognising that if the excellent work of the Directors is to be maintained and the work generally to be progressively developed, the District Youth Councils and Local Youth Councils must assume an increasing responsibility for the work in their respective areas. The

Board has this year prepared and issued a guide to both Councils which by the Questionnaire method sets out the scope of their duties. This in no way limits their activities and is particularly valuable when there is a change in personnel of the Councils. In concluding this section of the Department's report it is fitting that we should pay a tribute to the very efficient service of the Youth Office Secretary, Miss A. Firth, and her Office Assistant. Their unfailing courtesy and devotion to the work makes it a pleasure and a privilege to work in and through the Office.

II.—REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

Lecture Programme.

The Directors have continued a definite programme of lectures and visitation through the past year. Particular attention has been given to "Evangelism in Sunday School and Bible Class" and to "Expression Work in Sunday School." Local problems of organisation and staffing have also received attention. Some contacts have been made with parents, local preachers and men's fellowships. The Directors have also attended Summer and Winter Schools, Easter Camps, Teachers' Retreats and Rallies, and the Bible Class Conventions.

Increasing Facilities.

It is pleasing to be able to record the increasing facilities for youth work, and also the spirit of progress which animates some causes near or within new housing areas, though in some places much more attention is needed. Greater desire to attract new scholars is also displayed, and a spirit of faith and optimism generally prevails.

Improvements in Sunday School Work.

Sunday School work continues to show signs of promise. There has been an improvement in accommodation, equipment, in the general methods of working, and in the worship atmosphere. Extension work is being undertaken in several schools and further assistance in this connection is to be given by the Directors in the course of their visits. Keen interest has been evinced in the meetings conducted by the Directors, who have appreciated the growing confidence of teachers, and their personal enquiries. Loyalty characterises the staffs, who, in a number of instances, are finding difficulty through the depletion of their ranks as the result of the war. The Department is watching the situation, and is issuing suggestions for the maintenance of the work that is thus handicapped.

Staffing.

Owing to present conditions many Sunday Schools are being seriously depleted in staff, and in an endeavour to meet the situation immature young people may be employed as teachers. Where this is happening every care should be taken to see that those enlisted are possessed of a real religious experience, and that they are given training to equip them to become effective teachers, otherwise the final result will be harmful to both teachers and scholars.

Responsibility of Church for Leadership.

It needs to be recognised that more and more the Senior members of the Church will be called upon to accept added responsibilities by staffing the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes and the various committees essential for their efficient maintenance. For many children and young people, the Church is the chief means through which they receive moral and spiritual instruction and training, and this fact should constitute an increasing challenge to adult members.

Training of Leaders and Teachers.

Definite efforts are being made to improve the efficiency and quality of leadership. One-day Rallies have provided much inspiration as well as instruction for teachers and leaders. Training Classes for leaders and teachers and receiving more attention, with good results. There is room, however, for much more development of such classes in local Churches. Individual study is also possible through the Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Course. The Committee in Christchurch has done excellent work. Fifty leaders and thirty-five teachers have been enrolled during the year, and forty-nine Examination passes granted. The Youth Workers' Booklets have also proved a valuable aid to S.S. Teachers. The first series has been completed and a second series has been begun.

Leadership of Intermediate Sunday School scholars and Junior Bible Class members needs special attention, as study of Youth Statistics over the last five years indicates definite leakage here.

Sunday School Anniversaries.

In answer to numerous enquiries for programmes for Sunday School anniversaries, the Department has taken steps for the production and the collection of suitable material, which it is hoped will be available by next Anniversary season. The Department will welcome copies of programmes already tried.

War Effects on Y.M.B.C.

Military Service and Home Guard activities are seriously affecting work in Bible Classes. Many of the Senior Young Men's groups have ceased to exist. Individuals who have been unaffected by these factors have either drifted away, or linked up with Intermediate Classes. In some cases, Senior Classes have combined to meet this situation.

There is evidence, too, that our work with Intermediate Young Men will become increasingly difficult, for the call of young fellows of 16 years and over to offer for Air Force training and for Home Guard duties is being answered by numbers of our younger men.

For the same reason, the problem of leadership has become more difficult and ministers here and there are finding it necessary to conduct Junior Bible Classes which were previously led by Senior Young men.

B.C. Men in Forces.

The Young Men's Movement Executive has made frequent attempts to see that no Bible Class member going into Camp loses touch with the Church, and Classes have been urged to maintain contact with these men. Their names have also been sought by the National Executive, but the lack of response from Local Secretaries has prevented the compilation of a Dominion list.

War Effects upon Y.W.B.C.

Nor are the Young Women exempt from to-day's call to youth. Many are entering the Nursing and other Services, and patriotic activities draw considerably upon the time and energy of a great number. Others have increased responsibilities in business and in the home, and the general stress and strain of the present situation is for some very unsettling. These factors especially call for sympathy and understanding on the part of all leaders of the Young Women's Classes, and of the parents as well. In addition, many of our Senior Young Women have felt the call to respond to the more acute needs of the Sunday School, and this has often meant severing connection with the Bible Class.

Executive Leadership.

Another effect of these difficulties in some districts, has been to deprive the Executive bodies of the Movements of effective leadership, and sometimes it has been a real problem to secure Union Officers. In some places, however, this has stimulated Juniors and Intermediates to accept great Executive responsibility. The situation is being met in other places by means of Combined Executives of Young Women and Young Men. Increasingly, there is a determination to do all that is possible to prevent a collapse of our Young Men's Bible Class work.

It is felt that the biggest single factor that will help to meet this danger will be the complete adoption of the Co-ordination Policy of the Department.

Easter Camps.

Bible Class Camps held during the year numbered 18 for young women and 11 for young men, and one Combined Senior. Attendances were 776 and 1010 and 46 respectively, whilst the figures for 1940 were 656 and 1043 and 35 respectively. A gratifying feature of the Camps this year was the number of seniors attending. The young women report an increase in seniors, and in spite of the present situation, the number of Senior Young Men in Camp was only 25 less than 1940. In addition, there have been some local and Maori camps, for which figures are not available.

Summer and Winter Schools.

During the year five Summer and four Winter Schools for Leaders were organised—the attendances at these excellent gatherings being 363, as compared with 357 last year.

Missions.

Both Bible Class Movements seek to stimulate Missionary giving. The Young Women's Movement continues to maintain Sister Ada Lee in the Solomon Islands, and Sister Margaret Nicholls among the Maoris. The Young Men's Movement contributes to the two Departments as finance allows, and pursues a definite policy of stimulating personal giving to both causes.

Special Syllabus Studies.

The Department has arranged for a series of studies on "Methodism" and "Foreign Missions" for the Senior Bible Class Syllabus. These will form a cycle whereby adequate presentation of Methodist History, Doctrine, and Work will be provided for Bible Classes from year to year. Efforts have also been made to give definite teaching on the basic doctrines of the Christian Church by means of articles in the Bible Class "Link". Series of articles on "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper" and "The Christian Idea of God" are in course of preparation.

B.C. "Link."

The standard of the Bible Class "Link" has been well maintained, and expressions of appreciation have been received by the Editorial staff. There has been a natural falling off in the circulation, due to the war situation. There are at present 815 subscribers, being 100 less than last year.

Social Standards.

The Social Standards Committee of the Bible Class Movements has continued its helpful work, and has met the many requests for assistance by constructive suggestions for the improvement of Bible Class social programmes.

Social Reconstruction.

The Movement Executives have given attention to one special project during the year—that of Social Reconstruction. An endeavour has been made to form study groups in different centres for the consideration of this question, but so far no findings or reports have been received as to progress made.

Finance.

Considering the difficult times through which the Bible Classes are passing, the response to the Annual Financial Appeal by both Movements has been very gratifying.

Local Youth Councils.

Closer co-operation between the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes is being established through the Local Youth Councils, which are proving their value in many places. These are also providing opportunity for much-needed fellowship between teachers and leaders. The desire for Bible Study and Fellowship is manifested by the fact that over two hundred have joined the Bible Reading Fellowship during the last year on recommendation by the Directors.

Fire-side Clubs.

To meet the needs for fellowship on the part of Young Women and Young Men who are engaged in Sunday School Teaching and other Sunday work, or who, for other reasons, are unable to attend a Bible Class, Fireside Clubs are being held in the homes of Church people. The programme of these Clubs provides for a devotional period, in addition to the consideration of cultural and educational subjects. This form of Club is also providing fellowship for young married people.

Delinquency.

Delinquency amongst youth is becoming a serious factor in society, and demands the close study and attention of the Church. The root problem is lack of Christian teaching and example in the home. The Youth Directors have been in touch with leading Child Welfare workers and hope to help in the solution of the problem. The Christian Church has a particular responsibility to "lost" and "god-less" youth. Efforts are needed whereby parents may be instructed in the Christian nurture of their children. For this reason, the Directors are anxious to obtain more meetings with parents at which they may give talks on "Child Nurture" from the spiritual point of view. Co-operation between the Home Mission Department, the Spiritual Advance Committee and the Youth Department would be of great value in this matter. The situation indeed demands co-operation between all organisations concerned with the welfare of youth, and should receive full consideration from the Government from this point of view.

Evangelism.

Greater evangelistic zeal has been manifested in some places with encouraging results. Methods vary, but there is an increasing concern that youth should be brought into the Kingdom of Christ.

Hospitality.

The Youth Directors have greatly appreciated the co-operation of the ministers and officials of the various Circuits, and are deeply grateful for the truly Christian fellowship and hospitality which they have enjoyed in so many homes.

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

NATHAN R. SEDDON, Secretary.

CLIFFORD T. SYMONS, Senior Youth Director.

III.—CO-ORDINATION REPORT.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSTITUTION.

The Conference has instructed the Youth Board to report on Law Revision required by the Department.

The present policy of co-ordination in Youth work is the outcome of the policy adopted when the Youth Directors were appointed in 1939. For the sake of information and simplicity, the Constitution for the Law Book is given in full, although the great proportion of it is unaltered, except for re-arrangement or for condensing. For the guidance of Synods and Conference the following summary of actual changes is as follows:—

Par. 264: A Sub-Clause has been added to state the general work of all Youth Directors.

Par. 265: This is one of the important changes, as it alters the procedure by which finance is raised, but it does not alter the amount of money to be raised. At present the Youth Department finance is received through two channels: (1) Circuits for children's work; (2) Bible Classes (Y.M. and Y.W. separately) through B.C. Unions and then through Movements.

Under the new Proposals the Bible Class funds are paid through and with the Circuit contributions direct to the Board. This co-ordinates all youth work in the Local Church and also co-ordinates the youth work with the Local Church.

A further change is that, in the same way, Bible Class Missionary funds are paid through Circuit channels direct to the Mission Boards concerned, and not through Unions and Movements.

Par. 266: **Convention.**—The new proposals bring all youth work into one field of work, and so a Youth Convention replaces the present separate B.C. Conventions.

Par. 267: **District Youth Sub-Councils.**—These Sub-Councils are being found necessary and useful in some areas and, therefore, are now included as official groups.

The following important changes are implicit in these changes.

The independence and separate organisations of the B.C. Movements, developed as self-governing organisations, with National Executives, District Unions, etc., with separate finance, will formally disappear in order to free more leaders from these organisations to more vital Christian Leadership.

The only change in the Local Church is that Bible Classes will be responsible, through the Local Youth Council, to the Quarterly Meeting for their contributions to the Department, instead of to the District Bible Class Union. The District Unions, B.C. and Sunday School will come together in the District Youth Council and sectional work will be carried on by sectional sub-committees. The National work will come together in the Youth Board and in place of the Bible Class and Sunday School Executive Councils, sub-committees of the Board will attend to sectional work.

It is important to note that in practice the main change will be greatly increased responsibilities of District Youth Councils, but it is believed that, with the guidance and leadership of the Directors, this will be accomplished and that a closer oversight will be more effective.

Finance.

The co-ordination proposals contained in these alterations to the Law Book do not involve the raising of an increased amount of money. They only transfer the responsibility for certain expenditure from the B.C. Movements and District B.C. Unions to a fresh channel, the Youth Board. The Board will in future be responsible for the approved expenses of National Committees, District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils; but to offset that as the N.Z.B.C. Executive Councils and the District B.C. Unions will no longer function as such, their need of finance will cease to exist, thus leaving the amounts previously needed by them for administration expenses, available to the Board. This means simply a transfer of expenditure from one channel to another to meet the needs of the re-organisation in the Districts.

The present Circuit allocations will remain on the basis of 9d. per Church member, and the total B.C. Allocation on the local classes, will, on the average remain the same. The main change will be that in the past very few "unaffiliated" Bible Classes contributed towards the Bible Class Budget, whereas under the new proposals all Bible Classes and other youth organisations will have a moral obligation to help in the youth work of the Church.

Consequential Law Changes.

Several consequential changes in the Law relating to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference are submitted. These are purely machinery and do not affect existing policy.

Date of Proposed Change.

It is hoped to bring into effect the proposals as outlined on the 1st October, 1942.

Basis of Proposals.

These proposals have been under discussion for nearly two years and have been reviewed by the Annual Conventions of the B.C. Movements, District Youth Councils, and Bible Class Unions, and with minor variations, generally approved. The Youth Board has, therefore, every confidence in submitting them to Synods and Conference as the decision of the Youth Courts of the Church.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION.

That the whole of the Law relating to Youth Work at present existing and appearing in the Law Book and its amendments be rescinded, and that paragraphs numbered from 262-276 and the section provided for "Incorporation of Methodist Young Men's Bible Class Trust Board," all of which is found on pages 104-110, be deleted and the following substituted therefor.

Law Book.

Par. 262: The Youth Department, under the authority of Conference shall be responsible, through the Youth Board, for the supervision, maintenance and development of the whole youth work of the Church.

Par. 263: (a) **Connexional Youth Board.**—The Connexional Youth Board shall consist of:—The Chairman of the District in which the Board is located, four ministers, four laymen, four representatives of Sunday Schools, four representatives of the Young Women's Bible Classes, four representatives of the Young Men's Bible Classes, the Youth Directors, and the Youth Office Secretary.

Par. 263: (b) **Election of Youth Board.**—The Youth Board shall be appointed by Conference and nominated as follows:—

(1) Four Ministers and four Laymen by the Synod in the District in which the Board is located.

(2) The Sunday School and Bible Class representatives by the Youth Board, who shall invite nominations from District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils; such nominees to be active members of the Church and of the section they represent.

N.B.: Members absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse shall forfeit their seats, and substitutes may be appointed by the Board.

Par. 263: (c) **Representation to Conference.**—The Youth Board shall be represented at Conference by the Youth Directors who are in full connexion and four Lay members nominated by the Board, three of whom, whenever possible, shall represent the Sunday Schools, the Young Women's Bible Classes and the Young Men's Bible Classes, respectively.

N.B.: Two of the Lay representatives shall be subject to the provisions of Par. 239 of the Law Book.

Par. 263: (d) The Youth Board shall meet at least four times a year under the Chairman of the District in which the Board is located, and shall:—

- (1) Develop and co-ordinate the work of all sections of the Department in co-operation with the Youth Directors.
- (2) Administer the Youth Office.
- (3) Report annually to Synods and Conference.
- (4) Appoint annually one of its members as Hon. Secretary to the Board.
- (5) Set up such National Committees as are required for various sections of the Youth Work in the Dominion.

Par. 264: (a) **Youth Directors.**—The Youth Directors shall be appointed by Conference on the nomination of the Youth Board—Conference reserving the right to make further nominations—for periods of six years at a time. Each Director shall be appointed for Youth Work in an area preferably for a six year period, subject to review at the end of each three-year period.

(b) All Directors shall be members of the Board and shall represent the Board in various capacities as determined from time to time. They shall be responsible to the Youth Board.

(c) The duties of the Youth Directors shall, in general, be:—

- (1) Co-operate with Ministers and Lay Officials regarding Youth Work in local Churches.
- (2) Give spiritual and technical leadership to all Bible Classes, Sunday Schools and all other youth activities of the Church, in the areas under their guidance.
- (3) Organise leadership and teaching training courses, classes, schools, etc. Develop personal contacts with Leaders and Teachers.

(d) The Conference shall appoint one of the Directors as Senior Youth Director, who shall have the same duties as the other Directors, and in addition shall:—

- (1) Be regarded as the chief Executive Officer of the Youth Department and adviser to the Board.
- (2) Represent the Board at Conference, especially in reporting on the field work of the Department.
- (3) Be ex-officio member of the Board and attend meetings when his duties require.
- (4) Arrange and lead an Annual Retreat in co-operation with the other Directors.

Par. 265: **Finance.** (a) The Youth Board shall allocate Circuit contributions and Bible Class contributions separately to Circuits on a basis of membership of Church and Bible Classes respectively. The Budget shall conform to the policy approved by Conference.

(b) The Bible Class contributions shall be paid, with Circuit contributions, through Circuits to the Youth Board, and specified in the Circuit Returns.

(c) The Youth Board Budget shall include all approved expenses of National Committees, District Youth Councils, and Sub-Councils.

(d) Special Youth Missionary objectives shall be established, such objectives to be decided upon after discussion with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

(e) The Youth Board shall, through District and Local Youth Councils, co-operate in Missionary publicity and education within the Classes, and shall urge the appointment of Missionary Secretaries to co-operate with the Local Circuit Missionary Secretaries.

Par. 266: **Convention.** (a) The Youth Board shall be authorised to call a Youth Leaders' Convention which shall be held annually unless decided otherwise by the majority of the District Youth Councils, and shall be representative of the various sections of Youth Work.

(b) The Convention may have combined and sectional meetings.

(c) The basis and programme of the Convention shall be decided from year to year by the Youth Board in consultation with the District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils.

Par. 267: (a) **District Youth Councils.**—In each Synodal District there shall be a District Youth Council.

The District Youth Council shall be appointed annually by Conference on the nomination of the District Synod, and shall consist of the Chairman of the District, three Ministers, three laymen, and three representatives each of the Sunday Schools, the Young Women's Bible Classes, and the Young Men's Bible Classes within the District.

N.B.: One of the above members shall be appointed by Conference as District Youth Secretary. He shall furnish statistical returns to the Youth Board and District Statistical Secretary, who shall forward them to the General Statistical Secretary.

Par. 267: (b) **Representation to Synod.**—The District Youth Council shall be represented at Synod by four lay representatives as follows:—One appointed by Conference and three others appointed by the District Youth Council to represent the Sunday Schools, the Y.W. Bible Classes and the Y.M. Bible Classes in the District, such representatives to be active members of the section they represent.

N.B.: In the event of the Synod representative appointed being unable to attend the Synod, the Chairman of the District shall have power to appoint a substitute, on the nomination of the District Youth Council.

Par. 267: (c) Election of District Youth Councils.

- (1) Ministers and Lay Representative. These shall be nominated by the District Youth Council.
- (2) (a) Where a Sunday School Union exists (at the time of the implementation of the policy) such Union shall nominate three Sunday School representatives to the District Youth Council. (b) Where no District Sunday School Union exists, the District Youth Council shall invite the Sunday Schools within the District to submit nominations (consent of nominee having been obtained). From these nominations, the District Youth Council shall forward three nominations to Synod.
- (3) (a) Where District B.C. Fellowships exist representing the Y.W. and Y.M. Bible Classes respectively, they shall be invited to make nominations of Bible Class representatives on the District Youth Council. (b) Where no B.C. Fellowship exists, the District Youth Council shall invite the Bible Classes within the District to submit nominations (consent of nominee having been obtained). From these nominations, the D.Y.C. shall forward three nominations for each section to Synod.
- (4) The District Youth Council shall have power to fill vacancies during the year.
- (5) All persons nominated as representatives on the District Youth Council shall be actively associated with the section of the work they represent.

Par. 268: (a) District Youth Sub-Councils.—District Youth Sub-Councils shall be established where required. The constitution of such Sub-Council to be on the same basis as for District Youth Council.

(b) The Sub-Council shall be appointed by the Youth Board on the recommendation of the District Youth Council.

(c) The relationship between District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils shall be:—

- (1) The Chairman of the District shall be the Chairman of the District Sub-Council with power to appoint a deputy Chairman on the nomination of the Sub-Council.
- (2) Nominations for membership of the District Youth Sub-Council shall, with the knowledge of the District Youth Council, be made to the Youth Board by the District Youth Council on the nomination of the Sub-Council.
- (3) The District Sub-Council shall be in direct touch with the Youth Board for matters concerning its area.

Par. 269: District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils.

- (1) The Councils shall meet at least quarterly, and shall:—
 - (a) Act as advisory Committees to the Youth Board and to the Youth Director working in their area. (b) Promote in the District the policy of the Board. (c) Consider the Annual Report of the Board and the District Statistical Returns prior to Synods, and make recommendations thereon. (d) Set

up committees to deal with the various sections of youth work in the District. Where these Committees are set up nominations shall be called for from Local Youth Councils for membership on the Committee. (e) Forward reports and/or minutes of meetings regularly to the Youth Board and Area Youth Director.

- (2) The Statistical Secretary of the District Youth Council shall be Statistical Secretary for the whole District, and the Statistical Secretary of the District Sub-Council shall collect and forward the Statistics of his area to the Secretary of the District Youth Council.
- (3) Minutes of the District Youth Council shall be interchanged with its Sub-Council where such exists.

Par. 270: Local Youth Councils.—For the purpose of nurturing its childhood and youth in the Spiritual Life and in fellowship, each Church shall have a Youth Council.

N.B.: Small Churches may combine in one Council as decided by the Quarterly Meeting.

Par. 271: Each Council shall consist of the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, the Minister of the Local Church, the Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School, the Bible Class Leaders and Secretaries, one representative from each of the Senior Bible Classes, one representative from each of the other Young People's organisations, and one representative from the Local Trust.

One member shall be elected Local Youth Secretary, who shall have a seat on the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, and shall report to Quarterly Meeting on all matters relating to the Youth Life of the Church.

Par. 272: Local Co-ordination.

Sunday Schools and Bible Classes respectively shall arrange their own programme of study and work, control their own finance, and generally manage their affairs in co-operation with and subject to the oversight of the Local Youth Council and the Quarterly Meeting in harmony with the purposes of the Methodist Church.

The Council shall meet monthly or at least once a quarter and "Shall give consideration to such matters as:

- (a) The preparation of young people for Church Membership.
- (b) The needs of the Junior Church and/or Sunday School.
- (c) The formation of Sunday School Teachers' and Bible Class Leaders' Training Classes.
- (d) The planning of special days in the Sunday School and Bible Class Calendar.
- (e) The grading and promotion of the Sunday School and Bible Class Members."

Par. 273: Election of S.S. Superintendent and Officers.—The Sunday School staff shall elect annually the Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School. The election of the Sunday School Superintendent shall be by ballot, without nomination, and by an absolute majority of those present and subject to the election being confirmed by the Local Youth Council.

Par. 274: Election of Bible Class Leaders and Officers.—The Minister shall be ex-officio President of the Local Bible Classes. The Senior Bible Classes shall elect their own Officers at an adequately convened meeting, subject, however, in the case of leaders, to the approval of the Minister (before nomination) and to the confirmation of the Youth Council.

Par. 275: Intermediate and Junior Bible Classes shall elect their own Officers at an adequately convened meeting, the leaders to be nominated by the Youth Council.

Par. 276: Each S.S. and B.C. and Y.P. Society shall be conducted in distinct and avowed connection with the Methodist Church, and be worked in harmony therewith, and with a view to its increase and benefit as decided by Conference.

Their aim shall be to lead scholars and B.C. members to their true life in Christ, and to train them in Christian character and service. It shall also be their object to secure their early attachment to the membership of the Church.

Each School, Bible Class, and other Young People's Society shall observe the policy of the Church as represented by the Youth Board of the Church.

Officers, Teachers, and B.C. Leaders, wherever practicable, shall be members of the Methodist Church, but if not shall accept and follow the Christian Faith and be sufficiently sympathetic with the doctrines and discipline of Methodism to be able heartily to serve the aims above stated.

N.B.: The Leaders' Meeting has power of veto in this matter. See Par. 193. Only Church Members are eligible to sit on Leaders' Meetings or other Church Courts.

Teachers shall be received on probation by the Youth Council on the nomination of the Minister or S.S. Superintendent. After three months they may be given full status.

No scholar may be expelled until his case has been laid before the Youth Council.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS.

LAW BOOK.

Section 7. THE LEADERS' MEETING.

Par. 194: In Sub-clause 8 alter "Committee" to Council.

THE CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING.

Section 9. Sub-clause "H" revise as follows:—

Par. 199: "Representatives of the Local Youth Councils as under":—

In sub-section (1) alter "Committee" to "Council."

In sub-section (3) alter "Committees" to "Councils."

Par. 204: Sub-clause 5 revise as follows:—

"What are the reports from the Local Youth Councils?"

Sub-clause 5 (a) alter to "What arrangements have been made for the Annual Contributions from the Circuit and the Bible Classes for the Youth Department, and what are the allocations?"

Sub-clause 5 (b) alter "Committee" to "Council."

District Courts.

Par. 225: Sub-clause (e) alter to "Four Lay representatives of the District Youth Council, one appointed by Conference, and three representatives appointed by the District Youth Council."

Conference.

Par. 239: Delete "The Connexional Youth Board may elect one Lay representative if the Young People's Director be a Minister in full connexion" and substitute "The Youth Board may elect one representative for each Youth Director who is a Minister in full connexion."

Delete "Two additional representatives of the Connexional Youth Board" and substitute "Two additional representatives of the Youth Board."

Delete "Representatives of the Connexional Youth Board shall be appointed in terms of Paragraph 264, Minutes 1933, page 74. See Minutes 1930, page 65, Resolution 16: 1931 page 151; 1933 page 74" and substitute "Representatives of the Youth Board shall be appointed in terms of Paragraph 263 (c) of the Law Book."

Par. 241: Sub-section 10 delete "Connexional."

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Report and Statistical Returns be received.

Morning Sunday Schools.

That the Youth Board be requested to gather information and report to Synods and Conference on the results of the widespread policy of a change to morning Sunday School, basing its findings on a typical group of schools and showing:—

- (a) The Roll number and average attendance of such schools before the change.
- (b) The average attendance for a brief period immediately after the change.
- (c) The average attendance in the subsequent 12 months.
- (d) The general effect of the change.

Correspondence Sunday Schools.

That the whole question of Correspondence Sunday Schools, including those among Maori children, be investigated by the Youth Board and reported to next Conference.

That Conference request the Youth Board, in consultation with the Publications Committee, to prepare

- (a) A comprehensive booklet suitable for Ministers and Leaders in Church Membership Preparation Classes.
- (b) A Study booklet for use by all prospective members in these classes.

That Conference appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of forwarding a "Newsletter" regularly to Methodist men in the Forces.

That the Youth Department be instructed to communicate with the Circuits through the Minister for information regarding men overseas in order to send the Newsletter to them.

That Circuits be encouraged to make provision within their area for the sending of personal letters to the men serving in the forces overseas.

That Conference directs that in every Church a roll be kept of those trained in our Churches and Sunday Schools now serving their King and Country and that their names be read out once a month during a period of intercession.

That Sunday School Superintendents or Secretaries be requested to forward details of scholars from their school to the Superintendent or Secretary of the school to which they are removing.

That Statistical Forms be sent through the Minister with the recommendation that the Returns be compiled earlier and with greater accuracy.

Co-ordination Report.

1. That the Report be received.

2. That Conference accept the principle of co-ordination as outlined in the Report.

Youth Board.

Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A. (Chairman), P. R. Paris, J. D. McArthur, R. Thornley, M.A., R. E. Patchett; Miss L. M. Hodder; Messrs N. R. Seddon, C. A. Russell, and H. W. Heyhoe; the Y.W.B.C. representatives, Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer, Misses D. Horwood, A. Johnston, and one other; the Y.M.B.C. representatives, Messrs. S. Fallows, and others to be appointed; the S.S. Executive Council representatives, the Chairman of the Council, Mrs. E. L. Masters, Messrs W. Greenwood and P. Clark; the Youth Directors, Revs. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., M. A. McDowell, and Mr. A. E. Bate; and the Youth Office Secretary, Miss A. Firth.

District Youth Councils.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. A. E. Waite, B. M. Chrystall, and H. C. Matthews (Secretary). Lay Reps.: Miss R. Joynt, Messrs E. P. Salmon and H. D. Whitehead. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Mrs. K. J. Rosser, Misses B. Brooke and N. Hurling. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: The President, Secretary and District Organiser. S.S. Reps.: Miss K. Smith, Messrs. J. Walker and B. Verry. Synod Rep.: Miss E. Booth.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. J. W. Parker, A. R. Witheford, and H. Ryan, Mrs J. Jebson, Miss L. Ewan, and Mr. H. Wood. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Mrs. W. J. Earle, Miss Z. Tebbs and the Secretary. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Rev. C. Lucas, Messrs J. Jebson and E. Jones. S.S. Reps.: Miss H. Silvester, Messrs C. E. Paterson and F. Hawkins. Secretary and Synod Rep.: Miss L. Ewan. Dom. Supt. Correspondence S.S. (ex officio): Mrs. W. A. Smith.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. S. Harkness, G. R. H. Peterson, and I. S. Williamson, Messrs A. L. Fox, L. V. Hosking, and D. G. Sherson. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses K. Ellett, M. Nicholson, and C. Squire. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Rev. J. H. Bailey, Messrs R. Hughson and I. M. Richards. S.S. Reps.: Mrs. E. S. Harkness, Messrs J. W. Archbold and E. J. Yearbury. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. A. L. Fox.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendent Ministers of St. Paul's and Cuba St. (Palmerston North), and Feilding Circuits; Messrs. C. E. Taylor, O. Bettamy, and the Superintendent of St. Paul's S.S. (Palmerston North). S.S. Reps.: Mrs. W. A. Boniface, Miss M. Cunninghame, and Mr. E. Lock. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Mesdames L. Henson, B. Low and Miss M. Tutty. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. G. Greathead and L. Bycroft. Synod Rep.: Mr. O. Bettamy (District Youth Sec.).

WELLINGTON.—Revs. P. R. Paris, R. Thornley, M.A., and Ministers of Hataitai and Thorndon Churches, Miss A. Firth, Messrs W. E. Howe and A. Mackie. S.S. Reps.: Mrs. E. Masters, Messrs D. Taylor and F. Roberts. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses J. Blackburn, R. Trevithick, and D. Walker. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: The President of Wellington Y.M.B.C. Union, Messrs H. R. Laws and J. Horn. Secretary and Synod Representative to be nominated at Conference.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka Circuits, Mrs. H. R. Holdaway, Messrs R. Marshall, N. H. Cozens. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses J. Bannister, G. Holdaway, and one other. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs H. R. Holdaway, N. Savage, and J. Heatherington. S.S. Reps.: Miss M. Hance, Messrs A. F. Thomas and L. G. White.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, R. Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., E. E. Sage, J. Dennis; Messrs E. H. Smith, S. Tuck, N. Hillory, A. Southey, A. V. Burley, A. A. Dingwall; Mrs. M. Tunnicliffe; Misses H. Wise, D. Caygill, and R. Turnpenny; the President of the S.S. Union. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. A. A. Dingwall.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Timaru (Woodlands Street), Timaru South, and Waimate Circuits, Mrs. J. Button, Messrs J. Preece and J. Thompson. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses L. Duggan, M. Longson, and R. Hodson; Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs W. Beswarick, P. Woodnorth, and Rev. H. C. Orchard. S.S. Reps.: Mrs. McAlister, Messrs J. C. Butcher and J. McGeorge.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. B. M. Tasker, J. S. Willoughby, M. A. McDowell (Youth Director), R. E. Patchett (Secretary), and one other; Misses E. Nixon and O. McCrone, Mr. C. Harman. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses F. Nixon, R. Prout, and D. Lawrence. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs C. Chirnside, W. Lawry, and A. Hewitt. S.S. Reps.: Messrs E. J. King, G. James, and A. Hancock. Secretary: Mr. C. Chirnside.

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

A.—PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

I. BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

During the year the Nelson Education Board has extended facilities for religious activities with the result that ALL Schools in New Zealand where the local School Committee gives consent may now commence the day with a religious observance, and provide also for at least half-an-hour of religious instruction once a week. There are

slight variations among the Board's by-laws in different areas. ALL Boards permit at least five minutes daily by reducing the time for secular training; the Wellington Board alone limits use of the daily provision to Schools not using the half-hour weekly, yet at the same time urges the use of the Lord's Prayer at the opening of the day in ALL schools. Canterbury makes provision for half-an-hour daily. The remaining seven Boards provide for half-an-hour once a week and five minutes on the remaining days. The Nelson Board makes the use of the five minutes subject to consent of the Staff Teachers.

The opportunities provided by the Boards throw a responsibility on local workers to gain the required consent from School Committees so that both the daily and the weekly system may be used. A Dominion-wide survey reveals a steady increase in the use of both, growing appreciation by School Committees and increasing co-operation by Staff Teachers. Great advances have been made but there is yet "much land to be possessed."

The continuance of support for the Bible in Schools League, and the re-appointment of the Conference Representatives to the League's Dominion Council is recommended.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That while Conference rejoices to learn of the increasing facilities for religious observances being provided in the schools of the Dominion, at the same time, it cannot be satisfied until religion is accepted as an integral part of the school curriculum.

3. Conference reaffirms its continued support of the work and policy of the Bible in Schools League, and reappoints its official representative to the League's Dominion Council, and commends to Quarterly Meetings a financial appeal on lines similar to those of previous years.

4. That Conference request the Education Department for a Statistical Return regularly provided giving:—

(a) List of schools using the Nelson System.

(b) List of schools using a daily observance.

(c) The number of children in attendance.

and that the Public Questions Committee or their equivalent in the various Churches be asked to support this request.

5. That the Conference acknowledges with appreciation the letter from the Archbishop of New Zealand, regarding proposals for an inter-Church Conference on Religious Education for the purpose of securing a more adequate place for religion in the educational system, and that the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference forward a suitable reply indicating

(i) The Continued support of the Conference of the work and policy of the Bible in Schools League.

(ii) Its readiness to confer with representatives of the Church of England and other churches with a view to united action.

6. That our Church's official representatives to the proposed inter-Church Conference be appointed by the President of the Conference after consultation with the Public Questions Committee.

7. That Conference records its appreciation of the faithful and successful work of the Rev. E. O. Blamires as Organising Secretary of the Bible in Schools League.

II. GAMBLING.

This Conference is concerned to uphold the standards of Christian faith and conduct in relation to the life of the community. It records its deep sense of the gravity of the situation created by the growth of gambling practices which permeate the life of the community in almost every direction. It calls the attention of Methodist people to the following principles:—

- (a) Gambling is implicitly a denial of faith in God, for its rests on belief in chance. The question is, does chance rule the world or God? Belief in "luck" cannot be reconciled with faith in God.
- (b) Gambling works serious injury to character. It perverts the sense adventure in life. It tends to undermine the sense of responsibility—it leads to untrustworthiness and blunts and warps conscience, and is thus in essence essentially immoral.
- (c) Gambling is anti-social, in that it is an offence against brotherhood. The essence of a gamble is that it expresses a wish to achieve possession of wealth (goods or money) by the determination of chance, without giving commensurate goods or services in return. One can only win at the expense of one's fellows. Gambling is thus a denial of the Christian principle that we are members one of another and are called to "Love our neighbour as ourselves." The principle is operative in both small or large gambling ventures.
- (d) Gambling weakens the witness of the Church. Within the Christian fellowship nothing can be condoned which would imperil the witness of the Church to the standards both of personal behaviour and social righteousness.
- (e) The Christian Alternative. The spirit attendant on gambling degrades the spirit of adventure and makes it a sordid and selfish thing. As Christians we are called to life's highest adventure, that of doing the Will of God. We must therefore make central the motive of Christlike love in all our relationships with our fellow men.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That Conference draws the attention of the Government to the widespread evils of gambling and betting in all forms and urges:
 - (i) That steps be taken to limit facilities accorded to horse-racing and that Art Unions and the organisation of raffles and the like be prohibited.
 - (ii) That money for all patriotic purposes be raised by means other than by an appeal to the gambling spirit of the people.
 - (iii) That appropriate action be taken by the Minister of Education regarding the sale by children of raffle tickets.
- 3. Conference urges all our people to dissociate themselves from all forms of gambling and to abstain from every appearance of evil in connection therewith.
- 4. Conference urges preachers, B.C. Leaders, S.S. Teachers, and all other youth workers to give instruction on the evils of gambling and the necessity to abstain therefrom.

III. RECOMMENDATION ON PRISONS.

The Committee has further considered the sections of the Prisons Report referred back to it by the 1941 Conference. Following a further fuller consideration of the questions of "Changes suggested to the State" and "Direct movement of the Church" in last year's report, it now makes this following recommendation that:—

In view of A (4) and B (2) (Page 64 Conference Minutes) the Committee recommends that the Church either independently or, preferably, in conjunction with other Protestant bodies, proceed to the selection and training of an officer for the special full-time task of representing the Church in the prisons. The following suggestions are added:—

1. That the appointee shall be a Christian minister or layman known to be well qualified to win the confidence of those detained by the state, and with a good-will towards the work.
2. That he be trained, preferably abroad, in such theoretical studies as shall have relevance to his work, and particularly in the latest and best methods of treating criminal delinquency.
3. That he organise the resources of the Church so that the (present) facilities for reaching prisons redemptively may be fully utilised.
4. That from time to time he make to the prison authorities, on the basis of his experience, recommendations for the improvement of conditions and methods.
5. That one such officer be in the first place appointed, but that the ultimate aim be one in each of the four main centres.

RESOLUTION.

That the whole question of Prison Reform be referred by the Public Questions Committee of our Church to the Public Questions Committee of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand for consideration.

IV. TEMPERANCE.

The committee (as instructed by Conference of 1941) made enquiries into the question of the Government production of brandy, and reports that it has received the following assurance from the Minister of Agriculture:—

- (a) The plant at Te Kauwhata has been brought up-to-date by the replacement of obsolete equipment with equipment of modern design. The new still installed to replace the worn out still previously used will continue with the production of spirits for fortifying the wine produced at Te Kauwhata. The matter of an increase in the wine industry in New Zealand does not arise in this connection, as the supplying of fortifying spirit for private wine producers is not permitted under the license to operate the still.
- (b) No spirits other than fortifying spirit for the wine produced at Te Kauwhata Horticulture Station are being manufactured.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That in all Churches one Sunday each year be observed as Temperance Sunday, when appropriate sermons shall be preached, and when possible, a retiring collection for Temperance work shall be made.

3. That Conference views with deep concern the deplorable conditions existing in the King Country regarding the sale and consumption of liquor. In view of the pact with the Maori people and the consequent moral obligation to keep the area of the King Country free from the sale of intoxicants, the Government be urged to give effect to the following measures:—

- (i) The removal of cash on delivery facilities for liquor on the public railways.
 - (ii) The requiring of a permit secured from a resident police officer for the ordering of each consignment of liquor proposed to be brought into the area and the registration on despatch of all parcels of liquor thus permitted to be ordered.
 - (iii) The preventing of brewers vending liquor in the King Country townships by every means such as are used at present when liquor is commonly sold from lorries on the same day as orders are given and payment received.
 - (iv) An investigation into the membership and the practices of the existing clubs in the area and the strict enforcement of the existing legislation re the Locker System.
 - (v) A continuous and intensifying of the police action taken recently when many convictions were secured, this to be accompanied by the appointment of special inspectors with adequate powers in this area.
4. That consideration be given by the Home Mission Department to the preparation and publication of a suitable booklet in Maori giving Temperance teaching to Maori adults and children.
5. That Conference congratulates the Minister of Defence on the prompt and strong action taken to prevent the flagrant attempt to establish a wet canteen for women in the Levin Camp against the expressed wish of the majority concerned.

6. That Conference congratulates the Youth Department on its excellent Temperance publication.

7. That Conference directs the immediate establishment of some Temperance organisation in every Circuit and commends wider support of the W.C.T.U. and kindred societies to all our people.

8. That the Conference again records its profound concern at the continued increase in the sale and consumption of liquor revealed by the latest statistics. It views with strong disapproval the deplorable fact that since the commencement of the war New Zealand has spent a sum of over £22,000,000 on intoxicants, much of which has been imported, and vast quantities exported for use by members of our Armed Forces overseas, and that the shipping space thus taken could have been more effectively utilised during such time of National peril and need.

In the interests of National efficiency and security, and deploring the necessity of requiring the Government to enforce its own regulations in regard to the liquor trade, this Conference resolves:—

- (i) That the Government take active steps to ensure that the liquor laws are observed in all instances, with special reference to the many cases of flagrant breaches of the law involving the illicit sale and consumption of intoxicants outside hours and especially at week-ends.

- (ii) That shipping space at present being used for the import and export of liquor be conserved for the transport of commodities more necessary.
- (iii) That in view of the baneful effects, physical and moral, of intoxicants, the Government reconsider its policy regarding wet canteens in Military and Air Force encampments, with a view to their elimination, and that the Minister of Defence be urged immediately to close wet canteens in all camps where Territorials and Home Guardsmen are in training. It further recommends that provision be made immediately for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in all Military camps and Air Force stations.

9. That the opposition of the Conference to the liquor traffic is not rooted in prejudice but is based upon reason, upon acquaintance with the damaging effects of drink in this country, upon a sound knowledge of the harmful action of alcohol upon the human body and brain, and upon facts established as a result of sound scientific investigation by world authorities. These investigations prove that even a small quantity of alcohol confuses prompt judgment, slows the power to see signals, hastens fatigue, lessens resistance to disease and exposure, increases the shock from wounds and at the same time so affects the brain as to induce the illusion that the drinker is fitter when he is actually less fit. Conference is gravely concerned at the loss of physical efficiency caused by the use of liquor and by its destructive effects upon the character of the people and calls upon the Government to take effective measures to restrain this menacing enemy of the nation.

10. That Conference directs representatives of the Public Questions Committee to wait upon the Prime Minister with all resolutions on Temperance Questions requiring Governmental action.

11. That Conference urges upon our Methodist people the desirability of providing home and recreational facilities for members of the Armed Forces. Convinced that such hospitality has social and spiritual advantages, it further commends the idea of a social period after the Sunday evening service.

12. That Conference forward a copy of all Resolutions relating to the Temperance question to the N.Z. Alliance.

13. That all resolutions requiring Governmental action shall be sent to all Circuits to be brought before each congregation for a resolution to be forwarded to the Prime Minister and Minister of Defence.

V. MENTAL INSTITUTIONS.

The committee has during the year made preliminary investigations as to the Church's action towards Mental Institutions.

Owing to the wide scope of the subject and the vast amount of research that is essential, no report on this work is available to Synods this year.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Public Questions Committee continue its investigations and take into consideration the following recommendations:—

- (1) That the Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., or some other competent and qualified person be set aside for the establishment of a clinic.

Psychological Clinics.

- (2) That this Convention urge upon Conference the desirability of investigating forthwith, in conjunction with other interested branches of the Christian Church, the possibility of establishing Psychological Clinics for the treatment of appropriate cases among the men of the Armed Forces returning to the Dominion, and that if such clinics be found practicable they be established with the greatest expedition.

VI. NEW WORLD ORDER.

We express our profound conviction that the only hope of the world for the present and the immediate future lies in the fullest application of the Christian Gospel to every sphere of human life—personal, social, economic, national and international.

We believe that by no other means can the policy of devastation which is destroying humanity and the cities which represents the fruit of our genius and civilisation, be repaired and the recurrence averted and a free, reasonable and abundant life be secured for the citizens of the world.

We therefore, urge upon the framers of the future peace which must follow the war, that the principles underlying the Christian Faith shall have full play in the work of reconstruction and form the basis of the new social order in which men, women, and children will live.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

VII.—REPORT OF CONFERENCE PEACE COMMITTEE.

Preamble.

In submitting the following report, we affirm that the primary function of the Church is the proclamation of the Gospel of redemption for all men through our Lord Jesus Christ; that the Church has a responsibility to interpret the mind of Christ in relation to the conduct of individuals and society: and that peace, in the final analysis, is the gift of God bestowed upon men consequent upon righteous action in the spirit of Christian goodwill.

Order of Reference.

A. **The Causes of International Conflict and War:** The root causes of war are the failure of men to recognise the authority of God; to acknowledge the sacredness and worth of men as children of God, and to accept Christian belief and Christian morals as the basis of civilisation. Such failure has produced secondary causes of war which include economic systems based upon motives of gain and selfish monopolies over the bounties of nature.

B. **The Principles upon which a righteous and secure peace may be obtained:** We regard the five peace points enunciated by Pope Pius XII as acceptable basic principles for the ordering of international life, but with them we would associate five standards approved by Church leaders in England by which economic situations and proposals may be tested, believing that such Christian principles and

standards are a true basis on which a lasting peace may be established. The ten principles and standards may be thus summarised:—

1. The assurance of life and independence and equality of rights for all nations.
2. All round disarmament ensuring to the nations deliverance from the tyranny of material force.
3. An international institution to guarantee fulfilment of agreed conditions and for revising the peace settlement.
4. Removal of incentives to violent action and adequate attention to the needs and demands of nations, of populations and of racial minorities.
5. The development amongst the peoples of a sense of responsibility which weighs human statutes according to the standard of the law of God.
6. Extreme inequality in wealth and possessions should be abolished.
7. Every child should have equal opportunities of education suitable for the development of his peculiar capacities.
8. The family as a social unit must be safeguarded.
9. The sense of a Divine vocation must be restored to man's daily work.
10. The resources of the earth should be used as God's gifts to the whole human race and used with due consideration for the needs of the present and future generations.

We also call attention to the following summary of findings reached by what is known as the Malvern Conference, which declared that: "War is one symptom of a disease of maladjustment resulting from loss of conviction concerning the reality and character of God and the true nature and destiny of man." It also affirmed that the Church has the duty and the right to speak to the world concerning the true principles of life. It maintained that the Church should express its Christian principles by sharing in public life and serving on all bodies affecting the public welfare. It asserted that all men are brothers and that the Church should lead them to the Christian way of living. It declared its opposition to a way of life founded on the supremacy of the economic motive. It maintained that man's true end is not to produce material wealth, that the rights of property are subordinate to the general social welfare and that the proper purpose of work is the satisfaction of human needs.

It is noteworthy that much of what is contained in the foregoing is already embodied in "The Social Creed" adopted by our Conference in 1922 and set forth in the Law Book pages 226 and 227.

Practical Proposals.

For the education of Ministers and Congregations: That the Spiritual Advance Committee prepare a study booklet or a questionnaire based on the foregoing.

- (a) For study by May Synods.
- (b) For use following the Synod in Church study groups, e.g., week night fellowships, Men's Fellowships, Senior Bible Classes.

And that the matter contained in the foregoing be recommended to our ministers as the basis of a series of addresses and that special efforts be made to secure the interest of the non-churchgoer.

(Note—If the study group idea commends itself such groups might well be interdenominational in certain neighbourhoods.)

W. A. BURLEY, M.A., Chairman.

M. A. McDOWELL, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the whole Report be received and sent to the May Synods and Men's Fellowships for full consideration.

VIII. PEACE AND WAR.

This Conference reaffirms the Manifesto of the Conference of February, 1940, on Peace and War, and places on record the following findings for the further guidance of the people of the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

1. The Conference reaffirms its loyalty to our King and Empire and expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for Divine protection and the preservation of the nation in this time of world-wide crisis.

2. The Conference is confirmed in its belief in the righteousness of the Cause to which our nation is committed and in which the great majority of the people of our Church are zealously engaged. It believes that submission to the forces of ruthless aggression would imperil civilisation, and endanger the existence of those conditions amid which Christianity finds free expression. It is confident that our people will continue to uphold this righteous Cause until Victory has been achieved.

3. The Conference recognises that the Christian conscience of most of our people constrains them to active participation in the war effort, either at home or abroad. Adhering to the principle of the freedom of conscience, which should be respected, it declares that any who for conscientious reasons, sincerely held and attested, are unwilling to bear arms, should render some form of alternative sacrificial service to the country in whose privileges of citizenship they share.

4. The Conference proclaims its belief in the Fatherhood of God and in the brotherhood and unity of mankind. It regards the Christian Church as a Society instituted by Jesus Christ for serving His purpose of redeeming the world from sin, for freeing it from the threat of war, for effecting race reconciliation, for safeguarding civilisation from destruction, and for the cultivation of a universal fraternal fellowship. It therefore calls upon its people to co-operate with all men of goodwill in seeking to establish a Christian world order.

FURTHER:—

A. The Conference offers to our kinsmen in the Mother Country and to our Allies, its sincere sympathy in the trials through which they are passing, and notes with admiration their courage and steadfastness. It expresses sympathy with all those suffering through the war or enduring anxiety on account of loved ones exposed to peril or who are sick, wounded, missing, or prisoners of war, and commends them to God's Fatherly care.

B. The Conference extends its greetings to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, chaplains, doctors and nurses, and all other members and adherents of the Church who are engaged in war service. It assures them, and especially those who are suffering in consequence of their service, of the constant prayers of the Church, and of its hope that all may know the presence and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. Conference having reaffirmed the Manifesto of 1940 and being deeply persuaded of the grave challenge presented to the Christian Church by the present world situation, and in view of the new opportunity for advance presented by the Membership Campaign and the Campaign for Christian Order, we Ministers and laymen of this Conference hereby pledge ourselves to a new personal consecration to God and to the central task of the Church in the winning of men and women to Jesus Christ and to move forward as a united fellowship in Christian Brotherhood.

RESOLUTION.

Defaulters' Camp and Religious Facilities.

That the recommendations of the Youth Board regarding the provision of religious facilities in Defaulters' Camps be referred to the Chaplains' Committee for favourable consideration.

RESOLUTION.

Medical Health.

That paragraph 3 on Medical Health on page 82 of the Conference Agenda be referred by the Public Questions Committee to the Public Questions Committee of the Inter-Church Council of Churches in New Zealand for full consideration.

Public Questions Committee for 1942.

Revs. P. R. Paris, E. O. Blamires, T. Skuse, R. Thornley, M.A. (Convener), W. A. Burley, M.A., J. D. McArthur, F. Bateup, Messdames Steptoe, Maunder, Miss Tocker, Messrs. A. C. Barrington, B. Cochran, J. V. Burton, C. H. Hain, G. E. Rushworth, T. M. Pacey.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

The interim report presented to Synods was adopted by Conference.

1.—Properties Acquired.

Kaitaia.—New Parsonage site. £80.

Waitoa.—Quarter acre. £50.

Hawera.—Quarter acre and Parsonage. £1,150.

Greenmeadows.—38 perches. £45.

Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—23.7 perches and dwelling. £1,600.

Rongotea.—3 roods. £200.

Richmond (Christchurch).—28.8 perches, £230, for parsonage site.

Timaru (Banks Street).—29.7 perches and dwelling. £1,850.

2.—Erections and Additions.

- Remuera.—Parsonage. £3,000. No debt.
Mt. Roskill.—School. Cost £1,282. Debt £782.
Franklin Road.—2 flats. Cost £580. No debt (old parsonage).
Walmsley Road (Mangere).—School. Cost £150. No debt.
Dargaville.—Additions. Cost £1,050. Debt £350.
Whakatane.—School Hall. Cost £254. No debt.
Te Awamutu.—School Hall. Cost £2,188. Debt £560.
Otorohanga.—Additions. Cost £399. No debt.
Te Aroha (Eastport Road).—School. Cost £490. Debt £118.
Hamilton (Matai Street).—Parsonage. Cost £1,826. Debt £1,468.
Waiwhetu.—School Rooms. Cost £592.
Durham Street (Christchurch).—Parsonage. Cost £2,103. Debt £787.
Leeston.—Parsonage. Cost £1,925. Debt £407.
Timaru (Woodlands Street).—Youth Rooms. Cost £989. Debt £760.
St. Clair.—Additions. Anonymous gift.
Invercargill.—Centennial Hall. Cost £947. No debt.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

- Pukekohe.—2 acres 1.5 perches. £1,400. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board.
Paparoa.—£10. Land for road widening.
Mangawhare (Dargaville).—1 acre. £7.
Whakatane Sections.—£150. Proceeds for school hall.
Hawera (Turuturu Road).—1 rood 12 perches. £70. Proceeds for new school fund.
Aramoho.— $\frac{1}{2}$ acre. £100. Proceeds for capital expenditure.
Tutaekara (Pahiatua).—1 rood. £12/10/-. For capital expenditure.
Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Old parsonage. £800. Proceeds for new parsonage.
Plimmerton.—5.26 perches. £20. For capital expenditure.
Leeston.—Old parsonage. £425. Proceeds for new dwelling.
Riccarton.—Elizabeth Street dwelling. £621. Proceeds for new parsonage.
Timaru.—Butler Street dwelling. £825. Proceeds for new parsonage.
Fairton.—Section. £12/10/-. Proceeds for developmental work in Ashburton circuit.

4.—Circuit Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account	12,513	8	2
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	40,112	0	10
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	4,177	9	0
Loans from other sources	5,240	7	6
All other Receipts	75,288	8	10
Total Receipts	£137,331	14	4
Debit Balances	24,557	16	2
Total	£161,889	10	6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance from last year	26,695	15	9
Loan Fund Instalments	3,520	10	4
Other Loans repaid	11,130	2	9
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	5,770	3	9
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	21,552	5	9
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	36,303	0	0
Total Expenditure	£104,971	18	4
Credit Balances	13,842	9	7
Balances held for Special Purposes	43,075	2	7
Total	£161,889	10	6

5.—Statement of Debt.

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	142,529	11	4
Add New Loans received during year	9,987	10	3
Total	£152,517	1	7
Deduct Loans repaid during year	14,518	12	3
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	£137,998	9	4
Unpaid General Accounts	1,191	13	9
Unpaid Interest	33	1	3
Contingent Liability	2,000	0	0

6.—Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£831,426	15	2
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7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

The District Secretaries merit the thanks of the Conference for the zeal and ability with which their work is done. Most of them complain of the carelessness of some superintendent ministers, and also of the inexcusable lateness with which returns are furnished. All are nominated for re-appointment as follows:—

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

South Auckland—Mr. H. Wood, 54 Nixon Street, Hamilton East.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, 329 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.I.
Nelson—Mr. W. D. Pike, "Honiton," Main street, Blenheim.
North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, P.O. Box 552, Christchurch.
South Canterbury—Mr. A. Langdon Hudson, P.O. Box 244, Timaru.
Otago-Southland—Mr. J. McIndoe, 17 James Street, Dunedin, N.E.1.

8.—General.

The Statement of Accounts reveals a healthy position and reflects the influence of the Centennial Thanksgiving Appeal. The total receipts are £11,921/8/10 more than for the previous year. The debit balances are £2,138/6/3 less than last year. The credit balances have increased by £1,298/15/2. The amount held for special purposes is £43,075/2/7, being an increase of £4,395/9/11 over last year. The amount of mortgage debt is £137,998/9/4, being £3,909/6/2 less than the previous year. Loans amounting to £14,518/12/3 have been repaid during the year.

The Synods report that fire insurance covers not held by the Connexional Office aggregate £132,705. More than half this amount is accounted for by the Trinity (Wanganui) trust and the Wellington (Taranaki Street) trust. These are the only large trusts that remain outside the Connexional Fire Insurance scheme, and a transfer of their business would be much appreciated.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the District Secretaries for their valuable services and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the Circuit Property Schedules, with the audited Balance Sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, and that the revised Schedules with Summaries and Reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 10th.
4. That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and, after due scrutiny, sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
5. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretary, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.
6. That the attention of the Auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balance given in the preceding year's accounts.
7. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.
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. (See Minutes 1940 page 90.)

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Report for 1941.

The position of the Fund is fully disclosed in the audited financial statements to be presented to Conference. The sum of £3,662/18/5 has been received in repayment of loans. New loans have been advanced aggregating £4,193/9/6. Loans now current amount to £21,416/14/1. Detailed statements for each District have been supplied to the Synods. Some trusts are in arrear and it is hoped that these and other needy trusts may benefit from the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

Sites Fund.

Grants up to the limit of the capacity of the Sites Fund have been made to assist in site acquirement. The annual revenue of this Fund is less than £150. If it could be supplemented encouragement could be given to aggressive enterprise in new areas.

Personal.

We regret to record the death of Mr. R. Laine who had, for several years, served on the Committee. Mr. A. C. Reed, who has been one of the honorary auditors of the Fund for the last twenty-five years, and whose devoted service gained added value from the spirit in which it was done, has now relinquished that position. To him the Committee expresses hearty thanks and appreciation. Mr. R. H. Sherris, A.C.S.N.Z., A.I.L.A., who has acted as co-auditor with Mr. Reed for several years, now finds a capable colleague in Mr. W. A. Hadlee, A.R.A.N.Z. Their honorary service is much appreciated.

Committee for 1942.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Woolston and Addington Circuits, the Revs. E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, and C. R. Taylor, together with Messrs H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), R. W. Brighting, J. H. Kidd, H. J. S. Harrington, S. Sayers, E. H. Down, H. Blackwood, W. Melville Lawry, and S. H. Maddren.

District Property Advisory Committees.

Each Synod is requested to nominate at least one minister and one layman to act with the Chairman of the District (convener) and the District Secretary for Church Property as a District Property Advisory Committee. The committee should be small. Its function is to advise the General Committee on matters referred by it to them.

Church Architecture and Furnishings.

It is gratifying to record a growing response to the ceaseless efforts of the Committee throughout the years to raise the standards of church architecture, furnishings and equipment. The marked upward trend in church design is manifest in most of the churches and schools erected in recent years. The committee is fortunate in possessing members well qualified to deal with such matters. In some cases sanction to build has been deferred until improved designs were prepared and had gained approval. It is recognised that the ideals of the Committee cannot always be materialised because of special local circumstances and limitations. Larger loans have been granted in some cases to enable some trusts to attain higher aesthetic

standards and thus to promote beauty in the sanctuary and in its worship. This increased attractiveness of our buildings and the greater fitness of their furniture are proving valuable aids both to preachers and people in the exercise of reverential public worship. It will also have been noted that as a result of the persistent efforts of the Committee the standard of parsonage dwellings has risen to a most gratifying degree.

Sales, Leases, and Mortgages Sanctioned.

The Committee has given its sanction to the following:—The sanction to sell properties will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1943.

1. SALES.

Wesley College:

- (1) Lots 1 to 42, Mount Albert Road block.
- (2) Lots 12 to 30, Landscape Road block.
- (3) Four rear sections at Roskill.
- (4) Area of Grafton Road property £900 to Trinity College.

Birkenhead: Section 2 for £150. Of the proceeds £125 to be sent as soon as possible, together with other moneys held for special purposes, to the General Purposes Trust Board to be held in trust for developmental work in Birkenhead Circuit. Section 4 to be retained.

Birkdale: Property for £500. Proceeds to General Purposes Trust Board for developmental work in Birkdale area.

Takapuna: Rest Home for £1,000 on conditions sanctioned by Conference in 1939.

Otahuhu: Station Street parsonage not less than £700. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Drury: Section £50. Proceeds to reduce mortgage on circuit parsonage.

Paparoa: Land for road widening £10 compensation.

Wairere: Section for not less than £50. Proceeds to be held in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for developmental work in Paparoa Circuit.

Dargaville: Mount Wesley property £760 to Home Mission Board. Proceeds for debt reduction.

Pukekohe:

- (1) Surplus land £1,500 or best price obtainable.
- (2) Balance of Section 21 for best price obtainable. Proceeds to be held in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for new church at Pukekohe less £150 for local trust.

Rawene: Horse paddock land for best price obtainable.

Rangaroa: Balance of land for not less than £140. Proceeds to Loan Fund for Taumarunui debt reduction.

Palmerston North: Waldegrave Street dwelling £800 cash. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Blenheim: 10 feet parsonage land £100.

Tahunanui (Nelson): Section not less than £125 net. Proceeds for Nelson South extension work.

Addington: Property Selwyn and Harman Streets £575. Proceeds or new church fund.

Riccarton: Elizabeth Street dwelling £650. Proceeds for debt reduction.

Timaru: Butler Street dwelling £825 cash. Proceeds for new parsonage.

II. LEASES.

Nil.

III. MORTGAGES.

Nil.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

15th October, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported be confirmed and ratified by the Conference.

(N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1943.)

3. That the District Property 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, and W. B. Young.
- (c) Taranaki-Wanganui: The ministers of the New Plymouth Circuits: Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, E. Dixon, T. P. Hughson, Senr., M. Barnitt, and W. Chatterton.
- (d) Hawke's Bay-Manawatu: The Superintendents of the Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits: Messrs. G. Young and C. Woodfield.
- (e) Wellington: Mr. C. H. Hain, LL.B., the Synod Secretary, and Minister of Hataitai Church.
- (f) Nelson: The ministers of the Blenheim Circuit: Messrs. H. Oldham and R. Leaper.
- (g) South Canterbury: The ministers of the Woodlands Street and Banks Street Churches, Mr. J. W. Holdgate, and Mrs. McAllister.
- (h) Otago-Southland: Rev. B. Metson, Mr. C. F. Roberts, Rev. W. Greenslade, and Mr. A. S. Froggatt.

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

During the year deeds have been received for property at the following places:—Prince Albert College, Otahuhu, Bayfield, Birkenhead, Northcote, Paparoa, Kaitaia, Waitoa, New Plymouth, Rongotea, Halcombe, Featherston, Khandallah, Richmond-Shirley, Rangiora, Papanui Orphanage, Timaru (Woodlands Street).

Changes in trust registrations affecting 79 trusts have involved the registration of 193 new trustees and the removal of 164 from the Register. There is urgent need to revise some trusts in which no changes have been reported for many years.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,

15th October, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received, adopted, and be 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 1942-1943.
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, 1941.

The Board has pleasure in reporting upon a satisfactory year.

The repairs authorised two years ago have been steadily undertaken and it can now be said that the whole of the property is brought into a fair state of repair.

During the year, £486 was spent upon renovations and repairs.

We were pleased to be able to contribute £200 to the Theological work.

We regret to report that the Secretary has retired, and we wish to record the efficient and excellent work rendered over a long period of years by Mr. F. E. Mason, and extend our best wishes to him in his years of retirement.

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

RESOLUTION.

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

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Report for Year Ending September, 1941.

The Annual Meeting was held at Pitt Street Church on Wednesday, November 5th.

The financial report was received and adopted, subject to audit. The duly audited Balance Sheet herewith, presents a Capital Reserve of £1,200 on loan at call, held in accordance with resolution, to make up a fund to meet liability at end of lease.

The Chairman presented an interesting document given him by Miss Buller. It is in the form of a Share Certificate in the Wesleyan College and Seminary, Auckland, to the value of £20, issued to Rev. R. Amos of the Friendly Isles by Revs. W. Lawry, J. Whiteley, J. Wallis, T. Buddle, and J. Buller. It will be placed on a front page of the Trustees' Minute Book, which dates back to December, 1859.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

J. W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

Report for 1941.

The Board of Management has met as needed during the year to deal with applications for financial assistance.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure shows that the sum of £391/15/- has been distributed in grants. Even though the year closes with a balance in hand of £209/16/8, the Board has overspent in grants £4/13/2 in excess of its income, and can hardly expect in the future to do other than use to the full all its income. During the year the capital of the Fund has been increased by £165 through conversion of Government Stock. The Capital funds now amount to £11,554/16/8.

Since the closing of the year we regret to report the passing of the Rev. T. A. Joughin, who for nine years has been a member of the Board and for the last five years its Chairman. He regarded his trusteeship exceedingly seriously, and those in need ever found in him a sincere friend. The Board places on record its deep sense of the loss it has sustained in his death.

The present members of the Board are:—Rev. Dr. Ranston (Chairman), Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. J. Stuart Caughey (Treasurers), Revs. F. Copeland, W. Walker, Messrs. W. Ambury, J. E. Astley, A. Trenwith, C. K. Wigglesworth, L. Peak, Miss A. E. Rogers (Secretary).

Superintendents of Circuits are requested to assist the Board in its administration of the Trust by reporting cases of real need which come within the terms of the Trust. Application forms may be had from the Secretary.

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME.

During another year devoted service to the children in the Home has been rendered by the Masterton Committee, whose activities are reported on elsewhere, and the Board wishes to place on record its appreciation of the manner in which the Committee has always carried out its duties.

Miss Allan and her assistants have worked untiringly on behalf of the children in their care, and it is always pleasing to notice the number of "Old Boys" and "Old Girls" who come to the Home from distant places for the Annual Christmas party.

We would also record our continued appreciation of the services of Dr. Prior, who has acted as Honorary Medical Officer for many years.

It was with regret that the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. J. H. Handyside, who has left Masterton. The appointment of Mr. A. H. Daniell as successor to Mr. Handyside as Masterton Committee's representative on the Board is recommended to the Conference.

The following bequests and gifts for the purposes of the Home are gratefully acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
Bequest H. Hewitt Estate (further instalment)	19	0	6
J. Hessey Estate (further instalment)	61	8	10
J. C. M. Mallach Est. (further instalment)	19	3	1
Sara Andrew Estate (further instalment)	175	0	0
James Chism Estate (further instalment)	2	14	10
Gift—Mrs. Annie Seon	250	0	0
	<u>£527</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>

These amounts have been credited to the Capital Account of the Home which now stands at £7,316/9/8.

RANGIATEA MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

During the year the Board has made grants to the School totalling £400. The School has maintained satisfactory progress, and it is hoped that, as a result of the excellent response to the Centennial Appeal, it may soon be possible to establish the School on a permanent basis.

Financial.

Net revenue for the year amounted to £1,245/3/2, an advance of £206/12/5.

After making grants to the Masterton Home Committee and the Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, there remained a balance of £455/5/5 which was transferred to Capital Account, which now stands at £42,140/3/6.

General.

The following recommendations are made to Conference:—

- (1) That the Rev. P. R. Paris be re-appointed Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.
- (2) That Mr. A. H. Daniell, of Masterton, be appointed a member of the Board.
- (3) That the personnel of the Masterton Committee for 1942 be in accordance with the nominations forwarded by the Committee.

On behalf of the Board,

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.
J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

RESOLUTION.

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

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

RESOLUTION.

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

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

RESOLUTION.

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

8.—EVE TRUST.

RESOLUTION.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1941.

A perusal of the audited statements of accounts for the year ended 31st October will show the gratifying results the Board is able to report. The income from all sources has been £3,553. The Accumulated Fund still stands at £30,000. The Fire Loss Reserve Account amounts to £3,565. The Investment Contingency Reserve Account amounts to £1,288/13/7. A sum of £8,522/13/8 is invested on first mortgage security and £26,790 in Government Stock and local body debentures.

Risks Carried.

The Connexional risks now held by the Department number 971. This total is made up of 425 churches, 225 schools and halls, 171 parsonages and 150 miscellaneous risks. These risks carry a total cover of £773,190/10/-, an increase of £31,915 over the previous year. Added to these risks are various insurances arranged by the Department aggregating £138,713/1/7. The Board is thus interested in insurances totalling £911,903/11/7, a large proportion of which is covered by re-insurance which is effected on advantageous terms. Amongst the non-church covers included in the scope of the Department are the insurance of the property of ministers, accident and sickness, burglary, loss of rents, elevator risks, earthquake, Employers' Liability, motor vehicles and plate glass. It is remarkable that premiums in arrear on the great volume of cover given amount only to the trifling sum of £7/3/6, whilst premiums paid in advance amount to £252/0/11.

External Risks.

The number of church properties insured with outside companies steadily diminishes. The only large risks not placed with the Connexional Office are those of Wanganui (Trinity) which has benefited largely from Connexional sources, and Wellington (Taranaki Street). Our Department would be glad to have these risks, which together exceed all others not held by us. In some of the smaller trusts the risk is not placed with us because local officials hold agencies for other companies. In other cases trustees have to meet the requirements of mortgagees. The latter difficulty can usually be overcome, especially where the mortgagee is a State Department or a Banking institution, by arranging re-insurance on an agreed basis.

Fire Losses.

During the year fire loss claims amounting to £136/2/- were paid out, but these losses were fully covered by re-insurance. The claims were in respect of Pitt Street shops £11/10/-, Lower Hutt Sunday School £122/2/-, and Company Bay Home £2/10/-. A provision of £9 for an anticipated loss last year was not drawn upon. Claims are expected in respect of a recent fire at New Brighton.

Grants.

Last year grants to Connexional Funds and Institutions amounted to £1,000. As fire losses last year were fairly heavy, reserves had to be drawn upon temporarily to the amount of £128/2/8 in order to pay these grants. After making provision for reserves as directed by Conference, there is a divisible surplus of £1,148/14/5 for the year just closed. The Board recommends that the following grants be made:—

Home Acquirement Fund	....	....	£335	
Foreign Mission Fund	....	....	£100	(plus Special £10)
Home Mission Fund	....	....	£85	(plus £25 H.M.R.E. Fund special)
Deaconess House Fund	....	....	£50	
Deaconess Retiring Fund Capital A/c.	....	....	£75	(special)
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	....	....	£25	
Church Sites Fund	....	....	£50	(plus special £50)
Youth Department	....	....	£50	
Temperance Education Literature Fund	..	....	£15	(special)
"Methodist Times"	....	....	£150	
Trinity College	....	....	£125	(special)
Total	....	....	£1,145	

Personal.

The sympathy of the Board is extended to the relatives of the late Mr. S. C. Dixon, one of its members who passed away during the year. Mr. A. A. Dingwall is nominated to fill the vacancy. At the forthcoming Conference Colonel Smith will enter upon his twenty-fifth year as lay treasurer of the Fund. He took up this office in 1918 in succession to Mr. C. E. Salter who followed the first lay treasurer, Mr. William Harris, in 1904.

Board of Management.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Colonel G. J. Smith, C.B.E. (lay treasurer), Revs. E. Drake, Raymond Dudley, J. H. Allen, Messrs. E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, W. Charles Francis, P. A. Le Brun, and Allen A. Dingwall.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

10th November, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That in all cases except where mortgagee 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.
3. That the trusts of Wanganui (Trinity) and Wellington (Taranaki Street) be urged to consider means whereby their fire risks may be transferred to the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE 1941.

The work of the Connexional Office has proceeded without interruption during the year. Conditions created by the international situation have increased the work of most departments and added to its complexity. Statutory requirements and the provisions of the Clerical Workers' Award have increased administrative costs. The year ends with a credit balance of £4/6/4. Appropriations requested for the ensuing year are as follow:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £220; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £380; Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £511; "Methodist Times," £170; Contingent Fund, £185.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the new Connexional year:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the superintendent ministers of the Durham Street, Christchurch East and St. Albans circuits, with Mr. Frank Thompson (lay treasurer), and the lay treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Contingent Fund and "Methodist Times" Committee, and Messrs. J. E. Purchase and E. R. Caygill.

The Committee again puts on record its high appreciation of the work of the Connexional Secretary, the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, and its sense of the good fortune of the Church in enjoying the services of a minister of such capability.

On behalf of the Committee,

H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch,

13th January, 1942.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
2. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for his splendid services to the Church.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—REPORT OF ACTING-PRINCIPAL.

(1) The College year has been a broken and difficult one. The necessity of vacating the Hostel and settling into new quarters and the demands of Territorial Service have inevitably affected our work, but the essentials have not suffered. Under the capable leadership of the Senior Student, Mr. W. Morrison, the seventeen men in training (including one Congregationalist student) have given a whole-hearted co-operation which has been especially valuable in a year of emergencies and makeshifts. We dismissed our Hostel Residents with great reluctance. The Hostel has built up a sound reputation and should refill quickly when the building is restored to us.

(2) The new men have done a good year's work, although both Mr. Bycroft and Mr. Jolly have lost a term through Territorial Service. Mr. E. Grounds (2nd year) has sought and obtained the President's permission to train for overseas service, and will be going to camp at the end of the year. The senior men, Messrs. Clement, Collins, Lewis, Morrison and Willing, should all do excellent work in their Circuits next year.

(3) Five men have attended lectures at the University College and are sitting the requisite examinations, viz.:—Messrs. Dawson and Grounds (Philosophy I and Education I), Mr. Clement (Education II and Philosophy II), Mr. Morrison (Philosophy III and History I), Mr. Lewis (English for Honours and Intermediate B.D.).

- (4) The teaching work of the College has been well maintained.
- (a) The Acting-Principal has taken Systematic Theology (Person and Work of Christ, two hours weekly), Pastoral Theology (one hour weekly), Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis, Pentateuch and Historical Books, with Exegesis of early chapters of Genesis (one hour weekly), Junior N.T. Greek (Nunn's Elements, two hours weekly), Intermediate N.T. Greek (Translation, Grammar and Syntax, two hours weekly), Junior and Senior Religious Education (one hour each weekly), Christian Ethics (one hour weekly).

- (b) Dr. Ranston has twice each week read with the Senior men sections from the Greek New Testament. Once a week he has taught New Testament Theology (The Teaching of Jesus in the First Three Gospels), New Testament Exegesis (Gospel of St. Mark), Introduction to the Gospels (Synoptic Problem, characteristics of the Gospels, the method of Jesus as a teacher, and His originality), Old Testament Teaching (the main elements in general outline), and Elementary Old Testament Hebrew.
- (c) Rev. E. S. Emmitt has lectured on Homiletics, heard the students preach and conducted the weekly criticism class. Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., visits the College on Saturday mornings to teach Elocution and Voice Production, and Mr. W. E. Burley has rejoined the Staff of Visiting Tutors and is taking a weekly class in English Literature and Composition. Revs. G. I. Laurenson and C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., have each given a short course of lectures, helping to bridge any gap there may be between the academic and the practical.

(5) Apart from studies, the men have done their full share of preaching in the city and suburban churches, and have assisted in keeping the flag flying during the vacancy at Helensville. The Collegiate Sunday School continues to grow under vigorous student leadership, being recruited almost entirely from homes that have no other church connection. This and a large Boys' Club provide a most valuable training ground in youth work. Messrs. Collins and Brown have been diligent Student Pastors. Open air meetings have continued in spite of the black-out. During the May vacation a special mission to young people was conducted in a Wellington church, and there is a steady demand for the services of students as vacation supplies.

(6) The future is uncertain. The war casts its shadow over the College as over our homes, and we could not expect or desire to be excused the common obligations of citizenship. The number of students must decrease as the war goes on, but it is essential that we give an adequate training to those whom we may rightfully retain, the experience of twenty years ago teaching that these men will be needed very badly when the war is over.

E. W. HAMES,

Acting-Principal.

The College,

October 8th, 1941.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

In presenting this report we desire to express our thanks to Almighty God for the sense of His guiding presence which we have felt in conducting the work of the Council throughout a somewhat difficult year.

In addition to the usual quarterly meetings, a number of special meetings have been held, and these have been well attended by both ministers and laymen.

Acting-Principal.

At the beginning of the year, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., took over his duties as Acting-Principal, and the Council is gratified with the way he has handled his responsibilities. We note with appreciation that he has won the confidence and respect of the students under his charge. Special mention should be made of Mr. Hames' fine service

during the negotiations with the Hospital Board, and of the masterly way in which he organised the change-over when the students had to vacate the College.

Dr. Ranston.

We have great pleasure in reporting that, released from the heavy duties of the College Principalship, the health of Dr. Ranston has steadily improved, and that he has been able to carry on his lectures without interruption.

Rev. E. S. Emmitt.

Rev. E. S. Emmitt, who was appointed lecturer in Homiletics, commenced his duties this year, and has rendered excellent service to the College.

The Students.

Sixteen of our students have been in residence during the year, and one Congregationalist. The men are all of a fine type and commend themselves to the Council and congregations. Generous tributes have been received from many circuits concerning their preaching in the ordinary services of the church and in vacation supply work.

Staffing for 1942.

The Council recommends that Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., continue as Acting-Principal, and that the present Lecturers be re-appointed.

Thanks and Appreciation.

The Council again expresses appreciation of the manner in which the control of the work of training the students has been exercised, and to Mrs. Hames for her efficient oversight of the domestic side of the work.

The College Property.

Early in the Connexional year the Auckland Hospital Board approached the Council and intimated that the Board was desirous of taking over the College as a war-emergency measure for use as an auxiliary to the Nurses' Home. Acting upon the suggestion of the President of Conference the Chairman of the Council wrote to the Director of Health inquiring as to the urgency of this action. The Director replied stating that it was a necessary step. The Council then appointed a committee of four ministers and four laymen to meet representatives of the Hospital Board and discuss the matter and report back to the Council.

In its report, this committee stated that after a full and frank discussion with the Chairman and Secretary of the Board it was convinced that the taking-over of the College was inevitable, and recommended the Council to agree to the proposal.

(At that meeting of the Council, a letter was received from the Hospital Board, in which it was stated that if necessary the Emergency War Regulations would be applied to secure the College.)

A committee was then appointed to draw up terms for the lease of the property.

This committee had several conferences with representatives of the Hospital Board, and the amount of rent agreed upon was determined on the commercial basis of charging a percentage on the value of the property and furnishings.

In view of heavy commitments for maintenance and the cost of rehabilitation, which must be considerable, and the necessity of building up the Hostel connection from the beginning once more when the College is handed back to us, we could wish that the rental was a little higher. We lose also the Hostel fees, which for some years have materially assisted in maintaining our work.

These considerations forbid undue optimism, but we hope that over the whole period we shall not be involved in any financial loss.

The Hospital Board has been given a lease of the building until the end of 1943.

Arrangements for Training of Students.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Council retains the two residences, the library, the Church and Sunday School.

The ex-Principal's residence has been adapted as living quarters for the students, and one of the Bible Class rooms has been fitted up as a lecture room, so that with the library at our disposal, the work is being carried on satisfactorily.

The students have settled down to the new order and are working well under the new conditions.

Gifts to the College.

Our best thanks are extended to the following for gifts to the College Library and Museum: Miss Fleming (Remuera), Mrs. Rantson (Auckland), Mrs. Lochore, Misses Arthur (Takapuna), Martin Trenwith Estate (Auckland), Mr. J. Belton, Mrs. Rennie, the late Mrs. Ready (Auckland), Mr. Harold Skuse, Rev. A. E. Waite, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, Mr. Josiah Lawry, Mrs. Sarah Worker, Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, Rev. G. Frost, Rev. W. J. Comrie, Mr. J. Johnston, Misses White, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, Mr. Alan Shearer, Miss Dora Shearer (Waimate), Mrs. G. Sinclair.

L. E. RHODES, Chairman.

F. COPELAND, Vice-Chairman.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

Supplementary Report, 1941.

Appointment of Principal.

The Council is collecting information to use when the time arrives, and will continue to do so. The Council considers that owing to the conditions prevailing, it is quite inopportune to act at present.

It was suggested to the Council that it might be possible to obtain the services of a distinguished scholar from England, for a limited period, but in view of the expense involved and the uncertainty as to whether he would find any Students when he arrived, the Council did not consider it advisable to take any action.

Gifts to Trinity College.

The following additional gifts have been received:—Rev. F. E. Leadley, Minute Book of Conference Arrangements Committee, 1929, containing full particulars relating to functions connected with the opening of Trinity College. Rev. J. Ainsley Daglish, Volume by Albert Schweitzer; Mr. Mossman, Old Class Tickets; Rev. W. A. Sinclair, Compendium of Old and New Testaments, published in Magdeburg, 1726; Mr. W. Ambury, Stevens' History of Methodism and Commentaries; also on deposit from Mrs. E. B. Hallam of Waitoa, a very early edition of the Bible in Greek (1545).

L. E. RHODES, Chairman.

F. COPELAND, Vice-Chairman.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER, 1941.

- (1) In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College, we have much pleasure in reporting that at the end of the current Budget year it is safe to assume that the estimated deficiency included in the Budget for the year ending 31st March, 1942, will be completely eliminated. This has been made possible by the receipt of £505 from the Special Challenge Appeal, and a further £115 still to come from this source.
- (2) Receipts from "Friends of Trinity College" and "College Sunday" show a total of £88/15/5 as against £174/9/9 last year. We wish to express our gratitude and thanks to those who have so kindly contributed to the finances of the College in this way, but we would urge our people to respond more liberally and in greater numbers to make possible the complete and efficient functioning of the College, unhampered by financial restrictions.
- (3) From the rent being received from the Auckland Hospital Board, the General Account benefits to the extent of the amount expended on House and Service, taking the place of the Hostel Fees, which we no longer receive. The Balance is being devoted to the reduction of the Site Acquisition debt, which has now been reduced to £3,445/7/2. It is necessary that the Institutions, Funds, and Congregations which have helped us so loyally in the past should continue their support if future Budgets are to be balanced.
- (4) We again tender our thanks and appreciation to the Trust Boards, and Connexional Funds, for their kind contributions to the finances of the College.
- (5) To the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Hames we wish to express our thanks for their sympathetic and untiring zeal in the control of the affairs of the College and the very efficient manner in which they maintained the smooth running of the College during the difficult transition period to new accommodation caused by the taking over of the main College building by the Auckland Hospital Board.
- (6) **Book Fund.** Through the generosity of Mr. S. Gorman, Nelson, in donating to the College N.Z. Government Stock valued at £180, a Book Fund has now been opened.

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

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For the Year Ending 31st March, 1943.

INCOME.

	£
Probert Trust Board	200
Emsly Trust	96
Connexional Fire Insurance	150
Contingent Fund	740
Home Mission Department	100
Foreign Mission Department	50
Students' Contributions	100
Congregational Church and Hostel Fees	180
Collegiate Church	50
College Sunday and "Friends of Trinity College"	100
Auckland Hospital Board	822
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	£2,588

EXPENDITURE.

House and Service	822
Stipends	425
Tutors' Fees	220
Connexional Charges	72
Quartarages	112
Rates	170
Insurance	50
Telephones	24
Furnishings	50
University Fees	75
Bible Class Camp Fees	5
Repairs	300
Printing, Stationery and Postages	25
Advertising Church Services	8
Interest	200
Rent	15
Sundries	15
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	£2,588

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Acting-Principal, the College Council and the Treasurer, and the Supplementary Report be received and adopted.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Acting-Principal for his able management of the College and his tutorial work, to Mrs. Hames for her efficient oversight of the domestic arrangements of the College, to Dr. Ranston for his valued services as lecturer, and to other visiting lecturers.

3. That Conference expresses its gratitude for willing service rendered to the College by officers and members of the Council, the staff, and the Hon. Physician.

4. That the following appointments be made for the ensuing year: Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Treasurers of the Library Fund, the Acting-Principal and Mr. F. E. Sutherland; co-Treasurer of the Site Acquirement Fund, Rev. E. S. Emmitt; Auditors, Messrs. A. J. Buttle, F. E. Sutherland, A. T. Graham and L. W. Peak.

5. The Conference learns with gratitude of Mr. S. Gorman's generous gift to the College to assist in providing text-books for needy students and records its appreciation of this sympathetic and kindly assistance to our young men.

6. The Conference heartily thanks those whose donations have enabled the Council to pay off a long-standing debit balance, and especially thanks the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone, for his leadership in the matter. In view of the need of steady financial support if the regular expenses of the College are to be met, the Conference commends the Annual College appeal to our people, and recommends the general observance of College Sunday.

7. That the College Council be requested to continue enquiries with a view to the appointment of a Principal when the time for doing so arrives.

8. Council for 1942.—Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A. (Acting-Principal), Dr. H. Ranston, M.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), Dr. C. H. Laws, B.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, W. A. Sinclair, G. Frost, A. B. Chappell, M.A., F. Copeland, E. S. Emmitt, M.C., W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. T. Olds, G. I. Laurenson, B. M. Chrystall, B.A., and J. F. Jack; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, J. Tyler, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, L. E. Rhodes, J. Hargreaves, C. K. Wigglesworth, and J. H. Blackwell. Officers:—Chairman, Rev. F. Copeland; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. H. Blackwell; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Secretary, Rev. J. F. Jack.

9. That the Conference expresses its gratitude to God for the long service rendered to the College by the late Rev. T. A. Joughin. As a foundation member of the Council, Chairman of the House Committee, and Joint Treasurer of the Site Acquirement Fund, he placed his mature judgment at the service of the College and proved a wise and far-seeing Councillor. The Conference expresses its sympathy with Mrs. Joughin and family.

10. That the Conference expresses its keen sense of loss in the sudden death of Mr. Dennis Johns. By his Christian character and his ready service in many spheres, as well as by his successful professional work as tutor in Elocution and Voice Production, Mr. Johns won a secure place in the respect and affection of the Council. The success of his work is evident in the improved standard of public speaking among our students in recent years. The Conference assures Mrs. Johns of its sincere sympathy with her in her great loss.

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

REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

In Respect of the Year Ended the 31st December, 1941.

The Board regrets to report that the improvement reflected in last year's accounts has not been maintained, the trading operations for this year resulting in a loss of £239/3/4.

This result compares unfavourably with the 1940 figures to the extent of £643, due mainly to a substantial falling off in the Farm income. The loss on the College shows a slight increase of £22.

On the other hand, it is pleasing to record that the Board's income from rents, for the first time for several years, more than covers the expenditure under the headings of Interest and General Expenses.

It should also be noted that the Board has this year utilised the profits on the sale of timber, to the amount of £243/13/1, in reducing the book value of its Farm Improvements. If this amount had been included in the Revenue Account it would have been sufficient to turn the debit balance on the year's working into a small credit.

It is also gratifying to note that substantial Capital profits have been made on the sale of sections, and that, in spite of the trading result, the Capital Account has increased by approximately £2,200. The Board has now paid off all amounts held by it on deposit, amounting to £2,650, which item had appeared in the Board's Balance Sheet for very many years. Apart from current trading liabilities, this leaves the Bank of New Zealand the only creditor of the Board. The Board's indebtedness to the Bank has decreased by nearly £200 during the year, although the aforementioned loan repayments have been made, and £2,000 of 4% Government Stock has been purchased for the Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Scholarship Fund.

Towards the end of last year the Board decided, in view of the fact that most of its frontage sections had been disposed of, that the time was opportune to subdivide the frontages of certain of its remaining properties. As a result, the frontage of the 42-acre block in Mount Albert Road was subdivided into 42 lots, and the frontages of the residue of the main Three Kings Block were subdivided into 19 sections facing Landscape Road and Parau Street. The immediate response from purchasers, when the above subdivisions were placed on the market, indicated that the Board's policy was justified. So far, 23 sections on the new Mount Albert Road subdivision have been sold, for £4,095, and 5 sections on the Landscape Road subdivision, for £1,160. Six of the remaining sections of the Board's original Mount Albert Road subdivision have been sold for £1,315.

Negotiations are proceeding between the Board and the Trinity Theological College for the acquisition by the latter of the whole of the back area of the Grafton Road property.

An event of particular interest took place on Saturday, the 20th September, 1941, on the Board's former Three Kings property, now the site of a large State housing settlement, when the unveiling took place of a Memorial Cairn commemorating the establishment in 1848 of the Wesleyan Native Institution, which was transferred to Paerata in 1922, and is now merged in Wesley College. The Memorial, which was erected at Government expense, by the Department of Housing Construction, is composed of stones from the original College building, in the site of which it stands, and carries an inscribed bronze tablet provided by the Board. The ceremony, which was performed by the President of Conference, the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., was attended by a large gathering.

Subject to the approval of Conference, a vacancy on the Board has been filled by the appointment as a Trustee of Mr. Eric Salmon.

One of our Trustees, Mr. J. S. Caughey, has been given indefinite leave of absence owing to military duties.

During the year Mr. Walter Ambury retired from the Chairmanship of the Farm Committee, to which he had devoted loyal and efficient service for many years. He is succeeded as Chairman of this Committee by Mr. A. Best.

The sum of £2,000, bequeathed to the Board in 1939 under the Will of Mrs. Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston, for the establishment of Scholarships at the College, has been investment in New Zealand Government 4% Stock. This bequest is now represented by Government Stock of a nominal amount of £2,000, but the actual purchase price was £2,150.

The Mount Wellington farm, owned by the Maurice Harding Estate, in which the Board is interested as residuary legatee, has been converted, under the supervision of the Principal, from a beef cattle run to a dairy farm. This change of policy was suggested by the Board, and has been approved by the Trustees of the Estate, with a view to improving the income of the farm and the value of the property. Already it is evident that the change-over has been beneficial.

During December the College buildings, including the Principal's residence, were impressed by the military authorities, who are still in occupation, but have arranged to give up possession on the 16th February, and it is anticipated that the College will reopen on the following day.

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

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1942.

It is pleasing to report that the College has experienced a very successful year. There has been a full roll, 102 being enrolled. Three boys passed the University Entrance Examination, five passed the School Leaving Examination, and three boys secured Higher Leaving Certificates, while for the first time we secured a pass with credit and a Bursary in the University Scholarship Examination. The large number of boys in the Junior School has compelled the Board seriously to consider the establishment of a separate preparatory school at Mount Wellington, Panmure, about 7 miles from Auckland. Such a development would be of great benefit to the Board in maintaining its roll at Paerata, and would also be a credit to our Church.

Regular services in the College Chapel have been conducted by the Chaplain and the Principal, and Bible Class for the senior boys has been organised and directed by the two senior assistant masters. The Principal has continued the Sunday School for the junior boys. Weekly classes in religious instruction have also been taken by the Chaplain.

As is to be expected there have been many problems and difficulties arising out of the abnormal conditions, and staffing and maintaining the College and Farm has not been easy. During the latter part of December the Army Authorities took over the College, and there has been some uncertainty as to the prospects for continuing during the coming year, but it now seems certain that we shall be able to continue at Paerata, and although many problems still confront it, the Board anticipates another successful scholastic year.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report of the Board and the financial statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference records its appreciation of the work and devotion of the staff of Wesley College and of the Principal and Mrs. Clark. It also expresses appreciation of the services of Mr. J. Stanton, Chairman of the Board.
3. That Conference learns with pleasure the proposal of the Wesley College Board to establish a preparatory school at Mount Wellington, Panmure, and trusts that arrangements being made in this connection will be successful.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1941.

In accordance with the regulations the Board presents its report together with the various duly audited financial statements for the year ended 30th November, 1941.

Annuitants and Membership.

The Conference of 1941 added two supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries and granted temporary superannuation to one minister. The widows of two former ministers have died during the year. There are now 42 supernumeraries and 40 widows in receipt of annuities, and one orphaned child of deceased parents. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants was £8,598/5/4. Help has been given to needy cases from the Benevolent Branch of the Fund.

Finance.

The revenue account and balance sheet show the position of the Fund. The accumulated fund now stands at £151,214/18/10. The Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve is now £337/16/-. The Epworth Chambers Depreciation Reserve is £4,350. Debenture Investments are shown at maturity value and not at market value. The Allied Funds administered by the Board aggregate £38,312/1/1. The average rate of interest earned as calculated on the actuarial basis is £4/3/2, which is above the rate of the previous year.

Subscriptions in Arrear.

As directed by Conference the Board has again fully and sympathetically considered the whole question of interest on arrears of subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund. With intimate knowledge of the domestic and other relevant circumstances in every case, circumstances which cannot be ventilated either in published reports or in Conference discussions, the Board re-affirms that there is no justification for writing off or reducing interest charges already accrued, or for still further reducing the interest rate now operating. It again declares that there are only six cases where arrears are serious and not all of these have received stipends below £250. There have been only two cases where ministers were in receipt of a stipend below that figure. Both of these are without children and in one such case there has been supplementary income. Almost every minister in receipt of a stipend below the former Conference minimum of £250 has regularly met his obligations and five out of the six above referred

to are reducing their liability. A very small number of men cannot wisely manage personal finance and such do not readily respond to suggestions for budgeting their expenditure. The Board can discover no justification for making concessions whereby the Supernumerary Fund would be penalised. Where affliction or need creates financial disability provision is made for affording relief through the Contingent Fund or the Trounson Trust Fund, and any such cases should be taken in hand by District Chairmen.

Purchase of Benefits by Former Home Missionaries.

The Board, in consultation with the Home Mission Board, has agreed to postpone to a later date further consideration of the question of permitting the purchase of benefits in the Supernumerary Fund by ex-home missionaries received as candidates for the ministry.

Home Acquirement Fund.

The personal accounts of contributors now stand at £13,530/11/2. During the year allowances were paid amounting to £235/7/-.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

Retiring allowances have been paid amounting to £611/15/8. Personal accounts of home missionaries now stand at £5,585/15/3.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

During the year retiring allowances paid out amounted to £1,144/17/2. A sum of £5,857/0/6 stands to the credit of contributors. The capital of the fund has been increased by a sum of £1,000 received through the Centennial Fund.

Board for 1942.

The following are nominated as the Board for the next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, J. Richards, R. Dudley, J. H. Allen, Messrs. G. S. Salter (lay treasurer), M. Kershaw, L. G. K. Steven, R. H. Miles, S. H. Maddren, and L. L. Jones.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

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 Acquirement Fund, the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

3. That the Conference hereby empowers the Board, by virtue of the amended provisions of Paragraph 44, Law Book, page 145, to compound with the Rev. John John for payment of a lump sum in lieu of annual payments upon his superannuation becoming effective on the first day of April, 1942.

4. That the further consideration by the Supernumerary Fund Board, in consultation with the Home Mission Board, of the question of the purchase of benefits in the Supernumerary Fund by ex-Home Missionaries received as candidates for the ministry be postponed to a later date.

5. That to Resolution 10 on page 98 of the Minutes of Conference for 1941, which amends Rule 21 on page 171 of the Law Book, there be added the following words:—"and the notification shall be accompanied by a medical certificate from a duly qualified medical man approved by the Board of Management."

6. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be empowered to remit the penalty rate of interest on subscriptions in arrears by Ministers who have not met their commitments on account of factors outside their personal control.

(7) That, without prejudice to existing regulations, the Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund be empowered to make an ex gratia settlement in respect of Ormond E. Burton.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND AND SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME. SPECIAL REPORT.

The Board has given very careful attention to the effect of Social Security legislation upon contributors to and claimants upon the Supernumerary Fund. As directed by Conference the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt interviewed the Hon. Walter Nash, then Acting Prime Minister, and made representations relative to hardship created for superannuitants by the operation of certain regulations affecting the Social Security Act.

It was pointed out that ministers now in the active work, who are prospective claimants on the Supernumerary Fund, must contribute both to the Church Fund and to the State scheme, and that contributions made by them, or on their behalf, to the Supernumerary Fund operate to debar them from the enjoyment of full benefits under the State Social Security scheme.

It was also emphasised that annuities paid by the Church relieve the funds of the State of a very large annual burden because such annuities substantially reduce, and in many cases entirely cancel, the Social Security benefit for which our ministers have paid their contributions. Although the State funds are thus relieved, the State taxes these people on the entire amount of their Church annuity, whereas the State pension is entirely tax free. It was contended that it is inequitable for the beneficiaries of the Church Fund to be taxed on such amount of the annuity as the Church relieves the State from paying.

It was also urged that superannuitants be given such measure of relief as would be afforded by exempting their annuities of the 10 per cent. tax upon such amount as the Church payment relieves the State. To illustrate the facts and to justify the request several tables were submitted. The tables were based upon the assumption that the annuitant has no other income than his annuity.

It was admitted that each succeeding year the saving to the State through annuities paid by the Church would become less on account of the annual increase of the Universal Superannuation Benefits which are independent of any means test and are payable to all persons of qualifying age.

In reply to the representations made the Acting Prime Minister frankly admitted that there was an element of unfairness. On 20th October, 1941, he wrote to the Managing Treasurer stating that the contentions he had earlier raised would, he thought, be met by Section 8 of the Finance Act (No. 2), which provided that the Social Security Commission shall have authority to adjust the amount of age benefit where an anomaly arises owing to the payment of Social Security and National Security Tax.

On 12th November the Social Security Commissioner also wrote stating that the Commission, in assessing the grant of an age benefit, could now disregard as chargeable income, any portion of the National Security Tax or the Social Security Charge paid on other income.

On 20th November the Commissioner of Taxes also wrote, stating that if any annuitants find that the total of their personal income and age benefit is, by reason of the charge and tax, less than it would be were the personal income less and the age benefit greater than the actual figures, they could make application to the Social Security Commission to grant additional age benefit so as to remove any anomalies created by the payment of such charge and tax.

The Supernumerary Fund Board also considered the possibility of making any adjustments to relate prospective State benefits to the benefits assured by the Supernumerary Fund. Some circuits raise the question as to whether the State scheme renders it unnecessary to continue circuit contributions to our own Fund and some Ministers ask if a scheme can be devised whereby they may secure the maximum benefit from the State and at the same time be relieved from the necessity of contributing to both the State and the Supernumerary Funds. Others have suggested that they be permitted to draw a lump sum in commutation of their interest and that they be permitted to contract themselves entirely out of the Supernumerary Fund. Others again have suggested a reduction of their annuity to £52 per annum and that they receive in cash the present value of their balance in the Fund as determined on an actuarial basis. It is submitted that all such proposals at this stage involve a risky experiment. To approach the problem by proposing to change the basis of a Fund which does give social security is an entirely wrong method of procedure.

Supernumerary Fund Benefits.

Our own Fund provides benefits not covered by the National scheme. Apart from the universal benefit payable to those of qualifying age the right to a full share in the State scheme may be materially reduced or entirely cancelled according to the measure of the provident habits or the good fortune of contributors. On the other hand our Fund provides no means test upon superannuation. If a contributor to the national scheme dies before reaching the age of 60 no annuity benefit accrues to his dependants apart from the small conditional pension provided for indigent widows and for orphans. If the wife of a minister should die he would receive from the State only the benefits available for a qualifying widower. With our Fund in such a case there is no reduction of the annuity. If the wife of a supernumerary has not attained the qualifying age for a State pension the minister would receive an annuity of only 30s. per week. If a minister is transferred to another country he forfeits his rights to a State pension with no refund or transfer of contributions. Our superannuation benefits are not cancelled by such a removal. No minister whose income, with that of his wife, is over £4 per week can get an annuity from the State other than the universal benefit which is small at present. Our annuities supplement whatever other income ministers and widows may receive. Our Fund also provides for a uniform furniture grant of £75 and it includes a branch which operates to supplement the incomes of those in necessitous circumstances. Our Fund also makes provision for children of ministers both of whose parents are dead. In many respects benefits accruing from our own Fund exceed in range those provided by other Churches. Further no other Church operates a Home Acquisition Fund with the gift of remarkably generous subsidies.

Other Churches.

The Board has had before it the proposals of other Churches in relation to their pension funds. The Presbyterian Church is considering a proposal for commutation on retirement, of part of an annuity by payment of a lump sum. Medical examination would be required and every applicant for commutation would need to submit proof that he has an average prospect of long life. The amount payable would be based on the expectation of life and would be related to the solvency or otherwise of the Fund and also to the effect of commutation upon its stability. No reduction of contributions is proposed and every applicant for commutation would be required to give a written undertaking that the amount received would be invested in the purchase of a home and that it was a final satisfaction of his claim excepting the amount left to be drawn as an annuity.

The Anglican Pension Fund in the Diocese of Wellington is providing for the option of a lump sum payment in commutation of a specified part of an annuitant's share in the Pension Fund. The sum is to be actuarially determined at the date of retirement and must be employed exclusively in home acquirement. Evidence of other resources and commitments is required and also a medical certificate of health.

It is to be noted that no lump sum commutation can be made before actual superannuation. The Social Security Commissioner states that where it is definitely established that a lump sum payment is accepted merely to qualify for an additional Social Security benefit the person is penalised. The Commission would review the full surrounding circumstances to ensure that commutation was not made merely to circumvent any penalty that may have been otherwise applied. The use of money to purchase a home is, however, allowable.

No sound conclusions as to the basis for commuting a member's interest in the Fund could be reached without consultation with the Actuary. A commutation on the basis of individual contributions to the Fund would probably be unsatisfactory. The alternative would be to commute for the value of an annuity in respect of the period of expectation of life for a minister and for his wife or widow.

The Younger Ministers.

Some of the younger ministers are asking that payments to the Supernumerary Fund be reduced or that membership be made optional. That is singularly shortsighted because if our Fund be maintained every young minister can look forward to such reasonably comfortable old age as has not hitherto been possible. Under the Social Security Act every minister and also the wife of every minister of qualifying age will receive, independently of all their other resources, including annuities, a universal pension benefit. This benefit in 1942 will be £15 and it will increase annually by £2/10/- until it reaches the maximum of £78 each for man and woman. A minister who has already served 13 years and is 38 years old or over will, on the present scale, be entitled, at the end of 40 years of service to a Church pension of £155/3/4, and also to a State pension of £78 without any means test. His wife, if of qualifying age, will also get a State pension of £78. The furniture grant and the stake in the Home Acquirement Fund will go far towards providing and equipping a home after the period of active service.

It has been suggested that an annual premium of £25 paid by or on behalf of a minister who enters the work at the age of 25 would, at the age of 65 produce a pension of £205 per annum as against our annuity of £155. The pension, however, covers only one life and if

death occurs before the age of 65 only the premiums paid are refunded plus interest at 2½ per cent. Companies will not quote to-day for a pension at 65 on payment of a lump sum, but hitherto about £600 has been required to secure a pension of £1 weekly at 65.

Present Annuitants.

The question arises as to whether present annuitants should be given the option of commutation. If so, how is their stake in the Fund to be determined? Is account to be taken of benefits already drawn? There are 42 supernumeraries and 40 widows now in receipt of benefits. Of annuitants still living benefits already paid in one case amount to £4,886. Six present annuitants have received between £3,000 and £4,000, sixteen have received from £2,000 up to £3,000, and twenty have received over £1,000 and under £2,000. To meet the future claims of 82 annuitants and of 169 contributing ministers and their wives the Accumulated Fund, including special capital gifts, is only £151,000.

Future Annuitants.

In regard to future annuitants should husband and wife both undergo medical examination to determine life prospects? Evidence would need to be furnished of their private means and commitments to satisfy the Board that their future economic security is reasonably safeguarded.

Each future annuitant's share in the Fund must take account of the fact that sufficient must be left in the Fund to produce the reduced pension of £52 per annum. Thereafter the capital sum could not be large in any case. To admit of lump sum commutation at superannuation and to provide an annuity of £52 and also to ensure maintenance of benefits for those who elect to remain in the Fund, the Fund must still have at least the amount of its present revenue from personal subscriptions and circuit levies. The Fund must be kept stable and strong enough to meet its commitments.

In order to pay lump sum benefits assets must be sold. Those most readily realizable would be sold first and other assets which might become of reduced or doubtful value would be left to the Fund thereby affecting its stability.

The gradual permanent reduction of capital caused by elimination of assets through realization to pay lump commutation sums would steadily reduce the accumulated funds which might not prove adequate to provide for every future claim unless all individual actuarial valuations were made on a very conservative basis.

Part of the accumulated funds have been provided from the Centenary Fund and from other sources in order that such money might be capitalised for the purpose of earning revenue for all time to provide annuities, furniture grants, working expenses, etc. Is such part of the accumulated funds properly available for distribution? Personal subscriptions and circuit levies are in a different category because they are contributed by and for specific men for defined periods of service.

On the present scale of annuities every minister who has contributed to the Supernumerary Fund for 13 years or more and the widow of every minister who contributed for 27 years or over would be entitled to an annuity of £52. To produce each such annuity a large capital sum would be required.

Commutation.

Of course there could be no lump sum commutation for any minister or widow who, under the present scale, would receive an annuity of £52 or less from the Supernumerary Fund.

If an annuitant permitted to commute for a lump sum should make an unfortunate investment and fall into poverty the Church would need to consider any moral responsibility it might have in the matter of maintenance.

If annuitants were permitted to commute irrespective of their prospects of average long life the Fund would no longer benefit from those who draw annuities only for a short period. The gains to the Fund from such cases make possible a higher scale of benefits. The disappearance of that factor would necessitate an actuarial valuation of benefits on a reduced scale.

The emergence of any factor which destroys the mutual principle of the Fund affects the margin of security of the Fund itself. Hence any suggestion to exempt any ministers from joining the fund, or any suggestion for reduced subscriptions or levies in specific cases would involve injustice to all other members of the Fund. To permit any ministers to remain outside the scope of the Supernumerary Fund altogether, would destroy the very purpose of the Fund and would involve taking retrograde action releasing the Church from any obligation to such of its workers. It is certain that exemption from membership in our Fund would carry no assurance of provision by ministers for old age either by personal savings or by insurance. Individuals as well as the Fund are subject to economic disabilities and legislation. The Church should be careful to see that its aged servants are safeguarded from possible disaster and it should discourage exemptions which might tend in that direction to the possible scandal of the Church.

In exercising an option for commutation for a lump sum plus an annuity of £52 a contributor must remember that the State benefit of £156 per annum for a qualifying husband and wife will be halved as soon as the minister or his wife dies. Such a widow or widower could not in any circumstance draw more than £78 from the State or more than £52 from the Church. Moreover the State benefit of £78 would be reducible in respect of any income of any sort, from any source, in excess of £52 per annum until such time as the universal pension alters the position. Any lump sum paid by the Fund as commutation, if not expended in such a way as to be non-interest earning, would result in an inevitable reduction of State benefits to the extent of interest or profits earned by it.

Throughout its consideration of the problems involved the Board has recognised that the present financial situation is one of profound but ominous uncertainty, in which, however, certain tendencies are clear. It is satisfied that it would neither be rational nor prudent to make drastic changes in the present basis of the Fund. It is convinced that no change should be contemplated until the Conference shall have considered the report of the Actuary following upon the annual balance after 30th November, 1942, and until, in the light of that report, it shall determine whether the Actuary should then advise upon any basic changes to meet then existing conditions.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTION.

That the Special Report be adopted, and that the Conference, in expressing its confidence in the administration of the Fund, heartily thanks the Board of Management for its lucid exposition of the complicated issues involved in the relationship of the Supernumerary Fund to the Social Security Scheme.

2.—METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD.

The business of the Board continues to grow. It holds money in trust for 13 Connexional Funds and for 31 church trusts, and also a personal account for the ultimate benefit of the Church. During the year it has accepted a trust of £100 in memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Ehen Hadfield. The interest is payable towards maintaining the Richmond Church property. A trust has also been accepted in the interest of Lower Hutt Church. The Board has consented to administer a trust for supplementing inadequate stipends but moneys will not become available for many years.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

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 our Annual Report, and Statement of Accounts, of the Children's Fund for the year ending 31st December, 1941.

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

Auckland	....	....	....	....	49½
South Auckland	....	....	....	....	14½
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	....	11½
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	....	14
Wellington	....	....	....	....	19½
Nelson	....	....	....	....	8½
North Canterbury	....	....	....	....	33½
South Canterbury	....	....	....	....	5½
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	....	17
					173½

being 1½ payments less than last year.

The Credit Balance of the Fund at 31st December, 1941, is—

	£	s.	d.
Current A/c. Bank N.S. Wales, Wellington	336	19	10
Due by South Auckland District 	17	10	0
	£354	9	10

The amount shown outstanding of £17/10/- is owing by the Rotorua Circuit, and although we have been endeavouring to collect this amount for the past eight years, the Circuit is unable to remit, and now that travelling is so restricted the Circuit is faced with further financial problems, and we strongly recommend that Conference authorises us to write off the amount, and give the Circuit a fresh start.

In conclusion we are of opinion that a Circuit Levy of 6½% would meet the requirements of the Fund for 1942, and recommend to Conference accordingly.

E. W. A. KELLOW,

O. BURNET,

Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That the levy be 6½%.
3. That the Treasurers be thanked and that for 1942 they be Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., and E. W. A. Kellow.
4. That the deficit standing against Rotorua be cancelled.
5. That the Children's Fund allowance be increased to £10 for 1942.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

The Report and Financial Statement was received and adopted.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT 1941.

The 2% levy this year will produce about £805. Removal expenses amounting to £807 were paid out, but this amount was reduced to £781 by a refund of £26 made by the Railway Department in connection with six removals in which the actual costs were found to be less than estimated.

A total of 42 removals were carried out at an average cost per removal of £18/16/10, against £18/15/4 last year. Some Ministers have written expressing appreciation of the manner in which the removals were carried out; no complaints were received. The following are particulars of the removals:—

- 10 Inter-Island. Cost £492/19/3. Average £49/6/- (1940, £41/13/4).
- 10 Within Islands. Cost £201/3/4. Average £20/2/4 (1940, £19/15/9).
- 14 Ordinands and Probationers. Cost £44/4/8. Average £3/3/2. (1940, £6/10/10).

Also 6 Home Missionaries to Circuits, and 2 Supernumeraries.

A sharp increase will be noticed in the average cost of removals from one Island to the other, which is accounted for by the recent heavy increases in sea freights. There is a definite possibility of further increases in sea freights, and while up to the present there has been no increase in insurance charges for war risks in sea transport, it cannot be expected that this position will continue. There is therefore more reason than before why removals from one Island to the other should be avoided if at all possible.

It is with pleasure that we report that at the close of the financial year it is expected that all arrears of levies will have been paid off—some of which have been outstanding for some years.

On the information available at the time of compiling this report it is estimated that the removals in 1942 will cost approximately £1000. The Committee recommends, therefore, that the levy for 1942 be at the rate of 2½%—subject to review at Conference should the number of removals prove to be more, or less, than those on which this estimate is based.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. H. ALLEN,

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1942 be at the rate of 3%.
3. That the Committee for 1942 be:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. James Richards, J. H. Allen, E. E. Sage, and J. Dennis; Messrs. H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, J. E. Purchase, M. Hosking and W. G. Wright. Treasurers: Rev. J. H. Allen and Mr. H. Chapman.
Report received and adopted by all Synods.
4. That the Treasurers be thanked and re-appointed.

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT 1941.

Throughout a year of considerable difficulty and many problems on our Mission Field God's guidance and grace have been very manifest and to Him who is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever, we accord our humble gratitude and praise.

The Kingdom Coming.

Although there has been a slight reduction of native staff in some areas to effect economy the following gratifying increases are reported in the Solomon Islands Statistics:—

Churches	....	....	....	....	....	4
Catechists and Native Teachers	....	....	....	....	....	5
Members—						
Senior	....	....	....	....	....	218
Junior	....	....	....	....	....	250
On Trial	....	....	....	....	....	37
Sunday Schools	....	....	....	....	....	9
Sunday School Scholars	....	....	....	....	....	388
Day School Scholars	....	....	....	....	....	62
Adherents	....	....	....	....	....	378

Remembering that it is the result of but 40 years' work, a review of the full Statistics is most inspiring—212 churches, 6 native ministers, 278 catechists and teachers, 26 native medical assistants, 155 local preachers, 144 class leaders, 5,847 senior members (745 on trial and 3,589 junior), 220 schools and 4,993 scholars, and 17,567 adherents (including members), are some of the figures. What great things hath God wrought!

To the question—What is the spiritual state of our circuits and can any measures be adopted to promote the Work of God therein?—the recent Synod replies:—

That this Synod, after hearing the reports of the Circuit Ministers and the Chairman, expresses its thanks to God for the growth of the Native Church. The Spirit of God is undoubtedly working in the hearts of both members and adherents. There is a definite, if at times slow, understanding and practice of Christian virtues on the part of our native members. Our adherents, though sometimes drawn back to heathenism by superstition and ignorance, are, on the whole, moving more and more into the light. Our Church is laying a saving hand on the children and these give the promise of a strong and vigorous church in the days to come. To both young and old the Gospel proves to be "the Power of God unto Salvation."

Native Ministry.

The time when a wholly native ministry will be competent to administer the affairs of the District is still distant, but we move steadily towards that goal. Nathan Kera is recommended for ordination and will join Belshazzar Gina in the full work of the Ministry. Timothy Piani has been recommended to Conference as a candidate for the Ministry. He is the first Solomon Islands candidate that has been trained solely in the Islands and has given outstanding service as a Teacher and Catechist for a number of years. Sam Rove, who has served the District faithfully as a Teacher for many years, has received the status of a Catechist.

Excellent work continues to be done at the District Training Institution, Roviana, where students from all parts of the District are fitted for the vitally important office of Pastor-Teacher. The average number on the roll during the past year has been 73.

More than 100 young men are receiving preparatory training in the various circuit institutions, and the curricula indicate that, in addition to general and biblical subjects, emphasis has been laid upon agriculture and community service.

Medical.

Work at the base hospital has suffered considerable interruption as a result of furloughs throughout the year. Excellent work has been done, nevertheless, and the importance of this great branch of the Work receives added emphasis every succeeding year.

At Bilua (base hospital) 208 in-patients were admitted, and there were 43,265 attendances at the out-patients department.

The branch hospital at Kokengolo has had an extremely full year, and injections for yaws leapt by 37%. Maternity cases reached a new high figure of 60.

Dr. Rutter, in his report, and the Synod, by special resolution, urge the importance of the appointment of a nurse to Teop.

Leprosy. The Doctor reports that most of the leper patients have done well during the year, with two almost ready for discharge. They have done extremely well with the development of gardening work, and produce already at least half of their food, with greater progress anticipated.

Dr. Rutter concludes his report with these encouraging yet challenging words—"All departments of the work have been satisfactorily maintained, and the way is now open to important extension work to the very limit of our resources."

Educational.

Particularly encouraging reports are to hand of the excellent school and college work at Kokengolo, Roviana. This institution plays an increasingly important part in the District. Two students continue their training in Suva as radio technicians, and during the year three have gone to Rabaul for special training at the Government Agricultural School. Six of our best boys have taken the Suva Medical College Preliminary Examination, with a view to proceeding to Fiji should their examination work prove satisfactory.

Good progress has been made at the Bougainville-Buka Circuit Training Institution, Kihili, where selected students from various parts of this wide circuit are prepared for Kokengolo.

A new Kihili station has been further developed and is fast becoming a really important centre. Rice culture has been successfully continued and Mr. Voyce proposes to plant 60 to 100 acres of cassava or tapioca with the idea of milling the crop into flour. It is pleasing to note that many of the crops planted here four and five years ago are now beginning to bear. This applies to coconuts, cocoa, coffee, grape-fruit, mandarines, and many other citrus fruits. There are now growing on this fine station 32 varieties of fruit, 30 of vegetables, and about 100 different kinds of trees, shrubs, plants and flowers.

Good Technical Work has been maintained during the year, particularly at Roviana and Buka.

Lack of equipment is a definite hindrance in many of our schools, and the Synod draws special attention to the need of a large building programme at the District Institution in the following remit:—"Synod requests the Chairman to place before the Board the urgent need for new Educational buildings (at Kokengolo) as the present ones are totally inadequate and unsafe."

Staff.

1942 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of our Mission in the Solomon Islands. During the whole of that time the Rev. John F. Goldie has been the honoured Chairman of the District and has proved himself one of the greatest missionary leaders of the Pacific. He was warmly congratulated by the Synod and a special resolution to mark the occasion of his 40th anniversary in the Solomons will be submitted to the Mission Board and Conference.

This year also marks Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe's semi-jubilee in the Solomons. For 25 years as Sister (Sister Ivy Stanford) and Missionary's wife she has rendered outstanding service, which is also noted by special resolution.

Not a little of the success of our Work in the Solomons is due to the long and faithful terms of service rendered by the staff. Here is an interesting record of some who are still on the Field:—

Rev. J. F. Goldie	....	....	....	40 years
Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe	....	....	....	25 years
Rev. J. R. Metcalfe	....	....	....	21 years
Sister Elizabeth Common	....	....	....	18 years
Sister Lina Jones	....	....	....	17 years
Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Voyce	....	....	....	16 years

God has greatly used these and others in extending His Kingdom and the Church is justly proud of them.

With a real measure of gratitude we report the decision of the Mission Board to appoint a Nurse to Teop as soon as a suitable volunteer is available. This decision was made possible by the generosity of the M.W.M.U. and will greatly cheer Rev. and Mrs. Alley of Teop. The appointment will mean much to thousands of sick and needy people of North Bougainville.

After nearly 27 years of outstanding service in the Solomons, Sister Ethel McMillan retired during the year. Appreciation of her great work was expressed at last Conference. It is hoped that a new Sister will be appointed shortly to replace Sister Ethel.

Visit of High Commissioner.

During a recent visit to Roviana, the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific—Sir Harry Luke—expressed high appreciation of the work of our Mission, and he and Mr. Goldie discussed the important questions of education and medical service. Sir Harry also referred very appreciatively to Gina and his choir from Simbo, who had entertained him and his party at Gizo, and made a grant for Gina's school.

In the War Zone.

Until Japan's declaration of war the Solomons, although subject to serious economic disability, were remote from the fighting zones. They are now dangerously near the centre of the conflagration in the Pacific. The wives and children of our Bougainville-Buka missionaries and the missionary sisters in that area have been evacuated. The absence of our white women workers will seriously affect the Work and place a much greater strain upon the missionaries. The Board may be involved in additional financial obligation, but it is confident that the whole Church will rally to its aid and also by prayer sustain the families who, like many others, are separated for the duration of the war.

Bougainville-Buka Semi-Jubilee.

1942 marks the Semi-Jubilee of our work on Bougainville and Buka. In the brief period of 25 years three training centres have been established with European missionaries in charge. Two Missionary Sisters and two Fijian Ministers are also stationed there, and 156 catechists and native teachers, who preach the Gospel in 124 churches and 23 other places, and teach 2,000 children in 132 schools. 35 local preachers and 18 class leaders are on the Plan. There are 844 senior and junior members of the Church, 135 on trial and over eight thousand adherents.

Semi-Jubilee celebrations are being planned on a wide scale, the main purpose of which is to build up and extend the Native Church. An additional Native Minister is asked for and by work and prayer every effort will be made to ensure a Jubilee year of great inspiration to our people and glory to God.

Boats, Houses, etc.

After considerable delay a new engine for the District vessel "Fauro Chief" reached the Solomons from England, and was duly installed. The Chairman reports the performance of the engine to date as very satisfactory.

Details of condition, value, etc., of our boats and houses are given in the District property returns.

Deterioration of property is very rapid in the tropics, and the Board is constantly faced with the need of repairs and renewal. It is therefore important that the Equipment Fund, which meets these charges, should be kept strong. Unless otherwise specified by donors or the Board, legacies are credited to this fund, and thus play a major part in providing our missionaries with the equipment, without which they could not carry on.

Home Base.

The work at the Home Base has proceeded smoothly, and the Board acknowledges with gratitude the services of all who have shared in the task.

District and circuit secretaries and collectors, "Open Door" agents, etc., all play a vitally important part in the missionary enterprise, as do also the circuit ministers who help greatly in organising the Appeal and keeping it before their people.

The Mission Board has met during the year, as occasion demanded, and has been admirably served by its competent staff.

Financial.

The Treasurers' Statement and the Returns reveal cause for gratitude, especially in view of the serious financial conditions prevailing in the Solomons. With the complete collapse of the smoke-dried copra market it seemed at one period of the year as if the Island income would be less than half its modest estimate of £1,500. The Native Church, however, made heroic efforts and reached a total of £1,150—truly great giving under the circumstances. The Home Church has also rallied to our aid in noble manner. We offer glad thanks-giving that in spite of many difficulties, we have met all charges and further reduced our deficit.

In view of the uncertain financial outlook, particularly in the Islands, it is a cause for gratitude that during the past nine years our deficit has been steadily reduced from £17,000 to £4,000, and that during the same period the Medical Fund has increased from £2,000 to £20,000, in addition to a special Leper Fund amounting to £1,600. Four new houses and two hospital wards have been built, a new District vessel, and, by special gift, a launch for the doctor, have been purchased, and new engines installed in four of our boats, at a total cost of not less than £7,000. A Boat Insurance Fund has been established and its capital is now more than £2,000. A home for the General Secretary has also been acquired, in which the Missionary Society already has substantial equity.

While lack of sufficient money continues to seriously hinder the Work and the importance of completely liquidating our deficit is obvious, there is, nevertheless, much comfort in the above figures, as we face added and grave problems.

The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest.

By further munificent gifts totalling £3,353, Mr. S. Gorman has increased the total of the noble Bequest that bears his and his late wife's name to £15,786. The gratitude of the Mission Board and the whole Church in New Zealand, as well as of the sick and suffering in the Solomons, goes out to Mr. Gorman as, with joyous and eager heart, he seeks to establish for all time a Ministry of Healing on our Mission Field.

The spirit behind this truly great giving is that of the Compassionate Christ, and it exercises an increasingly important part in bringing in His Kingdom in the Solomons. Here is a truly worthy example of how to make God's good gifts live on to His glory.

M.W.M.U.

With unabated zeal the support of the Women's Missionary Union has been maintained, and the Mission Board once again extends its grateful thanks.

In addition to a grant of £1,300 for Sisters' salaries and allowances, £100 to help maintain the Doctor, £300 for medicines, etc., and the usual splendid shipment of gift cases, the Union has sponsored a movement to ensure the appointment of a Sister to Teop. In view of the assurances of the Women's Union re maintenance of this new appointment the Board has decided to send a Nursing Sister to Teop as soon as possible.

The M.W.M.U. is a great spiritual force in the Church for which the Mission Board and all in the Solomons thank God.

Bible Class Movements.

Young Women. The outstanding work of Sister Ada Lee on Bougainville will be a source of pride and gratification to the Young Women's B.C. Movement, which has carried the full responsibility for her salary and allowances through another year. During her recent furlough, Sister Ada was able to contact the leaders of the Movement and many of the classes.

The native teachers so generously supported by the Young Women have maintained a valuable ministry, and play an important part in bringing in the Kingdom of God among their own people.

We sincerely thank the Movement for its continued generous support and are confident that this intimate relationship with workers on the Field must engender real spiritual power.

Young Men. For the first time for many years no contribution has been received from the Young Men's Movement, but we are very grateful for the continued support of the Rev. Nathan Kera, by the North Canterbury Union. This generous contribution of £30 per annum is raised by special effort in addition to the Union's quota to the B.C. Movement. Some £8 has also been contributed by North Canterbury for a typewriter for Kera.

Men's Fellowship.

The Mission Board has been greatly encouraged by the decision of the Men's Fellowship to provide Dr. Rutter with additional equipment to render still more effective the great work that he and his staff are doing in the Solomons, and is confident that this splendid and definite objective will not only strengthen the hands and heart of the Doctor but will also prove a source of inspiration and strength to the Fellowship.

"Open Door" and "Lotu."

It is a source of gratification that the large circulation of our missionary magazines is well maintained, and sincere thanks are extended to all circuit agents who play such an important part in the distribution. The "Lotu" circulates in most of our Sunday Schools, and a special word of thanks is due to the Rev. V. le C. Binet for his very able editorship.

While not published for profit and sold very cheaply, these magazines, in the past, have paid their way; but this year, on account of the considerably increased cost of paper, labour and postage, a loss of £118 has been incurred. The situation will be met by a slight reduction in the size of the papers.

Conclusion.

Through a difficult year God has proved yet again to those on the Field and at the Home Base that His arm is not shortened nor His ear heavy. Amid the tremendous strain of world-war we are realising more than ever that He alone is sufficient for the hearts of men. We render to Him our humble thanks and, in His strength, go forward.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, Secretary.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT.

For the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

The Treasurers have much pleasure in presenting to the Board of Missions the Balance Sheet and Financial Statement for the year ended December 31st, 1941.

The income from the Home Church for the General Fund amounted to £11,807/11/7, which is £807 more than the estimated income for the year. The income from the Medical Fund was £1,163/13/7, which is £13/13/7 above the estimate. In addition to these amounts the sum of £723/17/- was contributed for work among the lepers; £490/16/1 was received from legacies and £200 has been received for developmental work. For the present this latter amount has been placed in the Equipment Fund. From the Centennial Fund £94 has been received. Included in the Medical Fund are contributions from Church Trusts, and interest on the Capital of the Medical Fund. The Women's Missionary Union has made a fine contribution amounting to £1,313/15/-, and from the Young Women's Bible Class Movement £170 has been received.

The income from the Mission Field is £1,155/1/2, being £703/7/11 less than that of the previous year, and £344/18/10 less than the estimate. In view of the fact that copra was practically unsaleable this result must have involved much sacrificial giving on the part of the native people.

The expenditure on the Mission Field was £11,353/4/4, being £213/11/6 more than that of the previous year, but £70/12/8 less than the amount allocated to the Mission Field for expenditure.

The Working Expenses at the Home Base amounted to £1,345 18/5. In addition to this there have been miscellaneous payments amounting to £350/15/4. These include contributions to Trinity College, Deaconess Inst., etc.

The expenditure under these two headings is £26/9/11 less than in the previous year.

Mr. Samuel Gorman has made another splendid gift of £3,353 to the Capital Fund of the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest." The Medical Fund now stands at £19,686/3/6.

The Boat Insurance Fund has been added to by the Transfer of £88/4/10 from the General Fund, and also by interest amounting to £74/15/2, and now stands at £2,150.

The year's working shows a reduction of the deficiency by £440/5/2, leaving a present deficiency of £3,831/19/5. We are very pleased that some reduction in this deficit has been possible and continue to hope that the splendid support of the Church will enable this deficiency to be entirely wiped out, an object greatly to be desired.

After a series of profits over many years, a loss has been made of £118/5/4 on our publications. This is accounted for by the greatly increased cost of paper, printing and postage. Steps have already been taken to reduce the size of both papers until normal conditions have once more been resumed. The circulation of "The Open Door" now amounts to 5,800 copies quarterly, an increase of 150, and of "The Lotu" to 7,400 copies, an increase of 60.

Because our Field is now adjacent to the War Zone the immediate future is most uncertain. War conditions will almost certainly make it necessary for the Board to incur abnormal expenditure during the coming year. We feel confident, however, that our Church, with its growing Missionary interest, will give good support to the Board in any emergency which may arise.

W. A. SINCLAIR,
T. L. HAMES,

General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1.—Reports, etc.

That the Annual Report of the Board, the Treasurers' Report, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account be received and adopted.

2.—Greetings to the Native Church.

To you, our brethren and sisters of the Native Church, the Conference extends affectionate greetings, rejoicing with you in your steadfastness and in the continued growth of the Church.

We surround you still more closely with our prayers as war draws near your shores, and trust you may be kept secure.

3.—Greetings to Missionaries.

Missionary Sisters, the Conference extends warm greetings.

4.—Rev. John F. Goldie—40th Anniversary in the Solomons.

That the affectionate greetings and hearty congratulations of the Conference be conveyed to the Rev. John F. Goldie upon the completion of 40 years outstanding service as Chairman of the Solomon Islands District. The Conference trusts that he, together with Mrs. Goldie, to whom affectionate congratulations are likewise extended, may long be spared to continue in the work which has been so richly and fruitfully blessed.

5.—Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe—Semi-Jubilee.

That the Conference warmly congratulates Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe upon the attainment of her Semi-Jubilee of service in the Solomons.

The Board thanks God for her and prays she may be long spared to the Work she loves.

6.—The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest.

This Conference tenders to Mr. S. Gorman its heartfelt thanks for further munificent gifts during the year of £3,353 and £2,000 now announced, for medical work in the Solomons, thus bringing the total of the Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest to £17,786.

7.—M.W.M.U.

That the Conference extends to the M.W.M.U. its hearty thanks and appreciation for continued loyal co-operation and generous assistance, and especially for undertaking to support a nursing sister at Teop, and to contribute £100 for equipment.

8.—Y.W.B.C. Movement.

The Conference sincerely thanks the Young Women's B.C. Movement for generously supporting Sister Ada Lee and two Native teachers in the Solomons. Though Sister Ada is not permitted to return to the field, Conference trusts that the Movement will continue to support the work loyally throughout the war.

9.—Sisters' Salaries.

The Board recommends to Conference that the salaries of Sisters working in the Solomons be amended to the following:—

£125 per annum for the first three years.

£135 per annum for the second three years.

£150 per annum for all subsequent terms.

10.—Sisters' Retiring Allowance.

Resolved as from 1941—That after their first three-year term of service, Sisters pay £20 per annum into the Retiring Fund, the Board contributing an equal amount. For the first three years the payments remain at £15 per annum each by the Sister and the Board.

11.—General Estimates, 1942.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
New Zealand—			Solomon Islands	11,500	0 0
General	11,500	0 0	Home Base	1,533	15 0
Medical	1,250	0 0	Interest	350	0 0
	12,750	0 0	Imperilled Missions	100	0 0
Solomon Islands	750	0 0	Debt Reduction	16	5 0
	£13,500	0 0		£13,500	0 0

Expenditure from Equipment Fund, 1942.

Films £50 0 0

That in view of the inevitable deterioration, and possible destruction of Mission property and equipment in the Solomons as a result of the evacuation of our European Missionaries, a special Rehabilitation Fund be established and commended to the whole-hearted support of the Home Church.

In the event of any of the above-estimated expenditure being saved owing to Mission workers being temporarily employed in New Zealand, such amount shall be credited to the Rehabilitation Fund.

All circuits and contributors are earnestly urged to increase their support if at all possible to enable the Mission Board to prepare for the rehabilitation and extension of our Solomon Islands work at the earliest possible moment.

12.—Thanks.

That the sincere thanks of the Conference be tendered to all District and Circuit F.M. Secretaries, Collectors, and Missionary Deputations for their able and devoted services.

13.—Appointments.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Treasurers (Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames), and they be re-appointed.

14.—Board.

That the following be the Board for 1942:—The President of the Conference and the Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. W. Walker), the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (Rev. John F. Goldie), Rev. A. H. Scriven (General Secretary), Rev. W. A. Sin-Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, F. Copeland, E. T. Olds, A. B. Chappell, M.A., F. E. Leadley, E. W. Hames, M.A., G. I. Laurenson, H. E. Bellhouse, J. C. Draper, E. D. Patchett, W. W. Avery, V. le C. Binet, A. A. Bensley; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. P. Blair, W. Ambury, J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, E. P. Salmon, B. J. Lynneberg, C. E. Taylor, F. Thompson, D. C. Cameron; the President of the M.W.M.U. (Mrs. C. E. Taylor); the President of the Auckland W.M. Auxiliary (Mrs. J. F. Jack); Misses E. M. Rishworth, Miss S. A. Somerville, Miss G. Griffith, Mrs. T. Rowe, Miss Purdie.

15.—District Secretaries and Committees.

AUCKLAND	....	....	....	Rev. F. E. Leadley
SOUTH AUCKLAND	....	....	....	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	....	....	....	Rev. E. S. Harkness
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	....	....	....	Mr. C. E. Taylor
WELLINGTON	....	....	....	Rev. A. O. Harris
NELSON	....	....	....	Rev. E. C. Leadley
NORTH CANTERBURY	....	....	....	Rev. W. E. A. Carr
SOUTH CANTERBURY	....	....	....	Rev. W. W. Avery
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	....	....	....	Rev. H. E. Harkness.

District Missionary Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits with Revs. W. Walker and J. John, 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. F. E. Leadley.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Morrinsville, Te Aroha, and Paeroa Circuits; Messrs. H. Wagstaff, C. Rayner, H. Wood, and P. Rushton, Mrs. R. Eastwood and Mrs. G. Callaghan. Convener: Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Eltham-Kaponga, Hawera, Manaia and Opunake Circuits; the Circuit F.M. Secretaries of the four Circuits enumerated. 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. J. McVicar, L. Laurenson and A. E. Fisher; Mesdames C. E. Taylor, T. R. Hodder, E. G. Bennett, W. A. Boniface, and T. M. Henson. Convener: Mr. C. E. Taylor.

Sub-Committee for Hawke's Bay.—Superintendent Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. J. H. Oldham, J. D. Common, R. Doubleday, and A. Tunnicliffe. Convener: Mr. J. H. Oldham. Corresponding Member: Rev. A. Blakemore.

WELLINGTON.—Included in District Executive. Convener: Rev. O. Burnet.

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, A. G. Nuttall, J. Grigg, M.A., Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Brock.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener: Rev. W. E. A. Carr.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, and Waimate Circuits; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, T. Simmons, R. H. White, and A. A. Dale, and Mrs. R. McAlister.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries of the Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits, the President and Secretary of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary, and Messrs. D. C. Cameron, G. S. Gapper, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Coulter, and Miss Purdie. Convener: Rev. H. E. Harkness.

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. A. E. Jefferson.

16.—National Missionary Council Representatives.

The General Secretary, the Chairman of the Wellington District, Mrs. H. Nicolson, Rev. A. O. Harris, and Mr. T. M. Pacey.

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

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1941.

The work of the Department has been maintained under the blessing of God, through another difficult year. Our staff has sought throughout to fulfil the injunction of the Master—to be "Fishers of men."

Board and Committees.

The usual heavy programme of meetings of the Home Mission Board and Committees has been carried through.

Maori Missions.

A separate report on the Maori Mission work will be submitted.

Staffing.

The war has greatly increased our difficulties in connection with the field staff. However, through the assistance of several Supernumerary Ministers, and some lay preachers, satisfactory supply arrangements have been made in practically all appointments. The coming year promises to be appreciably more difficult. We wish to record our admiration of the excellent work being done by the staff practically without exception.

Gorman Bequest.

Mr. S. Gorman of Nelson has again delighted us with further gifts of £220 Government Stock, and £600 Auckland Harbour Board Debentures, bringing the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest to the magnificent figure of £5,049. The generosity of Mr. Gorman is an inspiration to every worker, and we trust that many others may be led to follow this great example.

LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

The Committee has met consistently during the year, and given attention to the various important matters under its jurisdiction.

Epworth Book Room.

We are fortunate in having been granted Import Licenses for our Book Room requirements. Shipments are infrequent, however, and some have been lost.

Thanks to the foresight of the Manager, our stocks at the end of the year were greater than at the beginning, although we had a record year in sales.

We are pleased to report a stronger demand for religious literature, both educational and devotional.

Colporteur.

This Department of our work deserves special mention. Sister of our work merits the support and prayers of our people, as it is a Rita Snowden receives everywhere a warm reception. This branch work unique in New Zealand.

Circulating Library.

Efforts are being made to have a Circulating Library of theological and other books established at the beginning of the year, to circulate among ministers, probationers, home missionaries and others.

Publications.

In consultation with the Publications Committee, we have sponsored the sale of several very important booklets. We still look forward, however, to the publication of our official Maori Mission History, by Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., and trust that this will be available in the very near future.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN..

We would present to our members and adherents an urgent call for them to consider very prayerfully the possibility of seeking avenues of service in civic and community leadership.

Too few of the responsible positions in this young nation are held by devoted Christian men and women. Our Church ought to be represented by at least our census percentage of leaders.

Such positions present many great difficulties, but they do ensure that the moral leadership of the community would not pass out of the hands of Christian believers, as has happened with such disastrous results in some other countries.

This appeal is made irrespective of party or class, as every section of local body or national politics needs to be permeated by Christian ideals, embodied in the life and witness of Christian men and women, whose religion is more than theories vaguely held.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE.

During the year the attention of the Committee has been engaged on the following matters:—

1.—Preaching and Teaching Missions.

The Committee by letters to Quarterly Meetings, Ministers, and Home Missionaries, has sought to encourage the holding of Missions throughout the Connexion. Reports indicate that in many parts of the Dominion there is an awakening of concern over the "outsider," and many circuits have adopted a scheme of visitation on the part of the laity aimed to reach those who have but a nominal attachment to the Church.

2.—Quarterly Letter of Encouragement and Appeal.

By this means the Committee has sought to interest the Quarterly and/or Leaders' Meetings in matters affecting "the Work of God," and to ensure that this question receives due prominence. Reports indicate that the letter has been favourably received.

3.—Publications.

Acting on the recommendation of the Publications Committee and with the approval of the Youth Board, the Committee has reprinted the pamphlets "The Devotional Life" and "How to Read the Bible," and has made them available to the average member. The Committee has also subsidised the cost of "Prophecy Yesterday and To-day," published by the Publications Committee.

It is recommended:—

1. That Circuits and Home Mission Stations continue their evangelistic efforts throughout the year.

2. That Circuits and Home Mission Stations aim to increase their active membership by at least 10% through the year. (There are many who worship in our Churches who would appreciate approaches with a view to membership. Such an approach gives a wonderful opportunity for individual evangelism.)

3. That the Spiritual Advance Committee prepare and publish a set of four Tracts, setting out an appeal for greater loyalty on the part of Church Members and Adherents, such Tracts to be issued once a quarter from each Church and Preaching Place, care being taken to reach the nominal Methodist.

4. "That Conference give its whole-hearted support to the 'Campaign for Christian Order' being launched by the National Council of Churches, and outlined below; and instructs the officials of Circuits and Home Mission Stations to co-operate with other Churches in their respective areas in the prosecution of the Campaign throughout 1942."

5. That immediate action be taken to prepare for the Campaign by setting up strong District Committees through which the National Council of Churches may operate, and which shall be responsible for the thorough oversight of the preparation for the Campaign in Circuits and Home Mission Stations in the Districts.

OUTLINE OF SUGGESTED CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTIAN ORDER.

Aim.

To proclaim to the Nation through the Church the Message of the Living God to-day.

Procedure.

1. Take steps immediately to get the adhesion and secure the co-operation of all the Churches.
2. Form a National Campaign Committee representative of the Churches with a Campaign Fund Committee situated in Wellington.
3. (a) It is suggested that at least £2,000 be raised as Preliminary Expenses.
(b) Form Sub-Committees as required.
3. Appoint a Campaign Director who shall be responsible for
 - (a) Stimulating the interest of the clergy.
 - (b) Generally organising the Campaign.

4. The Campaign shall be organised in geographical areas with an Interdenominational Committee in each area responsible for the general direction of the united effort of the Campaign.
5. The Campaign shall be a simultaneous one in each area.
6. From now until August 1942 shall be spent in Preparation of clergy and people for the Campaign in September, October and November 1942.

Preparation of Clergy.

1. Each Church shall be responsible for the thorough preparation of its own clergy for the Campaign and the Message to be proclaimed.
2. It is suggested that the Clergy of each Church should meet regularly in their own Fellowships and have at least monthly meetings.
3. The aim should be to have one meeting in their own Churches and then one combined meeting of the clergy of all Churches before Christmas, 1941.
4. In the month of February each Church should arrange if possible group conferences of its own clergy for two or three days as a final preparation. After these conferences a second combined meeting of the clergy from all the Churches should be held.

Preparation of Church Members.

From March to August 1942, the clergy should seek in each Church to prepare their Church members to make:

- (a) Each Church a Base Depot for the Campaign.
- (b) To make their people keen witnesses.

The Campaign Itself.

Each Church proclaims the Message to its own people for SIX successive Sundays, and the Campaign concludes with a UNITED APPEAL in a Hall to the Community for a suitable period with the aid of outside speakers.

SUGGESTED TITLES OF SUBJECTS TO BE DEALT WITH.

Morning Addresses in Churches.

Suggested Title.	Emphasising Christian Doctrine of:
1. Who is God?	God
2. What is Man?	Man
3. Is Sin a Myth?	Sin
4. Is Faith Wishful Thinking?	Faith
5. Why the Church?	Church
6. The Dark Valley.	Eternal Life.

Evening Addresses in Churches.

General Theme: "DOES IT MATTER?"

Suggested Title.	Aim.
1. The Unknown God.	To show how the idea of God has departed from men's thinking to-day. What this has led to, and to show how God is not irrelevant, but is present and speaking in the events of to-day.

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| 2. Neutrality. | To show that life without a purpose brings its nemesis. |
| 3. The difference it makes. | To show how men and nations have been transformed by Faith and to show the content and operation of the Christian Faith. |
| 4. The difference it makes to Jack and Jill. | To deal with marriage, home and family life and Christian nurture. |
| 5. The difference it makes on Monday morning. | To deal with Work, the sense of Vocation, Leisure, Economic aspect of things, etc. |
| 6. The difference it makes to John Citizen. | To show the world as one Neighbourhood and how the tide of world affairs sweeps across every country. |

Four Week-night Meetings in Public Halls.

1. The Church stands for Justice.
2. The Church stands for Freedom.
3. The Church stands for Ordered Government.
4. The Church stands for the Kingdom of God.

Material to help clergy in the preparation of addresses to be supplied.

DEACONESS STIPENDS AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

A special meeting of the Auckland members of the Commission on Deaconess activities urged that the scale of stipends of all Deaconesses be raised 10% in harmony with the Conference resolutions on Ministerial stipends, and that a higher scale be applied for all contributions to the Deaconess Retiring Fund. As one of the larger employing Bodies, the Home Mission Board has favourably reviewed these requests as affecting our staff, and is recommending that the increases become effective in 1942. It should be pointed out that this will involve a considerable increase in the expenditure of the Home Mission Department and will call for increased support all round.

Special Conference on "The Church and the Outsider."

A very useful two days' Conference of Ministers and laymen was held at the Campbell's Bay Health Camp on 23rd and 24th July. The above theme was discussed in many aspects and the report of the discussions will be available to all workers shortly.

MATTERS REFERRED BY CONFERENCE.

- 1.—Conference Status of Home Missionaries (Mins. of Conf. 1941, p. 119, No. 16).

The following report is submitted as a definition of the present position affecting the above matter:—

By Law, Conference consists of an equal number of ministers and laymen. For many years, a Home Missionary was considered to be an employed lay preacher. Of recent years, recognising that the Home Missionary fills an intermediate position between laymen and ministers, Conference granted certain concessions to the Home Missionaries, whereby they hold an ex-officio seat on the District Ministerial Committee with certain limitations of powers, and also the

right of representation by two of their number at Conference. However, Home Missionaries are now not eligible as lay representatives to Conference, except as provided for above. Home Mission Stations are not directly represented on the Conference, but have direct representation on the District Synod. Conference representation is still maintained by Circuits having Home Missionaries as Supplies, and continuing to pay their full levy to the Contingent Fund. The Home Missionaries' Association has requested that consideration be given to the possibility of appointing one or more additional Home Missionaries, as representatives under paragraph 240 of the Book of Laws, on such occasions as the need for additional lay-representatives is apparent. The Board recommends that this be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for a report to next Synods and Conference.

2.—Housing of Home Missionaries (Mins. of Conf. 1941, p. 119, No. 17)

The established policy of the Department is to encourage the provision of a Parsonage for every married Home Missionary. Grants are made either to assist in maintaining a married man in full status in a parsonage, or in the event of a house needing to be rented, to assist in the payment of rent. Owing to the abnormal conditions during the depression, a number of exceptions to this rule developed. In 1941 the Home Mission Board resolved to make no further grants to maintain married men in what were unmarried men's appointments. However, at Conference, owing to special circumstances existing in each instance, men having the status of married appointments were placed in technically unmarried men's stations, these being Upper Hutt, Maori Hill, and Cromwell. These are all recognised as being abnormal exceptions to the settled policy of the Department. In two of these instances, large Home Mission Grants were necessary to assist in providing homes. Married men with small private incomes, who offer to fill unmarried men's appointments as Supplies and make their own home arrangements, are under a different category. This may be necessary as a war measure for a further period, but will be kept to the lowest possible minimum.

3.—Purchase of Benefits in Supernumerary Fund by ex-Home Missionaries Received as Candidates for the Ministry (Mins. of Conf. 1941, p. 97, No. 3).

The Board recommends that this matter be held in abeyance until the relationship of the Supernumerary Fund to the Social Security provisions be clarified.

Conclusion.

In the midst of organisation and administrative work, it is not always easy to keep the vision of the whole field clearly before the eyes, but it is the steady endeavour of this Department to keep alive in every section a sense of the evangelical purpose for our existence. We confidently commend the work to the sustained prayerful support of our people.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

A. E. WAITE, Secretary.

G. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the foregoing Report, together with the recommendations of the Spiritual Advance Committee, be received and adopted.

2. That the various statements of Finances, and the estimates of income and expenditure for 1942, be received and adopted.

3. That Conference express its deep sense of gratitude to all who have helped to make possible the splendid result of the financial campaign for 1941, in which, instead of an estimated deficit of £2,288, the year actually finished with the deficit reduced to £950. It further records its gratitude that the Circuit income for this Fund has reached a further record for ordinary giving for twelve years.

4. That Conference, recognising that special and unusual demands are being made upon the Home Mission Fund during these war years, urges upon the whole Church the necessity of setting the regular income on to a level that is necessary for maintaining essential work, and making possible any urgent advance work.

5. That a letter be sent to Mr. S. Gorman, expressing the deep appreciation of Conference, of the further magnificent gifts to the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest, whereby that bequest now stands at the great total of £5,049. Conference assures him that this gift has meant a real inspiration to the whole Church, and the revenue from the funds in hand is of very considerable assistance in meeting the urgent claims upon the Home Mission Fund.

6. That the Treasurers, Rev. E. T. Olds and Mr. F. Penn, and the honorary auditors of the Department Funds, be thanked for their services and re-appointed for 1942.

7. That the grant of £25 on the Estimates for the Spiritual Advance Committee be subject to a subsidy of £ for £ from the Contingent Fund, but that for this year the Contingent Fund amount be allocated to the Committee on Publications.

8. **Connexional Evangelist.** Conference re-affirms its endorsement of the desirability of the appointment of a full-time Connexional Evangelist as soon as staffing facilities make this possible.

9. **Mr. T. A. Winn.** That Mr. T. A. Winn be continued in a suitable Home Mission appointment, and that his services be commended to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations that are contemplating holding Evangelistic Missions.

10. That the question of the appointment of one or more additional Home Missionaries as Representatives to Conference under para. 240 of the Book of Laws, be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for a report to next Synods and Conference.

11. **Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses Fund.** That the question of levies for vacant Stations be referred to the H.M. Board for the consideration of each case on its merits.

12. **Marlborough Area Staffing.** That the General Superintendent or his deputy visit the Marlborough area during the year, to meet the officials of the Blenheim Circuit and the Havelock Home Mission Station, to review the question of agents and staffing.

13. That, for this year, Havelock Home Mission Station be left without an agent, under the oversight of the Blenheim Superintendent, and the financial position of the present agent be reviewed by the H.M. Board before he leaves the station.

14. That failing a suitable agent being appointed, Lawrence H.M. Station be left without an appointment, under the oversight of the Milton Superintendent.

15. Home Mission Board for 1942.

General Superintendent, Rev. G. I. Laurenson; Assistant Superintendent, Rev. H. J. Odell; Senior Maori Superintendent, Rev. E. Te Tuhi; The President of Conference, Rev. W. Walker; Acting Principal of Trinity College, Rev. E. W. Hames; Ministerial General Treasurer, Rev. E. T. Olds; Lay General Treasurer, Mr. F. Penn; Revs. A. H. Scrivin, G. Frost, A. Mitchell, J. Olphert, F. Copeland, W. Parker, B. M. Chrystall, A. J. Johnston, J. F. Jack, A. E. Orr, D. J. D. Hickman, A. E. Waite; Representative of Home Missions, Rev. C. W. Brown; Representatives of M.W.M.U., Mrs. C. E. Taylor, ex officio, Miss Rithworth, Mrs. E. M. Lewis; a Representative of the Y.M.B.C. Movement; Representative of Y.W.B.C. Movement, Sister Ivy Jones; Life Members, Revs. A. J. Seamer, Dr. H. Ranston; Corresponding Member, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt; Mrs. Geo. Smith; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, T. Clark, J. H. Blackwell, J. J. Parker, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, W. Ambury, T. W. Hemer, G. Wilson, T. White, A. Williams, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. E. Chapell. Secretary, Rev. A. E. Waite.

16. District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. A. J. Johnston.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. H. Spencer.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. I. S. Williamson.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

WELLINGTON—Rev. A. D. Harris.

NELSON—Rev. H. A. Sharp.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. E. E. Sage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. O. Burnet.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT—Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

17. District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, with the Revs. W. Walker, E. W. Hames, and A. J. Johnston; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, W. Ambury, E. O. Chivers, F. Penn, F. W. Stone, T. E. Price, E. A. Astley, and A. Williams. Convener: Rev. A. J. Johnston.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, and Morrinsville Circuits, Messrs. R. P. Kilham, J. C. Tietjens, J. T. Johnson, R. J. Melville. Convener: Rev. H. Spencer.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Stratford, and Waitara Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, G. W. Kirk, M. Barnitt, E. Dixon, and T. P. Hughson, Senr. Convener: Rev. I. S. Williamson.

Wanganui Sub-District H.M. Committee.—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits; Messrs. G. Blakely, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome. Convener: Rev. J. F. Martin.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Superintendent Ministers of the St. Paul's, Cuba Street, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Sanson-Rongotea and Feilding Circuits, Mrs. E. G. Bennett, Messrs. L. Bycroft, A. H. Fisher, Junr., C. E. Taylor, L. Gwynn, Miss F. Gray. Convener: Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.

Hawke's Bay Sub-District H.M. Committee.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. W. H. Shearer and J. H. Oldham. Convener: Rev. S. J. Werren. Corresponding Member: Minister of Gisborne Circuit.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener: Rev. A. O. Harris.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka Circuits, together with Messrs. S. S. Collier, T. P. Brooks, E. S. Wratt, Mesdames A. H. Leaper and T. Chambers. Convener: Rev. H. A. Sharp.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener: Rev. E. E. Sage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Timaru, Temuka, and Geraldine Circuits, with Messrs. J. C. Butcher, W. G. Irwin, W. Hocking, T. E. Holdgate, F. Metson, and A. W. Barnett. Convener: Rev. O. Burnet.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Included in the District Executive. Convener: Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A.

Southland Sub-District H.M. Committee.—The Superintendent Ministers of the Invercargill Circuits, together with the Circuit H.M. Secretaries. Convener: Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

18. Conference urges that in every Circuit a publication agent be appointed for the purpose of fostering the sale and distribution of our Colporteur Society's literature.

19. Conference Status of Home Missionaries.

That this section of the Report be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee to report to Synods and Conference.

Thanks.

That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to: The General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the Senior Maori Superintendent, the Members of the Board and Committees, the Conveners of Committees, the District H.M. Secretaries, the District Committees, the Honorary Deputations during the year, the Bookroom Manager, Sister Rita Snowden, and the members of the staff generally for loyal services rendered to the Church.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL STIPENDS.

The order of reference was as under:

1. Present Position.

- (a) How far the present stipends paid meet the new standard minimum figures.
- (b) How adequate is the provision made for travelling expenses.
- (c) What steps can be taken to improve the uniformity of stipends, as compared with recognised standards.

2. Special Review of Standard Stipends, in the light of the cost of living, compared with similar standards and costs in 1914 and 1932, or thereabouts.

Present Standard Minimum Stipends (1941 Conference) are:

Ordained Ministers	....	....	....	£275
Married Probationers	....	....	....	£198
Single Probationers	....	....	....	£176
Married Home Missionaries	....	....	....	£220
Married Home Missionary Probationers	....	....	....	£198
Unmarried Home Missionaries	....	....	....	£165
Unmarried Home Missionary Probationers	....	....	....	£154

The actual position, so far as the Committee could ascertain, is that the stipends paid are:

Ordained Ministers:

1 at	....	....	....	£400	per annum
2 at	....	....	....	£350	" "
1 at	....	....	....	£325	" "
18 at	....	....	....	£300	" "
1 at	....	....	....	£285	" "
1 at	....	....	....	£280	" "
21 at	....	....	....	£275	" "
1 at	....	....	....	£262/10/-	" "
50 at	....	....	....	£250	" "
1 at	....	....	....	£245	" "
3 at	....	....	....	£240	" "
3 at	....	....	....	£235	" "
3 at	....	....	....	£230	" "
5 at	....	....	....	£225	" "
1 at	....	....	....	£202/10/-	" "

Thus, of these 112 ministers only 45 are receiving the present standard minimum, while 57 are in receipt of less than that figure. Some 18 ministers are receiving less than £250.

To bring all these stipends up to the standard minimum would require a sum of approximately £2,000 per annum, while to raise them to a minimum of £260 would cost just under £1,000 per annum.

Probationers:

1 received	....	....	....	£230	per annum
6 "	....	....	....	£200	" "
1 "	....	....	....	£198	" "
1 "	....	....	....	£190	" "
1 "	....	....	....	£180	" "
2 "	....	....	....	£176	" "
2 "	....	....	....	£170	" "
1 "	....	....	....	£165	" "
7 "	....	....	....	£160	" "

This works out at an average of £180 per annum, which very nearly tallies with the average minimum stipends, viz., £198 for married probationers, and £176 for single probationers.

Married men in full status.

1 at	....	....	....	....	....	....	£220
5 at	....	....	....	....	....	....	£200
1 at	....	....	....	....	....	....	£198
2 at	....	....	....	....	....	....	£180
1 at	....	....	....	....	....	....	£140
(Special Conditions)							

Married Probationers.

5 at	£200
3 at	£180
1 at	£115

Unmarried Home Missionaries.

1 at	£200
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Unmarried Home Missionary Probationers.

1 at	£176
1 at	£164
1 at	£156
4 at	£140

To bring all the above up to the present minimum stipend would entail an extra cost of £548 per annum.

Travelling Allowances.

An analysis of details to hand shows that 61 ministers, probationers and home missionaries are providing their own cars for circuit work.

The mileage covered (in circuit work only) is approximately 280,000, an average of 4,588 miles in each circuit, and the amount paid as travelling allowances in these circuits totals £2,510 per annum, an average of £41 per circuit. This works out at approximately 2.18d. per mile travelled (circuit work).

It is interesting to note that statistics compiled by a special Committee set up three years ago gave an average mileage of 4,995 miles per circuit, the allowances working out at 1.52d. per mile.

Taking a selected number of circuits (21 in number) the average allowance made is only £22/8/- per annum, or approximately 1.39d. per mile travelled.

In some 22 circuits a car is provided by the circuit, and in most of these the whole of the expense of same is paid by the circuit.

SPECIAL REVIEW OF STIPENDS IN LIGHT OF COST OF LIVING.

In considering this matter, we find that the cost of living, according to the Official Year Book for 1941, showed an increase over 1914 of 57.6 per cent., under all groups. In 1932 the increase over 1914 was 51.4 per cent.

According to Professor Tocker's figures, quoted in the Presbyterian Blue Book for 1941, this figure had increased to no less than 63.1 per cent. in 1941, but the analysis of these figures is not yet printed.

The grouping in the Year Book is under these headings:

Food	....	....	....	....	....	29.52
Clothing, drapery and footwear	12.61
Housing	21.93
Fuel and light	6.17
Miscellaneous	29.77
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Seeing that Methodist ministers are provided with housing and main lines of furniture, linen, etc., the figures under the heading of housing, at least, should not apply in making comparisons. Thus, deducting the proportion of increase allowed for housing (approximately two-ninths of the whole) this will leave the increased cost of living to be—based on Professor Tocker's figures—approximately 49 per cent.

If stipends had been increased in the same proportion as the cost of living, these should be—

			1914	1941
Ordained ministers	....	....	£200	£298
Probationers	....	....	£140	£208
Married Home Missionaries	....	....	£120	£178
Single Home Missionaries	....	....	£100	£149

It will thus be seen that ministers' stipends have not been increased in proportion to the rise in the cost of living.

Findings.

Briefly, our finding may be summed up as follows:

1. Only about 40 per cent. of our ministers, probationers and home missionaries are in receipt of the present standard minimum stipend.
2. Allowances made for travelling are, in many circuits, quite inadequate. Consequently, ministers—several of whom are already underpaid—have to spend a considerable sum out of their own pockets to meet the cost of circuit travelling.
3. Owing to the greatly increased cost of living during the past few years, the present standard minimum stipend should be raised, to enable ministers to live in a reasonable degree of comfort.

Comments.

After an exhaustive examination of the position, your Committee has come to the conclusion that the matter under review is one of extreme importance to the whole Connexion. Without doubt many ministers are feeling the financial strain very severely, and judging by some of the numerous letters received, quite a number find great difficulty in making ends meet. While such a state of affairs obtains, we cannot expect to get the best results. A man who is harassed over finances is severely handicapped. He is unable to purchase books or keep his studies up-to-date, and consequently his ministrations lose effectiveness.

This matter was a major issue at the last Presbyterian General Assembly, when reports presented filled 18 full pages of the Blue Book, the whole question being gone into with great thoroughness and attention to detail. That Church is taking drastic steps to meet the situation.

The Anglican Church has also dealt with the question, the Auckland Synod having recently issued a decree that stipends are to be raised 10 per cent. in order to meet the increased cost of living.

The allowances made for travelling are in many cases entirely inadequate. The figures quoted speak for themselves. In some Circuits there appears to be a difference of opinion as to whether a car is necessary for pastoral work, and in such cases it is extremely difficult to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the problem. Some of the ministers and home missionaries have written the convener pitiful letters, revealing a sad state of affairs with regard to travelling allowances, some alleging that they are expected to provide a motor car, yet get little or no allowances, even though they are not receiving the minimum standard stipend.

Opinions differ very considerably as to the cost of running a car, but there seems no doubt that the allowance should be at the very least 3d. per mile for small cars—some authorities put the figure at well over 4d. per mile.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That all circuits and home mission stations concerned be urged to raise the stipends paid to at least the standard minimum fixed by Conference.
3. That each Synod appoint a Committee, comprising the Chairman and Secretary of the District, and not less than four laymen, to work in conjunction with the Home Mission Board, to negotiate with circuits and home mission stations where the standard minimum stipends are not being paid. The Committee, or representatives thereof, shall visit such circuits and consult with circuit officials, with a view to securing an improvement in the position.
4. With the above object in view, we recommend the establishment of a special fund as soon as possible, to implement the efforts made by the circuits, if necessary, and that, in the administration of the fund, priority should be given to the most necessitous cases, the Fund to be administered by the Home Mission Board.
5. That when the annual appeal for Home Missions is being made throughout the Dominion the claims of the above special fund be urged upon our people, to enable our Church as a whole to meet the serious position now obtaining.
6. That the question of means of travelling and allowances for same be arranged between a minister and his circuit officials at the beginning of each ministerial term, and in cases where it is agreed that the minister provide his own car for circuit purposes, the allowance to be made for same should be not less than 3d. per mile for travelling entailed in circuit work. In cases where a car is provided by the circuit, the running expenses of same, in circuit work, should be borne by the circuit.

FRANK PENN, Convener.

ABRIDGED COPY OF ANNUAL REPORT M.W.M.U., 1941.

As we review the past year's activities we can see God's goodness and mercy shining out very clearly against the dark background of a year of unprecedented stress and strain; and we say from the depths of our hearts, "To God be the Glory, great things He has done."

Membership.

We can again record a substantial increase in members this year, our total being 4303 as against 4053 last year, new Auxiliaries being responsible for 138.

Extension.

This year we reached the century in Auxiliaries, fourteen being formed since September, 1940—Bombay, Huntly, Tauranga, Rotorua, Dargaville, Kawakawa, Taihape, Raetihi, Opunake, Wairoa, Onepoto Gully, Carterton, Greytown and Tuatapere. In addition we have six more branches—Abbotsford, Ngongotaha, Feilding B.C., Marton B.C., Invercargill and Bryndwr—making a total of 81 branches.

Finance.

The amount raised this year by Auxiliaries is £4,845/1/7, and though less than last year by £66/5/4, is a considerable rise from usual Auxiliary sources. Legacies and gifts have not been large—£73/7/6 against £487 last year. The Special Objective, that of raising £200 toward sending a new Sister to Teop Station, brought in £473/9/3, and from sale of used stamps £233/3/2.

Conventions.

Conventions have been held at Motueka, Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch, New Plymouth, Hawera, Hamilton, Te Aroha, Palmerston Nth. and Invercargill, and Rallies at Greymouth and Lower Hutt, all being attended by our respective Ministers to give spiritual inspiration in the "Breaking of Bread."

Box Department.

Gift boxes to the value of £279 have been despatched to our Sisters in the Solomons, this being a very valuable department of our work. Contacts with needy souls are more readily made through this channel.

In addition 158 sacks of used clothing, irrespective of that sent in by Auckland and Wellington branches, have been forwarded to our Maori Deaconesses.

Sisters.

The M.W.M.U. have supported 8 Sisters in the Solomons, but we regret the retirement in June of Sister Ethel McMillan, after 27 years' service. Her place is still vacant at Bambatana.

In New Zealand we maintain 6 Deaconesses, and pay part salary of a 7th.

Kurahuna.

This Maori Girls' School in Auckland is now well established, and serves a very definite need in the lives of the girls it is able to touch. Matron Sister Netta Gittos is making a lasting impression on her twelve scholars. A record of the beginnings and development of Kurahuna has been compiled and printed this year.

We rejoice in the inception of "Rangiatea" this year, for we are very conscious of the urgent need for Maori girls' education, and Kurahuna can only touch a small number that desire this privilege.

Literature Department.

Interest in our work is being well maintained by the distribution of Sisters' letters telling of their life and work, this being another important branch, as seen by the total of 300 copies circulated to Auxiliaries and Guilds each month. In addition the President's quarterly letter always proves an inspiration and a challenge.

In Conclusion.

Our thanks are due to all Ministers who have encouraged and assisted Auxiliaries in their districts, and especially to Dr. Rutter, Revs. A. H. Scrivin and G. I. Laurenson, who have attended many meetings. We would express to God our deep gratitude for His strength and guidance which have upheld us through the year. We pray that our humble service may continue to have a place in God's plan.

B. A. FLAVALL, Hon. Secretary.

AUCKLAND.—Synod expresses its thanks and congratulations to the M.W.M.U. upon another successful year of service. The growing interest of the women of the Church in the missionary activities supported by the Union, both in New Zealand and overseas, is a great inspiration to the whole Church.

Also other Synods.

WELLINGTON.—That the officers of the M.W.M.U. have their names and addresses printed in the Minutes of Conference.

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

MAORI MISSION REPORT FOR 1941.

Introduction.

In presenting this report on our Maori Mission activities, we desire to record our deep thankfulness to Almighty God for the continuance of His direction through another difficult year. Many problems have confronted us and the work becomes increasingly complex with the passing of the years.

Bereavements.

Our Maori Mission has suffered another severe loss in the passing of Rev. Matene Keepa, thus further depleting our small team of ordained Maori Ministers. Mr. Keepa was Superintendent of the Waikato Circuit of our South Auckland Mission.

An additional loss was that of Mr. Hikuroa Te Maaha, one of our Senior Maori Home Missionaries. In reporting these losses we express our deep sympathy to the relatives.

Treaty of Waitangi.

Following the Conference of 1940, a strong petition was presented to the Government to have a summary of the main provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi on the Statute Book.

Strength was added this year to this request, by the finding of the New Zealand Court of Appeal, endorsed by the Privy Council in London, on a recent case referred to it in which this statement appeared *inter alia*:

"That a treaty became enforceable as part of the 'municipal' law of a country—i.e., the domestic law governing the rights of persons under that country's jurisdiction—only if and when it was made so. In the case of the Treaty of Waitangi, that had not been done, although the treaty in some ways had received legislative sanction."

As no official reply had been received from the Government with respect to this petition, and in view of this strong endorsement of the request of the Conference, a further letter was sent during the year embodying the above finding and urging that further action be taken along the lines of our petition.

We are repeatedly assured by the Government that the Treaty is binding on the conscience of the Crown, but Courts of Law as repeatedly state that it has no standing in a court of law and is only a gentlemen's agreement. We fail to see why there should be objection to the proper recognition of the Treaty as authoritative by having it in some degree entered on the Statute Book. The matter will remain a perennial source of concern to the Maori people until it is properly clarified.

Staff.

A full and varied programme of work has been maintained by the staff during the year. Rev. E. Te Tuhi, the senior Maori Superintendent, has been carrying out a great deal of the general domestic work of the Mission on his travels. The Maori Ministers, Home Missionaries, Local Preachers, Deaconesses and Voluntary Workers have all done splendid work. The Rev. A. J. Seamer has continued his invaluable services as General Superintendent's adviser in Maori matters, and as Supernumerary Supply guiding the workers in the Waikato and King Country Maori Circuits.

Thanks to Contributing Bodies.

We express our deep appreciation of the continued support of the work by many friends, but especially for the financial assistance from the M.W.M.U., the B.C. Movements, and the Sunday Schools. This aid is essential for the maintenance of our staff.

Educational Work.

Good work is being continued in the various Schools operating under the direction of the Church for the training of Maori Youth. "Kurahuna" and "Rangiatea" for Maori girls are giving splendid emphasis on Christian Home building. Wesley College, Paerata, is turning out a group of useful citizens, and we commend the general training given.

The Liquor Traffic.

Various irregularities continue to create difficult problems, and a wastage of life and money. Concern is felt on all sides at the ravages of this insidious traffic. While we support requests for a better application of existing laws governing the liquor amongst the Maoris, we feel that the weight of our effort needs to be given to the developing of a temperance sentiment from within the Maori Race itself.

Development of the Maori Race.

For many years it has been thought that the remnants of the Maori race would early be merged into the European race. However, trends in recent years show a rapid development of the Maori race, parallel with the European. This creates a new need for the development of a fresh leadership within the Maori community to interpret

Maori problems, and guide the progress of Maori affairs. This presents a national challenge to all departments of our Dominion life, and our Church must not be backward in handling its share of this responsibility. Our Mission will welcome the evidences of the development of a new concern for Christian leadership amongst the younger Maoris.

Rev. George and Mrs. Buttle—Centennial Gift.

During the year the descendants of the late Rev. George and Mrs. Buttle created a special gift for the purpose of commemorating the centennial of the arrival in New Zealand of these early Missionaries. The interest on the Fund is to be used for assisting in paying the fees of children of our Maori Ministers at one of our Church Schools.

The War.

Owing to the war, our ranks have been depleted and our difficulties increased. One of our active Home Missionaries and some of our dependable local preachers are away with the Maori Battalion. The prominent part played by the Maori Battalion overseas has drawn attention to the vigour and vitality of the Maori race, and to its claim for recognition as a vital unit in New Zealand life.

The Drift to the Towns.

A growing problem is that of the steady and increasing drift of large numbers of Maori people to the towns. While circumstances make this inevitable for some of them, we deplore the rapid increase in this drift in recent years. It represents a definite breaking up of Maori tribal and family life, and a weaning of some of them from their land; our Mission activities have in some measure to be modified to meet the situation, and a greater difficulty is experienced in keeping in touch with this drifting group and in gathering them up for Maori Services. This is a problem that will not easily be solved, and it throws an added responsibility on the European Churches in the cities and towns to discover some helpful contacts with these people.

Church Buildings.

The whole Mission has been encouraged by the successful completion of the Otakou Centennial Memorial Church, and we rejoice in the reports of the maintenance of good work in this new building. The little Church at Te Kohanga in the Waikato District has been renovated and re-opened for services, while the lovely Church at Whirinaki in the Hokianga district has also been thoroughly re-conditioned at a cost of £240, and is once more in regular use.

Conclusion.

The bewildering days through which we are passing have caused the Maori people to feel a deep sense of their need of Divine help. In many homes there is evidence of a real spiritual concern, and we are sure that the ministry of our Mission to the people is a valuable and in many cases a greatly appreciated factor in this deepening of the spiritual life. There is a quiet and sustained emphasis on the meaning of Church membership, and during the year there has been an encouraging increase in the number seeking admission or re-admission into our Church.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

ERUERA TE TUHI, Snr. Maori Superintendent.

G. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference send its greetings to all members and workers in our Maori Mission, expressing our gratitude to all that the work has been steadily continued under very difficult conditions. We pray the blessing of Almighty God upon every household.
3. That the production of a pamphlet dealing with the history of Methodism in Kawhia, being prepared in that district, be referred to the Wesley Historical Society for favourable consideration.
4. That the Board of Studies consider the matter of the Maori language being taught to selected Theological Students.
5. **Treaty of Waitangi.** That the attention of the Government be drawn to the fact that until a clear statement is made on the present status of the Treaty of Waitangi, the matter will remain a source of concern to the Maori people.
6. **Sister Ellison.** That in view of the service of Miss Ellison to the Department, the Treasurers of the Deaconess Retiring Fund be empowered to make full payment of the amount to her credit in the Fund.
7. That a letter be sent to Princess Te Puea in appreciation of her splendid work among her people.
8. That we affirm the principle of the appointment of a deaconess for the South Island.

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

The Report as printed in Synod Agenda was approved, and appreciation was expressed to Rev. A. E. Orr and to the Mission Staff for their valued service.

Board of Management.

The following were appointed as the Board of Management: The Superintendent (Chairman), Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of iDistrict, Revs. A. J. Seamer, J. F. Jack, Dr. H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, and Arthur Mitchell; Dr. E. G. Sayers, Mrs. T. Clark, Mrs. R. B. Verry, Miss E. M. Booth, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, F. Penn, J. Tyler, J. J. Parker, A. Trenwith, E. J. Hutson, and A. Williams, together with the Circuit Officials and Representatives and Trustees of the Mission Properties.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

The report as printed in the Synod Agenda was adopted and cordial appreciation was expressed of the work of the Rev. L. B. Neale and the Mission Staff.

(N.B. Both the above reports have also been published in full in the "Methodist Times.")

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

REPORT FOR 1941.

It is with thankfulness to God that the Committee presents this Report of the work of another year. In general the year has been one of change, both in the personnel of the Staff and in the life and work of the Institution. Although some of these changes have been unlooked for, we trust that they will be made to work out for the good of the Church.

Matron.

Early in May Mrs. Neale tendered her resignation as Matron of Deaconess House, a position which she has held since 1937. Her management of the House has been most efficient, and her relations with the Ladies' House Committee most cordial. She carries with her the grateful appreciation and goodwill of those with whom she has worked.

Lady Superintendent.

Sister Ruth Fawcett, who had been at Company Bay, was approached by the Committee, and agreed to accept the position of Lady Superintendent. This appointment has created new interest in the work of Deaconess House, and will continue to do so as it becomes more widely known. Sister Ruth brings to her new position a wide knowledge of our work and a rich Christian experience. Her influence on the life of the Students has already made itself felt. We pray that she may find joy in this service for many years.

Lecturers.

On account of ill health the Rev. T. J. Wallis relinquished his position as a lecturer. Mr. Wallis's work was always marked by great thoroughness and we regret his retirement. The lecturers this year have been as follows:—

Rev. A. H. Fowles—Old Testament.

Rev. C. O. Hailwood—New Testament.

Rev. A. H. Fowles—Church History.

Rev. E. Drake—English.

Rev. C. O. Hailwood—Theology.

Rev. W. Parker—Psychology.

Rev. A. H. Fowles—Homiletics and Voice Production.

The students have attended St. John's Ambulance Classes, conducted by Miss Borrows. They have also had opportunity of working through the Nurse Maude Association. We are especially pleased to report that a class is now being held in conversational Maori. This class, conducted by Miss W. K. Tahiwī, of the Maori Girls' College, is filling a long felt need in the training of our students for the Maori work.

Students in Training.

Two students are in training:—

Miss Anne Winifred Davidson

Miss Annie Ellison Wilson.

Miss Mavis Brown,* who came in on probation for three months, has temporarily returned home. Both the students in training have the Maori work in view. Reports on their work in the circuits to which they are attached are most satisfactory.

Deaconess House.

The Committee decided during the year to cease the practice of taking permanent boarders. This practice has always been regarded as irregular and its cessation has met with general approval. It has also made it possible to increase the number of Hostel Students in residence, who now number eighteen.

Reports.

The Annual Reports from the Sisters in the field indicate that they are making a very great contribution to the work of the church, and the Kingdom of God. Extracts from these reports often find their way into the Home Mission columns of the Methodist Times. In some centres to-day the need for consecrated women workers is very pressing. With a view to meeting this demand enquiries are being made in Australia for women who would be prepared to come to New Zealand to do church or city mission work. Thus far there has been no response.

Resignation.

Sister Rangimarie Ellison, who has been resting, tendered her resignation from the Order.

Finance.

The financial year ends on November 30th. A complete statement will be presented to Conference.

Grants.

The Committee asks that the following grants be made from the Connexional Funds for the coming year:—

Fire Insurance Fund £50, Contingent Fund £75, Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £25.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

A. O. HARRIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. Committee for 1942: The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, J. H. Allen, R. Dudley; Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, W. Dudley, E. Provost, E. Allen, G. Orchard, O. M. Allen, and Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. C. A. Newman, H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, E. H. Andrews, M. Kershaw.

REPORT OF DEACONESS INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE IN WELLINGTON.

During the year the Committees set up in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch by Conference 1941 to investigate the whole position of Deaconess work, training, employment, fields of service and all relevant matters, including the question of admitting women into the Ministry (see par. 6, p. 132, Conference Minutes 1941), have met.

Scope of Investigation.

The scope of investigation covered the following:—

- (1) Survey of past and present positions of the Deaconess Order in the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

- (2) Evidence from Deaconesses and other women workers of Home and Foreign fields.
- (3) Immediate and prospective fields of service.
- (4) Type of qualifications and training required for such services.
- (5) Comparative systems of training.
- (6) Review of whole matter in relation to the hope of Church Union.
- (7) Financial provision, entrance fees, maintenance of Deaconess Institute, salaries, retiring allowances.
- (8) Investigations re location of Training Institute.
- (9) Consideration of women in the Ordained Ministry (see Conference Minutes 1940, p. 175).

Under section (2) an exhaustive questionnaire was submitted to 38 Deaconesses and women workers on Home and Foreign Fields, past and present. Replies have been received from 3 past Superintendents of Deaconess House, 13 present and 5 past Home Mission workers, 4 present and 2 past Foreign Mission workers. Opinions have also been received from the three Youth Directors.

This evidence, together with the findings of the Committees in other centres, has been collated by the Wellington Committee as directed by Conference.

Deductions from Survey.

Arising out of this comprehensive survey certain facts in our present system have become obvious, as follows:—

- (1) The number of women workers on Home and Foreign Fields far exceeds the number of trained Deaconesses (44 to 24), especially over the last 10 years.
- (2) The number of students in training is pitifully small in contrast to the need for full-time women workers (e.g., maximum 7 in 1935; average 3 per year over last 30 years).
- (3) In the past 6 years the position regarding the number of students in training has deteriorated to practically nil.
- (4) In 1940 there were 20 trained Deaconesses out of 41 employed on Home and Foreign Fields, and only 2 students in training. Hence the Church faces the position of maintaining at considerable cost a Deaconess Institution which is not fulfilling the purpose for which it was established.

The Committee was therefore faced with the following questions:

- (a) Is finance, in either the training or employment of Deaconesses, the fundamental difficulty?
- (b) Has the field of service changed? In what way and why?
- (c) Does the field require a different type of training from the one provided? e.g., trained nurse, trained teacher?
- (d) Is the training inadequate to meet the need?
- (e) If professional services be required on the fields, what place should a spiritual training and preparation be given, and how should provision be made for it?
- (f) Is the right kind of candidate offering for training? If not, what is lacking in the appeal?

From the experience of the women on both fields, the following factors clearly emerged:—

- (a) The training in our Deaconess Institution has proved inadequate and in some cases elementary. Strong demand for specialised training for special fields, e.g., Maori, Foreign, City work. Lecturers should be specialists in their subject.
- (b) No guarantee of employment when trained.
- (c) Strong dissatisfaction expressed in regard to the combination of a Deaconess Institution with a student hostel and guest house. Training and vocation compromised by attention to household duties.
- (d) 1. Salaries—When trained, salary insufficient for normal living requirements (e.g., on Home Field in some instances living and travelling expenses augmented by old clothes sales. Criticism offered not on account of personal restriction but because the method is unworthy and discreditable to the Church).
2. Retiring Allowance—This is entirely inadequate (mainly on the Home Field). This fact is recognised by the Deaconess Committee and Conference. It is obvious that the Centennial Quota will not provide a satisfactory basis.

FINDINGS.

After thorough investigation of the whole field of women's service in the Church and the above-mentioned survey, the Committee arrived at the following findings:—

1.—Vocation for Women in the Church.

That all fields of service in the Church are open to trained women.

2.—Fields.

That the Fields for trained Deaconess Service are—

- (a) Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
- (b) Foreign Mission Field.
- (c) Maori Mission Work.
- (d) City Mission Work.
- (e) Institutional Work and other Social Services.

The Committee recognises that the field of service has changed considerably owing to established Government services covered by Health, Social Security and Child Welfare Departments.

3.—Selection of Candidates.

That for the time being the present regulations applying to the reception of candidates for Deaconess work shall continue to apply prior to her candidature, at the Quarterly Meeting and Synod.

4.—Qualifications.

That the qualifications for candidates be:—

- (a) A strong sense of Christian vocation.
- (b) A trained teacher's or a trained nurse's certificate or such other educational or technical qualifications, or such evidence of experience and special suitability as may be regarded by Conference as suitable.

The Committee considers (b) to be necessary for the following reasons:—

- (1) Thorough equipment is essential in these days of skilled services in all education and health spheres. The Church must equally equip her workers for their high calling.
- (2) The workers themselves are keenly aware of their need of such trained equipment as a basis for their personal confidence, efficiency, and public responsibility.

5.—Training.

That all women workers employed by the Church should be required to enter Deaconess Institution for a period of training, except under special circumstances as decided by Conference!

That the normal period of training be two years.

The Committee feels this period of training in Deaconess House to be essential for adequate grounding in Christian faith and doctrine which they will be required to teach, and as a basis for their own spiritual experience, and also for general and particular preparation for their chosen life-work.

The practical aspect of this as urged by those on the fields should be a specialised training for the selected sphere after the first three months in residence.

6.—Location of Deaconess Institution.

That the question of the location of the training school for Deaconess students be held over until the Board of Studies of Trinity College shall have considered and reported upon the practicability of merging the two courses of study.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report as amended be received and adopted.
2. That the question of "Women and Ordained Ministry" be referred to a special Commission, to report to next Synods and Conference, such Commission to comprise the President, the Secretary, Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A., Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, F. Copeland, B. M. Chrystall, Messrs. F. Penn, W. E. Burley, B.A., W. S. Mackay, Miss Rishworth, Mrs. E. M. Lewis, Miss E. M. Pearce, Mrs. W. Walker, Miss L. Hendra, Miss Waddington, Miss J. Winstone. Corresponding Members: Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. D. Patchett, W. A. Burley, M.A., Miss Hodder, Sister Annie Tocker, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Messrs. N. R. Seddon, C. E. Taylor, H. de R. Flesher, J. H. Oldham, J. E. Purchase, M.A.. The Commission has power to add to its numbers. Convener: the Secretary of Conference.
3. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Wellington Deaconess Investigation Committee for their work.

V.—CONFERENCE PEACE COUNCIL.

(See under Question XXXV.)

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

A.—THE AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

The REPORT FOR 1941 was printed in the Synod Agenda. The number of children is reduced from 64 to 53 (admissions, 4; removals, 15), there being 23 boys at Wesley, 21 girls and 9 little boys at Epsom.

Treasurers' Report.

Notwithstanding the monetary strain due to war conditions, it is pleasing to know that interest in the financial side of our Orphanage work continues. At the beginning of the year, the United Orphanages' Street Day contributed to our funds the sum of £507/10/- as the Methodist per capita proportion. We are also glad to record that the income from Circuits shows an increase of nearly £100 for the year.

As a serious offset to these increases, however, the income from bequests is only £733, as against £1,840 the previous year. The need of constantly urging our people to make provision for the work of our Orphanages when drafting their Wills, means the advocating of a long term policy, but in the end it becomes a very valuable source of income for our Christian service among the orphaned and neglected children of the Province.

We are happy to report that as the result of the year's operations we have been able to transfer from Revenue the sum of £1,343/11/5 to Capital Account, which, together with the £733/1/10 received from bequests, increases that account by £2,076/13/3. The Orphanages' Capital now amounts to £38,557/7/1.

FRANK E. LEADLEY,
WM. ASTLEY,

Treasurers.

20th October, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. Board for 1942: Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. William Astley (Life Members), Rev. E. T. Olds (Chairman), Revs. F. Copeland, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., E. W. Hames, M.A., T. A. Joughin, G. Frost, H. A. Sharp, W. Walker, B.M. Chrystall, B.A., F. E. Leadley (Treasurer), A. Everil Orr (Secretary), Mesdames T. A. Joughin, A. H. White, T. Clark, A. Peak, A. L. Caughey and C. H. Burton; Misses A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Ida Buttle, C. Wagstaff, C. Veale and B. M. Brooke; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, A. Trenwith, F. Penn, A. Williams, F. L. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, J. S. Caughey, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargreaves, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick and G. W. Turley, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

3. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the staff and honorary helpers.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

The REPORT FOR 1941 was printed in the Synod Agenda. The number of children decreased from 35 to 29. The Committee gratefully acknowledged a generous gift of £250 by Mrs. A. Seon, and added the same to the Capital Fund.

RESOLUTION.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. Board for 1942: Messrs. A. H. Daniell, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, J. H. Handyside, W. R. Nicol, Dr. N. H. Prior, G. F. Whitlock, J. H. Conly, J. A. Wellington, Rev. H. S. Kings, Miss Burton, Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, F. C. Daniell, and H. S. Kings. Officers:—Chairman, Mr. F. E. Wells; Secretary-Manager, Mr. W. R. Nicol; Chaplain, Rev. H. S. Kings; Honorary Physician, Dr. N. H. Prior.

3. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the staff.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

For the Annual Report see Synod Agenda. The number of children is 61 (admissions 30, removals 17).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. That the Conference empower the Orphanage Board to arrange, after consultation with the Foreign and Home Mission Boards and the Youth Department, for the Rev. E. Drake to make deputational visits to all circuits and home mission stations in the South Island.

3. That the Conference record appreciation of the services of the Rev. E. Drake as Orphanage General Secretary.

4. Board for 1942: Mesdames Bowron and Seed (life members); Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Grigg, E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, J. Richards, C. R. Taylor, J. H. Allen, E. Sage, Raymond Dudley, with the Superintendents of St. Albans and Sydenham Circuits; Messrs. M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, W. S. Worner, H. Holland, H. de R. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, W. H. Marshall, S. Harrington, and W. G. Wright; Mesdames R. Pratt, W. Cock, M. Opie, F. C. Thornton, and Sister Mabel Morley. General Secretary, Rev. E. Drake; Treasurer, Mr. M. Kershaw.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1941.

The Committee reports with pleasure an increase in the number of subscribers for the fourth year in succession. Tributes to the high standard of the "Times" are frequently paid by our own people, by our exchanges, and also by ministers and laymen of other Churches.

The Editor, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, continues to enjoy the confidence of the whole Church, and his work is beyond praise. During the year Mr. Bellhouse transferred his home from Christchurch to Auckland, but such transfer happily involves no interruption to his continuance in the Editorial chair.

The Rev. John Dennis who served so faithfully as Associate Editor until March last, is now resident in Christchurch and is associated with the Committee, which tenders him its thanks for his journalistic services. The Rev. G. R. Harris, who succeeded Mr. Dennis, maintains a high standard of service.

The Committee heartily nominates Mr. Bellhouse for re-appointment, and, with his approval, nominates the Rev. G. R. Harris as his Associate.

The printing contract with Messrs. Kerslake & Billens ran out during the year. The contractors, despite difficulties created by rationing, and war conditions generally, have served us with complete satisfaction. The contract has been extended for five years at the rate ruling on 30th April, 1941, with the proviso for revision in the event of any major increase or any substantial reduction in paper costs.

Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E., is now completing twenty years in the office of lay treasurer of the fund, and to him thanks are due for loyal and devoted service.

The paper continues to serve every department of the life and service of the Church. Throughout this year it has continued to give generous space, without charge, to the appeal for the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund.

The financial statements for the year ended 31st October show the position of the Fund, which has been stabilised by Connexional grants and by the growing subscription list. This year it asks for a grant of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and a grant of £100 from the Contingent Fund, in addition to the standing provision of one-half of the honoraria for the editors and their contingent expenses.

The Committee nominated for the next Connexional year is as follows:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), E. Drake, J. H. Allen, J. Dennis, Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E. (lay treasurer), Messrs. W. A. Bascand, E. H. Andrews, and W. G. Wright.

On behalf of the Committee,

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

6th November, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference record sits appreciation of the valuable editorial service rendered by the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, and that he be re-appointed.

3. That the Rev. G. R. Harris be heartily thanked for his services as Associate Editor and that he be re-appointed.

4. That grants be approved of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and £100 in addition to the standing grant of one-half of the honoraria for the Editors and their contingent expenses.

5. That while expressing appreciation of the work of the Editor, the Management Committee be asked to investigate ways and means of improving the paper, especially in regard to format, arrangement and subject matter, and that it report to next Conference.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

ANNUAL REPORT, 1941.

With War conditions prevailing the year has been a very busy and exacting one in Military, Naval, and Air affairs, necessitating careful and unceasing attention to the work of the Church in ministering to the men of the Forces both on Active and Home service.

Chaplains on Active Service.

The Revs. V. R. Jamieson (1st Echelon) and F. G. Brown (3rd Echelon), have seen strenuous service in the fighting areas and are at the moment in Egypt. We give thanks to God for the preservation through dangerous days and weeks in the fighting zones, as well as their fine contribution of service to the men of the Forces. It is gratifying to know from the men and those in authority how much the work of the Chaplains has been appreciated. The Rev. R. Day, after a period in Mobilisation Camp in N.Z., has arrived "over there," and by this time is well into his work.

The Rev. H. T. Peat continues fine work as Padre to Fortress Troops in Fiji; the Rev. H. H. Jeffreys, our next Chaplain for Overseas, is at present in Camp at Burnham and is awaiting orders to proceed overseas shortly. With Padre Jeffreys' departure we will have five chaplains at work overseas.

Air Force.

Following last Conference, the Minister for Defence agreed to the placing of permanent Chaplains in the main aerodromes of the Dominion after pressure by the Senior Chaplains of the various Churches. We were allotted the Rongotai R.N.Z.A.F. Station, and the Rev. John Churchill was appointed permanent Chaplain there. In Air stations where no permanent Chaplain is appointed, Methodist men and others interested have been cared for by our resident Ministers acting as Officiating Chaplains. A long-continued pressure on the Air Department by the Senior Chaplains of the Churches asking for the provision of chapels at aerodromes, has at last met with success, and chapels are to be provided at the principal Air Stations. This will be a great help to the Chaplain in his work.

Fortress Troops.

The work amongst Fortress Troops in the Dominion has been fairly distributed through the denominations. At the present time we have Chaplain J. C. Draper giving full time to this work at Narrow Neck, Auckland.

Territorial Training.

With the change of policy regarding our Territorial Forces the work of Chaplains has been greatly intensified and many calls have been made on our Chaplains for this important work all over the Dominion. Now that the men are sent into Camp for three-monthly periods there is a growing feeling among the Chaplains who have had experience of this work as well as with the Military authorities, that a Chaplain should go into camp with the men for the full three-months' period. We desire to express appreciation of the action of all circuits where Chaplains have been released for this important work. The need for curtailing all reports this year forbids mention of all the Chaplains who have served in Territorial camps this year, but we ask that in each Synod the detail be given of the Chaplains in the District who have served in this way.

Names and Numbers of Men Entering Camp.

There is a lamentable lack of information reaching the Chaplains in the Camps relative to the men entering from the Churches, and all Chaplains complain, sometimes bitterly, of the ridiculously small number of names sent in, with the regimental number and hut number. To send only the name gives the Chaplain a sense of futility for it is simply impossible in a camp of, say, 5,000 men to trace down one name. Our agent in Trentham Camp recently received 15 letters about men entering camp, but only one gave enough information to find the man. We make the strongest appeal to our Ministers, Missionaries and Officials to send to the Chaplains in the camps both the names of the men and other accurate information which will enable the Chaplain to make contact without delay. A full list is printed in each issue of the "Methodist Times" giving the names of Chaplains to whom information should be sent.

The work of the Senior Chaplain has increased greatly with the growing war effort in the Dominion. There have been innumerable conferences with the other military heads of the Churches and with the Army and Air Headquarters, as well as deputations to Ministers of the Crown, Patriotic Fund Boards, and the like. The growth of correspondence has been such as to make it impossible for immediate and full replies to be sent as often as one would like, for there are the exacting ties of a busy Circuit to be met as well. I can but express appreciation of the fine loyalty of my Lower Hutt Circuit in granting me such freedom in the carrying out of all these duties. In all the work accomplished there has been the sincerest attempt to bring our Church into the worthiest place in the important sphere of spiritual work amongst our troops.

FREDERICK J. PARKER,
Senior Chaplain.

WAR SERVICES AND CHAPLAINCY FUND.

The Chaplains' Advisory Board of the Central Command (Wellington) is charged by Conference with the raising and administering of this Fund. Regular monthly meetings of the Board have been held and attention given to the raising of the Fund by appeal to the Circuits and to the careful administration of the Fund under the regulations formulated by last Conference; the fullest co-operation possible has been given by the Treasurers of the Fund (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mr. H. de R. Flesher).

The growth of the War effort in the Dominion and the consequent sending of more and more Chaplains overseas, has meant an increasing drain on the Fund, but on the other hand there has not been such strong support for the Fund as was the case last year, a position which has caused the Board grave anxiety. Criticism has been made from Circuits and Districts of the Conference regulation which allows house allowance of £100 per annum where the wife and dependents of the Chaplain do not occupy a parsonage. The Board brought down recommendations last year to Conference suggesting that house allowances be discontinued, and that instead a straight-out grant of £100 be given in all cases where there was no occupancy of a parsonage, and that no further payments be made. These proposals were not accepted by Conference but were deferred for further consideration by the Board during the year. In view of the increasing calls on the Fund and its declining power, the Board feels it has no option but to re-introduce the proposals and now sends them down for the consideration of Synods and Conference.

MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS.

That the Report be received and adopted.
Chaplaincy Service in New Zealand.

1. That, when a Minister is designated as the next Chaplain to proceed overseas, he should, as soon as practicable, enter camp in New Zealand in preparation for work overseas, and that he stay in camp until his departure from New Zealand.

2. That normally, a Minister, acting as a Chaplain and other than those designated for overseas service, shall remain in camp for three-monthly periods.

3. That where a Chaplain in a Territorial Camp is drawing military pay, the Circuit Stipend be applied as under:—

- (a) In meeting the costs of supply and other necessary expenses.
- (b) Half of the balance be paid to the Chaplaincy Fund, the other half being retained by the Circuit, this to take effect as from the end of the month during which he enters camp.

Next Chaplain for Overseas Service.

That, subject to his being passed as medically fit, Rev. W. H. H. Greenslade be designated as the next for overseas service.

War Services and Chaplaincy Fund.

1. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments, as submitted, be received and adopted, subject to audit.

2. That the said statement be printed in the Minutes.

3. That, as from 30th June, 1942, the house allowance of £100 per annum from the Chaplaincy Fund be discontinued where a wife and family of a Chaplain on Active or Continuous Service do not occupy the Parsonage.

4. That, as from 1st April, 1942, in all new Chaplaincy appointments, where the wife and family vacate the parsonage, a grant of £100 shall be made from the Chaplaincy Fund for furnishing and other expenses.

5. That the Chaplains now overseas be advised of the change and the reasons therefore by the President and the Senior Chaplain.

6. That Conference directs that all Circuits take retiring collections at least each half year for the Chaplaincy Fund.

Literature.

That, if money is available from the Fund, the Chaplaincy Board investigate the question of suitable literature for use by Chaplains in Military Camps, and that any literature obtained be a charge against the Chaplaincy Fund.

Maori Chaplains.

That strong representations be made to the Minister of Defence regarding the unfair procedure adopted by the Military Authorities whereby, in spite of promises to the contrary, the Methodist Church has not been afforded an opportunity of appointing a Maori Chaplain for service among Maori troops.

Removal Expenses.

That normal removal expenses of a Chaplain and his wife and family be borne by the Removal Expenses Fund.

Chaplains' Advisory Boards.

CENTRAL COMMAND.—Rev. P. R. Paris (Chairman), Rev. Frederick J. Parker (Senior Chaplain), Rev. W. A. Burley, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, B. O. Stokes, A. J. Johnston, P. E. Patrick, E. W. A. Kellow, and E. Angus Jones. And that the conveners of the Methodist Chaplains' Advisory Boards in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin be corresponding members.

AUCKLAND.—All Chaplains in Auckland and suburbs, Messrs. F. Sutherland (Chairman), G. Winstone, F. Winstone, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Lewisham, S. Barnett. Convener: Rev. W. Walker (President of the Conference).

CHRISTCHURCH.—Revs. W. Grigg, E. Drake, H. L. Blamires, M. A. Rugby Pratt, R. Dudley, E. E. Sage, John Dennis, Harris Whitfield, Messrs. W. A. Bascand, P. A. Le Brun, H. de R. Flesher, F. Thompson, W. G. Wright, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins. Convener: Rev John Dennis.

DUNEDIN.—The Chairman of the District; all Chaplains in or near Dunedin; Messrs. I. Winton and H. H. Johnson. Convener: Rev. L. C. Horwood.

General.

1. That the following be appointed as Methodist Representatives on the Inter-Church Military Chaplains' Advisory Board:—

NORTHERN COMMAND.—Rev. W. Walker (President of the Conference).

CENTRAL COMMAND.—Rev. Frederick J. Parker (Senior Chaplain).

SOUTHERN COMMAND.—Rev. L. C. Horwood.

CANTERBURY AREA.—Rev. John Dennis.

2. That the Rev. Frederick J. Parker be Senior Chaplain.

3. That the Connexional Secretary and Mr. H. de R. Flesher be Trustees of the Methodist Chaplaincy Fund.

4. That General Resolution 5, page 141, Minutes 1941, be reaffirmed.

5. Supplies for Chaplains. That where any Minister appointed to a Circuit, Department, or Institution, is now serving with the Forces or may hereafter be permitted so to serve, supplies will not be granted to fill such appointment after the Conference of 1942.

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodians on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

A.—THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

During the year Dr. Laws has donated a number of papers and publications which include official correspondence with Church leaders regarding the Mission of Inspiration and Appeal in 1913; official letters and papers regarding Methodist Union and the first United Conference in 1913; Pamphlets by Sir Samuel Way and Dr. Laws on an Independent Conference for New Zealand; Brochure and other records relating to Trinity College; Publications on church furniture, brasses and windows; Circuit Plans for Canterbury 1859; Kaiapoi 1873; Wellington 1874; Auckland (Pitt Street) 1883; Auckland (Grafton Road) 1885; and Dunedin 1887-8, and photographs of Revs. J. Wallis, J. Buller, and W. Rowse.

Mr. W. H. Ferens has presented the journals of his father (Mr. Thomas Ferens) from November 1847 to May 1851; photographs of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ferens and of Stotfold Homestead, and some scrap books.

The Rev. W. T. Blight sent a collection of pictures of churches; Milton preaching plans (1889 1902), and Thames plan (1902).

Mr. Frank Thompson sent Conference Minutes 1898-1914, early issues of the "Christchurch East Quarterly," and a framed photo of Christchurch Prohibition workers in 1896.

Other gifts included a framed photo of the Dunedin Conference of 1898, by Rev. H. S. Kings; the St. Albans Schedule Book 1872-1891, by Mr. V. Bedwell; a subscription list for Blenheim church building fund (1879), by Mr. L. A. White; the Minute Book of the Southland Methodist Council 1905-1913, by the Rev. W. E. Moore; the Cromwell Jubilee Souvenir, by Mr. B. H. Riseley; the Life of Dr. Coke, by Miss A. Cameron; and a small bust of John Wesley, by Miss Gwen Lawry.

The library of publications by our New Zealand ministers has received pamphlets by Revs. W. T. Blight, C. T. Symons, and A. R. Penn, a copy of the Corpus Christi Pageant 1938, by Rev. O. E. Burton; the brochure "Across a Hundred Years," by Rev. A. B. Chappell; and the "Story of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund," by the Connexional Secretary.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

B.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

The Misses Arthur: Scrap Book containing amongst other interesting items a letter written by John Wesley from Bath, September 15th, 1781, addressed to Mr. Valton at Manchester.

Rev. G. I. Laurenson: The Fildes MSS. prepared for the Centenary of N.Z. Methodism, and afterwards published under the title "The Advent of the Church to Cook Strait."

Mrs. Sarah Worker: Photo of her mother, the late Mrs. William Gittos, wife of a pioneer missionary.

Rev. A. J. Johnston: Old Minute Books of Auckland Methodist Minister's Fraternal.

The Misses White: MSS. material prepared for projected Maori Dictionary by the late John White.

E. W. HAMES, Custodian.

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 acting-Principal of the College as joint Custodian.
3. That thanks be tendered to those who have sent in various records and gifts during the year.

C.—WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. NEW ZEALAND BRANCH. REPORT.

The New Zealand Branch of the Wesley Historical Society will be grateful if the Synod will receive and consider this report of the present position of the Society.

This Branch of the Wesley Historical Society was formed in February, 1930, and during the subsequent twelve months, fifty financial members were registered.

Since its inauguration, our Branch has kept in close contact with the Parent Society in England, and has regularly subscribed to, and circulated the "Proceedings" of the British Society. In addition we have included an inset leaflet, dealing with some special aspect of our New Zealand Church History, with each set of British "Proceedings." In this way an effort has been made to foster an interest in Historical research within New Zealand Methodism.

Latterly the membership of the Branch has not been maintained by the gathering of new members. It is felt that the time has come for a review of the aims and methods of the Branch, with a view to awakening a new interest in its work and membership. A strong standing committee has been formed, and has given careful thought to the following matters:

1. The question of maintaining connection with the British Society, the "Proceedings" of which, though of great value to the few seem to have but little interest for many of our members, while their circulation makes a heavy demand upon our slender finance.
2. A policy of more carefully organised research work in New Zealand. This would carry with it an effort to link up all members in such research and to guide their activities, and also the issue of quarterly pamphlets, reliable and authoritative, bearing upon the origins and history of our Church in New Zealand.
3. The recognition of the Society by the Conference as a branch of our Connexional work, and to receive a report, e.g., under the report on Early Church Records.

The continuance of the Society will be assured only through the most active co-operation of its members, and by the linking-up in membership of any people interested in its aims and objects. This we ask for, and we are persuaded that it will be readily given by all who consider the important work which such a Society might do, were it keen in devotion to the objects for which it exists.

C. H. LAWS, President, N.Z. Branch.

G. I. LAURENSEN, Secretary, N.Z. Branch.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?

I.—CHURCH UNION.

(Mins. 1941, page 144.)

CHURCH UNION CONFERENCE.

Report for 1942.

The Conference of 1941 (Minutes p. 114) appointed a General Committee in Christchurch to negotiate with Committees of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches with respect to Church Union.

After many meetings held during the year, the Methodist Committee drafted a Basis of Union, setting out its conception of what the policy of a new Church should be. This was submitted to the eight Consultative Committees appointed by Conference. On receipt of their suggestions, an amended draft was prepared for submission to the first Combined Meeting of representatives of the three negotiating Churches. The Presbyterians also prepared a suggested Basis. The meeting lasted a whole day and was characterised by friendliness and frankness in facing difficulties.

A Brief Statement of Faith was agreed to, but as discussion proceeded it became evident that the policy of the three Churches differed widely. The task of the Combined Committee was to frame a Basis of Union which would conserve the best of the practices of the three Churches and be likely to secure their support.

For the second time a Basis was referred to our Consultative Committees. The Convener and the Secretary visited each of them and discussed the new Basis. Those Committees later sent back their findings to the Christchurch Committee, which, in general, embodied them in its second proposal to the other Churches. The General Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the assistance it received from the Consultative Committees, some of the members of which for their last meetings travelled long distances at somewhat short notice. There were 74 of them, and the attendances reached the high total of 62.

The second gathering of the representatives of the three Churches was held in Christchurch on August 19th and 20th. It was notable for the evidence of the presence and influence of the Divine Spirit in all the discussions. Differences and difficulties there were, but finally a "Proposed Basis of Union" was produced which, it is hoped, will be accepted by the three Churches, and which would, it is believed, make for harmony and efficient working in a United Church.

The Presbyterian Assembly considered the Basis and approved it for consideration by their Presbyteries and Sessions during 1942. The Congregational Union at its Annual Meeting in March will consider the Basis.

Our annual Synods have all sent forward favourable resolutions on the question of union, but at the request of the Central Committee, did not express themselves on the suggested Basis. We judge that the Conference itself, as the Supreme Court of the Church, is the right body to determine on the Basis.

The Committee now submits the proposed Basis as follows:—

PROPOSED BASIS OF UNION.

I.—BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH.

In this act of Union the United Church, as part of the Holy Catholic or Universal Church worshipping One God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—affirms its belief in the Gospel of the sovereign grace and love of God, wherein through Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Incarnate, Crucified, and Risen, He freely offers to all men, upon repentance and faith, the forgiveness of sins, renewal by the Holy Spirit, and eternal life, and calls them to labour in the fellowship of faith for the advancement of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

The United Church acknowledges the Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the supreme rule of faith and life.

The United Church acknowledges its creedal and confessional inheritance as part of the Holy Catholic Church, especially the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Athanasian Creed, the Westminster Confession, John Wesley's Forty-four Standard Sermons and Notes on the New Testament, and the Savoy Declaration, holding these as subordinate standards, and recognising liberty of opinion on such points of doctrine as do not enter into the substance of the Reformed Catholic Faith, and claiming the right, in dependence on the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, to formulate, interpret or modify its subordinate standards: always in agreement with the Word of God and the fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith contained in these standards, of which agreement the Church itself shall be the sole judge.

In this Statement of Faith the United Church disclaims intolerant or persecuting principles.

II.—A SHORT STATEMENT OF POLITY. THE CHURCH.

1. **Standards:** as I. above.

2. **Membership.**—(a) The members of the United Church shall be members of the uniting churches, and such other persons as may hereafter become members.

(b) The conditions of communicant membership shall be baptism, confession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, an outward life in conformity therewith, and participation in the Lord's Supper.

(c) The conditions of adherent membership shall be consistent attendance at Divine worship and support of the Church by service and means.

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3. **The Parish.**—The unit of organisation shall be the congregation, which shall consist of a group of communicant members and adherents of the Church. Each congregation shall ordinarily have responsibility for the work of the Church within a defined area, which shall be known as the parish. Rolls shall be kept of communicant members and adherents.

4. **The Board of Management.**—The Board of Management of the parish shall consist of persons chosen by the congregation from its own number together with the Session, *ex officio*. The Board shall administer the temporal affairs of the parish, and shall be presided over by the minister or a member of the Board elected by it for the purpose.

5. **The Parish Council.**—The Parish Council, which shall meet at least quarterly, shall consist of the minister or ministers, the elders and lay preachers, the senior S.S. superintendent, representatives of Boards of Management, representatives of the Youth work, Women's organisations, Men's organisations and a stated number of representatives elected annually by the congregation: or alternatively it shall consist of the whole communicant membership.

Ordinarily the minister shall preside.

There shall be one Parish Council in each parish, but where there is more than one congregation meeting for public worship in the parish, each shall be represented as above.

The function of the parish council shall be to co-ordinate and review the activities of the different organisations of the parish, except those of the Session and the Board of Management. Suggestions for new activities should normally originate in the Council.

Inter alia the Parish Council shall co-operate with the Session in forming a parish selection committee for the choosing of a new minister.

6. The Session.—The Session shall consist of the minister or ministers of the parish and such members in full communion as have been duly elected by communicant members and ordained as elders by the Session. Elders shall be elected for life or for a stated period. Nominations for election to the eldership shall be made by the Session or by the communicant members. The Session exercises rule in spiritual matters within the parish and represents the parish in the higher courts of the Church.

7. The Presbytery.—(a) The Presbytery shall consist of ministers and representative elders of the parishes within its bounds, together with such other ministers or elders as may be appointed by, or on the authority of, the General Conference. The Presbytery has the pastoral care of the parishes within its bounds and exercises administrative powers and functions on behalf of the superior courts.

(b) Presbytery, acting for the whole Church, which acknowledges the priesthood of all believers, ordains ministers who are responsible to it and the higher courts alone for the discharge of their duties.

(c) The Moderator of the Presbytery shall be elected annually from among its members. He may be re-elected from year to year. The election shall be made with due regard to the importance of the office in the Church and the Community. The Moderator shall constitute and preside over the meetings of the Presbytery, generally direct its business and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Presbytery either on its own initiative or by instruction received by it from a superior court.

8. The General Conference.—(a) The General Conference shall consist of representatives being ministers and elders elected by Presbyteries. The Conference, as the supreme court, exercises rule over all its Synods, Presbyteries, Sessions and Parishes, and its decisions are final and binding on the whole Church.

(b) A Reception Service for those to be ordained during the ensuing twelve months shall be held at each General Conference.

III.—THE MINISTRY

9. Training.—(a) A candidate for the ministry must be a member of the United Church in full communion, have given evidence of the possession of preaching and other suitable gifts, and be approved by the Presbytery on the recommendation of a Session. Where possible, candidates are urged to become Lay Preachers.

(b) Throughout the course of their training candidates are under the supervision of a Presbytery.

(c) Before entering upon theological training, each candidate must pass an entrance examination in the theological college. Except as hereinafter provided, the Theological Hall Committee must be satisfied that each candidate, before sitting for this entrance examination, has taken an approved course of at least three years at a recognised university.

(d) The course of study at the Theological Hall shall extend over a period of at least three years, and candidates must pass an exit examination, and be certified by the Hall Committee to his Presbytery.

(e) Before a student can be inducted into a parish of his own, he must undergo some form of probation to the satisfaction of his Presbytery.

(f) Anyone who is deemed by the General Conference to have given proof of being specially qualified for the work of the Ministry, may be admitted to the Ministry by a resolution of the General Conference.

10. Lay Preachers.—The Office of Lay Preacher shall be recognised as a part of the organisation of the Church. Candidates for this office shall be recommended by a Session, and after examination, by a Conference Committee and approval by a Presbytery, admitted to the office of Lay Preacher, and publicly set apart thereto by the Presbytery.

IV.—THE SETTLEMENT OF PARISHES.

11. Self-sustaining Parishes.—(a) A parish which furnishes a stipend equal to or above the standard minimum stipend shall have the right to call a minister according to the following:

OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE FOR A "CALL"

(which is added by way of illustration and explanation).

When a vacancy arises in the pastorate of a congregation, the Presbytery appoints one of its own number to be Moderator of the Session of that congregation, ad interim, who is thenceforward in charge of its affairs till the induction of the new minister has taken place. Without delay he convenes a congregational meeting and ascertains by vote of communicant members whether the congregation already have a nominee for the vacancy. If they have not, a selection committee is set up which considers names of suitable ministers till one is found whom an adequate majority of the communicant members agree is acceptable to the congregation. When a name is agreed upon it is inserted in the printed form of call, to which the signatures of communicant members joining in the call are then subscribed. A similar form is signed by adherents, indicating their concurrence in the action of the communicant members. Commissioners are appointed from the congregation who, with the Interim Moderator, attend Presbytery to present the call and give such information concerning the circumstances as may be required. The Presbytery, being satisfied that everything is in order, sends the call to the Presbytery of the minister being called, which, on being in its turn satisfied that everything is in order, places the call in his hands, declares his pastoral tie to be dissolved from the date of induction into his new parish, and directs him to await instructions from the Clerk of his new Presbytery.

(b) Among the questions put at the Triennial Visitation shall be the following:—"Is there any matter relating to the Gospel ministry in this parish concerning which you would wish the Presbytery to take action?" It is understood that at the visitation the Session shall in this, as in all other vital matters, seek to express the mind of the members of the church.

OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE OF "TRIENNIAL VISITATION"

The Presbytery, in the exercise of its pastoral office, appoints commissioners to visit each of the parishes within its bounds once in three years. The commission meets the minister and church courts, and, by means of a fixed schedule of questions, enquires in a friendly and paternal spirit concerning the welfare of the congregation. Wherever possible the commission also meets with the congregation to encourage and exhort them, and bring before them the wider claims of the life and work of the Church.

(c) In order to facilitate the settlement of self-sustaining parishes, there shall be set up a Ministerial Transfer Committee. This Committee shall be small, and its composition determined as to location and personnel by its task, which will gradually alter as the Union is consolidated. The function of this Committee shall be to keep a confidential list of ministers desirous of a change of pastorate, and from this list or from any other source, send names of suitable men to Interim-Moderators, who must submit them to Selection Committees, though the latter will exercise their own discretion in the use of them.

12. Aided Parishes.—(a) A parish which furnishes a stipend, part of which is contributed from a central fund to make a total equal to the Standard Minimum Stipend, shall not have the right of call, but its minister shall be appointed for a stated term by the Settlement Committee with the concurrence of Presbytery and after consulting with the Session.

(b) Six months before the expiry of the term the pastoral relation shall be reviewed by the Presbytery, the continuance thereof to be at the request of the congregation with the concurrence of the Presbytery.

(c) In the event of a minister's term not being extended, it shall be the duty of the Settlement Committee to appoint him to another parish.

(d) The Settlement Committee shall consist of an equal number of ministers and elders appointed annually by the General Conference, due consideration being given to Presbyterial representation. It shall be the duty of this Committee to see that as far as possible every parish shall have a minister and every effective minister a parish.

(e) The Settlement Committee shall report to the General Conference, for information only, all changes made in pastoral relations of self-sustaining parishes in consequence of calls made by them, and of the changes made by the Settlement Committee on its own initiative in the pastorates of the aided parishes.

(f) A minister in an aided parish shall be free to accept a call to an unaided parish, but not earlier than six months before the expiry of his term.

V.—GENERAL.

13. Rights, etc.—(a) All existing rights between ministers and congregations at the date of Union shall be conserved during existing pastorates, or for a term not exceeding (?) years, whichever shall be the shorter period.

(b) Such changes within congregations as are necessitated by the terms of the Union shall be given effect to as soon as possible, e.g., the setting up of Parish Councils and Sessions.

(c) Budget allocations and connexional levies shall remain as at present, pending the amalgamation of the relevant funds by the Committees concerned.

14. Missions.—The united church shall be responsible for the Mission fields at present served by the uniting churches and shall continue the present connection with the London Missionary Society.

15. Theological College.—There shall be only one Theological College in the united Church, on the staff of which the present Theological Colleges shall be represented, and at which all unmarried theological students shall reside.

16. Funds.—The funds of the Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland will continue to be administered and applied as at present. Consideration of other Funds governed by special Trusts shall for the present be deferred.

17. Name.—The new name of the United Church will be considered by the three Church Union Committees.

Signed on behalf of the three Committees,

J. M. BATES (Presbyterian Church).

W. A. BURLEY (Methodist Church).

H. W. NEWELL (Congregational Church).

RESOLUTION.

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the Proposed Basis of Union be forwarded for the consideration of the June quarterly meetings and the Synods of 1942.

3. That the Committee prepare and issue an exposition of the Basis of Union for the information of the members of Quarterly Meetings and Synods, together with ballot papers and necessary forms for returns.

4. That the following issues be submitted to the members of the Quarterly Meetings:—

(a) I vote for the proposed Basis of Union.

(b) I vote for the proposed Basis of Union with amendments.

(c) I vote against the proposed Basis of Union.

N.B. i. Each voter must strike out the two issues for which he does not wish to vote.

ii. Amendments must be clearly stated, and the exact terms of all amendments carried must be reported to the Committee by the Circuit Superintendent.

5. That a report of the decisions of the Quarterly Meetings shall be forwarded to the Church Union Committee not later than 31st July, 1942. (Forms will be supplied to Circuit Superintendents, so that they may make uniform returns giving particulars of the voting on each issue.)

6. That the Committee shall report to the Synods the results of the voting by Quarterly Meetings in their Districts, and throughout the Dominion, and shall supply the necessary voting papers and forms for returns. Synod Secretaries shall forward to the Committee, not later than 30th November, the result of the voting, together with the exact terms of any proposed amendments.

7. That the appointment of a Dominion Committee be deferred until the Conference of 1943.

8. That the Committee for 1942 be:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, J. H. Allen, R. Dudley, J. Dennis, and E. E. Sage; Messrs. F. Thompson, H. de R. Flesher, W. Chas. Francis, M. Kershaw, W. A. Bascand, P. A. Le Brun, C. H. Perkins, and J. E. Purchase. Convener: M. A. Rugby Pratt.

9. That the Basis of Union be discussed at the May Synods of 1942.

10. That the question of members of Quarterly Meetings absent from the June meeting being given facilities to vote be referred to the Church Union Committee with power to act at its discretion.

II.—NEW ZEALAND CENTENNIAL METHODIST THANKSGIVING FUND.

A.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Since Conference the Committee has been busily engaged with the continuation of the Appeal. The response has continued to be both ready and real, for which we thank our Heavenly Father. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," has been the inspiration of many a gift.

Rev. G. H. Goodman has visited the Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Auckland and North Canterbury districts in turn, and has proved his worth, both as an agent for the Fund and as a messenger of "spiritual advance." To quote from one of the many typical letters received: "Apart from the money raised, there has been a great deal of good done in the lives of our people. We are grateful for his visit." The Committee feel the wisdom of the decision of last Conference to free a man from Circuit work for this special opportunity.

Altered Allocations, on the part of donors, affect the totals of the various sub-funds from time to time, and entail a good deal of extra office work. The coming year should see a steadying of this tendency.

Inspiration to Local Causes has been a feature of the Appeal this year. Old debts have been extinguished, mortgages adjusted more advantageously, new parsonages built, the challenge met in some new housing areas, building renovated—in short the Appeal has proved the genesis of much local effort.

Organisation. The organisation is now mainly of a routine character. This, however, necessitates a great deal of detailed work as a complete record must be kept of each donor's position in relation to the Fund. Thanks, however, to competent and trustworthy office assistance, this side is being well looked after.

Many donors, too, are making provision in their wills for future legacies to the fund, and some are lodging shares and securities with us.

The Committee desire that the Central office be advised of the decease of any donors who are still contributing, that the proper approach be made to the trustees of such estates.

Circuit ministers and appeal agents could help a good deal by keeping the office posted with the state of the Fund in their Circuit from time to time. There are still Circuits where little or no attempt has been made to come into line with the Appeal. These are a diminishing number however. We still have a "waiting list" for the services of the Travelling Organiser.

Connexional Objectives. The Committee has at all times commended with enthusiasm, the various Connexional objectives, and we are glad to see in some districts a growing sense of responsibility in this direction. The main objectives of the Appeal, from its inception, have been the Deaconess Retiring Fund, and Institution, and the School for Maori Girls, in Taranaki. This is our Centennial tribute to our Maori brethren.

The Sunday Schools of the Dominion are sharing in the project in the providing of the furniture.

Financial. The Fund has now attained a splendid total. The organising expenses have been watched closely, and the whole appeal carried through with a minimum of expenditure.

Thanks. Our thanks are due to all who have assisted so willingly in making the Appeal thus far such a striking success.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference expresses its gratitude to Almighty God for the evidences of His boundless Grace, and for the opportunities of our day.

3. That the Rev. G. H. Goodman be retained for a further year as Travelling Organiser, his stipend, Connexional levies and house allowance to be a charge upon the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund.

4. That the Rev. A. J. Johnston continue as Dominion Organiser, and that suitable assistance be granted his Circuit, the extra staffing arrangements to be a charge upon the Fund.

5. That Conference re-affirms the desirability of keeping the Deaconess Retiring Fund and Deaconess Institution, and the Taranaki Maori Girls' School as the main Centennial Objective, and urges donors to allocate at least a percentage of their gifts thereto.

6. The Committee for 1942 to be: Revs. F. Copeland, W. Walker, G. I. Laurenson, H. J. Odell, E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, M.A., A. H. Scrivin, A. E. Orr, G. H. Goodman, A. J. Johnston; Misses E. M. Rishworth and E. Mather; Messrs. F. Penn, R. Thomas, T. Clark, D. E. Parton, S. E. Chappell, J. F. Roberts and R. T. Sando.

7. That Conference express its appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Revs. A. J. Johnston and G. H. Goodman.

8. That we re-affirm that the objective of the Fund be £120,000.

B.—SOUTH ISLAND CENTENNIAL.

1. That the interesting and comprehensive report by Rev. T. A. Pybus of the opening of the Memorial Church at Otakou be received and incorporated in the Journal.

2. That Conference expresses its thankfulness to God at the completion of Otakou Memorial Church.

3. That Conference records its appreciation of the self-sacrificing labours of the Rev. T. A. Pybus in bringing the Otakou Church scheme to a successful issue. It recognises that without his devotion and enthusiasm the building of this Church and Memorial could not have been accomplished.

4. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. G. S. Gapper and the Committee.

III.—COMMITTEE ON BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(Minutes, 1941, p. 61.)

The Committee considered the recommendations received from May Synods and the opinions of corresponding members, and reports as follows:—

Baptism and Membership.

It was noted that the doctrine of the Methodist Church relating to the Sacrament of Baptism is set out in the "Statement of Faith" adopted and published in 1939 (Minutes, 1939, p. 156), and is as follows:—

"Baptism is the Sacrament of normal entrance into the visible Church of Christ. Adult Baptism involves a personal and open confession of faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour. When administered to infants Baptism is a declaration that the child belongs to Christ, and is included in the household of faith. It is also a symbol of the goodness of God already at work as well as of the promises of His grace to be fully realised later, through the exercise of personal faith. On the part of the parents it is a dedication of the child to God, and a promise to share with the Church in its Christian nurture. On the part of the Church it is a pledge to instruct the child in the doctrines, duties and privileges of the Christian religion."

The Committee also approved the "Memorandum on Infant Baptism" adopted by the British Conference in 1936, from which the following extract is taken (British "Minutes," 1936, p. 400):—

"While the Spirit of God is present and active in every child, whether baptised or unbaptised, from birth onward, the special object of Baptism is to claim the child for the Kingdom of God's grace in Jesus Christ. In this Sacrament, when administered to infants, the outward sign and the inward grace are in some ways to be distinguished. The outward act anticipates the day when the child will consciously accept the inward grace. Our hope and confidence is that, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, in answer to the prayers of the Church, and through the influence of Christian nurture to which the parents pledge themselves, this Sacrament will be inwardly completed and made effective when the child through faith in Christ responds to the grace proclaimed and pledged by the rite.

"By Adult Baptism, Christians are outwardly identified with the 'Congregation of Christ's flock,' the visible fellowship of His disciples in which the Holy Spirit dwells. This Sacrament is thus, not

only an outward symbol, but also a channel of inward grace. Membership of the Church involves for all who voluntarily seek it a covenant both with Christ and with His Church. Since an infant is incapable of entering into conscious fellowship with the Lord and His people, the child's membership is necessarily incomplete. By Baptism the child is brought into the household of faith, and as such should be regarded as remaining therein, in hope of the time when he will personally receive Jesus Christ as His Saviour and Lord. Meanwhile, alike in infancy, childhood, and youth, the ministries of the Church are his, as are those of his home, though he may be little aware of either.

"... Christ is the minister of His own Sacrament, and the covenanting parties through whom He works are the Church and the parents ...

"Whenever Baptism is administered to an infant, there ought to be those present who take definite responsibility for the religious upbringing of the child ... It is the plain duty of all who administer this Sacrament to assure themselves as far as possible that the person or persons who present the child are taking real responsibility for its Christian training ..."

(. . . .)

"We assert in common with the general body of the Church of Christ, that a solemn obligation to Christ, the Church, and the child rests upon parents to present their children to Christ in Baptism, and thus to honour the ancient ordinance whereby they are joined in the visible community of Christ's people."

The Committee therefore recommends:—

1. That Baptism (except in special cases) shall precede Reception into Church Membership.

2. That care should be exercised in administering the Sacrament so that the meaning and obligation are first explained to the parents of an infant presented for Baptism, or to the Candidate for Baptism, if such be an adult.

3. That the parents of an infant to be baptised be required to promise that they will not only bring up their child in the Christian Faith, but that they will also in due course encourage such child to present himself (or herself) as a Candidate for Membership in the Christian Church.

4. That provision be made in the General Statistical Forms for a return by Circuits and Home Mission Stations of the number of infants baptised during the year.

Grades of Membership.

It was recognized by the Committee that the present system of Infant, Junior, and Senior grading was not satisfactory in practice, and it recommends:—

1. That the Laws relating to Infant and Junior Membership be repealed, and a suitable law be framed providing for one grade of Membership, such Law to be in harmony with Recommendation 2, persons of about 16 years of age and over being eligible for Membership, as in the case of those now admitted into Senior Membership.

2. (a) That Membership in the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall be upon personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and a declared willingness to follow Him throughout life.

(b) That Candidates for Membership shall be publicly received into the Membership of the Church only after instruction and adequate preparation by their Minister.

3. That a Baptismal Roll, a Cradle Roll, a Sunday School Roll, and a Bible Class Roll for each Church shall be kept as heretofore and all young people enrolled thereon shall be regarded as being in the care of the Church. It shall be the duty of every Minister, Probationer, or Home Missionary, in conjunction with the Leaders' Meeting and Youth Committee, to exercise effective pastoral oversight over all such young people so that they may in due course be received into the Membership of the Church.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

W. G. SLADE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and the recommendations on Baptism be adopted.

2. That the section on Church Membership be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

3. That the Committee be re-appointed. Convener of first meeting: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

IV.—COMMITTEE ON CONNEXIONAL CHARGES.

REPORT.

After considerable delay, the Committee, as instructed by last Conference, has obtained information from England with respect to the British system of levying Connexional Charges, and reports as follows:—

I. There are three possible bases of computation:—

1. On the amount of stipend paid, as in the present New Zealand system.
2. On membership, with a flat rate for Supernumerary Fund levies, as recommended by the Committee last year—see 1941 Minutes, pp. 152 and 153.
3. On ability to pay, which would seem to be the basis of the British system, as summarised below.

II. The British method, adopted recently at the time of Union, covers the requirements of ten Funds and Departments, as against only four in New Zealand.

1. The General Assessment is first considered by a Finance Board which presents its recommendations to Conference.
2. This Board enquires of the Departments what their needs will be for the ensuing three or five years.
3. It also requires Circuits to furnish Statements of annual income and expenditure.
4. When considering the amount of the assessment due from each Circuit, consideration is given to (a) Income, (b) Ability to pay, (c) Number of Ministers in the Circuit.
5. A total is made in this way for each District, and recommended to Conference as the "District Total."

6. It is left to each District to allocate to each Circuit the amount of its assessment. If the District Synods desire to know what the Board considers Circuits are capable of raising the information is made available to them.
7. The District quotas remain the same for the 3-year period, but Synods may make adjustments within their borders during such period.

N.B.—The levy in England at present is for three years, but it is felt that the period ought to be extended to five years.

III. For two reasons, the merits of this system are such as to entitle it to consideration alongside the method recommended to last Conference—see par. I, 2 above.

1. The ability to pay is more explicitly taken into consideration in addition to membership.
2. It provides a way of eliminating anomalies which are obvious in our present system, and which were recognized to be not entirely absent from the method previously recommended by this Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the present method of levying Connexional charges be amended as follows:—
 - (a) That a Central Finance Committee be appointed, to be located in Christchurch. It shall (i) Inquire of the Funds concerned what their financial needs will be for the ensuing five (5) years, and (ii) Determine total assessment for each District.
 - (b) That District Finance Committees shall be appointed, after nomination by Synods to Conference. These shall consist of the Chairman, one other minister and three laymen.
 - (c) That all Circuits shall be required to furnish to such District Committees annual financial statements covering both Circuit and Trust Funds.
 - (d) That each District Committee shall allocate to each Circuit within its bounds the amount of its assessment.
 - (i) In so doing, consideration shall be given to (A) Income, (B) Liabilities, (C) Membership, (D) Ability to pay, (E) Number of Ministers.
 - (ii) In the event of a disagreement between the District Committee and a Circuit, the final decision shall be with the Central Finance Committee, to which all necessary information shall be forwarded.
 - (e) That District quotas shall remain the same for a five-year period, but Synods may make adjustments within their own boundaries during that period. Such adjustments shall be reported to the Central Committees.
 - (f) For the ensuing year the Central Committee shall be as follows:—The District Chairman, Connexional Secretary, Revs. R. Dudley, J. H. Allen and D. O. Williams; Messrs. M. Kershaw, H. Chapman, F. Thompson, Perkins, H. de R. Flesher. Con- vener: Mr. H. de R. Flesher. (With power to add.)

- (A) This Committee shall complete the scheme outlined in sections (a) to (e) and shall furnish the District Totals for the year 1943, presenting same to Synods and Conference.
- (B) It shall also nominate to next Conference a Standing Finance Committee of seven (7) members, consisting of three ministers and four laymen.
- (C) That for the ensuing year only Consultative members shall be as follows: District Chairmen and the following laymen—Auckland, F. Penn; South Auckland, H. C. Wood; Taranaki-Wanganui, L. M. Moss; Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, C. E. Taylor; Wellington, N. R. Seddon; Nelson, W. D. Pike; South Canterbury, C. Bishop; Otago-Southland, G. S. Gapper.
- (g) That for five years dating from 1st April, 1943, levies in respect of ministers appointed to Connexional Departments and Institutions shall be:—
 - (A) For Contingent Fund 6½% on stipend paid.
 - (B) For Children's Fund 6½% on stipend paid after allowing the customary deduction of £100 for each minister in Full Connexion or £60 for each Probationer employed.
 - (C) For Removal Expenses Fund £4 per annum for each minister or probationer employed.

V.—PENSIONS FOR WOMEN WORKERS.

The Committee appointed to investigate the possibility of making provision for women servants of Boards and Departments and Institutions of the Church on their retirement met during the year. From returns received by the Committee it was ascertained that there were very few workers who would be interested in a pension scheme. Many were covered by the present social security benefits. The Committee is of the opinion that a pension scheme is desirable and is possible but that it would not be practicable to start one under present conditions. It recommends that each Board, Department or Institution should make its own provision for pensions in individual cases as has already been done in some instances.

H. DE R. FLESHER, Convener.

23rd December, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Committee.

VI.—PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Publications Committee has met frequently during the year, and has to report as follows:—

1. It has approved of the publication of the following:—
 - (1) "A Venture of Faith," being an account of the activities of the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School, and published by the Women's Missionary Union.
 - (2) "The Temperance Manual," prepared and published by the Youth Board.

- (3) "The Devotional Life," by Athol R. Penn, and "How to read the Bible," by W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., being reprints of the Youth Board pamphlets, and published by the Spiritual Advance Committee.

2. It has published "Prophecy, yesterday and to-day," by C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D.—the necessary finance having been advanced by the Spiritual Advance Committee.

3. The Committee has had submitted to it from one or two quarters manuscripts which it has not seen fit to approve, or which it is withholding until a more opportune time. It regrets that its plans for "The Prophets and Their Prophecies" have not materialised owing to the fact that the manuscript submitted did not meet the need of the average reader. The Committee having no funds of its own, is severely handicapped in the work that it might do, and it is hoped that Conference will remedy this limitation to its activities.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the attention of all Committees of the Conference be drawn to the Recommendations of the 1941 Minutes, p. 154.
3. That Circuits and Home Mission Stations be instructed to appoint a Publications Agent who shall display and endeavour to sell or distribute appropriate literature throughout the Circuit or Station.
4. That Circuits and Home Mission Stations be recommended to make provision of funds for the purchase of suitable literature for distribution or sale throughout their districts.
5. That negotiations be made with the Publications Committees of other Churches in New Zealand and elsewhere with a view to securing the use of suitable material published under their own auspices for the purposes of the Methodist Church.
6. That Conference recommend the Publications Committee that arrangements be made for the publication or distribution of booklets or pamphlets refuting modern heresies such as Rutherfordism, such to be made available to our people, setting forth clearly where such heresies are a contradiction of our Faith.
7. That Conference requests the Publications Committee to investigate the possibility of compiling a Devotional Book for the use of New Zealand Methodists. It would serve to bring the activities of the Church before the people and might well cover daily exercises for family worship or devotional reading.
8. That the Committee be thanked and re-appointed.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Law Book, pp. 97, 98.)

The President, Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. P. R. Paris, W. A. Burley, A. O. Harris, and F. W. Parker, Messrs. J. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, N. R. Seddon, S. T. S. Martin, T. M. Pacey, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B. Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

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Committee of Exigency to be the Wellington members of the Committee of Privileges.

QUESTION LIV.—Who are the Members of the District Executive Committees?

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits with Misses H. McLeod, P. Yearbury, J. Morris; Messrs. B. O. Stokes, T. M. Pacey, C. J. Freeman, H. N. Vivian, A. H. Brooks, S. N. Roberts, W. A. Heath, N. R. Seddon, S. E. Turney, D. Tayler, F. Lockwood, T. W. Treen, A. Maud, E. Heggie, O. Dryden, B. J. Lynneberg, W. J. Carman, D. Chisholm and A. C. Barrington.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers and Probationers in active Circuit work in the Christchurch and Lyttelton Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, A. N. Scotter, B. Dudley, A. Liversedge, A. H. Fowles, B. J. James, Messrs. C. W. Barrell, A. Southey, W. C. Francis, W. Hadlee, W. Clothier, F. W. Sincock, Newman Hall, S. Falkingham, W. J. Burnell, D. McHarg, H. W. Heslop, G. Wright, S. Sayers, H. A. Purvis, C. A. Comber, F. Colechin, R. Carter, H. B. Moore, P. A. LeBrun, R. K. Todhunter, H. W. Armitage, C. Manhire, R. Norton, F. Coleman, A. V. Burley, A. Dingwall, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, W. G. Wright, F. Thompson, J. W. Hillary, H. de R. Flesher, Mesdames T. Hallam, J. Bowden, M. Tunnicliffe, Miss H. Wise. Convener: Rev. C. R. Taylor.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Ministers and Home Missionaries of Dunedin and suburban circuits with Miss E. Purdie, Messrs. G. S. Gapper, C. F. Roberts, Dr. Lyth, E. J. King, J. McIndoe, F. G. Marshall, A. T. McIndoe, G. Henderson, H. H. Johnson, J. T. Barclay, W. Warburton, C. Thompson, A. E. Whyte, W. J. Holden, and A. L. Stanton. This includes the H.M. District Committee. Convener: Rev. B. Metson.

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.

Report, 1941.

Owing to pre-occupation with Presidential duties and with Church Union matters, the Convener was unable to call the Committee together until January, 1942. The Committee has dealt with questions referred to it by the last Conference. The recommendations are set out below.

The Youth Department sent to the Committee copies of suggested new regulations governing the co-ordination scheme, but the Committee judges that its work with these begins only when Conference has approved them.

Committee for next year: Revs. M. A. R. Pratt and E. Drake, and Mr. H. de R. Flesher (Convener), with Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws and W. A. Burley, and Mr. J. Stanton as corresponding members.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted and the Committee be as named in the report.

2. Matters remitted by Conference.

(a) **Constitution of District Executives.** That this matter be again referred to the Committee.

(b) **Memorials to Conference.** That this matter be referred back to the Committee.

(c) **Contingent and Children's Funds.** That the Treasurers of the Contingent and Children's Funds, in consultation with the Law Book Revision Committee, revise the regulations of their respective Funds.

(d) **Division of Circuits** (Min. 1941, page 71, par. 9). This matter referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee by Conference, was by them passed on to our Committee. That the matter be referred back to the Committee.

3. **Constitution of Law Book Revision Committee** (see Report).

4. See also Question XXIII., Resolution 14, re "Training of Ministers."

5. That Conference refer the matter of "Notices of Motion" to the Law Book Revision Committee to consider during the year and report to Conference.

PRESIDENTIAL RULINGS.

Question.

When a Minister voluntarily retires from a Quarterly Meeting is any Resolution passed by the meeting invalid?

Ruling.

As the Minister, as Chairman of the meeting, retired voluntarily and was not unavoidably absent, the meeting had a right to elect its own chairman, and reach its own findings on any resolution submitted that does not conflict with our customary legal procedure.

Question.

Can representatives to the Quarterly Meeting from the Sunday School be elected other than in the December Quarter? (Paragraph 271.)

Ruling.

While the Law does not specifically state that such vacancies may be filled, yet the custom of our Church is to fill vacancies at other than the specified time. Those elected sit and vote at Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, but it is advisable that the Law be amended to make such provision.

Question.

Can those organisations of the Church which are entitled to representatives at the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings elect substitutes who can exercise all powers and privileges of the representatives?

Ruling.

There is no provision in our Law for electing substitute representatives to Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings.

Question.

Who has the right to appoint a Choirmaster of a Junior Choir?

Ruling.

Our Laws make no provision regarding the method of appointing Choirmasters. It would be advisable to have the position clarified by Conference.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

I.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

National Council of Churches.

We are glad to report that the National Council of Churches in N.Z. has begun to function. It has agreed to organise for "A National Campaign in 1942." Steps are being taken to secure the co-operation of all the Churches, and arrangements will be made to contact many groups of people. Details will be announced later.

Australian Intercommunion Proposals.

Re the suggestions of the N.Z. Missionary Council referred back to the Committee for further information. The Missionary Council replied that the subject had been passed on to the National Council of Churches who will give consideration to it in due course.

Commission on "Ways of Worship."

Following the recommendation of our Committee, the Commission on "Ways of Worship" set up by the Continuation Committee of the World Conference, has asked the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., to forward a short paper on "Worship" which characterizes our Methodist services in N.Z. This he has kindly agreed to do.

Intercommunion.

The special committee set up to prepare a reply to the requests of the Commission on Intercommunion submits the following for the approval of Synods and Conference:—

INTERCOMMUNION.

As instructed by last Conference (Min. p. 157) the special committee prepared the following statement setting forth the rules, customs and usages of the Methodist Church of New Zealand re Intercommunion.

(1) In regard to Intercommunion the Methodist Church of New Zealand is truly Ecumenical. There are no barriers raised at the Lord's Table, racial, social or denominational; it is free and open to all who desire it, and it is not asked whether or not they are members of any organised Communion.

(2) The form of the invitation, usually given, is to all who sincerely love the Lord Jesus Christ to partake with us; and in the words of the Prayer Book, "Ye therefore that do earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life . . . Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort." Judgment is left entirely to the individual conscience, and no inquisition is made by the celebrant save in the case of a notorious and unrepentant evil-doer.

(3) In accord with the above there are no laws, rules or regulations, governing the actions of its members regarding their communicating with other Communions; rather are they enjoined to partake of the Lord's Supper as frequently as possible (vide Wesley's sermon No. 101) even when their own Communion services are not available but others are.

(4) The grounds upon which the practice and customs of the New Zealand Methodist Church re Intercommunion are based, are chiefly the following:—

- (a) We believe the Church of Christ on earth means all the believers, in whatsoever community they are found, who confess Jesus as Saviour and Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We acknowledge that all the communities which make this confession, and maintain it among their members, may humbly claim to belong to the Body of Christ.
 - (b) We do not question the validity of the Ministry in other Christian Communion, believing them to be branches of the Church in Christ, and that no one Communion can legitimately claim to be the whole of the Catholic Church on earth.
 - (c) We believe that the Lord's Supper, which is enjoined upon all disciples of Christ, was intended to be truly ecumenical and should be observed without racial, social or denominational distinctions.
 - (d) We believe that it was, in its earliest practice and intention, used as an outward and visible sign of the unity and fellowship of all believers in Christ; as well as a means of Grace conveying to men either preventing, or justifying, or sanctifying grace according to their several necessities.
 - (e) We believe that it is unquestionably the Lord's Table, not a denominational one. It is He who invites, and the invitation is to all His people, and none have a right to erect barriers preventing them coming thereto.
 - (f) We believe that Intercommunion would not only be the crowning act of a true and real re-union that had been already achieved, by fundamental agreement in the realm of Faith and Order, but a powerful instrument for bringing about such an agreement and re-union.
 - (g) We believe our division at this point to be a notorious and open scandal and a serious stumbling block in the path of the Church, the more particularly in its influence upon the work in the Foreign Mission fields and among our Native races.
- (5) The authorities for these customs, usages and practices in the Methodist Church of N.Z. are founded upon the Scriptures and expounded by John Wesley in his "Notes on the New Testament"; "Sermons"; "Journal", and "Letters", particularly:—
- (1) Journal under date June 27-8, 1740; and June 16, 1764.
 - (2) Sermons on "The Means of Grace", "Schism, On the Duty of Constantly Attending Communion, and On Attending the Church Services."
 - (3) An address entitled "An Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion", "A Further Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion."
 - (4) Letters to the Rev. Mr. Church, explaining the principles of Methodism, under dates Feb. 2, 1744, and June 17, 1746. To the Bishop of London, on June 17, 1747.
 - (5) Our Law Book, with the recent Statement of Faith as printed in our Conference Minutes of 1938, are regarded as authoritative in the Church.
 - (6) General assent is also given to the "Statement Approved by the Methodist Conference, Bradford, July, 1937, on 'The Nature of the Christian Church.'"

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference heartily approve of the proposed "National Campaign" by the National Council of Churches.
3. That the Conference express its willingness to enter into conversations with other Churches on the question of Intercommunion.
4. That the Committee so appointed keep in touch with the Australian Church and report to Conference on the results attained by them, and especially on any developments in the direction of Intercommunion on the Mission Field.
5. That the Committee be thanked for its services and be as follows:—

AUCKLAND SECTION—Rev. W. Walker (President), Drs. C. H. Laws and H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, M.A., W. G. Slade, M.A., G. Frost, B. M. Chrystall, B.A., H. E. Bellhouse.

WELLINGTON SECTION—P. R. Paris, W. A. Burley, M.A., R. Thornley, M.A., J. D. McArthur, F. J. Parker, J. H. Haslam, F. Greenwood (Convener).

(The Wellington Section to act as Executive.)

II.—REPORT OF CONVENER OF RADIO COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the Conference of 1941 has met during the year, the Rev. P. R. Paris presiding.

The Convener reported that he had interviewed the Director of National Broadcasting and that the Director had again expressed his preparedness to assist in every possible manner in connection with the broadcasting of Religious Services and Devotional periods. The Director further intimated that nothing was to be done at present with reference to the broadcast of Sunday evening services from the 2YA studio instead of from the respective Churches concerned. He further expressed his willingness to consider the question of broadcast messages for adolescents, but pointed out the difficulties in the way of such a procedure, one such difficulty being the most convenient hour of day or night when adolescents could be reached by a broadcast suitable for them. However, this question will again be placed before the Director who will, we are convinced, give it every possible consideration.

The attention of the Convener has quite often been drawn to the fact that the length of Broadcast Services differs in various centres; for instance, a service from 1YA will often last for eighty minutes, whilst from 2YA the time is sixty minutes, with five minutes grace, and complaints have been received that services from the latter station have been interrupted, even in some instances, before the sermon had ended.

However, it should be known that this question is primarily the function of the local Religious Broadcasting Committee, and it is certainly the duty of those who broadcast to acquaint themselves with the Regulations as affecting their own particular station.

The question of the selection of suitable hymns for Devotional Periods has been raised, and here again the Director has expressed his willingness to help. An arrangement is now in operation whereby selected Methodist Choirs in the four centres may sing certain hymns and have "unpressed" records made (such records lasting for about

twenty playings), this being done free of charge. If the records are "pressed," then there is a charge of £10 for the matrix. Your Convener will be pleased to take this matter up with any of the Methodist representatives on the various Religious Broadcasting Committees. It certainly opens the way for a wider choice of the hymns which appeal "to the people called Methodists." In like manner any suggestions received by the Conference Radio Committee will receive attention and consideration.

Attention should be drawn to the leaflet entitled "The Dedicated Minute," having reference to the Minute of Silent Prayer every evening during the chiming of "Big Ben." Thus in every part of the British Empire a chain of silent prayer encircles the globe, binding us together in the bond of Sacred Communion and prayerful fellowship.

It will be of much interest to many to know that more time is given to Religious Broadcasting than in any other part of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

On the Central Religious Broadcasting Committee the Church has again been ably represented by the Rev. P. R. Paris, whose assistance to our Committee has been invaluable during the year.

It will have been noticed that the Committee is supplying, per medium of the Connexional paper, in every issue, a list of Methodist Broadcast Services for the Dominion, and this seems to be meeting with general approval.

We believe that the Radio Committee is of value to our Methodist Church, and are of the opinion that the Conference should continue to appoint such a Committee so that in the event of important changes being recommended by any Government in the Dominion, the Church will then be represented officially in any discussions that may eventuate.

R. B. GOSNELL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference appreciate the facilities placed at the disposal of our ministers for conducting Devotional Services on week days over the National Stations. Conference request the Minister of Broadcasting, through the Committee, to ask for strict supervision of both the National and Commercial broadcasts, in the direction of eliminating features which are offensive to good taste, and injurious to the public mind, and that special attention be given to Sunday broadcasts.
3. That the Committee be thanked and for 1942 be as follows:—
Revs. P. R. Paris, F. Bateup (Convener), Messrs N. R. Seddon and R. Hardie Boys.

III.—LADIES' GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

Having received information, of the projected formation of a Ladies' Guild Fellowship, Conference resolves:—

1. That Conference learns with gratification of the progress made in federating the Ladies' Guild into a Dominion-wide Fellowship.
2. That where District Ladies' Guild Fellowships are formed, such Fellowships may be represented at Synod.

IV.—PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

1. That Conference affirms the desirability of providing an assistant for the President when he resides in one of the four centres.

2. That the question of financial provision for such an assistant be referred to the Contingent Fund Treasurers to report to the Conference of 1943 through the Synods.

3. That Conference request the Contingent Fund Committee to consider the question of making a grant up to say £25 to meet incidental expenses of the Vice-President of Conference during his year of office.

V.

That Boards, Trusts, and Committees required to furnish Financial Statements be instructed to forward to Secretary of Conference two copies thereof, one to be an original copy with signatures of auditors thereon.

VI.—CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS.

While recognising the right of the adult Church, and its allied organisations, to give a lead to youth in all matters, the Bible Class Convention strongly protests to Conference against any attempt to suppress discussion of controversial matters as instanced by the recent refusal of the Orphanage Board to allow the Epsom Orphanage to be used for a Summer School unless an assurance was given that matters of Peace and War would not be discussed.

RESOLVED.

1. That Conference upholds the right of the Orphanage Board to refuse any application for the use of premises under its jurisdiction.

2. That Conference is convinced that, in any particular case referred to, the refusal did not arise from any attempt on the part of the Board to suppress free speech.

VII.—PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE OF ADVICE.

The Ex-President, the President-Elect, and the Secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. E. Bellhouse, F. Copeland, and E. W. Hames, M.A.; the Vice-President and Ex-Vice-President of the Conference, the President's Legal Adviser, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. H. Blackwell, H. de R. Flesher, J. Tyler, and L. E. Rhodes.

VIII.—PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER.

That Mr J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

IX.—WANGANUI TRUST.

That the Signatories of a certain communication be informed that Conference has reviewed the matter and regards it as closed.

X.—VOTES OF THANKS.

President.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. Walker, President of the Conference, for his able, inspiring, and challenging inaugural address, and that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Vice-President.

That the Vice-President, Mr. G. H. B. Lill, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., 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. F. Penn, for his valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

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 the Conference be tendered to the trustees of Wesley Church, for the use of premises for Conference sessions and functions; also to the hosts and hostesses for the generous hospitality to Conference representatives; to the Conference Arrangements Committee; and the members of the Equalisation Fund Committee.

Press.

That the Press Secretaries be thanked for their services; that the Press Association and the daily papers be thanked for reporting the business.

Ordination Charge.

That the Ex-President, Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be heartily thanked for his inspiring and challenging Ordination Charge, and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Youth Pageant.

That Conference heartily thank the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., and Mr. J. V. Burton, M.A., B.Sc., and the Youth Department for the production of the inspiring Pageant, "Dedication."

QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

At Durham Street Church, Christchurch, on Thursday, 18th February, 1943, at 7 p.m.

RESOLUTION.

That with respect to arrangements for the Conference of 1943, the matter of action in a nemerGENCY be left to the President in consultation with his Committee of Advice, with power to act.

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.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesley	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	Frank Penn, N.D.H. (NZ)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G. H. B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)</p> <p>„[¶] Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—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 (Sup.)</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 (Sup.)</p> | <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Wills, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy</p> <p>„ Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Hunt, George P. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Liversedge, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,
(Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Cook, George S. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Eaton, Clarence</p> <p>„ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
(Sup.)</p> <p>„ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas</p> <p>„ Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)</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. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Liddell, Ralph J.</p> <p>„ Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.</p> <p>„ McBean, Angus</p> <p>„ Stockwell, George F. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.</p> <p>„ Metson, Basil</p> <p>„ Richards, Raymond (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.</p> <p>„ Paris, Percy R.</p> <p>„ Roberts, Charles M.</p> <p>„ Ryan, Henry</p> <p>„ White, Hedley</p> |
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- 1907—Blair, Charles
- 1908—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. (Sup.)
,, 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
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry
,, Brooks, Leslie A. G.
,, Jack, J. Francis
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert
,, Hames, Eric W., M.A.
,, Spencer, Herbert
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses (Sup.)
,, 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.
,, 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.
 „ Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D.</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, B.A.
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O., M.A.</p> <p>1932—Alley, Donald C.
 „ Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.</p> <p>1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A.
 „ Daglish, J. Ainsley
 „ Mitchell, John L.
 „ Orr, A. Everil
 „ Patchett, Ralph E.
 „ Waite, Alfred, E.</p> <p>1934—Goodman, George H.
 „ John, John (Sup.)
 „ Johnston, Andrew, J.
 „ Matthews, Howard C.</p> <p>1935—Duder, Clifford L.
 „ Hanna, L. Gordon
 „ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
 „ Mills, William A.</p> <p>1935—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., Dip.
 „ Soc. Sc.
 „ Willoughby, James S.</p> | <p>1937—Churchill, John
 „ Francis, William R., B.A.
 „ Mayson, Robert W., B.A.
 „ Norwell, Leslie T.</p> <p>1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
 „ Hoddinott, Ernest S.
 „ Laws, William R., B.A.
 „ Long, Wesley L.
 „ Petch, Ashleigh K.
 „ Silvester, John, M.A.
 „ Whitfield, Harris</p> <p>1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
 „ Grice, Reginald
 „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Sc.
 „ (Agric.)
 „ Lucas, Campbell P.
 „ Oldfield, Charles B.
 „ Sanft, Alfred
 „ Waite, J. Stanley
 „ Watson, John K.</p> <p>1940—Dawson, John B.
 „ Dixon, Haddon C., B.A.
 „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M.
 „ Greenslade, Lawrence
 „ Jones, Alan O.
 „ Winiata, Maharaia</p> <p>1941—Bell, Charles H.
 „ Brown, Harold K.
 „ Burley, Harold W.
 „ Darvill, Harold A.
 „ Thomas, Gordon V.
 „ Woolford, Henry J.</p> <p>1942—Robert F. Clement
 „ Alan F. Collins
 „ Arthur H. Ivory, LLB., B.Com.
 „ John J. Lewis, M.A.
 „ William J. Morrison
 „ Leonard V. Willing</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera
 1914—Rakena, Rakena P.
 1920—Tauroa, Mataarae
 1930—Gina, Belshazzar
 1931—Havea, Paul
 1932—Kotosoma, Aaron</p> | <p>1933—Kera, Nathan
 1933—Sotutu, Uzziah
 1937—Afu, John
 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K.
 1942—Timothy Piani
 „ Ranginohoor Rogers</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

of the

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in connection with the

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parenthesis 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.
L.P.—Young People's Dept. Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1922	.... 3	Allen, J. Henry, 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.I.	91
1932	.... 7	Alley, Donald C., Methodist Mission, Private Bag, Rabaul, Mandated Territory of New Guinea [8]	
1895	.... S	Ashcroft, Arthur, 30 Alfred Street, Palmerston North (1935)	63
1906	.... 7	Avery, William W., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton	115
1924	.... S	Ayrton, Moses, Karori, Wellington, W.3.	70
1924	.... 5	Bailey, John H., 12 Domett St., Opunake	50
1901	.... S	Bailey, Samuel (1942)	118
1924	.... 2	Bateup, Frank, 235 Karori Road, Wellington, W.3	70
1936	.... 3	Beckingsale, George E., Roxburgh, Otago	128
1941	.... 2	Bell, Charles H., 285 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.I.	91
1894	.... S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 12 Ranui Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.	12
1921	.... 7	Benny, Henry, Ohoka, Canterbury	103
1913	.... 1	Bensley, Arthur A., Devonport Street, Tauranga	37
1914	.... 3	Binet, Vincent le C., Otorohanga, King Country	41
1907	.... 1	Blair, Charles, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	82
1923	.... 3	Blakemore, Albert, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne	58
1900	.... 4	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	6
1904	.... 8	Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5.	68
1896	.... S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1930)	90
1930	.... 3	Blight, J. Montgomery, 5 William Street, Gore	131
1917	.... 3	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 78 West Street, Feilding	66
1922	.... 4	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Church St. Te Aroha	28
1925	.... 4	Brown, F. Gardner, 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I. (C.F. overseas)	1
1942	.... 1	Clement, Robert F., 35 Octagon, Dunedin, C.I.	118

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1916	.... 3	Brown, George E., 136 Bank St., Whangarei	.... 18
1941	.... 2	Brown, Harold K., 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.	.... 1
1924	.... 1	Brown, Hubert G., 112 Derby Street, Westport	.... 87
1941	.... 2	Burley, Harold W., 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2. (on active service)	.... 72
1910	.... 1	Burley, William A., M.A., 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2.	.... 72
1914	.... 1	Burnet, Oswald, 142 North Street, Timaru	.... 109
1931	.... 1	Carr, Thomas H., 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington	.... 70
1931	.... 4	Carr, W. E. Allon, 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch	.... 91
1917	.... 4	Chambers, Ernest B., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.... 51
1896	.... 26	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C.I.	.... 4
1933	.... 6	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	.... 6
1937	.... 2	Churchill, John, C.F., R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Rongotai, Wellington, E.3.	.... 72
1887	.... S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin, S.I. (1923)	.... 117
1902	.... 2	Coatsworth, Thomas, Pah Road, Motueka	.... 84
1939	.... 2	Cochrane, Herbert A., Kaeo, North Auckland	.... 19
1901	.... S	Cook, George S., Otaki Beach, Otaki (1928)	.... 81
1915	.... 7	Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu	.... 10
1905	.... 5	Copeland, Fred, 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3.	.... 4
1918	.... 2	Costain, Alfred M., 162 King Street, Rangiora	.... 104
1909	.... 5	Cottom, Harry, Springston, R.D., Canterbury	.... 100
1919	.... 3	Cuming, William B., Queen Street, Waiuku	.... 13
1933	.... 3	Daglish, J. Ainsley, 304 High Street, Carterton	.... 77
1941	.... 2	Darvill, Harold A., Methodist Church, Putaruru	.... 35
1940	.... 3	Dawson, John B., Ngarua Rd., Waitoa, Morrinsville	.... 29
1932	.... -	Day, Reginald, C.F. on Active Service	.... 27
1917	.... 2	Dennis, John, 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1.	.... 95
1929	.... 4	Dickens, Charles E., 27 May St., Gonville, Wanganui	.... 53
1940	.... 1	Dixon, Haddon C., B.A., Porirua, Wellington	.... 73
1893	.... S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I. (1936)	.... 97
1930	.... 4	Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	.... 7
1935	.... 3	Duder, Clifford L., Taitua St., Taumarunui, King Country	.... 43
1898	.... S	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 149 Rose St., Christchurch, S.W.1. (1938)	.... 90
1931	.... 4	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St., W., Christchurch, C.I.	.... 90
1901	.... 4	Eaton, Clarence, 524 Church St., Palmerston N.	.... 63
1893	.... S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Ave., Devonport, Auckland, N.I. (1933)	.... 6
1903	.... 4	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, S.W.1.	.... 1
1911	.... 1	Enticott, Walter J., Scotia Road, Port Chalmers	.... 125

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1942	.... 1	Collins, Alan F., Opawa, Christchurch	.... 93
1901	.... S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch, E.1. (1931)	.... 91
1924	.... 3	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 111 Wood Street, Palmer- ston North	.... 64
1919	.... 2	Ford, Herbert, 230 High St., Dannevirke	.... 60
1916	.... 4	Fordyce, Robert E., Clyde Street, Balclutha	.... 126
1914	.... S	Poston, Charles A., Devon St. East, Levin (1939)	.... 80
1911	.... S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christ- church, N.E.1. (1941)	.... 91
1937	.... 2	Francis, William R., B.A., Eden St., Oamaru	.... 116
1893	.... S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. 1933)	.... 4
1919	.... 3	Gatman, William, 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	.... 32
1940	.... 1	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., Lake Rd., Kaitaia, North Auckland	.... 22
1897	.... 41	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1934	.... 2	Goodman, George H., 128 St. Andrews Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (T.O. Centennial Methodist Thanksgiving Fund).	....
1912	.... 1	Gosnell, Robert B., Havelock Street, Ashburton	.... 114
1940	.... 2	Greenslade, Lawrence, Mission Bay, Auckland	.... 4
1941	.... 4	Greenslade, William W. H., "Homewood," Chapman Street, Invercargill	.... 129
1897	.... S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5. (1934)	.... 72
1939	.... 3	Grice, Reginald, Ford Street, Opatiki	.... 39
1888	.... S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1932)	.... 90
1928	.... 2	Grocott, John D., 77 Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	.... 83
1928	.... 3	Hailwood, Charlie O., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1.	.... 97
1926	.... 4	Hall, James H., Woodend, Canterbury	.... 105
1923	.... 4	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	.... Th.C.
1928	.... 3	Handy, Francis J., Queen Street, Thames	.... 24
1935	.... 4	Hanna, L. Gordon, Tancred Street, Hokitika	.... 89
1916	.... 6	Harkness, Edwin S., 8 King Edward St., Eltham	.... *47
1938	.... 1	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 60 Lawrence Street, Morningson, Dunedin, W.1.	.... 123
1910	.... 1	Harris, Archer O., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	.... 75
1926	.... 2	Harris, G. Raymond, Cambridge Street, Levin	.... 80
1893	.... S	Harrison, Colin C., 64 Waripori St., Berhampore, Wellington, S.1. (1933)	.... 72
1900	.... S	Haslam, Jonathan H., "Flaxmere," Studholme Junction, South Canterbury	.... 111
1939	.... 2	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. (Agr.), Greytown, Wairarapa	.... 76
1894	.... S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland Street, Vogeltown, New Plymouth (1934)	.... 44
1932	.... 2	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 77 Grey St. East, One- hunga, Auckland, S.E.5.	.... 9
1912	.... 1	Hinton, George B., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1.	.... 94
1938	.... 1	Hoddinott, Ernest S., Franklin Street, Greymouth	.... 88
1911	.... S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	.... 57

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1942	.... 1	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Regent Street, Waihi	27
1936	.... 3	Hopper, H. Ian K., Stanley St., Eketahuna	79
1929	.... 3	Horwood, Leonard C., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	121
1900	.... S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940)	1
1922	.... 5	Jack, J. Francis, 12 Poronui Street, Mount Eden, Auckland, S.1.	4
1903	.... S	James, Benjamin J., 22 Winton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1940)	90
1932	.... -	Jamieson, V. Roy, C.F. on active service	16
1919	.... 1	Jefferson, Alfred E., 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	130
1928	.... -	Jeffreys, Howard H. (C.F. on active service)	8
1932	.... 2	Jenkin, William C., Mowatt Street, Waitara	45
1934	.... S	John, John, 64 Rose Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland, W.2 (1941)	3
1934	.... 2	Johnston, Andrew J., Onewa Street, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5.	8
1940	.... 3	Jones, Alan O., Tawa Street, Te Kuiti	42
1882	.... S	Jones, T. Francis, 7 Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1919)	4
1908	.... 3	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., 53 Wellington Road, Marton	54
1899	.... S	Keall, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Ave., Lower Hutt (1940)	74
1916	.... 1	Kendon, Charles H., Birkett Street, Temuka	112
1929	.... 3	Kent, Arthur T., Coronation Street, Waimate	111
1924	.... 3	Kings, Harry S., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	78
1889	.... S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 9 Kerr Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1. (1935)	3
1927	.... 1	Larsen, Norman P., 305 Manchester Street, Christchurch, C.1.	92
1927	.... 4	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	H.M.
1912	.... 1	Lawrence, Frederick B., Ashhurst, Manawatu	65
1887	.... S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1931)	4
1938	.... 1	Laws, William R., B.A., 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1.	122
1930	.... 1	Leadley, E. Clarence, Picton	85
1900	.... S	Leadley, Frank E., 27a Arthur Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (1940)	9
1942	.... 1	Lewis, John J., M.A., Avondale, Auckland, S.W.3	5
1903	.... 6	Liddell, Ralph J., West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1900	.... S	Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2. (1940)	97
1938	.... 1	Long, Wesley L., Lower Hutt	74
1939	.... 2	Lucas, Campbell P., Taupiri, Waikato	33
1935	.... 1	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Ruawai, North Auckland	17
1908	.... 5	Martin, J. Frederick, 138 Somme Parade, Aromoho, Wanganui	52
1934	.... 2	Mathews, Howard C., 27 Cambrai Ave., Roskill, Auckland, S.2.	1

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1942	.... 1	Morrison, William J., Taihape	.... 55
1937	.... 1	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., Wesley College, Paerata	12
1909	.... 1	McArthur, John D., 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1	71
1904	.... S	McBean, Angus, Ashburton (1942)	.... 114
1930	.... 4	McDowell, Matthew A., 77 Port Hills Road, Heathcote, Christchurch, S.E.2.	.... Y.P.
1924	.... 7	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	.... 106
1928	.... 3	Mead, Victor, L.Th., Kirk Street, Otaki	.... 81
1916	.... 23	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, via Gizo, Solomon Islands	.... [7]
1905	.... 5	Metson, Basil, 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin, C.2	.... 117
1935	.... -	Mills, William A., C.F. on active service	.... 90
1890	.... S	Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1930)	.... 5
1933	.... 4	Mitchell, John L., Thames Street, Morrinsville	.... 29
1931	.... 5	Moore, William E., 64 Albert St., Pahiatua	.... 62
1918	.... 3	Neal, Wallace S., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Akld.	11
1911	.... 12	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2.	.... 118
1917	.... 4	Nelson, John R., Arney Street, Paeroa	.... 26
1875	.... S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	.... 44
1937	.... 4	Norwell, Leslie T., Shiel Street, Reefton	.... 86
1915	.... 4	Odell, Henry J., 32 Mt. Albert Rd., Akld., S.W.2	H.M.
1939	.... 2	Oldfield, Charles B., Rawene, Hokianga	.... 23
1910	.... 1	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 18 London Street, Hamilton	31
1915	.... 8	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2.	1
1888	.... S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1. (1932)	.... 1
1920	.... 3	Orchard, Hector C., 98 North Street, Timaru	.... 108
1933	.... 10	Orr, A. Everil, 10 Eden View Road, Sandringham, S.W.1., Auckland	.... 2
1902	.... S	Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua (1938)	36
1906	.... 8	Paris, Percy R., 38 McFarlane St., Wgtn., E.1.	68
1917	.... 3	Parker, Frederick J., 1 Knights Rd., Lower Hutt	74
1931	.... 3	Parker, Gordon, B.A., Johnson Street, Milton	.... 127
1918	.... 5	Parker, James W., Matai St., Maeroa, Hamilton	31
1929	1	Parker, Walter, 774 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2.	.... 5
1930	.... 1	Parker, Wesley, M.A., Wesley House, 19 Regent Street, Hawera	.... 48
1902	.... 5	Patchett, Ernest D., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	44
1933	.... 1	Patchett, Ralph E., Wellington E.	.... 72
1931	.... 4	Payne, Herbert W., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.... 101
1913	.... -	Peat, Harold T. (C.F.), 108 Prince Albert Road, St. Kilda, Dunedin (on active service)	.... 121
1927	.... 2	Penn, Athol R., 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.... 61
1892	.... S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Ter., Johnsonville (1928)	.... 73
1938	.... 1	Petch, Ashleigh K., 467 Leith Street, Dunedin, N.1	119
1925	.... 3	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 179 Regan St., Stratford	46
1920	.... 2	Pickering, William B., 45 Haupapa St., Rotoura	.... 36
1902	.... 16	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1.	.... C.S.
1897	.... S	Pybus, T. Arthur, De Lacy Street, Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	.... 131
1892	.... S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka Street, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1. (1932)	.... 68

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1901	.... S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1941)	5
1927	.... 3	Roynor, Ivo M., Normanby Street, Dargaville	16
1911	.... 3	Richards, H. Leslie, 53 Fuller Street, Kaipoi	102
1910	.... 5	Richards, James, 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2.	98
1905	.... S	Richards, Raymond (1942), Park Street, New Brighton	91
1895	.... S	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington, S.2. (1935)	68
1906	.... 4	Roberts, Charles M., Sanson, Manawatu	67
1911	.... 1	Rowe, William, Porirua Road, Johnsonville, Wellington	73
1906	.... 2	Ryan, Henry, 43 Queen St., Cambridge, Waikato	30
1916	.... 3	Sage, Ernest E., 46 Radley St., Christchurch, S.E.1	93
1939	.... -	Sanft, Alfred, on Military Service Overseas	56
1900	.... S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Road, Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1940)	90
1912	.... 10	Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1. (Private Address: 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3)	F.M.
1903	.... S	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1. (1939)	2
1910	.... 1	Sharp, Harold A., 71 High Street, Blenheim	85
1927	.... 8	Silvester, A. Wharton, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	[6]
1938	.... 1	Silvester, John, M.A., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	99
1891	.... S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1933)	4
1918	.... 3	Skuse, Thomas, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1.	68
1915	.... 5	Slade, William G., M.A., Wesley Street, Pukekohe	12
1892	.... S	Smith, G. Knowles, Main St., Greytown, Wairarapa (1940)	76
1908	.... S	Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937)	36
1923	.... 6	Spencer, Herbert, Bank Street, Te Awamutu	40
1904	.... S	Stockwell, George F., "Whare Reku," Thornton's Bay, Thames (1942)	24
1930	.... 4	Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D., 75 Florence Ave., Palmerston North	Y.P.
1936	.... 3	Tasker, Bert M., B.A., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1	120
1924	.... 4	Taylor, Cecil R., 88 Linwood Ave., Linwood, Christchurch, E.1.	91
1941	.... 2	Thomas, Gordon V., Whakatane	38
1935	.... 2	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2.	72
1908	.... 1	Tinsley, Robert B., 801 Queen Street, Hastings	57
1927	.... 2	Utting, Harry V., Bertram Street, Warkworth, North Auckland	14
1894	.... S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby St., Lower Hutt, (1934)	74
1926	.... 17	Voyce, Arthur H., Keita, Boungainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	[8]
1933	.... 2	Waite, Alfred E., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1.	3

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1939	.... 3	Waite, J. Stanley, 17 Archer Street, Timaru	.... 110
1942	.... 1	Willing, Leonard V., Ngaio, Wellington	.... 73
1912	.... 8	Walker, William, 14 Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... 4
1885	.... S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 190 Lyttelton St., Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1. (1928)	.... 95
1939	.... -	Watson, John K., on Active Service	.... 91
1914	.... 4	Werren, Samuel J., Madeira Steps, Napier	.... 56
1906	.... 3	White, Hedley, Devonport Street, Tauranga	.... 37
1938	.... 1	Whitfield, Harris, 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1.	.... 96
1931	.... 1	Williams, David O., M.A., 3 Repton Street, Merivale, Christchurch, N.W.1.	.... 97
1932	.... 3	Williamson, Ivan C., 9 Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.... 44
1936	.... 2	Willoughby, James S., 46 Brighton Street, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1.	.... 124
1899	.... S	Wills, William, 2 Seacliffe Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1939)	.... 7
1940	.... 1	Winiata, Maharaia, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland	.... 2
1935	.... 4	Witheyford, Arthur R., Matamata, Waikato	.... 34
1941	.... 1	Woolford, J. Henry, Somerfield, Christchurch	.... 90
1901	.... S	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 12 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1937)	.... 7

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1914	.... 6	Rakena, Rakena P., Waima, Hokianga	.... [1]
1920	.... 6	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	.... [4]
1911	.... 6	Te Tuhi, Eruera, c/o. Home Mission Office, Akld.	.... [1]
1937	.... 5	Afu, John, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1930	.... 12	Gina, Belshazzar, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1931	.... 11	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1933	.... 9	Kera, Nathan, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1932	.... 10	Kotosoma, Aaron, Teop, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... [8]
1933	.... 9	Sotutu, Uziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... [8]
1941	.... 2	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti	.... [3]

MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

1938—Dr. A. G. Rutter, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

YOUTH DIRECTOR.

1939—Bate, Arthur E., 24 Linwood Ave., Mt. Albert, S.W.2., Y.P.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years.
1904—C. Aker, Coromandel	.... 5
1904—W. T. Hooper (retired), Kent Street, Levin	.... 11
1907—S. Keen (retired), Kirk Street, Otaki	.... 4
1909—C. W. Brown (retired), 33 Sainsbury Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2.	.... 4
1909—T. W. Featherstone (retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	5

Home Missionaries—Continued.

	Years.
1910—C. Duncan (retired), 24 Marunui Road, Point Chevalier, Auckland	3
1911—C. Strand (retired), Warden St., Shirley, Ch.Ch., N.1.	12
1913—J. Common (retired), Bristol Street, Levin	7
1915—J. H. Edmondson (retired), Albany	9
1917—A. L. Witheford (retired), Ngaruawahia	8
1919—J. W. Bayliss (retired), Nelson Street, Nelson	4
1919—J. Belshaw (retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale	11
1942—Rogers, Rangino Hoorā, Ngaruawahia	[2]
1922—H. Ashworth (retired), South Road, New Plymouth	6
1922—C. Robinson, Hassard Street, Manaia	3
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paraparaumu	5
1924—G. Hall, Oxford, Canterbury	2
1924—W. H. Wilson (retired), 19 Rangitoto Ter., Takapuna, N.2	4
1925—W. J. Henderson, Patea	4
1925—H. J. Malcolm (retired), 31 St. John St., Ch.Ch., N.W.2.	2
1926—F. O. Prosser, Ferguson Street, Geraldine	5
1926—W. Sussex (retired), Bayswater, Auckland	4
1928—R. Coombridge, P.O. Bombay	3
1929—F. Sanderson, Tai Tapu	3
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Okato, Taranaki	2
1935—A. P. Dorrian, Kohukohu, North Auckland	4
1937—R. C. Patchett, Waipawa	4
1939—K. A. Robinson, Halcombe	3
1937—N. R. Hooper, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	1
1939—N. Challenger, 28 Elizabeth Street, Bluff	2
1939—G. Densem, Cromwell, Otago	1
1939—H. R. Wright, Riverton, Southland	3

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1938—H. M. Brasell, P.O. Box 21, Nightcaps, Southland	4
1939—A. A. L. Hutching, Te Puke	2
1939—C. S. L. Olliver, Inglewood	2
1939—W. G. Peate, Paparoa, North Auckland	4
1939—T. A. Winn, Mosgiel	1
1940—W. J. Anderson, P.O. Box 112, Kaikohe	1
1940—W. J. Bryant, Otautau	3
1940—J. S. Clark, 13 Duncan Street, Sumner, Christchurch	1
1940—W. Maitland Jones, Silverdale, Auckland	3
1940—D. I. Robertson, Edendale, Southland	3
1940—T. Shepherd, Hikurangi	3
1940—W. T. Withers, Granity	3
1940—B. H. Riseley, Maori Hill, Dunedin	1
1941—Owen L. Christian, Ngaruawahia	2
1941—W. L. Divers, Ravensbourne	2
1941—Harry Moore, Waddington, North Canterbury	2
1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Port Albert	2
1941—L. Shapcott, Wakefield, Nelson	2
1941—T. Steele, St. Clair, Dunedin	1
1941—J. H. Thompson, Apiti, Manawatu	2
1941—A. N. McDonald, Murchison, Nelson	2
1941—N. W. Olds, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay	2
1942—W. H. Gregory, North East Valley, Dunedin	1
1942—M. H. Taylor, Ohura, King Country	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

1918—Hone Tamati, Paihia, Bay of Islands	....	....	9
1920—To-Aho-o-to-Rangi, Pihama, Raglan	....	....	13
1920—Aihe Huirama, Hangatiki, King Country	....	....	22
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	....	....	15
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waioio, Bay of Islands	....	....	14
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	....	....	13
1930—Paahi, Moke, Ngaruawahia	....	....	2
1930—Tupito Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	....	....	13
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	....	....	13
1932—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	....	....	12
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	....	....	10
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Ngaruawahia Pa	....	....	2
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Egmont St., Hawera (on Active Service	....	....	7
1934—Huru Wiperi, Manunui, via Taumarunui	....	....	3
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	....	....	7
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	....	....	9
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	....	....	9
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Selkirk Street, Hamilton	....	....	2
1935—Honehono Kereopa, Raglan	....	....	8
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	....	....	8
1935—Hori Te Awa, Rakaumanga, Huntly	....	....	8
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	....	....	7
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	....	....	6
1937—Te Paki Kinita, Marakopa, King Country	....	....	3
1937—Roi Moke, Aotea, Kawhia	....	....	6
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Poutu, Kaipara Heads	....	....	5
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	....	....	5
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	....	....	5
1939—Harris, John, Matakana, North Auckland	....	....	4
1939—Hari Aroha Pereiti, Horokino, Mangapehi, King Country	....	....	4
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	....	....	4
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro P.O., Waitetuna, Waikato	....	....	3
1941—Wirenu Kamana, Marokopa R.M.D., King Country	....	....	2
1941—Weri Herangi, Te Manaia, King Country	....	....	2
1942—Taniora Paihipi, Tokoroa, Gibson's Road, Tuakau	....	....	1
Probationer Jean Miller, 20 Furlong Street, Hawera.			

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Main North Road, Styx.
 Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.
 Sister Rita Snowdon, 24 Empire Road, Auckland, S.E.3.
 Sister Hobbs, Ratana Pa.
 Sister Ivy Jones, Probert Chambers, Auckland.
 Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
 Sister Atawhai, Taheke, Hokianga.
 Sister Olive Bott, Paihia, Bay of Islands, North Auckland.
 Sister Marama Muriwai, Utakura, Hokianga (leave of absence).
 Sister Madeline Holland, Kurahuna School, Grey Street, Onehunga.
 Sister Heeni Te Teira, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
 Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' College, New Plymouth.
 Sister Dorothy Pointon, Fox Street, Opunake.
 Sister Violet Kruse, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
 Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
 Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.

- Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Buka, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
- Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Kieta, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
- Sister Vera Cannon, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Merle Farland, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Joy Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

OMISSIONS.

In the interests of economy the items listed below are omitted from the Minutes of 1942. The information may be found where indicated.

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Thomas A. Joughin. Born Isle of Man, 1863. Died Jan. 10th, 1942. Entered Ministry 1887. Interred at Hillsborough, Auckland.

Matene Keepa. Born Maketu, Bay of Plenty, 1884. Died June 16th, 1941. Entered Ministry 1923. Interred at Taupiri, Waikato.

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APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941.

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	Received during Year	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Auckland Central ..	6	..	5	4	11	1	1	18	..	830	..	..	420	406	700
„ Central Mission ..	2	1	2	2	2	..	1	3	3	130	6	..	83	61	125
„ West ..	4	1	4	1	4	..	..	6	..	197	..	..	53	40	170
„ East ..	9	..	6	3	10	..	..	23	..	801	..	..	137	57	550
Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	6	3	..	10	..	463	..	..	100	60	550
Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	3	..	146	..	..	17	67	130
Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	4	2	..	2	..	170	..	..	32	34	135
Birkenhead ..	5	1	3	1	1	..	..	6	..	209	..	..	70	60	180
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	2	..	..	8	..	228	..	..	88	67	230
Otahuhu ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	11	6	259	2	..	79	69	203
Papakura ..	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	6	..	151	..	..	40	49	126
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	10	..	142	8	..	34	44	195
Waiuku ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	73	..	..	26	30	60
Mahurangi ..	3	10	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	102	..	..	31	34	..
Paparoa ..	4	9	1	1	..	1	..	6	..	82	..	..	21	24	38
Dargaville ..	6	7	1	2	2	..	..	5	..	171	..	..	60	51	110
Ruawai ..	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	101	..	..	21	39	70
Whangarei ..	4	9	1	1	1	1	..	9	..	229	..	..	22	62	188
Whangaroa ..	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	47	..	..	20	46	50
Port Albert ..	3	4	2	1	..	1	..	3	..	60	..	..	36	39	69
Kawakawa Kaikohe ..	2	6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	43	..	..	..	32	32
Mangonui ..	5	6	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	74	..	..	32	56	68
Hokianga ..	2	10	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	48	3	..	28	20	65
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	3	..	1	..	1	..	8	..	106	..	..	35	25	115
Helensville ..	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	47	..	..	10	14	..
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale ..	2	7	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	55	..	..	..	30	35
Bay of Islands ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	7	..	14
North Hokianga ..	3	10	1	..	..	1	..	4	2	85	..	..	127	56	80
TOTALS	95	110	50	34	55	13	21	166	11	5070	19	..	1629	1572	4288

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941.

SOUTH 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	Received during Year	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi- cants
Thames	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	95	..	..	30	25	65
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	66	..	..	38	28	34
Paeroa	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	58	..	..	22	14	42
Waihi	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	3	75	..	..	34	45	90
The Aroha	4	1	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	221	..	..	72	50	178
Morrinsville ..	3	4	1	2	2	..	..	9	..	204	..	..	103	75	190
Cambridge	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	8	..	175	..	..	25	26	70
Hamilton	4	3	2	2	2	..	..	14	..	410	..	..	..	187	315
Hamilton East ..	3	4	2	1	1	..	..	13	..	207	..	..	..	..	215
Huntly	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	93	..	..	34	64	70
Matamata	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	136	..	..	21	25	130
Putaruru	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	63	..	..	17	23	46
Rotorua	2	2	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	83	..	..	18	6	75
Tauranga	2	14	1	2	1	1	..	6	..	230	..	..	59	78	120
Whakatane	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	78	5	..	36	61	42
Opotiki	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	34	..	..	23	23	34
Te Awamutu	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	6	1	158	..	..	18	50	160
Otorohanga	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	4	2	75	..	..	48	41	60
Te Kuiti	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	68	..	..	32	34	38
Taumarunui	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	77	..	..	28	42	76
Ngaruawahia	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	32	..	..	10	10	20
Kawhia	1	5	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	40	..	..	14	26	9
Coromandel	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	25	..	..	6	4	40
TOTALS	46	81	19	24	24	4	1	94	10	2703	5	..	688	937	2119

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	2	2	12	..	536	28	..	107	150	346
Waitara ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	100	4	..	52	49	105
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	180	14	..	38	75	150
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	5	2	2	1	..	..	10	..	143	5	..	29	37	102
Hawera ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	250	10	..	40	45	220
Manaia ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	79	4	..	59	16	75
Opunake ..	6	6	3	3	1	1	..	11	..	180	..	..	67	104	200
Wanganui ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	316	20	..	53	32	250
Wanganui North ..	3	1	3	2	1	..	..	9	..	166	4	..	73	54	120
Gonville ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	91	4	..	36	22	70
Marton ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	53	2	..	20	31	43
Taihape ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	41	5	..	13	21	35
Inglewood ..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	92	2	..	27	33	70
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	38	3	..	7	43	20
Patea ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	50	6	..	13	23	44
Ohura ..	3	8	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	57	9	..	29	36	77
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	50	38	22	21	14	7	2	79	..	2372	120	..	663	771	1927

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU 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 Received during Year	Junior Members	Infant Members	Infants Baptised	Communi-cants	
Napier	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	14	..	317	..	11	123	220	20	250
Hastings	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	437	..	22	124	129	31	250
Gisborne	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	195	..	11	33	56	21	135
Wairoa	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	35	..	..	12	40	4	45
Dannevirke ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	120	..	..	60	69	5	70
Woodville .. .	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	81	..	..	10	31	11	85
Pahiatua .. .	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	91	..	5	27	28	5	102
P.N. St. Paul's ..	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	9	..	220	..	7	25	38	14	143
P.N. Cuba Street	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	188	..	15	46	50	11	125
Ashhurst-Buunythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	87	..	4	10	27	3	90
Feilding .. .	6	2	3	2	1	1	..	6	..	372	..	45	105	134	37	240
Sanson-Rongotea	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	103	..	1	33	24	13	83
Waipawa .. .	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	54	..	2	38	36	19	28
Foxton-Shannon	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	58	..	..	7	14	1	30
Apiti	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	79	..	..	22	41	7	19
Norsewood .. .	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	50	..	..	6	10	3	35
TOTALS	39	19	16	16	15	4	..	69	2	2487	..	123	681	947	205	1730

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington Central	3	..	3	2	6	..	..	6	..	427	..	15	10	38	32	325
.. Webb St.	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	30	..	4	..	..	..	40
.. Thorndon	4	1	3	2	2	..	..	10	..	318	..	12	124	106	15	270
.. South ..	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	199	..	1	32	85	38	150
.. East ..	5	..	2	2	5	1	..	6	30	395	..	35	136	126	29	336
Johnsville-Ngaio	5	4	2	2	4	..	..	17	..	240	..	8	142	96	9	150
Hutt	4	..	1	1	4	..	..	11	..	390	..	7	99	190	36	275
Petone	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	3	165	..	..	52	58	18	90
Greytown-Feath'rst'n	2	1	2	1	2	..	..	1	1	57	..	..	31	27	8	41
Carterton .. .	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	104	..	..	30	40	7	55
Masterton .. .	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	263	..	25	189	88	15	260
Eketahuna .. .	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	121	4	32	67	63	12	50
Levin	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	2	..	154	..	..	64	54	18	155
Otaki	3	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	110	7	7	28	26	9	80
Paraparaumu ..	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	53	2	3	18	11	4	47
Upper Hutt ..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	53	..	..	11	60	2	25
TOTALS ..	44	20	23	19	32	5	..	71	34	3079	13	149	1033	1068	252	2349

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941.

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	Received during Year	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi- cants
Nelson	1	1	4	1	2	..	..	13	..	278	..	..	33	112	220
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	12	..	143	..	..	33	26	90
Motueka	1	3	2	2	1	..	..	7	..	100	..	..	16	22	100
Blenheim	6	3	4	2	2	..	..	11	..	353	8	..	118	111	275
Reefton	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	79	..	..	36	69	36
Westport	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	103	..	..	53	75	65
Greymouth	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	206	..	..	80	54	100
Hokitika	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	70	1	..	22	24	50
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	1	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	42	..	..	16	11	50
Havelock	4	10	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	42	..	..	35	25	25
Murchison	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	24	..	..	20	16	26
Granity	3	6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	66	..	..	31	70	89
TOTALS	33	37	18	12	10	4	..	58	..	1506	9	..	493	615	1126

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Durham Street	2	1	3	1	10	..	..	4	..	383	..	..	78	77	365
Christchurch East ..	7	1	6	3	7	1	..	14	..	604	..	..	252	137	500
Cambridge Terrace ..	3	..	2	2	1	..	..	4	..	148	..	..	27	14	125
Woolston	5	..	5	1	2	1	..	6	..	272	..	..	111	59	220
Sydenham	2	..	3	2	1	..	..	5	..	220	..	..	80	100	140
Addington	2	..	1	1	2	1	..	5	..	246	..	..	120	40	265
Riccarton	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	138	..	..	76	54	130
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	9	..	388	4	..	112	87	325
Papanui	3	..	1	2	1	..	..	4	..	197	..	..	105	45	200
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	72	..	..	34	12	59
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	120	..	..	42	20	120
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	272	..	..	38	35	130
Kaiapoi	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	123	..	..	43	59	40
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	92	..	..	24	20	70
Rangiora	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	159	..	..	26	23	110
Woodend-Sefton	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	100	..	..	32	33	70
Greendale	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	68	6	..	36	29	50
Oxford	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	71	..	..	13	21	50
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	69	..	..	19	14	30
Hawarden	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	26	19	12
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	58	..	..	7	14	50
Totals	66	15	36	27	37	6	..	84	..	3829	10	..	1301	912	2961

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru (Banks Street)	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	178	..	..	53	54	171
Timaru (Woodlands Street)	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	220	..	..	65	50	190
Timaru South	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	96	..	..	26	8	40
Waimate	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	177	..	..	61	83	100
Temuka	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	95	9	..	36	40	65
Geraldine	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	97	..	..	23	31	80
Ashburton	2	3	1	1	1	..	1	11	..	320	..	..	73	41	225
Willowby	6	5	3	2	1	..	..	8	..	148	..	..	30	35	115
Oamaru	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	132	..	..	24	..	120
Rakaia-Methven	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	45	..	..	10	20	35
TOTALS	23	19	12	9	8	1	1	43	..	1508	9	..	401	362	1141

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND 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	Received during Year	Junior Members	Infant Members	Infants Baptised	Communi-cants
Dunedin, Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	8	..	257	..	..	65	5	50	200
„ Central Mis. ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	3	..	173	..	4	20	30	89	190
„ Dundas St. ..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	123	..	4	37	4	15	130
„ Cargill Rd. ..	2	1	3	1	1	1	..	4	..	168	..	19	64	11	62	115
„ St. Kilda ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	162	..	4	30	7	30	160
„ Caversham ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	158	..	9	25	14	37	102
„ Mornington ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	174	..	7	50	..	29	150
„ Roslyn ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	87	..	9	17	5	15	60
Port Chalmers ..	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	1	77	..	4	20	4	13	40
Balclutha ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	66	2	..	27	5	16	43
Milton ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	3	73	..	3	13	1	25	50
Roxburgh ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	45	5	..	14	4	8	61
Invercargill, Central ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	300	..	10	90	31	68	218
Invercargill, St. Peters ..	2	2	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	201	..	7	71	4	22	170
Gore ..	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	115	3	4	22	4	76	86
Bluff ..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	87	..	..	23	16	47	47
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay ..	3	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	73	..	10	63	12	40	35
Maori Hill ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	64	..	1	14	1	..	50
Waikouaiti ..	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	2	..	28	..	..	..	2	9	20
Mosgiel ..	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	58	..	8	19	9	30	42
Edendale ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	62	..	2	31	7	25	40
Lawrence ..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	21	..	1	9	1	13	16
Cromwell ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	44	..	4	12	7	30	41
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	52	..	2	28	15	7	38
Nightcaps ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	38	..	5	7	3	..	24
Riverton ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	49	..	2	9	4	9	35
	47	22	29	27	19	13	1	48	5	2755	10	119	780	206	765	2163

DISTRICT STATISTICAL RETURN

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

NAME OF DISTRICT	CRADLE ROLL		SUNDAY SCHOOL											Other Y.P. Organisations		B.C. MEMBERSHIP															CHURCH MEMBERSHIP									
	No. NOW ON ROLL					AVERAGE ATTENDANCE						Y.W. CLASSES					Y.M. CLASSES					RECEIVED					PRESENT ROLL													
	No. on Roll	Recd. during year	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	No. of Teachers and Officers	No. of Societies	Total Roll	No. of Bible Classes	Membership					Av. Attendance of Total Membership	Membership					Av. Attendance of Total Membership	Number of Members on Military Service		Infant	Junior	Senior	Total	Infant	Junior	Senior	Total		
																	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total		Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total		Men	Women										
Auckland	978	346	765	833	1250	1141	3989	484	548	846	842	2720	187	412	94	2047	150	239	212	269	75	795	609	232	199	168	73	672	509	130	..	318	175	96	589	1406	1410	855	3671	
South Auckland	524	186	351	489	609	473	1922	228	327	428	332	1315	70	174	26	446	79	174	73	168	31	446	297	133	61	120	41	355	233	39	..	160	103	63	326	695	486	468	1649	
Taranaki-Wanganui	558	134	329	388	557	533	1807	209	257	383	388	1237	70	158	11	207	46	81	55	107	22	265	175	71	69	33	21	194	119	32	..	73	64	40	177	562	691	355	1608	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	474	129	391	358	560	516	1825	223	226	365	386	1200	62	153	17	265	60	103	81	135	33	352	267	85	74	55	30	244	182	64	..	62	76	44	182	605	550	397	1552	
Wellington	700	197	521	491	818	674	2504	324	317	556	477	1674	134	232	27	471	91	159	106	171	47	483	317	157	104	129	46	436	259	79	..	139	197	100	436	911	930	584	2425	
Nelson	284	74	203	256	360	281	1100	127	175	251	211	764	48	127	20	281	47	72	50	80	22	224	153	65	26	67	23	181	130	33	..	59	73	11	143	438	419	216	1073	
North Canterbury	619	169	478	498	761	659	2396	319	341	592	496	1748	127	252	3	101	93	149	94	148	39	430	312	173	67	102	50	392	270	..	..	155	125	71	351	670	1110	634	2414
South Canterbury	224	60	161	138	229	197	725	108	96	175	151	530	40	78	18	349	30	57	40	51	17	165	115	44	36	44	10	134	87	13	..	66	69	14	149	308	369	225	902	
Otago-Southland	516	205	475	352	556	389	1772	305	248	410	298	1261	81	192	48	872	63	107	104	84	33	328	248	109	104	60	30	303	213	69	3	167	206	47	420	614	761	396	1771	
Dom. Stat. year endg. 30/9/41	4877	1500	3674	3803	5700	4863	18040	2327	2535	4006	3581	12449	819	1778	264	5039	659	1141	815	1213	319	3488	2493	1069	740	778	324	2911	2002	459	3	1199	1088	486	2773	6209	6726	4130	17065	
" " 30/9/40	4256	1164	3454	4057	5596	5152	18259	2055	2301	3514	3183	11053	928	1711	†	†	723	1279	880	1252	Inc.	3411	2154	1096	718	1207	Inc.	3021	1827	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	7621	2256	†	9877
								*	*	*	*	*											*						*							†	†	†	†	
Increase	621	336	220	..	104	..	..	274	234	492	398	1396	..	67	(264)	(5039)	64	138	65	39	(319)	77	339	..	22	..	(324)	..	175	(459)	(3)	(1199)	(1088)	(486)	(2773)	(6209)	..	1874	7188
Decrease .. .. .	..	..	..	254	..	289	219	..	..	..	..	..	109	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	429	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	895	..	..	..

*No returns from North Canterbury 1940.

†No Statistics.

‡Regarded as inaccurate in 1940.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1941.

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	96	110	50	34	55	13	2	166	11	5070	19	1629	1572	4288
South Auckland	46	81	19	24	24	4	1	94	10	2703	5	688	937	2199
Taranaki-Wanganui	50	38	22	21	14	7	2	79	..	2372	120	663	771	1927
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	39	19	16	16	15	4	..	69	2	2487	123	681	947	1730
Wellington	44	20	23	19	32	5	..	71	..	3079	149	1033	1068	2349
Nelson	33	37	18	12	10	4	..	58	..	1506	9	493	615	1126
North Canterbury	66	15	36	27	37	6	..	84	..	3829	10	1301	912	2961
South Canterbury	23	19	12	9	8	1	1	43	..	1508	9	401	362	1141
Otago-Southland	47	22	29	27	19	13	1	48	5	2755	10	780	765	2163
TOTALS, 1941	444	361	225	189	214	57	7	712	28	25309	454	7669	7949	19884
TOTALS, 1940	447	371	222	189	210	52	6	717	31	25308	89	7527	7135	19638
Increase .. ..	..	..	3	..	4	5	1	..	..	1	365	142	814	246
Decrease	3	10	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	..

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	24	Deaconesses .. ..	..	14
Other Preaching Places .. ..	..	251	Local Preachers .. ..	..	146
Ministers .. ..	..	4	Class Leaders and S.S. Teachers .. ..	..	81
Home Missionaries .. ..	..	35	Members .. ..	..	3081
			J. and Infant Members .. ..	..	3637

1941 STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

		Roviana	Vella Lavella	Choiseul	Boug. Buka	Totals
Churches .. ..	..	32	24	32	124	212
Other Preaching Places ..	..	17	1	6	23	47
European Missionaries ..	..	2	1	1	3	7
Doctors .. ..	..	—	1	—	—	1
Mission Sisters and Nurses ..	..	3	2	2	2	9
Native Ministers and Probationers ..	..	4	—	—	2	6
Catechists and Native Teachers ..	..	51	25	39	163	278
Native Medical Ass. and Nurses ..	..	8	10	3	5	26
Local Preachers .. ..	..	62	38	20	35	155
Class Leaders .. ..	..	54	34	38	18	144
European Members .. ..	..	8	9	3	13	33
Native Members, senr. ..	..	2758	1097	1463	556	5847
Native Members, junr. ..	..	1432	850	1019	288	3589
Native Members on Trial and Baptisms .. ..	..	150	198	262	135	745
Deaths .. ..	..	24	57	60	23	164
Sunday Schools .. ..	..	11	11	9	16	47
Sunday School Scholars ..	..	573	359	350	501	1783
Day Schools .. ..	..	33	23	32	132	220
Day School Teachers .. ..	..	55	30	42	147	274
Day School Scholars .. ..	..	1448	609	959	1977	4993
Adherents .. ..	..	4355	2175	3018	8019	17567

STATE OF CIRCUIT FUNDS (By Districts)

as at September 30th, 1941.

DISTRICTS	DEBITS		CREDITS	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland	239	9 11	387	8 4
South Auckland	484	12 7	251	11 6
Taranaki-Wanganui	221	0 1	261	4 2
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	243	9 4	121	15 6
Wellington	453	6 5	592	6 8
Nelson	182	0 2	28	5 4
North Canterbury	254	6 1	234	13 8
South Canterbury	34	17 7	385	8 7
Otago-Southland	531	15 8	238	17 1
Totals, 1941	£2,644	17 10	£2,501	10 10
Totals, 1940	£3,183	12 5	£1,772	9 2
Decrease	£538	14 7		
Increase			£716	1 8

Improvement of Position.

	£	s. d.
1941	1257	16 3
1940	2420	19 6
1939	50	17 2
1938	923	10 2
1937	2415	5 7

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1941.

		EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
201	To Directors' Salaries	790	0 0	By Contributions :	
	„ House Allowances	290	0 0	Circuits	803 2 4
	„ Connexional Charges	110	16 0	B.C. Movements	850 0 0
	„ Travelling Expenses	229	5 0	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund..	50 0 0
	„ Provision for Purchase of Projectors			„ Proceeds—Conference Youth Demonstra-	
	and Films	50	0 0	tion	35 16 3
	„ Contributions to Y.D. Property			„ Interest P.O.S.B. Account	12 9 0
	Trustees	100	0 0	„ Y.W.B.C. Movement—Contribution to	
	„ Contribution to Dominion Leader			Dominion Leader and Teacher Training	
	and Teacher Training Committee	10	0 0	Committee Expenses	10 0 0
	„ Booklets Published	20	0 0	„ Surplus from Supplies, less Administra-	
	„ Supplies, etc.—Correspondence Sun-			tion Charges	22 13 3
	day School	31	8 6		
	„ Less Contribution	1	0 0		
			30 8 6		
	„ Surplus		153 11 4		
		£1,784	0 10		£1,784 0 10

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1941.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances			59 6 8	Office Furniture	..	49 3 0	
Loan S.S. Executive Council for Publications			50 0 0	Less Depreciation	..	16 19 6	
Temperance Education Fund			42 13 3				32 3 6
Depreciation Reserve			115 19 0	Stock—Literature and Supplies	..		53 5 2
Capital Account :				Sundry Debtors :			
Budget Fund	1500	0	0	Current Accounts	..	180 13 4	
Accumulated Fund : Bal. 30/9/41	218	6	5	Y.M.B.C. Movement	..	425 0 0	
			1718 6 5			605 13 4	
				Less Sales in Advance	..	136 7 5	469 5 11
				Balance—National Bank of N.Z.	..	417 5 2	
				Petty Cash and Imprest Accounts	..	33 9 9	
				P.O.S.B.—Current Account	..	864 16 10	
				Depreciation Account	..	115 19 0	
							1431 10 9
							£1,986 5 4
			£1,986 5 4				

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th September, 1941.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Banks 1st, Oct., 1941	..				933	8	10
Contributions from Unions : 1941-42	..				783	0	5
Interest on P.O.S.B. Account	..				3	13	5
National Leadership Schools Committee					12	11	10
Donations :							
Sister Nicholls Room Fund	..	30	14	9			
Sister Ada Lee Fund	..	6	9	6			
					37	4	3
General :							
Insurance on Camp Cooks	..	1	0	0			
Sale of Books (Old T.S. Stock)	..	0	2	2			
					1	2	2

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Youth Board : Contribution 1941-42	..	425	0	0			
Leadership Training	..	10	0	0			
					435	0	0
Overseas Missions	..				210	0	0
Home Missions	..				160	0	0
Grants : Link Management Committee		10	0	0			
Link Sisters	..	0	8	6			
Donations :							
Sister Nicholls Room Fund	..	30	14	9			
Sister Ada Lee Fund	..	17	15	11			
					48	10	8
Administration and General :							
Sundries	..	15	13	4			
Half Cost of Prayer Leaflets	..	6	5	3			
Fellowship of Prayer Leaflets	..	7	2	6			
Convention Expenses Movement							
Officers	..	4	2	6			
Less Balance from Convention	..	3	17	9			
					0	4	9

Youth Conference Expenses	..	3	0	0			
Insurance on Camp Cooks	..	1	0	0			
Deputation to Church Conference	..	4	11	3			
Convention Agendas	..	5	14	3			
Less Sales	..	3	11	0			
			2	3	3		
						40	0 4
Balance Bank of New Zealand	..	773	9	6			
Post Office Savings Bank	..	93	11	11			
						867	1 5
						£1,771	0 11

£1,771 0 11

NOLA McDONALD, Treasurer.

Report of the Auditor to the Members of the N.Z. Methodist Y.W.M.C. Movement.

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Movement for the year ended 30th September, 1941, and certify that in my opinion the above accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true and correct position of the affairs of the Movement as at 30th September, 1941, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as disclosed by the books.

18th October, 1941.

(Sgd.) T. M. STEPHENS, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1941.

EXPENDITURE						
1940, Oct. 31st—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due Bank of N.Z. ..				1028	7	6
1941, Oct. 31st—						
By General Expenses :						
Repairs, Maintenance and						
Renovations	859	15	10			
Rates	616	2	9			
Insurance Premiums	230	14	6			
Interest	1663	12	0			
Land Tax	70	17	0			
Audit Fee	8	8	0			
Secretary's Salary	50	0	0			
Commission on Rents and						
Interest Collected	103	7	5			
Sundries	10	12	6			
				3613	10	0
„ Emsly Trust Disbursements ..				90	0	0
„ Theological College Trustees ..				200	0	0
				£4,931	17	6

Auckland, 5th November, 1941.

Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

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

Balance Sheet, 31st October, 1941.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account:				Freehold Properties:			
Balance as at 31st Oct., 1941 ..	..	36,565	4 6	Great North Road ..	..	55,220 7 3	
Income Account:				Queen Street ..	..	24,312 5 0	
Balance as at 31st Oct., 1941 ..	..	6,537	11 10				79,532 12 3
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners:				Balance of Purchase:			
Balance of Loan ..	..	34,000	0 0	Avondale Property ..	..		200 0 0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account: ..	..					
At Call ..	..	1,900	0 0				
Bank of New Zealand:							
Balance as at 31st Oct., 1941 ..	..	702	0 6				
Emsly Trust:							
Balance as at 31st Oct., 1941 ..	..	27	15 5				
		£79,732	12 3				
Memo: Liability—Rates for year ending							
31st May, 1942. ..	..	£658	17 4				£79,732 12 3

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1941 and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 31st October, 1941 as shown by the Books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland, 5th November, 1941.

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

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1941.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	1940, Oct. 31st—	..	588	1	0			
	1941, Oct. 31st—	..						
To	Rents Accrued	..	4129	12	0			
„	Interest Accrued	..	9	10	0			
By	Rents Received	..				4125	7	0
„	Interest Received	..				9	10	0
„	Balance	..				592	6	0
			<hr/>			<hr/>		
			£4,727	3	0	£4,727	3	0
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Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland, 5th November, 1941.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1941.

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PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th September, 1941.

Treasurers: MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Oct. 1st, 1940—							
Balance Auckland Savings Bank ..	..	80	5 8	Land Tax .. .. .	..	54	4 9
Interest to March 31st .. .. .	..	2	18 2	Legal Expenses .. .. .	..	12	0 0
Rents to Sept., 1941 .. .. .	..	696	0 0	Loan to Pitt Street Trust .. .. .	..	700	0 0
Interest Pitt St. Trust to Sept., 1941 ..	..	35	0 9	Commission .. .. .	..	17	8 0
Refund Land Tax.. .. .	..	8	0 1	Balance Auckland Savings Bank ..	..	38	11 11
		£822	4 8			£822	4 8

Reserve Capital Account.

Cash on Loan to Pitt St. Trust at Call at Bank O/D. Interest, £1,200 0 0

Audited and found correct.

JAS. P. BLAIR

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH

} Auditors.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

Auckland, 7th November, 1941.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st October, 1941.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Probert Trust Board .. ..	..	200	0 0	Balance, 1st Nov., 1940 .. ..	..	572	10 6
Contingent Fund .. ..	..	640	0 0	House and Service .. ..	..	1302	15 3
Home Mission Department .. ..	..	100	0 0	Stipends .. ..	..	608	6 8
Foreign Mission Department .. ..	..	50	0 0	Tutors' Fees .. ..	..	141	13 4
Connexional Fire Insurance .. ..	..	150	0 0	Connexional Charges .. ..	..	126	1 3
Emsly Trust .. ..	..	90	0 0	Quarterages .. ..	..	122	0 0
Students Contributions .. ..	..	157	0 0	Rates .. ..	..	197	12 9
Collegiate Church .. ..	..	106	10 10	Repairs .. ..	..	165	11 6
Congregational Church .. ..	..	180	0 0	Bank Charges .. ..	..	4	15 6
Hostel Fees .. ..	..	1152	6 11	Insurance .. ..	..	36	5 9
Friends of Trinity College and College Sunday .. ..	..	88	15 5	Rent .. ..	..	14	2 0
Special Challenge Appeal .. ..	..	505	0 0	Interest .. ..	..	200	19 6
Estate S. J. Ambury .. ..	..	28	0 0	Furnishings .. ..	..	57	18 9
Auckland Hospital Board—Rent .. ..	..	962	10 0	University Fees .. ..	..	71	17 0
Alteration Expenses .. ..	..	300	0 0	Camp Fees .. ..	..	4	17 6
Transfer from Reserve Fund .. ..	..	9	16 4	Telephone .. ..	..	12	0 0
				Printing, Postage and Stationery .. ..	..	30	9 0
				Advertising Church Services .. ..	..	8	0 0
				Sundries .. ..	..	33	10 0
				Hot Water Heater .. ..	..	35	0 0
				Alterations for Students' Accommodation .. ..	..	300	0 0
				Transfer to Site Acquisition Account :			
				Est. S. J. Ambury .. ..	..	28	0 0
				Auckland Hospital Board .. ..	..	505	4 6
				Balance, 31st Oct., 1941 .. ..	..	140	8 9
		<u>£4,719</u>	<u>19 6</u>			<u>£4,719</u>	<u>19 6</u>

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College, and compared same with Bank Books, and Statements and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1941.

F. E. SUTHERLAND }
 ALAN GRAHAM, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Site Acquirement Fund.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft, 1st Nov., 1940 ..				3,978	11	8
Add Bank Interest and Charges ..				178	4	6
				<hr/>		
				£4,156	16	2
Less Deposits :						
General Account (Interest) ..	178	4	6			
Est. S. J. Ambury ..	28	0	0			
Auckland Hospital Board ..	505	4	6			
	<hr/>			711	9	0
				<hr/>		
				£3,445	7	2
				<hr/>		

FRANK M. WINSTONE }
T. A. JOUGHIN } Hon. Treasurers.

New Organ Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Funds as at 31st October, 1940 ..	403	13	7
Add : Dividends ..	20	5	0
Bank Interest ..	2	18	5
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	£426	17	0
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FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

Reserve Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, 31st October, 1940 ..	9	11	4
Bank Interest ..	0	5	0
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Transferred to General Account ..	£9	16	4
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FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

Gorman Book Fund.

	£	s.	d.
N.Z. Govt. 1953 Stock (S. Gorman, Nelson)	£180	0	0
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FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Theological College and have compared the same with bank books and statements and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1941.

F. E. SUTHERLAND }
ALAN GRAHAM, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1941.

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			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To	Wages and Salaries	1838	9	1	By	Gross Profit on—	2861	4	10
„	Stock Foods	534	8	0		No. 1 Dairy and Cattle	1036	13	11
„	Seeds and Manure	.. ..	480	14	10		No. 2 Dairy and Cattle	.. ..	212	0	0
„	Lorry Expenses	.. ..	207	6	4		No. 3 Dairy	.. ..	143	19	0
„	Horse and Tractor Expenses	.. ..	156	6	5		Garden	.. ..	260	12	5
„	Sundries, Including Freight, Packing, Assoc-	.. ..	266	1	8		Pigs	.. ..	223	4	4
	iation Fees and Stock Dips	.. ..	147	13	1		Poultry	.. ..	801	2	3
„	Depreciation written off	.. ..	96	6	4		Sheep	.. ..		
„	Repairs and Maintenance	.. ..	62	16	3				5538	6	11
„	Power and Light	.. ..	38	4	2		Less Gross Loss on Bees	.. ..	141	3	4
„	Insurance	.. ..	28	15	7						
„	Advertising—Live Stock	.. ..								
„	Net Profit Transferred to Income and Ex-	.. ..	1540	1	10						
	penditure Account	.. ..								
			£5,397	3	7				£5,397	3	7

"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.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1941.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Sundry Creditors				574	3	3			
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan	10,833	12	6						
Plus Accrued Interest (Secured over Grafton Rd. and Paerata Properties)	153	9	7						
				10,987	2	1			
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft ..	17,755	12	6						
Plus Accrued Interest (Secured over Three Kings, Mt. Albert and Waikowhai Properties) ..	165	16	6						
				17,921	9	0			
War Memorial Fund—Maori ..	250	18	3						
Plus Accrued Interest ..	15	1	0						
				265	19	3			
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Scholarship Fund				2,000	0	0			
George Winstone Scholarship Fund	1,000	0	0						
Plus Accrued Income ..	25	0	0						
				1,025	0	0			
Stephen James Ambury Scholarship Fund	103	19	2						
Plus Accrued Interest ..	4	2	2						
				108	1	4			
Capital Account:									
Balance at 1st Jan., 1941 ..	96,817	10	0						
Plus Profit on Sale of Sections ..	2,457	6	0						
				99,274	16	0			
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	239	3	4						
				99,035	12	8			
Paerata Land at Cost	15,832	12	0						
College Buildings at Cost ..	43,694	3	0						
Improvements to Paerata Property	13,599	16	8						
				73,126	11	8			
Less Profit on Sale of Plantation Timber	243	13	1						
				72,882	18	7			
City and Suburban Properties at Government Valuation:									
Grafton	21,958	0	0						
Mount Albert	10,870	0	0						
Three Kings	2,175	0	0						
Waikowhai	4,255	0	0						
				39,258	0	0			
Improvements to Properties:									
Mount Albert	569	6	9						
Waikowhai	174	1	1						
Three Kings	161	1	0						
				904	8	10			
Plant and Machinery—Paerata ..	989	1	3						
Less Depreciation	128	1	3						
				861	0	0			
Motor Vehicles—Paerata ..	859	5	0						
Less Depreciation	144	15	0						
				714	10	0			
Furniture and Fitting—College ..	383	0	0						
Equipment—College	1,392	13	8						
				1,775	13	8			
Less Depreciation	153	3	8						
				1,622	10	0			

Balance Sheet—continued.

Stock on Hand—Paerata :				
Live Stock at Valuation ..	7,251	14	0	
Produce and Sundry Stocks ..	1,169	0	0	
				8,420 14 0
Mount Albert Estate and Three				
Kings Estate Purchasers ..	1,768	13	9	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	21	3	3	
				1,789 17 0
Loan on Mortgage ..	135	8	0	
Plus Accrued Interest ..	3	7	2	
				138 15 2
New Zealand Govt. 4% Stock,				
1954-58 ..				2,000 0 0
Shares in Frank M. Winstone				
(Merchants) Limited ..				1,000 0 0
Sundry Debtors :				
For Rent and Rates ..	345	16	2	
For Fees ..	330	7	7	
For Sundries ..	1,173	4	3	
				1,849 8 0
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	115	0	0	
				1,734 8 0
Payments in Advance ..				558 1 4
Cash in Hand—Paerata and Office				32 4 8
£131,917 7 7				£131,917 7 7

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 as at the 31st December, 1941, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock on Hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

Auckland, 27th January, 1942.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1941.

To Net Loss on :				By Net Profit on :			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Bees .. ..	..	317	16 4	No. 1 Dairy .. ..	..	1393	10 11
Garden .. ..	..	116	0 8	No. 2 Dairy .. ..	..	282	0 3
Pigs .. ..	..	58	1 4	No. 3 Dairy .. ..	..	19	17 11
			491 18 4	Sheep .. ..	..	333	18 2
„ Net Profit to Income and Expen- diture Account		1540	1 10	Poultry .. ..	..	2	12 11
		<u>£2,032</u>	<u>0 2</u>			<u>£2,032</u>	<u>0 2</u>

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1941.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Insurance .. ..	..	1	18 11	By Reduction in Bad Debts Reserve ..	..	10	0 0
„ Printing and Stationery .. ..	..	8	13 4	„ Balance Transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account .. ..	..	1067	6 6
„ Rates .. ..	..	607	4 5				
„ Repairs and Maintenance .. ..	..	44	15 6				
„ Salary .. ..	..	280	0 0				
„ Sundry Expenses .. ..	..	34	8 6				
„ Legal and Collection Expenses .. ..	..	37	19 1				
„ Rent—Board Room .. ..	..	12	8 0				
„ Office Expenses .. ..	..	28	18 9				
„ Audit Fee .. ..	..	21	0 0				
		<u>£1,077</u>	<u>6 6</u>			<u>£1,077</u>	<u>6 6</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Rent Received for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1941.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2491	7	1	By Rents Received from—				
				Grafton Road Property	998	0	8	
				Three Kings Property	175	4	3	
				Mount Albert Property	838	15	8	
				Waikowhai Property	479	6	6	
	<u>£2,491</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£2,491</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1941.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	699	7	3	By Interest from—						
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan	460	8	6	Mount Albert Estate	9	13	9			
„ Interest on Fixed Deposits	159	9	0	Three Kings Estate	58	2	0			
				Kawhia Property	6	14	4			
								74	10	1
				„ Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..				1244	14	8
	<u>£1,319</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>					<u>£1,319</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1941.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To	Loss on College	..	..	1958	11	1	By	Rents Received	..	..	2491	7	1
„	General Expenses	..	..	1067	6	6	„	Profit from From	..	..	1540	1	10
„	Interest	..	..	1244	14	8	„	Excess of Expenditure over Income					
								Transferred to Capital Account	..		239	3	4
										</			

College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1941.

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METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1941.

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CHURCH SITES FUND :							
Grants : Gisborne	..	100	0	0			
Homebush	..	75	0	0			
Rongotea	..	35	0	0			
Waitoa	..	25	0	0			
Richmond-Shirley	..	20	0	0			
					255	0	0
ADMINISTRATION :							
Authorised Appropriation	..	220	0	0			
Stationery and General Expenses	..	94	19	1			
					314	19	1
					£569	19	1

INCOME		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CHURCH SITES FUND :							
Grants : Fire Insurance Fund	..	50	0	0			
Home Mission Fund	..	50	0	0			
					100	0	0
Interest on Deposits	..				38	6	10
Grants Exceeding Revenue	..				116	13	2
ADMINISTRATION :							
Working Expenses Repaid	..	187	19	5			
Trust Contributions	..	44	16	0			
Interest on Arrears	..	24	12	11			
Interest on Deposits	..	30	15	4			
Hymn Book Commission Account		23	10	7			
					311	14	3
Reserve Appropriation Account	..				3	4	10
					£569	19	1

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1941.

	£	s.	d.
To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1940	20,886	3	0
„ New Loans Advanced	4193	9	6
	£25,079	12	6
To Balance	£21,416	14	1

	£	s.	d.
By Loans Repaid	3662	18	5
„ Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1941	21,416	14	1
	£25,079	12	6

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 20th October, 1941.

Audited and found correct.
R. H. SHERRIS }
W. A. HADLEE } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1941.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Accumulated Funds	18,900	0	0		Outstanding Loans	22,917	5	3	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT :					less Working Exps. £1332	7	0		
Thomas Emsly Bequest £1500					less Interest	168	4	2	
H. Herbert Wake Bequest 50						1500	11	2	
David Graham Bequest 50									21,416 14 1
Wm. H. Duke Bequest 100					DEPOSITS :				
Samuel Lawry Bequest 50					P.O. Savings Bank ..	189	13	3	
Geo. Winstone Bequest 1000					Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	43	12	8	
	2750	0	0						233 5 11
				21,650 0 0	Invested for Church Sites Fund				800 0 0
Trust Accounts (Properties Sold) ..				870 10 6	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund				70 10 6
CHURCH SITES FUND :					CHURCH SITES FUND :				
As at 30th Sept., 1940 ..	214	10	6		North Canty. E.P. Board Deb.				800 0 0
Trust Properties for Investment	800	0	0		Deposit : P.O. Savings Bank ..	85	17	4	
					Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	12	0	0	
	1014	10	6						*97 17 4
Decrease for 1941	116	13	2		ADMINISTRATION :				
				897 17 4	Debentures : North Canterbury				
ADMINISTRATION :					E.P. Board				200 0 0
Working Expenses Trust A/c.				300 0 0	Deposit : Supernumerary Fund	63	15	3	
Reserve Appropriation Account					Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	158	9	11	
30th September, 1940 ..	127	9	5						222 5 2
less Rates on Church Sites ..	1	19	5						
	125	10	0						
less Transfer from Revenue A/c.	3	4	10						
				122 5 2					
				£23,840 13 0					£23,840 13 0
*Grants Promised :									
Kaitaia	£30	0	0						
Invercargill-St. Peters ..	30	0	0						
Auckland-Campbell's Bay ..	30	0	0						
				90 0 0					

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 20th October, 1941.

Audited and found correct.
R. H. SHERRIS }
W. A. HADLEE } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1941.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Re-Insurance				By Levies and Premiums		2024	5 8
.. OFFICE EXPENSES:			739 10 11	.. Mortgage Interest		319	16 4
Authorised Appropriation ..	380	0	0	.. Mortgage Interest Accrued ..		77	18 10
Stationery & General Expenses	52	0	11	.. Debenture Interest		825	16 7
			432 0 11	.. Debenture Interest Accrued ..		296	2 7
.. Fire Losses	136	2	0	.. Fire Claims Provision Reversed		9	0 0
less Re-Insurance Cover ..	136	2	0				
.. Interest on Overdraft			4 11 1				
.. Investment Contingency Res. A/c.			100 0 0				
.. Advance for 1940 Appropriations			128 2 8				
.. Balance to P. and L. Appropriation							
Account			2148 14 5				
			£3,553 0 0			£3,553	0 0

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 17th November, 1941.

E. H. SMITH }
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1941.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund				30,000	0	0	Mortgage Investments ..	8522	13 8
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	2565	0	0				Interest Accrued	77	18 10
<i>plus</i> Further Provision ..	1000	0	0						8600 12 6
				3565	0	0	Debenture Investments ..	26,790	0 0
Investment Contingency Res. A/c.				1288	13	7	Interest Accrued	296	2 7
P. & L. Appropriation Account ..	872	17	4						27,086 2 7
Advance for Appropriations ..	128	2	8				Deposit :		
				1001	0	0	P.O. Savings Bank ..	14	8 0
							Supernumerary Fund ..	200	5 3
<i>Less</i> APPROPRIATIONS VOTED :									214 13 3
Home Acquirement Fund £331							Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..		345 17 1
Deaconess House Fund 50							Levies in Arrear		7 3 6
Foreign Mission Fund 85									
Home Mission Fund 85									
Benevolent Fund .. 25									
Church Sites Fund .. 50									
Youth Department .. 50									
"Methodist Times" .. 175									
Trinity College (Special) 150									
				1001	0	0			
Balance from Revenue Account ..	2148	14	5						
<i>less</i> Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	1000	0	0						
				1148	14	5			
Levies Prepaid				252	0	11			
				£36,254	8	11			
									£36,254 8 11

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, 1941.

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

E. H. SMITH }
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 17th November, 1941.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1941.

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By **Freehold Revenue :**

Epworth Chambers ..	1,871	4	10	
Less Worcester Street ..	10	0	4	
	<hr/>			
Less Depreciation ..	1,861	4	6	
	500	0	0	
	<hr/>			
„ Fire Insurance Rebates ..				1,361 4 6
„ Hymn Book Account ..				35 8 8
				<hr/>
				10 19 10

£160,324 7 5

£160,324 7 5

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1941.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per							
Revenue Account ..	..				151,214	18	10
Deposit Accounts :							
Allied Funds (5) ..	..	38,312	1	1			
Connexional Funds (5) ..	..	1,290	19	7			
					39,603	0	8
Freeholds :							
Rates Accrued ..	..	369	18	8			
Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	..	4	6	8			
					374	5	4
General Treasurers, Melbourne..					8	10	8

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investments :							
Mortgages ..	..	83,147	10	11			
Debentures ..	..	46,169	1	5			
					129,316	12	4
<i>Less</i> Investment Fluctuation and							
Doubtful Debts							
Reserve ..	..	657	6	8			
<i>Plus</i> further							
Provision	..	100	0	0			
					757	6	8
<i>Less</i> adjustments							
(Deb. premiums)	..	419	10	8			
					337	16	0
					128,978	16	4
Freehold Properties :							
Epworth Cham.	..	48,602	5	11			
Worcester St.	..	4,118	15	8			
					52,721	1	7
<i>Less</i> Epworth							
Chambers Dep.	..						
Reserve	..	3,850	0	0			
<i>Plus</i> further							
Reserve	..	500	0	0			
					4,350	0	0
					48,371	1	7
Deposit :							
P.O. Savings Bank ..	..	1,077	16	2			
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	..	1,395	1	9			
					2,472	17	11

Interest : Mortgage Due ..	668	6	0	
Mortgage Accrued ..	698	6	0	
Debentures Accrued	523	14	5	
				1,890 6 5
Purchase of Benefits :				
Balance Due	50	0	0	
Interest Due	1	5	8	
				51 5 8
Circuit Levies : Arrears ..	122	12	11	
Accrued ..	436	17	4	
				559 10 3
Personal Subscriptions :				
Arrears	962	2	2	
Interest Due	77	8	10	
				1,039 11 0
Freehold Properties :				
Rents Due	205	19	0	
Rents Accrued	122	11	1	
				328 10 1
Properties in Possession ..	6259	0	0	
Mortgagors' Stock and Farm				
Working Accounts ..	1,213	4	9	
				7,472 4 9
Epworth Press				36 11 6
				<u>£191,200 15 6</u>
				<u>£191,200 15 6</u>

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1941.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers,

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors,

Christchurch, 11th December, 1941.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1941.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Grants .. .. .	..	94	12 7	By Balance 30/11/1940 .. ..	..	773	1 4
„ Exchanges .. .. .	..	0	2 6	„ Donations :			
„ Exchanges on Annuities ..	..	10	0 0	Fire Insurance Fund ..	..	25	0 0
			104 15 1	Special .. .. .	..	1	5 0
„ Authorised Appropriation ..	..	5	0 0			26	5 0
„ Debenture Commission and				„ Interest :			
General Expenses .. .. .	..	0	8 9	Debenture Investments ..	..	42	10 0
			5 8 9	Super. Fund Deposit ..	..	28	14 9
„ Balances :						71	4 9
Super. Fund : Capital Account	400 0 0						
Revenue Account	360 7 3						
		760	7 3				
			£870 11 1				£870 11 1

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1941.

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G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } 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.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.)

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1941.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Trust Accounts ..			415 17 10	By Commission on Collections ..			1 11 11
„ Authorised Appropriation ..	4	0	0	„ Interest on Deposits ..	496	8	11
„ Stationery and General Expenses ..	1	9	10				
			5 9 10				
„ Capital Account ..			76 13 2				
			<u>£498 0 10</u>				<u>£498 0 10</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1941.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital as at 30/11/1940 ..	48	0	1	Debentures ..	4,660	0	0
Plus Revenue Account Balance	76	13	2	Mortgage ..	100	0	0
			124 13 3	Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..	10,852	10	9
Trust Accounts :							
Connexional Funds (13) ..	5,075	10	4				
Church Trusts (31) ..	10,012	7	2				
Personal (1) ..	400	0	0				
			<u>15,487 17 6</u>				
			<u>£15,612 10 9</u>				<u>£15,612 10 9</u>

We have examined the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1941.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 11th December, 1941.

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.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1941.
Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances		235	7 0	By Balances as at 30/11/1940		12,300	9 0
„ Reserve Account		66	19 7	„ Personal Contributions		760	7 5
„ Balance as at 30/11/1941		13,530	11 2	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy		333	0 0
				„ Interest		439	1 4
		<u>£13,832</u>	<u>17 9</u>			<u>£13,832</u>	<u>17 9</u>

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts			439	1 4	By Balance as at 30/11/1940		50 15 8
„ Office Expenses :					„ Contributors' Account		66 19 7
Authorised Appropriation	56	0 0			„ Interest : Supernumerary Fund		478 9 10
Stationery and General Expenses	10	12 8					
			66	12 8			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1941			90	11 1			
		<u>£596</u>	<u>5 1</u>			<u>£596</u>	<u>5 1</u>

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1941.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	13,530 11 2	Deposit : Supernumerary Fund	..	..	13,671 12 3
Reserve Account	..	..	90 11 1				
Subsidy Suspense Account	..	..	50 10 0				
			<u>£13,671 12 3</u>				<u>£13,671 12 3</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, 1941.

G. S. SALTER
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
Christchurch, 11th December, 1941.

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.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1941.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts				Deposit : Supernumerary Fund	6009	4	8
Reserve Fund							
Accumulated Funds :							
Centenary Gift	100	0	0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	44	15	0				
Special Donation	40	0	0				
			184 15 0				
			£6,009 4 8				£6,009 4 8

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1941.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } 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, 11th December, 1941.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1931.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances		1144	17 2	By Balance as at 30/11/1940 ..		6254	2 10
„ Balance as at 30/11/1941		5857	0 6	„ Contributions :			
				Personal	230	10 0	
				Circuit	66	0 0	
				Home Mission Board ..	72	0 0	
				Foreign Mission Board ..	162	10 0	
						531	0 0
				„ Interest		216	14 10
		£7,001	17 8			£7,001	17 8

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..			216	14 10	By Balance as at 30/11/1940 ..		31 9 0
„ Office Expenses :					„ Interest : Supernumerary Fund ..		258 0 9
Authorised Appropriation ..	30	0 0					
Stationery and General Expenses ..	7	19 3					
			37	19 3			
„ Balance as at 30/11/1941 ..			34	15 8			
		£289	9 9			£289	9 9

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1941.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Personal Accounts	..	..			5857	0	6	Deposit : Supernumerary Fund	.. .. 7018 6 2
Capital Account..	..	..	125	0	0				
Plus Special Donation	..	..	1	10	0				
Plus Centennial Fund	..	..	1000	0	0				
					1126	10	0		
Reserve Fund	..	..			34	15	8		
					£7,018	6	2		£7,018 6 2

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1941.

G. S. SALTER
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } 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, 11th December, 1941.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending November 30th, 1941.

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METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.
Assets and Liabilities as at 30th November, 1941.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
				£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mortgage	..	..	..	800 0 0	Property (less depreciation £100)	..	3850 0 0		
Rates Due	..	..	..	57 1 7	Furnishings	..	250 0 0		
Unpaid Accounts for November	..	..	..	99 14 3				4100 0 0	
Balance Assets over Liabilities	..	..	..	3553 8 6	Property Reserve P.O.S.B.	..		179 7 5	
					Balance :				
					Bank of New Zealand	..	197 16 11		
					Cash in Hand	..	8 0 0		
					Conference Grant Due	..	25 0 0		
								230 16 11	
				<u>£4,510 4 4</u>				<u>£4,510 4 4</u>	

Audited and found correct,
A. R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.
23rd December, 1941.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.
A. N. SCOTTER, Treasurer.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1941.

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Audited and found correct.

H. HOLLAND
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

Christchurch, 24th November, 1941

E. H. SMITH
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1941.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
UNEXPIRED VALUES:							
Subscriptions	527	19	0	Subscriptions Outstanding	267	4	11
Advertisements	80	5	9	less Prepaid	9	5	9
			608 4 9				257 19 2
Contingent Reserve Account			500 0 0	less Provision for Agents' Commission	22	15	6
Accumulated Funds	75	2	10				235 3 8
Transfer from Revenue Account ..	170	8	9	Advertisement Accounts Outstanding ..			46 9 0
			245 11 7	Contingent Fund			178 12 4
				Deposits:			
				P.O. Savings Bank	334	7	3
				Supernumerary Fund	441	7	8
							775 14 11
				Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..			117 16 5
			£1,353 16 4				£1,353 16 4

Audited and found correct.

H. HOLLAND }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
Christchurch, 24th November, 1941

E. H. SMITH }
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ended 31st December, 1941.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand 1st January, 1941	902	19	11	Removal Expenses Paid	814	6	9
Circuit Levies Paid	953	16	6	Sundry Expenses	6	9	0
Interest Earned	17	9	11	Cash in Hand—as per Balance Sheet	1079	10	7
Refund Removal Expenses	26	0	0				
	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£1,900</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

Revenue Account Year Ended 31st December, 1941.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses	788	6	9	By Circuit Levies	805	15	2
Sundry Expenses	6	9	0	„ Interest Earned	17	9	11
Transfer to Capital Account	28	9	4				
	<u>£823</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£823</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1941.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 1st January, 1941 ..	1253	11	9	Outstanding Levies	202	10	6
Transfer from Revenue Account	28	9	4	Cash in Hand:			
				Sup. Fund Deposit	221	1	7
				P.O. Savings Bank	844	15	1
				Bank of New Zealand	13	13	11
					1079	10	7
	£1,282	1	1		£1,282	1	1

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z.).
17th December, 1941.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. H. ALLEN }
H. CHAPMAN } Treasurers.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1941.

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EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments as per Warrants :							
Auckland	..	447	15	0			
South Auckland	..	128	5	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	103	10	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	126	0	0			
Wellington	..	177	15	0			
Nelson	..	78	15	0			
North Canterbury	..	299	5	0			
South Canterbury	..	47	5	0			
Otago-Southland	..	153	0	0			
					1561	10	0
General Expenses :							
Auckland Conference	..	5	0	0			
Bank Charge Keeping Account	..	0	10	0			
District Chairmans Exchanges	..	3	1	3			
					8	11	3
By Balance :							
Owing by Rotorua	..	17	10	0			
Credit Bank of N.S.W., Wellington	..	336	19	10			
					354	9	10
					£1,924	11	1

Audited and found correct,
 ERNEST HOBBS }
 J. M. DALE } Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1941.

RECEIPTS		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Balance, 1st January	..	..	..	1128	12 11
„ Current Levies —Districts :	..	..	..
Auckland	..	663	6 2		
South Auckland	..	349	9 6		
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	230	10 1		
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	228	2 0		
Wellington	..	356	10 4		
Nelson	..	163	4 6		
North Canterbury	..	432	17 10		
South Canterbury	..	140	6 5		
Otago-Southland	..	312	12 5		
				2876	19 3
242 „ Synod Collections :	..	..	..
Auckland	..	5	14 10		
South Auckland	..	9	10 0		
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	6	3 0		
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	9	0 1		
Wellington	..	4	6 3		
Nelson	..	3	0 0		
North Canterbury	..	7	9 4		
South Canterbury	..	3	5 6		
Otago-Southland	..	4	4 10		
				52	13 10
„ Sales :	..	..	..
Agenda	..	22	13 6		
Minutes	..	24	7 0		
Law Books &c.	..	3	13 0		
				50	13 6
„ Refunds—Advances	..	..	..	24	0 0
EXPENDITURE		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
By Cost of Auckland Conference :					
(a) Travelling :					
Equalisation Fund	..	210	0 0		
Official Representatives	..	154	8 11		
(b) Printing :					
Agenda	..	137	4 1		
Minutes	..	135	11 0		
Other, Stationery &c.	..	48	14 1		
				685	18 1
„ District Expenses, Chairman's					
Travelling and Other :					
Auckland	..	45	5 6		
South Auckland	..	42	3 1		
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	28	17 9		
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	23	9 0		
Wellington	..	23	13 3		
Nelson	..	24	19 3		
North Canterbury	..	28	15 0		
South Canterbury	..	16	7 6		
Otago-Southland	..	45	11 7		
				279	1 11
„ Synod Expenses :					
Auckland	..	57	3 4		
South Auckland	..	35	0 10		
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	20	2 5		
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	28	7 5		
Wellington	..	19	5 0		
Nelson	..	28	8 9		
North Canterbury	..	14	9 4		

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—Continued.

South Canterbury	..	7	19	0		
Otago-Southland	..	18	12	10		
					229	8 11
„ Ministerial Supply :						
Auckland	..	12	0	0		
South Auckland	..	17	15	3		
North Canterbury	..	1	10	0		
Otago-Southland	..	1	9	10		
					32	15 1
„ Connexional Payments :						
President's Travelling	..	52	6	3		
President's Travelling 1940..	..	30	0	0		
Postages &c.	..	12	10	0		
Supply	..	9	11	3		
Supply 1940	..	18	0	0		
Secretary of Conference—						
Postages &c.	..	12	10	0		
Printing	..	199	5	10		
Examination Committee Exps.	..	40	17	10		
Union Committee Expenses	..	26	1	5		
Medical Examination	..	3	0	6		
					404	3 1
„ Grants :						
Theological College	..	740	0	0		
Connexional Sec. Dept.	..	185	0	0		
Deaconess Fund	..	75	0	0		
National Council of Churches	..	20	0	0		
Spiritual Advance Committee	..	25	0	0		
“Methodist Times” Editorial	..	53	12	4		
“Methodist Times” Special	..	125	0	0		
University Fees	..	40	0	0		
“Faith and Order”	..	12	10	2		
Affliction	..	10	0	0		
					1286	2 6

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—Continued.

„ Hon. Treasurers :			
Bank Charges, Exchanges &c.,			
Postages, Stationery &c.			8 16 5
„ Balances due by Districts :			
Auckland .. ..	..	..
South Auckland .. ..	..	12 16	9
Taranaki-Wanganui .. ..	..	20 0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. ..	..	17 14	9
Wellington .. ..	..	35 15	2
Nelson .. ..	..	..
North Canterbury .. ..	..	81 12	1
South Canterbury .. ..	..	..
Otago-Southland .. ..	..	67 1	5
„ Total Balances held by or due to			
Chairman	235 0	2
„ Bank of New Zealand, Auckland,			
Current Account	971 13	4
			<u>1206 13 6</u>
			<u>£4,132 19 6</u>

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J. H. BLACKWELL }
W. WALKER } Hon. Treasurers.

I have to report that I have audited the foregoing Statement and compared same with the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, and I hereby certify that in my opinion the statement is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

Chri-tchurch,
5th February, 1942,

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
per H. RUSSELL FOUNTAIN, M.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December, 31st, 1941.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Brought Forward ..			4272 4 7	By New Zealand Contributions :			
„ Solomon Island District :				General Fund :			
Missionaries Stipends and				1939 Account ..	5	3	10
Allowances ..	2454	17	6	1940 Account ..	82	6	10
Doctor's Stipends and Allow-				1941 Account ..	9224	19	9
ances ..	382	10	0	Special ..	11	10	0
Sisters and Nurses ..	1495	0	0	For Native Teachers ..	341	10	0
Native Agents ..	2342	11	0	For Orphans ..	116	1	0
Hospital and Medical ..	882	6	2	Women's Auxiliaries ..	1313	15	0
Freights, Customs and Taxes ..	452	12	1	Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	170	0	0
Boats and Travelling ..	1835	14	7	Interest on Working Capital ..	448	5	2
Educational—Colleges and				Medical Fund ..	1163	13	7
Schools ..	899	6	7	Centennial Fund (contra) ..	94	0	0
Properties—Current Expenses ..	418	14	9				
Lands Account ..	111	16	11		12,971	5	2
General Expenses ..	77	14	9	„ Solomon Islands Contributions :			
			11,353 4 4	Roviana Circuit ..	333	13	0
„ New Zealand Working Expenses :				Vella Lavella Circuit ..	112	7	9
General Secretary :				Choiseul Circuit ..	235	5	4
Salary ..	300	0	0	Bougainville-Buka Circuit ..	265	1	9
Travelling ..	63	14	10	Medical Subsidies and Fees ..	208	13	4
House Allowance ..	150	0	0				
Hospitality Allowance ..	15	0	0		1155	1	2
Treasurer's Honorarium ..	50	0	0	„ Interest Boat Insurance Fund ..		74	15 2
Auditor's Fee ..	15	15	0	„ Equipment Fund :			
Connexional Charges ..	51	10	0	Legacies ..	690	16	1
Deputation Exps. and Travel ..	93	4	5	Earthquake Fund ..	9	0	0
Exchanges, Postage, Radios, etc ..	95	7	7				
Printing Annual Report ..	90	0	0		699	16	1
Office Rent and Telephone ..	85	4	4	„ Working Capital Fund ..		100	0 0
Printing and Stationery ..	94	2	0	„ Medical Mission Fund			
Office Assistance ..	192	16	2	Gorman Bequest ..	3353	0	0
				Premium on Conversion Govt.			
				Stock ..	100	0	0
					3453	0	0

Income and Expenditure Account—continued.

"Methodist Times" ..	10	0	0	„ Special Leper Fund ..	723	17	0
Lantern Expenses ..	2	1	0	„ Balance Deficit ..	3831	19	5
Sundry Expenses ..	37	3	1				

1345 18 5

Miscellaneous Payments :

Repatriation Dr. Rutter ..	50	0	0
Theological College ..	50	0	0
Deaconess Institute ..	25	0	0
National Missionary Council ..	7	10	0
Imperilled Missions ..	100	0	0
Loss on Publications ..	118	5	4

350 15 4

.. Interest on Overdraft and Loans	338	18	3
.. Amount written off N.Z. Govt. Stock written down to par ..	45	0	0
.. Boat Insurance Fund Transfer ..	88	4	10
.. Boat Insurance Interest (contra)	74	15	2

163 0 0

246 .. Depreciation—Atherton Road Property	70	0	0
.. Equipment Fund (contra) ..	699	16	1
.. Working Capital Fund (contra) ..	100	0	0
.. Medical Mission Fund (contra) ..	3453	0	0
.. Special Leper Fund (contra) ..	723	17	0
.. Centennial Fund (contra) ..	94	0	0

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General Secretary's Residence Account.

	£	s.	d.						
To Interest	50	19	9	By Balance at 31st December, 1940 ..	401	10	9		
.. Rates and Maintenance, etc. ..	31	6	8	.. House Allowance	150	0	0		
.. Balance at 31st December, 1941 ..	469	4	4						
	£551	10	9				£551	10	9

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1941 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—Solomon Islands :									
Circuit Balances	1093	15	6						
Personal Creditors	453	7	6						
Sundry Creditors	595	11	9						
				2142	14	9			
Overdraft at Bk. of N.Z. Auckland :									
(Secured over certain working									
Capital & Medical Fund Assets)				910	3	11			
Loans at Fxd Deposit and at Call				2522	0	0			
Balance Proceeds Banga Debentures									
held in Trust for future income				5	0	0			
Income paid in Advance ..				10	0	0			
Special Funds :									
Medical Mission Fund (including									
Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman									
Medical Bequest £15,786) Bal-									
ance at 31st Dec., 1940 ..	16,233	3	6						
Added during 1941 ..	3,453	0	0						
				19,686	3	6			
Special Leper Fund :									
Balance at 31st Dec., 1940 ..	505	1	1						
Added during 1941 ..	723	17	0						
				1228	18	1			
Equipment Fund :									
Balance at 31st Dec., 1940 ..	701	16	2						
Income 1941 ..	699	16	1						
				1401	12	3			
Less Expenditure 1941 ..	754	19	2						
				646	13	1			
Assets in Solomon Islands :									
Cash in Hand	989	3	8						
Sundry Debtors	1631	2	0						
Stock in Hand	3321	17	3						
							5942	2	11
Advance Payments 1942 less Sydney									
Account							188	12	4
Medical Mission Fund Assets :									
Colonial Sugar Refining Co.—									
Shares valued at	500	0	0						
N.Z. Govt Stock 3%	1190	0	0						
N.Z. Govt. Stock 3½%	3595	0	0						
N.Z. Govt. Stock 4%	1210	0	0						
Wellington C/C/ Debentures	3100	0	0						
Wellington Hospital Bd. Debs.	400	0	0						
Nelson C/C Debentures ..	2000	0	0						
Mortgage	900	0	0						
Loan Pitt St. Church Trustees	2000	0	0						
Post Office Savings Bank ..	1015	3	6						
Auckland Gas Co. Shares ..	1466	10	0						
Auckland Gas Co. Deb. Stock	2309	10	0						
							19,686	3	6
Boat Insurance Fund :									
N.Z. Govt. Stock	1648	0	0						
Post Office Savings Bank ..	502	0	0						
							2150	0	0
Working Capital Fund Assets :									
Mt. Eden Borough Debs. 4½% ..	200	0	0						
Auckland C/C. Debentures 4½% ..	200	0	0						
Auckland Transport Bd. Deb. 4½%	1500	0	0						

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.
Balance Sheet as at 31st August. 1941.

LIABILITIES			
	£	s.	d.
Sisters Salaries and Executive Fund	1179	0	11
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	205	15	2
"Kurahunu" Maori Girls School Fund	30	8	7
Medical Fund	213	13	8
Stamp Fund	233	3	2
Gleanings	106	10	0
Doctor Fund	251	16	5
Special Objective	473	9	3
"Kurahunu" Booklet Sales ..	17	11	6
Other Objects	9	0	0
			<hr/>
			2720 8 8
"Kurahunu" Emergency Fund ..			1180 6 7
"Kurahunu" Depreciation Fund ..			441 12 4
"Kurahunu" Repairs & Replacements			113 13 0
Solomon Island Girls' School A/c. ..			1141 13 1
"Kurahunu" Capital Fund ..			1240 9 4
Solomon Island Capital Fund ..			276 5 11
Solomon Island Doctor Fund ..			100 0 0
Home Mission Capital Fund ..			160 0 1
"Kurahunu" Treas. Maintenance A/c.			76 14 3
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..			2487 2 0
			<hr/>
	£9,938	5	3

ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.
Credit Balances in Bank 31/8/1940—			
General Account	2720	8	8
"Kurahunu" Emergency Fund ..	1180	6	7
"Kurahunu" Depreciation Fund ..	441	12	4
"Kurahunu" Repairs & Replacements	113	13	0
			<hr/>
			4456 0 7
"Kurahunu" Treasurer's Cash A/c :			76 14 3
Deposits General Purposes Trust Board—			
Solomon Islands Girls' School ..	1141	13	1
"Kurahunu" Capital Fund ..	1240	9	4
Doctors' Fund Investment A/c. ..	100	0	0
			<hr/>
			2482 2 5
Solomon Island Capital Fund ..	276	5	11
Home Mission Capital Fund ..	160	0	1
			<hr/>
			436 6 0
Drainage Board Debentures ..			500 0 0
"Kurahunu" Maori Girls' School—			
Property	1720	8	0
Less Depreciation	23	6	0
			<hr/>
			1697 2 0
Furniture	240	0	0
			<hr/>
			1937 2 0
Section Auckland (¼ Acre) ..			50 0 0
			<hr/>
	£9,938	5	3

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 Kurahunu Maori Girls' School a copy of the audited Accounts of which have been submitted for my inspection.

I have inspected the Post Office Savings Bank Pass Books and have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the Supernumerary 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 Kurahunu 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, 1941.

Fielding, 15th September, 1941.

H. S. TATE, Hon. Auditor.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers : REV. F. E. LEADLEY ; Mr. WM. ASTLEY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1941.

		RECEIPTS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1940—Oct. 1st—					
To	Balances—Bank of New Zealand :				
	Current Account	769	14 10		
	Capital Account	67	9 10		
				837	4 8
1941—Sept. 30th—					
To	Revenue :				
	General Subscriptions :				
	per Treasurer	603	3 10		
	per Collector	99	0 3		
	Churches—Collections & Subs.	705	1 0		
	Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies	27	16 11		
		1435	2 0		
	Maintenance	1558	3 1		
	Discount	6	3 10		
	Rents	227	9 0		
	Interest	1100	18 10		
	Sales of Stock and Goods	10	4 1		
				4338	0 10
To	Capital—				
	Bequests : Elizabeth Sill Est. ..	50	0 0		
	S. J. Ambury Est. ..	6	0 0		
	Sara Andrew Est. ..	175	0 0		
	J. H. Hannan Estate	469	1 10		
	Amy Hartley Est. ..	33	0 0		
		733	1 10		
	Mortgage Repaid	300	0 0		
	Fixed Deposit	1000	0 0		
				2033	1 10
				£7,208	7 4

		PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1941—Sept. 30th—					
By	Revenue—				
	Salaries and Commission ..	1140	19 7		
	Provisions	665	6 4		
	Repairs and Renewals ..	400	1 4		
	Boots, Drapery, Clothing ..	69	4 10		
	Fuel and Light	138	19 8		
	Farm and Garden	13	17 1		
	Printing and Stationery ..	59	6 4		
	Medical and Dental	24	18 0		
	Stamps and Telephone ..	48	5 8		
	Travelling Expenses	60	7 8		
	Insurance	43	17 1		
	Petty Cash	67	0 0		
	Sundry Expenses	12	17 11		
	Rent of Office	26	8 0		
	Office and Equipment ..	42	7 0		
	Rates	120	14 11		
				2934	11 5
By	Capital—				
	Post Office Savings Bank ..	737	1 8		
	Mt. Roskill Site (Architects Fees)	172	0 0		
	Fixed Deposit	1000	0 0		
	New Zealand Inscribed Stock ..	1505	13 3		
				3414	14 11
By	Balances—Bank of N.Z. :				
	Current Account	230	19 4		
	Capital Account	628	1 8		
				859	1 0
				£7,208	7 4

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1941.

1941—Sept. 30th	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per above Statement ..	2934	11	5
„ Depreciation—Furnishings ..	59	18	0
„ Capital A/c.—Excess Revenue Transferred ..	1343	11	5
	£4,338	0	10

1941, Sept. 30th	£	s.	d.
By Receipts as per above Statement ..	4338	0	10
	£4,338	0	10

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1941.

LIABILITIES			
Endowment Legacies—	£	s.	d.
Eliza Gilmore Trust ..	1000	0	0
M. Caughey Preston ..	2000	0	0
John Rendall ..	200	0	0
Capital as at 1st Oct., 1940 ..	36,480	13	10
Add Bequests :			
Elizabeth Sill Estate ..	50	0	0
S. J. Ambury Estate ..	6	0	0
Sara Andrew Estate ..	175	0	0
J. H. Hannan Estate ..	469	1	10
Amy Hartley Estate ..	33	0	0
Add Revenue Account Excess ..	1343	11	5
	38,557	7	1

ASSETS			
Properties—	£	s.	d.
Orphanages—at valuation ..	10,895	0	0
Railway Street—at valuation ..	850	0	0
Mt. Roskill Site—at cost ..	2289	10	5
Add Architects Fees ..	172	0	0
	2461	10	5
	14,206	10	5
Shares—at par :			
Whangarei Gas Co. Ltd.—			
Ordinary Shares—£1 ..	1000	0	0
Preference Shares—£1 ..	666	0	0
Frank M. Winstone Ltd.—			
Ordinary Shares—£1 ..	8700	0	0
	10,366	0	0
Inscribed Stock and Local Body			
Debentures (Including investment of Endowment Legacies)—			
N.Z. Inscribed Stock—£7250			
at cost ..			7307 13 0
Auck. City Debentures at cost ..			500 0 0
Newmarket Boro' Debs. at cost ..			500 0 0

Furnishings	598 19 0	
<i>Less Depreciation</i>	59 18 0	
		539 1 0
Farm Stock		40 0 0
Auckland Savings Bank ..		4402 0 0
Post Office Savings Bank ..		2037 1 8
Bank of New Zealand:		
Current Account		230 19 4
Capital Account		628 1 8
Fixed Deposit		1000 0 0
Trounson Bequest—with General		
Purposes Trust Board ..	510 0 0	
John Sheat Bequest—with Public		
Trust	2146 0 9	
		<u>£41,757 7 1</u>
	<u>£41,757 7 1</u>	

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 30th September, 1941, as shown by the books of the Trust.

16th October, 1941.

A. R. W. GREGORY, A.R.A.N.Z.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1941.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance Forward	..	..	118 14 9	By Salaries and Wages	..	482 6 10	
„ Maintenance:				„ General House Expenses	..	481 8 1	
Donations	..	..	35 12 6	„ Clothing, etc.	..	117 10 3	
Collections	..	..	390 14 3	„ Lighting and Heating	..	112 9 10	
Fees—Maintenance	..	..	462 3 0	„ Printing, Advertising and Stationery	..	34 8 3	
„ Wellington Board:				„ Repairs and Renewals	..	147 19 1	
Grants	..	..	550 0 0	(Includes £34 showers, £41 washing Machine and £14 Fire Fighting Equipment)	..		
Hessey Estate	..	..	18 0 0	„ Miscellaneous:			
R. Foster	..	..	4 16 3	Dental and Medical Requisites	24 3 8		
L. Moore	..	..	16 16 10	Travelling Expenses	..	4 9 10	
Chism. Estate	..	..	2 14 10	Telephone Rentals	..	13 10 0	
			592 7 11	Employers' Liability	..	1 19 9	
				Bank Fee and Cheque Book	..	1 10 0	
				Sundry Expenses	..	18 14 5	
						64 7 8	
						1,440 10 10	
				„ Balance 30/9/1941	..	159 1 7	
			£1,599 12 5			£1,599 12 5	

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at September 30th, 1941.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	..	..	51 9 4	Cash Bank of New Zealand	..		159 1 7
Newcombe Trust	..	..	0 2 9	Furnishings, etc.	..	210 0 0	
Balance—being excess of Assets over Liabilities			296 9 6	Less Depreciation	..	21 0 0	189 0 0
			<u>£348 1 7</u>				<u>£348 1 7</u>

We certify that we have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, with the books and vouchers, and are of the opinion that same are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th September, 1941.

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer-Manager.
Masterton, 20th October, 1941.

ERIC. M. HODDER }
F. E. WELLS } Auditors.

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METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME MASTERTON

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1941.

EXPENDITURE						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General :						
Salaries and Wages	1134	6	9			
House Supplies	565	19	5			
Drapery, Clothing and Boots	301	6	8			
Lighting and Heating	116	10	9			
Renewals and Repairs	180	4	0			
Stationery, Stamps, Telephones, Audit, Advertising, College Fees, Bank Charges	109	11	4			
Grounds—Maintenance, etc.	35	16	10			
Flooring Dormitories	277	10	8			
Waterproofing Roof	5	13	3			
Board	66	9	6			
Petty Cash—Matron	54	1	11			
Tennis Racquets and Football	10	8	6			
Fire Insurance	3	14	0			
Employers Liability Insurance	5	2	5			
Camp Fees	21	9	0			
Photo Blocks	3	11	0			
Sundries	14	11	11			
				2956	7	11
Cheer Fund Account :						
Sundries				35	19	4
Harewood Road Bungalow Account :						
Rates	11	18	7			
Insurance	1	11	6			
				13	10	1

INCOME							
General :		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Legacies :	A. A. Lucas ..	..	200	0	0		
	E. C. Mercer ..	..	100	0	0		
	J. W. Davison ..	..	100	0	0		
	Theresia Wisker ..	..	88	9	2		
	Ann Patrick..	..	30	10	9		
	Sara Andrew ..	..	125	0	0		
						644	0 5
Interest ..	..	..	541	17	2		
Donations and Collections..	..	..	783	19	8		
Combined Orphanages Appeal	..	..	352	7	4		
Maintenance Fees ..	..	..	1321	7	7		
Sale of Hay ..	..	..	4	0	0		
Refunds ..	..	..	19	2	8		
Sundries..	..	..	1	1	0		
						3023	15 5
Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account						85	0 0
Capital Account :							
A. Cowie Trust ..	..	..				50	0 0
Repayment off Mortgage Deaconess							
House Account Investment Board						200	0 0
Cheer Fund Account :							
Balance on Hand 1/10/40 ..	..	..	13	7	3		
Donations ..	..	..	10	10	0		
						23	17 3
Harewood Road Bungalow Account :							
Rent ..	..	..				54	10 6
Chapel Street, Dwelling Account :							
Rent ..	..	..				54	3 0

Revenue Account—continued.

Chapel Street Dwelling Account :

Rates	..	..	..	17	17	10	
Repairs	..	..	..	8	15	0	
Insurance	..	..	..	1	8	0	
							28 0 10

Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account :

Tuition Fees, etc.	..	..	..	4	1	3	
Transfer to Capital Account of Trust				80	18	9	
							85 0 0

Capital Account :

Transfer—A. Cowie Trust	..						50 0 0
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Transfers :

Investment Bd.—Deaconess House							
Repayment	200	0	0	
Depreciation written off Accounts				452	9	0	
Excess of Income over Expenditure							
Transferred to Accumulated Funds				313	19	5	

£4,135 6 7

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SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1941.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust ..			325 18 9	Dwelling—Harewood Road ..	834	0	0
Permanent Capital Account ..			8,038 0 8	Less Depreciation ..	33	0	0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..	29,314	11	5				801 0 0
Excess of Income over Expenditure	313	19	5	Home and Outbuildings ..	19,663	0	0
			29,628 10 10	Add Cubicles ..	64	16	11
					19,727	16	11
				Less Depreciation ..	300	0	0
							19,427 16 11
				Grounds ..			4,363 17 0
				Furnishings ..	814	0	0
				Less Depreciation ..	40	0	0
							774 0 0
				Tennis Courts..	144	0	0
				Less Depreciation ..	18	0	0
							126 0 0
				Asphalting ..	265	15	0
				Less Depreciation ..	30	15	0
							235 0 0
				Implements and Tools ..	305	0	0
				Less Sales ..	21	3	6
					283	16	6
				Less Depreciation ..	25	16	6
							258 0 0

Balance Sheet—continued.

Live Stock	20	0	0	
Add Purchase two cows ..	13	6	0	
	33	6	0	
Less Depreciation	4	17	6	
				28 8 6
Chapel Street Property—Unpaid Purchase Money	750	0	0	
J. A. Flesher and Son—Balance Deposit	66	5	0	
				816 5 0
Cash in Hand—Petty Cash—Matron Cheer Fund	9	5	5	
	5	4	11	
				14 10 4
Post Office Savings Bank Account Bank of New Zealand ..	818	9	3	
	393	17	1	
				1,212 6 4
Securities held by S.I.M.O. Investment Board—Assets ..				9,935 6 2
				£37,992 10 3
£37,992 10 3				

I have examined the Books and Vouchers relating to the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Orphanage at the 30th of September, 1941, as shown by the Books of the Orphanage.

Christchurch, 31st October, 1941.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A.N.Z., Auditor.

METHODIST CENTENNIAL THANKSGIVING FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Central Office from the inception of the Appeal to 30th September, 1941.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To General Donations					8523	15	4	By Preliminary Expenses					33	10	0
„ Donations for Particular Trusts, etc. (already paid out— see Contra):								„ Organiser's, District Organisers' and other Collectors Travelling Expenses					608	2	7
Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	1000	0	0					„ Salaries:							
Remuera	634	1	0					G. H. Goodman	350	0	0				
Auckland Central Mission ..	610	14	0					G. P. Hunt	39	0	0				
Otakou Memorial	463	19	10					W. H. Wilson	41	14	0				
Roskill	389	7	7										430	14	0
Dunedin Central Mission ..	292	10	0					„ Connexional Charges:							
Otorohanga	254	13	4					G. H. Goodman					34	10	0
Avondale	224	19	6					„ House Rent: G. H. Goodman ..					90	18	7
Takapuna	200	0	0					„ Office Wages	136	3	11				
Eastport Road	200	0	0					Less Typing Work Done	0	19	6				
Foreign Mission Board ..	186	14	9										135	4	5
Kawhia	149	0	0					„ Accounting and Auditing	14	4	0				
Apiti	100	0	0					„ Office Rent					40	10	0
Trinity (Wellington) ..	82	10	0					„ Printing and Stationery					273	11	0
Mt. Albert	75	0	0					„ Postages, Tolls and Telegrams ..					83	13	2
Epsom	52	10	0					„ Advertising					1	11	2
Kurahuna	50	0	0					„ Sundry Expenses, Bank Exchange, etc.					19	11	5
Onehunga	50	0	0					„ Office Equipment (Typewriter, etc)					26	5	3
Johnsonville-Homebush ..	49	1	0					„ Sundry Trusts (as per Contra) ..					5219	7	4
Waipawa	40	15	4					„ Balance 30/9/41:							
Hataitai	40	0	0					Post Office Savings Bank:							
Northcote	30	0	0					General Fund	1750	0	0				
Cambridge	29	0	0					Deaconess Retiring Fund ..	1750	0	0				
Franklin Road	5	0	0					Taranaki Maori Girls' College	1750	0	0				
Chaplaincy Fund	5	0	0										5250	0	0
Kingsland	2	10	0					„ Commercial Bank of Australia ..					1478	16	2
Manaia	2	10	0					„ Petty Cash					2	13	6
					5219	7	4								
					£13,743	2	8						£13,743	2	8

Audited and found correct.

C. R. HOWELL, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

WAR SERVICES AND CHAPLAINCY FUND.
Cash Statement from Inception of Fund to 12th February, 1942.

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RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Donations and Circuit Contributions ..	1290	4 6	By House Allowances	675	0 0
„ Circuit Moieties	109	11 11	„ Payments to Supernumerary Fund ..	230	1 2
„ Interest Post Office Savings Bank ..	7	9 10	„ Refunds Senior Chaplain's Initial Exps.	29	0 0
			„ Comforts, etc. N.Z. Camps	39	9 8
			„ Grant : Chaplain Jamieson	30	5 0
			„ Chaplain Churchill	10	0 0
			„ Wellington Board Petty Cash	11	0 0
			„ Bank Charges and Cheque Books ..	1	9 0
			„ Exchange, Stationery, Stamps, etc. ..	10	8 5
				1036	13 3
			„ Bank Balances :		
			Bank of N.Z. £40	15	7
			Post Office Savings Bank	327	9 10
			Cash on Hand	2	7 7
				370	13 0
	<u>£1,407</u>	<u>6 3</u>		<u>£1,407</u>	<u>6 3</u>

19th March, 1942,

Audited and found correct.

E. R. THOMAS, F.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1942.

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 3 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS
ALTERED THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS
SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6½%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland Central ..	1090	0 0	70	17 0	690	0 0	44	17 0
F.M. Dept. ...	300	0 0	19	5 0	200	0 0	13	0 0
H.M. Dept. ...	575	0 0	37	7 6	375	0 0	24	7 6
Central Mission ..	262	10 0	17	1 3	162	10 0	10	11 3
Auckland West ..	240	0 0	15	12 0	140	0 0	9	2 0
Auckland East ..	980	0 0	63	14 0	620	0 0	40	6 0
Trinity College ..	425	0 0	27	12 6	325	0 0	21	2 6
Avondale ..	735	0 0	47	15 6	475	0 0	30	17 6
Devonport ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Takapuna ..	261	0 0	16	19 4	161	0 0	10	9 4
Birkenhead ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Onehunga ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Otahuhu ..	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Papakura ..	235	0 0	15	5 6	135	0 0	8	15 6
Pukekohe ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Pukekohe Wesley College	260	0 0	16	18 0	160	0 0	10	8 0
Waiuku ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Mahurangi ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Paparoa ..	224	10 0	14	11 10	..	..	..	..
Dargaville ..	256	0 0	16	12 10	156	0 0	10	2 10
Ruawai ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Whangarei ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Hikurangi ..	140	0 0	9	2 0	..	..	..	..
Whangaroa ..	225	0 0	14	12 6	165	0 0	10	14 6
Port Albert ..	220	0 0	14	6 0	..	..	..	..
Kawakawa-Kaihoke ..	165	10 0	10	15 2	..	..	..	..
Mangonui ..	200	0 0	13	0 0	140	0 0	9	2 0
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	200	0 0	13	0 0	140	0 0	9	2 0
Centennial Fund ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
H.M. Stations—								
Helensville ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
North Hokianga ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Bay of Islands ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Bombay-Tuakau ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Kauk'a-Silverdale ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Youth Dept. ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
	9519	10 0	642	10 5	5569	10 0	362	0 5

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund		After Exemption		Children's Fund	
			Levy 6½%				Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Thames ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Hauraki Plains ..	157	0 0	10	4 1	97	0 0	6	6 1
Paeroa ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Waihi ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Te Aroha ..	260	0 0	16	18 0	160	0 0	10	8 0
Morrinsville ..	410	0 0	26	13 0	250	0 0	16	5 0
Cambridge ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Hamilton ..	562	10 0	36	11 3	362	10 0	23	11 3
Hamilton East ..	300	0 0	19	10 0	200	0 0	13	0 0
Huntly ..	178	10 0	11	12 0	118	10 0	7	14 0
Matamata ..	275	0 0	17	17 1	175	0 0	11	7 6
Putaruru ..	125	0 0	8	2 6	65	0 0	4	4 6
Rotorua ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Tauranga ..	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Whakatane ..	162	0 0	10	10 8	102	0 0	6	12 7
Opotiki ..	198	0 0	12	17 5	138	0 0	8	19 5
Te Awamutu ..	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Otorohanga ..	256	0 0	16	12 10	156	0 0	10	2 10
Te Kuiti ..	190	0 0	12	7 0	130	0 0	8	9 0
Taumaranui ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Maori Mission ..	180	0 0	11	14 0	..	..	..	..
H.M. Stations—								
Ngaruawahia ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Kawhia ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Te Puke ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Coromandel ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Ohura ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
	5304	0 0	360	14 10	3204	0 0	206	15 2

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.												
CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund		After Exemption	Children's Fund						
			Levy 6½%			Levy 6½%						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
New Plymouth ..	550	0	0	35	15	0	350	0	0	22	15	0
New Plymouth H.M. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitara ..	240	0	0	15	12	0	140	0	0	9	2	0
Stratford ..	256	0	0	16	12	10	156	0	0	10	2	10
Eltham-Kaponga ..	262	10	0	17	1	3	162	10	0	10	11	3
Hawera ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	13	0	0
Manaia ..	200	0	0	13	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Opunake ..	256	0	0	16	12	10	156	0	0	10	2	10
Opunake H.M. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wanganui ..	275	0	0	17	17	6	175	0	0	11	7	6
Wanganui North ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Wanganui North H.M. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gonville ..	247	10	0	16	1	9	147	10	0	9	11	9
Marton ..	205	0	0	13	6	6	105	0	0	6	16	6
Taihape ..	160	0	0	10	8	0	100	0	0	6	10	0
H.M. Stations—												
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Patea ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inglewood ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3202	0	0	232	2	8	1842	0	0	119	14	8

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Napier	382 10 0	24 17 3	222 10 0	14 9 3
Hastings	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Gisborne	270 0 0	17 11 0	170 0 0	11 1 0
Wairoa	146 10 0	9 10 6	..	..
Dannevirke	266 0 0	17 5 10	166 0 0	10 15 10
Woodville	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Pahiatua	235 0 0	15 5 6	135 0 0	8 15 6
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
„ (Cuba St.)	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe ..	230 0 0	14 19 0	130 0 0	8 9 0
Feilding	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Feilding H.M. .. ..	..	..	..	..
Sanson-Rongotea	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
H.M. Stations—				
Waipawa .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Foxton-Shannon .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Apiti .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Norsewood .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
	3230 0 0	225 19 1	1923 10 0	125 0 7

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington Central ..	610 0 0	39 13 0	410 0 0	26 13 0
Youth Dept.	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Wellington (Webb Street)	241 10 0	15 13 11	..	..
Wellington West	588 0 0	38 4 5	388 0 0	25 4 5
Wellington South	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Wellington East	720 0 0	46 16 0	460 0 0	29 18 0
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	575 0 0	37 7 6	355 0 0	23 1 6
Hutt	470 0 0	30 11 0	310 0 0	20 3 0
Petone	275 0 0	17 17 6	100 0 0	6 10 0
Greytown-Featherston ..	175 0 0	11 7 6	115 0 0	7 9 6
Carterton	256 0 0	16 12 10	156 0 0	10 2 10
Masterton	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Masterton H.M. .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Eketahuna	225 0 0	14 12 6	125 0 0	8 2 6
Levin	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Otaki	260 0 0	16 18 0	160 0 0	10 8 0
H.M. Stations—				
Paraparaumu .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Upper Hutt .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
	5545 10 0	372 9 2	3329 0 0	216 7 9

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund		After Exemption	Children's Fund							
		Levy 6½%			Levy 6½%							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Nelson	464	0	0	30	3	3	304	0	0	19	15	3
Richmond	237	10	0	15	8	9	137	10	0	8	18	9
Motueka	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Blenheim	520	0	0	33	16	0	320	0	0	20	16	0
Reefton	200	0	0	13	0	0	100	0	0	6	10	0
Westport	240	0	0	15	12	0	140	0	0	9	2	0
Greymouth	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Hokitika	225	0	0	14	12	6	125	0	0	8	2	6
H.M. Stations—												
Havelock .. ..	..	..		4	0	0	..			..
Murchison .. ..	..	..		4	0	0	..			..
Granity .. ..	..	..		4	0	0	..			..
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	..	..		4	0	0	..			..
	2386	10	0	171	2	6	1426	10	0	92	14	6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund		After Exemption		Children's Fund	
			Levy 6½%				Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Durham Street ..	555	0 0	36	1 6	425	0 0	27	12 6
Connexional Office ..	375	0 0	24	7 6	275	0 0	17	17 6
Youth Dept. ..	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Christchurch East ..	955	0 0	62	1 6	655	0 0	42	11 6
Cambridge Terrace ..	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Woolston ..	415	0 0	26	19 6	255	0 0	23	1 6
Sydenham ..	260	0 0	16	18 0	160	0 0	10	8 0
Addington ..	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Riccarton ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
St. Albans ..	556	0 0	36	2 10	356	0 0	23	2 10
Papanui ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Lyttelton ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Springston ..	227	10 0	14	15 9	127	10 0	8	5 9
Leeston ..	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Kaiapoi ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Ohoka ..	237	10 0	15	8 9	137	10 0	8	18 9
Rangiora ..	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Woodend-Sefton ..	245	0 0	15	18 6	145	0 0	9	8 6
Greendale ..	240	0 0	15	12 0	140	0 0	9	2 0
Oxford ..	200	0 0	13	0 0	..	..	..	..
H.M. Stations—								
Waddington ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
Tai Tapu ..	..	..	4	0 0	..	..	..	..
	6616	0 0	438	0 10	4125	0 0	274	13 10

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Timaru: Banks Street ..	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Woodland St. ..	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
South ..	176 0 0	11 8 10	116 0 0	7 10 10
Waimate ..	256 0 0	16 12 10	156 0 0	10 2 10
Temuka ..	240 0 0	15 12 0	140 0 0	9 2 0
Geraldine ..	220 0 0	14 6 0	..	..
Ashburton ..	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Willowby ..	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Oamaru ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Rakaia-Methven ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
	2267 0 0	151 7 2	1287 0 0	83 13 2

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Trinity ..	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Trinity H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Central Mission ..	460 0 0	29 18 0	300 0 0	19 10 0
Dundas Street ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Cargill Road ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Cargill Road H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
St. Kilda ..	256 0 0	16 12 10	156 0 0	10 2 10
Caversham ..	240 0 0	15 12 0	140 0 0	9 2 0
Mornington ..	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Roslyn ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Port Chalmers ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Balclutha ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Milton ..	225 0 0	14 12 6	125 0 0	8 2 6
Roxburgh ..	210 0 0	13 13 0	110 0 0	7 3 0
Invercargill Central ..	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Invercargill, St. Peters ..	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Gore ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
H.M. Stations—				
Bluff ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Riverton ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Maori Hill ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Waikouaiti ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Mosgiel ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Edendale ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Lawrence ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Cromwell ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Otautau-Tuatapere	4 0 0
Nightcaps	4 0 0
Ravensbourne	4 0 0
	4041 0 0	314 13 4	2481 0 0	161 5 4

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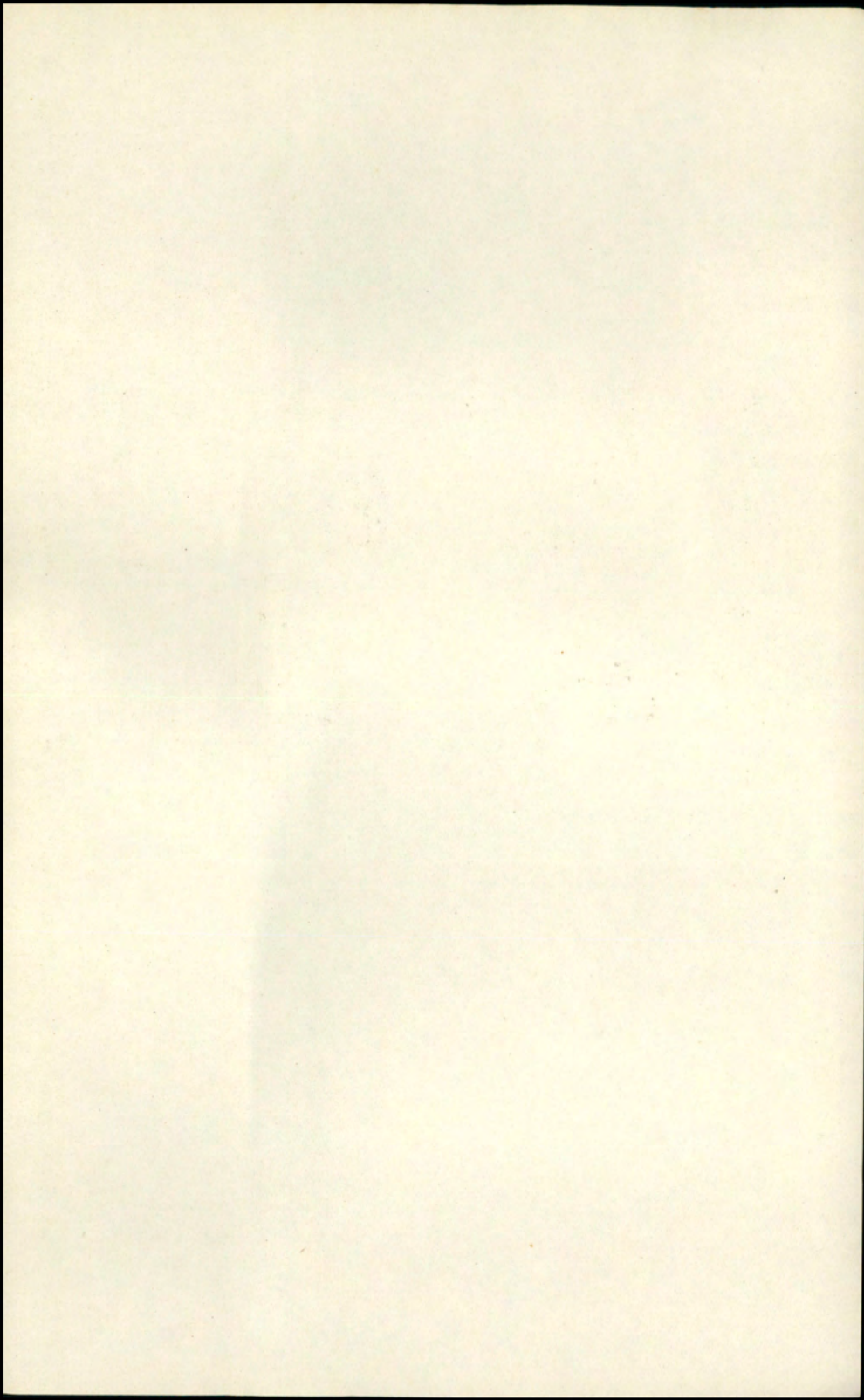
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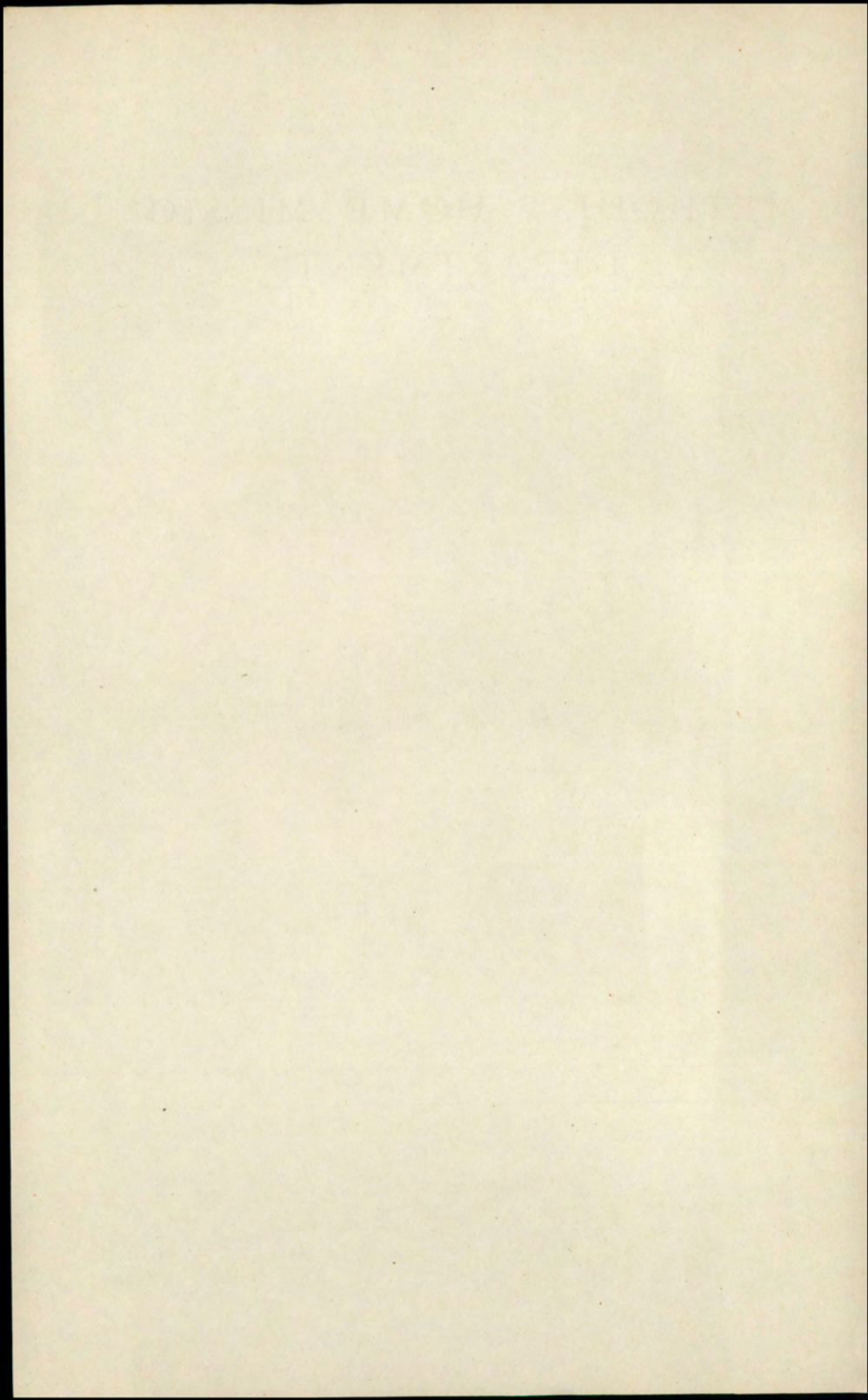
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METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1942

Income

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	1,528	0	0
South Auckland District	892	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District	553	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	749	0	0
Wellington District	864	0	0
Nelson District	476	0	0
North Canterbury District	989	0	0
South Canterbury District	389	0	0
Otago-Southland District	661	0	0
	7,101	0	0

District Targets.

£	s.	d.
1,884	0	0
1,065	0	0
662	0	0
896	0	0
1,034	0	0
569	0	0
1,184	0	0
465	0	0
791	0	0
£8,550	0	0

PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS 2,250 0 0

SPECIAL for Social and Religious Work amongst the Maoris:—

N.Z.M.W.M.U.	£1,048	0	0
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C.M.	174	10	0

1,222 10 0

MISCELLANEOUS 230 0 0

Total estimated ordinary income from all

sources £10,803 10 0

Expenditure

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Senior Supt.—Stipend ..	225	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	25	0	0
Investment Funds			
Board Rent ..	100	0	0
Minister—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Investment Funds			
Board Rent ..	18	1	3
H.M.—Stipend ..	120	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Investment Funds			
Board Rent ..	30	0	0
Hon. H.M.'s—Grant for travelling ..	75	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	159	10	0
Travelling ..	40	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	154	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	154	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	137	10	0
Travelling ..	25	0	0
	£1,723	1	3

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa-Silverdale ..	20	0	0
Bombay-Tuakau ..	20	0	0
Bay of Islands (Single H.M.) ..	20	0	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Whangarei (Hikurangi) ..	15	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Hokianga (Rawene) ..	30	0	0
Whangaroa (Married Probationer) ..	50	0	0
Kawakawa - Kaikohe (Single H.M.) ..	45	0	0
Mangonui (if M.P.) ..	30	0	0
Ruawai ..	60	0	0
Mahurangi ..	30	0	0
	£320	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
H.M.—Stipend ..	145	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
H.M.—Stipend ..	65	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	60	0	0
H.M.—Travelling ..	50	0	0
Hon. H.M.'s—Grant for travelling ..	475	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	159	10	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	148	10	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0

Deaconess—Stipend ..	137	10	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	137	10	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Travelling ..	24	0	0
To Investment Funds Board			
Rent ..	138	2	6
	£2,110	2	6

Home Mission Stations.

Kawhia ..	40	0	0
Coromandel ..	70	0	0
Ohura ..	20	0	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Tauranga (Te Puke) ..	30	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Taumarunui ..	85	0	0
„ (Maori) ..	5	0	0
Te Kuiti (Married Probationer) ..	55	0	0
Rotorua ..	55	0	0
Hauraki Plains (Single H.M.) ..	30	0	0
Putaruru ..	10	0	0
Paeroa (if Stipend increased) ..	25	0	0
Waihi ..	35	0	0
Opotiki ..	40	0	0
Whakatane ..	20	0	0
	£520	0	0

TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Investment Funds			
Board for Rent ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	154	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	143	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	137	10	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
H.M.'s—Grants for Travelling ..	130	0	0

£1,024 10 0

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood ..	15	0	0
Patea (if Stipend increased) ..	50	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Waitara ..	20	0	0
Marton ..	80	0	0
Taihape ..	35	0	0
Wanganui (Gonville) if Stipend increased ..	30	0	0

£230 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Walpawa ..	50	0	0
Foxton ..	30	0	0
Apiti ..	45	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

Aided Circuits.			
Walroa	25	0	0
Woodville	40	0	0
Pahiatua	30	0	0
	£220	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.			
Paraparaumu	35	0	0
Upper Hutt (if Present Agent)	70	0	0

Aided Circuits.			
Wellington East (3rd Agent M.O.M.)	100	0	0

(And referred to Centennial Committee for special consideration)

Greytown-Featherston	20	0	0
Eketahuna	35	0	0
Otaki	40	0	0
	£300	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.			
Havelock (if Agent appointed)	45	0	0
Murchison	30	0	0
Granity	40	0	0
.. (Special travelling)	10	0	0
Wakefield-Dovedale	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.			
Westport	20	0	0
Reefton	45	0	0
	£210	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.			
Waddington	35	0	0
Tai Tapu	25	0	0
.. (Special travelling)	15	0	0

Aided Circuits.			
Christchurch East	15	0	0
Lyttelton	40	0	0
Oxford (Married H.M.)	25	0	0
Springston	25	0	0
.. (Special)	10	0	0
Woolston (Summer)	30	0	0
	£220	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.			
Temuka	35	0	0
.. (Maori)	5	0	0
Geraldine (Married H.M.)	40	0	0
	£80	0	0

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.			
Waikouaiti - Palmerston (if S.H.M.)	25	0	0
Edendale	25	0	0

Cromwell	50	0	0
Nightcaps	50	0	0
Mosgiel	50	0	0
Maori Hill	30	0	0

.. (if M.H.M. Special House)	50	0	0
Otautau-Tuatapere	20	0	0
.. Special (if Stipend increased)	10	0	0
Ravensbourne (Broad Bay) (if Stipend increased)	10	0	0
Ravensbourne (Travelling)	10	0	0
Riverton	50	0	0
Bluff	40	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Cargill Road (St. Clair), (if M.H.M., House)	50	0	0
Roxburgh	65	0	0
.. (Special Stipend)	20	0	0
Balclutha (if M.O.M.)	60	0	0
.. (Special)	20	0	0
Milton	40	0	0
.. (Special if Stipend increased)	25	0	0
.. (Travelling)	10	0	0
Roslyn (if Stipend increased)	15	0	0
Port Chalmers	30	0	0
.. (Special Travelling)	10	0	0

£765 0 0

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1942. GENERAL.

Maori Work.

Sunday School Material	10	0	0
Printing and Leaflets	30	0	0
Special South Island Travelling	10	0	0
Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Students	25	0	0
" Methodist Times "	5	0	0
Car Depreciation Grant	75	0	0
Contingencies	150	0	0
South Island Deaconess, Stipend	82	10	0
South Island Deaconess, Travelling	40	0	0
Connexional Charges	35	0	0
Maori Furniture	40	0	0

£552 10 0

Miscellaneous.

Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses Fund, Grant	45	0	0
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, Subsidy	230	0	0
Deaconess' Retiring Fund	170	0	0
Home Mission Deputation	150	0	0
Ministerial Supplies	100	0	0
Theological College	100	0	0
Deaconess Institution	75	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges	200	0	0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

Church Sites' Fund	50	0	0	Assistant Superintendent.			
Printing and Stationery ..	250	0	0	Stipend	275	0	0
Advertising Space, "Metho- dist Times"	12	10	0	Rent to Investment Funds			
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0	Board	150	0	0
Subsidy, L. & C. Committee— Colporteur	200	0	0	Travelling	100	0	0
Picture Department ..	30	0	0		£525	0	0
Contingencies	400	0	0	Connexional Charges ..	100	0	0
General Superintendent's Adviser, Travelling ..	100	0	0	General Treasurers.			
	£2,137	10	0	Book-keeping	125	0	0
				Incidental Expenses ..	20	0	0
					£145	0	0
General Superintendent.				Office Expenses.			
Stipend	300	0	0	Secretarial	155	0	0
Rent to Investment Funds				Rent and 'Phones	120	0	0
Board	150	0	0	Light and Heat	10	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0	Postages and Telegrams ..	100	0	0
	£550	0	0		£385	0	0

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Circuits	7,101	0	0	Maori	5,410	3	9
Properties and Investments	2,250	0	0	General	6,707	10	0
Special, Maori	1,222	10	0				
Miscellaneous	230	0	0				
	10,803	10	0		12,117	13	9
Estimated Deficit	2,264	16	5	Dr. Balance, January, 1941..	950	12	8
	£13,068	6	5		£13,068	6	5

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 15th January, 1941.

Treasurers: REV. G. I. LAURENSEN and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	292	18	1			
Ditto, 1940 ..	1	2	6			
Auckland Central						
Mission ..	11	13	5			
Auckland West	35	16	4			
Auckland East	412	9	8			
Ditto, 1940 ..	0	15	0			
Auckland - Avon-						
dale ..	135	16	11			
Ditto, 1940 ..	1	0	0			
Auckland-Devon-						
port ..	29	3	8			
Auckland - Taka-						
puna ..	38	10	10			
Ditto, 1940 ..	6	18	0			
Auckland - Bir-						
kenhead ..	46	5	6			
Onehunga ..	58	10	10			
Otahuhu ..	86	15	8			
Papakura ..	36	7	4			
Pukekohe ..	30	19	5			
Waiuku ..	20	0	0			
Mahurangi ..	24	1	2			
Paparoa ..	30	3	0			
Dargaville ..	32	11	11			
Ruawai ..	33	19	4			
Whangarei-Hiku-						
rangi ..	33	18	5			
Whangaroa ..	16	10	6			
Port Albert ..	32	5	0			
Kawakawa - Kai-						
kohe ..	8	8	7			
Mangonui ..	21	5	9			
Hokianga ..	16	17	3			
Maori Missions	47	13	11			

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay-Tuakau	26	4	11
Ditto, 1940 ..	9	11	6
Kaukapakapa ..	6	18	3
Bay of Islands	8	0	0
North Hokianga	19	11	0
Helensville ..	5	13	4
Ditto, 1940 ..	10	16	0

1,629 13 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames ..	34	12	2
Hauraki Plains	2	17	0
Paeroa ..	32	10	0
Waikato ..	23	11	4
Te Aroha ..	60	0	0
Morrinsville ..	88	3	10
Ditto, 1940 ..	19	8	2
Cambridge ..	29	18	4
Ditto, 1940 ..	30	12	7
Hamilton ..	184	5	10
Hamilton East	40	0	0
Huntly ..	17	6	0
Matamata ..	88	19	1
Putaruru ..	7	6	7
Rotorua ..	37	1	0
Tauranga ..	56	8	6
Whakatane ..	14	10	7
Opoiki ..	12	15	9
Te Awamutu ..	30	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Maori Missions.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stipends, Travel-						
ling and Rents				4,855	8	5

Specials.

Sunday School						
Materials ..	10	0	0			
Printing Leaflets	30	0	0			
South Island						
Travelling ..	10	0	0			
Workers' Confer-						
ence ..	50	0	0			
Students ..	25	0	0			
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0			
Connexional						
Charges ..	35	0	0			
Furniture ..	40	0	0			
Removal Expenses	10	0	0			
Contingencies ..	150	0	0			
				365	0	0
				£5,220	8	5

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Helensville ..	5	0	0
Ditto, Special	5	0	0
Kaukapakapa ..	21	5	0
Bombay-Tuakau	26	5	0
Bay of Islands ..	21	5	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Whangarei-Hiku-			
rangi ..	16	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Auckland Central			
Mission, Special	25	0	0
Avondale ..	10	0	0
Kawakawa ..	41	5	0
Ditto, Special	25	0	0
Mahurangi ..	30	0	0
Mangonui ..	45	0	0
Paparoa ..	3	15	0
Port Albert ..	6	5	0
Rawene ..	30	0	0
Ditto, Special	15	0	0
Ruawai ..	61	5	0
Whangaroa ..	65	0	0

452 10 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Kawhia ..	42	10	0
Coromandel ..	60	0	0
Ditto, Special	20	0	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Tauranga - Te			
Puke ..	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Hauraki Plains	25	0	0
Opoiki ..	48	15	0
Paeroa ..	37	10	0
Putaruru ..	5	0	0
Rotorua ..	55	0	0
Taumarunui ..	76	5	0
Ditto, Maori	5	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

	RECEIPTS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Otorohanga ..	39	9	11			
Ditto, 1940 ..	14	19	3			
Te Kuiti ..	10	17	11			
Taumarunui ..	12	10	11			
Maori Missions	26	18	5			

Home Mission Stations.

Ngaruawahia ..	8	4	2
Ditto, 1940 ..	8	0	0
Te Puke, 1940 ..	4	7	7
Coromandel ..	20	0	6
Kawhia ..	5	7	10
			961 3 3

TARANAKI—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.

New Plymouth ..	97	15	7
Waitara ..	9	4	4
Stratford ..	38	18	10
Eltham ..	37	1	2
Hawera ..	64	9	8
Mania ..	16	9	0
Opunake ..	97	8	9
Wanganui ..	82	17	9
Wanganui North ..	38	16	6
Ditto, 1940 ..	4	6	6
Gonville ..	20	0	0
Marton ..	22	11	10
Taihape ..	7	1	4
Maori Missions	12	3	0

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood ..	19	9	11
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	15	0	0
Patea ..	10	12	6
Ohura ..	0	0	0
			594 6 8

HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Napier ..	131	2	3
Hastings ..	88	14	9
Ditto, 1940 ..	2	1	0
Gisborne ..	30	7	7
Waioa ..	11	2	3
Ditto, 1940 ..	5	4	6
Dannevirke ..	13	9	9
Woodville ..	20	13	8
Ditto, 1940 ..	8	10	6
Pahiatua ..	22	13	4
Palmerston North—			
St. Paul's ..	108	11	6
Cuba Street ..	82	3	9
Ashhurst-Bunny-			
thorpe ..	17	0	8
Felding ..	183	8	11
Sanson-Rongotea ..	33	19	0

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa ..	22	5	7
Foxton-Shannon ..	20	0	0
Apiti ..	25	4	2
Norsewood ..	11	17	0
			838 10 2

	EXPENDITURE.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Te Kuiti ..	47	10	0			
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0			
Waibi ..	26	5	0			
Whakatane ..	20	0	0			
				508	15	0

TARANAKI—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood ..	10	0	0
Ohura ..	7	10	0
Patea ..	40	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Gonville ..	25	0	0
Marton ..	68	15	0
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0
Opunake, Special ..	6	0	0
Taihape ..	33	15	0
Waitara ..	20	0	0
			236 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Apiti ..	46	5	0
Foxton-Shannon ..	26	5	0
Waipawa ..	47	10	0

Aided Circuits.

Pahiatua ..	27	10	0
Waioa ..	24	0	0
Woodville ..	23	15	0
			195 5 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	30	0	0
Upper Hutt ..	70	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Eketahuna ..	42	10	0
Greytown—			
Featherston ..	21	5	0
Otaki ..	41	5	0
Wellington East ..	46	5	0
			251 5 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Granity ..	41	5	0
Havelock ..	20	0	0
Murchison ..	28	15	0
Wakefield ..	21	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Greymouth, Special ..	10	0	0
Reefton ..	33	15	0
Westport ..	15	0	0
			170 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waddington ..	40	0	0
Hawarden ..	15	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Circuits.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Wellington—			
Central ..	199 0 5		
Webb Street ..	0 0 0		
Thorndon ..	64 13 3		
South ..	37 5 1		
East ..	96 18 2		
Johnsonville—			
Ngalo ..	76 19 9		
Hutt ..	89 9 6		
Petone ..	32 4 7		
Greytown—			
Featherston ..	24 0 0		
Carterton ..	30 13 7		
Masterton ..	112 18 5		
Eketahuna ..	23 8 8		
Levin ..	68 15 1		
Otaki ..	11 17 7		

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	11 17 4		
Upper Hutt ..	11 16 0		
		891 17 5	

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Nelson ..	127 0 0		
Richmond ..	22 19 9		
Motueka ..	42 16 2		
Blenheim ..	138 18 7		
Reefton ..	21 18 4		
Westport ..	22 9 4		
Greymouth ..	50 7 4		
Hokitika ..	22 1 6		

Home Mission Stations.

Wakefield—			
Dovedale ..	12 0 0		
Havelock ..	7 2 0		
Murchison ..	11 15 5		
Granby ..	12 19 2		
		492 7 7	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Christchurch—			
Durham Street ..	113 18 10		
Ditto, 1940 ..	4 10 0		
East ..	242 18 10		
Cambridge Ter. ..	23 17 3		
Ditto, 1940 ..	8 14 9		
Woolston ..	69 4 9		
Sydenham ..	44 16 11		
Addington ..	46 18 7		
Riccarton ..	32 4 10		
St. Albans ..	140 3 1		
Papanui ..	62 10 0		
Lyttelton ..	19 13 6		
Springston ..	15 3 9		
Leeston ..	39 0 0		
Kalapoi ..	49 10 9		
Ohoka ..	46 2 7		
Rangiora ..	44 2 5		
Woodend-Sefton ..	29 11 6		
Greendale ..	19 0 1		
Oxford ..	27 0 6		

Home Mission Stations.

Tai Tapu ..	14 3 6		
Hawarden ..	0 0 0		
Waddington ..	12 4 9		
		1,105 8 2	

EXPENDITURE.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

Aided Circuits.

Christchurch East ..	21 5 0		
Lyttelton ..	35 0 0		
Oxford ..	33 15 0		
St. Albans ..	1 5 0		
Springston ..	45 0 0		
Tai Tapu ..	21 5 0		
Woolston ..	20 0 0		
		232 10 0	

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	36 5 0		
Ditto, Maori ..	5 0 0		
Geraldine ..	42 10 0		
		83 15 0	

OTAGO—SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Bluff ..	50 0 0		
Cromwell ..	13 15 0		
Edendale ..	20 0 0		
Maori Hill ..	45 0 0		
Mosgiel ..	57 10 0		
Ditto, Special ..	13 0 0		
Nightcaps ..	33 0 0		
Otautau ..	15 0 0		
Ravensbourne ..	7 10 0		
Ditto, Trans-			
port ..	25 0 0		
Riverton ..	18 15 0		
Ditto, Maori ..	1 5 0		
Waikouaiti ..	46 5 0		

Aided Circuits.

Balclutha ..	35 0 0		
Caversham ..	10 0 0		
Dundas Street ..	1 5 0		
Milton ..	46 5 0		
Ditto, Special ..	25 0 0		
Port Chalmers ..	30 0 0		
Ditto, Maori ..	2 10 0		
Roslyn ..	15 0 0		
Roxburgh ..	58 15 0		
		560 15 0	

Total for Circuits £2,699 15 0

GENERAL.

General Superintendent—			
Stipend ..	300 0 0		
Travelling ..	125 0 0		
Rent ..	150 0 0		
		575 0 0	
Assistant Superintendent—			
Stipend ..	275 0 0		
Travelling ..	100 0 0		
Rent ..	150 0 0		
		525 0 0	
General Superin-			
tendent's Ad-			
viser ..	100 0 0		
Treasurer's Inci-			
dental Expenses ..	3 5 0		
Connexional			
Charges ..	96 10 0		
		199 15 0	

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

Maori Missions	6,223	2	11
Debit Balance, 1940	5,220	8	5
	1,179	11	0
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	£12,623	2	4

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				
Miscellaneous.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Conference Col- lections ..	26	12	0	
Fire Insurance Fund ..	85	0	0	
Duplicating and Typing ..	26	5	5	
Refund H.M. Re- tiring Fund ..	21	0	0	
				158 17 5
Sundry Donations.				
L. B. Miller, Cen- tennial Gift ..	50	0	0	
S.E.A.	5	0	0	
Mrs. W.M.H. ...	5	0	0	
Miss L. G. White	5	0	0	
Sister Lily White	3	0	0	
Anon., ChCh. ...	2	10	0	
"Helper"	2	0	0	
Mr. Smith Pye	2	0	0	
Anon.	2	0	0	
A Friend	1	0	0	
Well-wisher ...	1	0	0	
"Helper"	1	0	0	
"Helper"	1	0	0	
"L.T."	1	0	0	
Want to Help ...	1	0	0	
A.E.W.	1	0	0	
Miss E. R. Thomas	1	0	0	
Miss A. Rigby ...	1	0	0	
An Old Morris ...	0	14	6	
Sundry	0	1	0	
				86 5 6
Debit Balance, 1941				950 12 8
Total for Circuits	£12,623	2	4	

EXPENDITURE.				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Brought Forward	12,623	2	4	

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the year ended 16th January, 1942. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and in our opinion the above statement correctly shows the position of the Fund as at the above-mentioned date.

P. DELLOW }
J. L. CRAWFORD } Auditors.

£12,623 2 4

£12,623 2 4

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1942.

To Capital Awaiting Investment—						£		s.		d.		By Interest Transferred						£		s.		d.							
Maintenance A/c.						14		8		1		Direct to Home																	
General Capital						1,209		10		0		Mission Fund						1,059		5		4							
Cash on Account of Capital—										1,223		Interest per Nelson						10		0		0							
Estate Late F. B. Hansen						14		5		2		Interest per Morn-						4		0		0							
" " J. J. B. Veale						0		12		6		ington								1,073		5		4					
" " Jno. Fisher, Epsom						5		0		0		Interest Transferred																	
" " E. Bridgman						46		13		4		to Mission Pro-										535		9		0			
" " A. B. C. Willis						2		8		0		perty Trustees																	
" " Agnes Rennie						15		3		10		Capital Invested—																	
" " S. S. Chapman						76		7		7		Buddle Memorial																	
" " S. J. Ambury						16		0		0		Gift—Auckland																	
" " Duncan McKenzie						60		0		0		Savings Bank						5		0		0							
Sinking Funds, New Capital						372		19		6		Buttle Memorial																	
Further Gifts—Gorman Bequest						820		0		0		Gift—Auckland																	
Premium Conversion Govt. Ins. Stock—										1,429		9		11		Savings Bank						80		0		0			
Gorman						87		0		0		Properties						2,323		6		4							
Canterbury						23		0		0		Government Ins.																	
General						4		0		0		Stock						1,630		0		0							
Interest from Home Mission Fund						88		13		9		Auckland Harbour																	
" " Wake Estate						86		2		2		Board Deben-																	
" " Canterbury Inscribed Stock						44		0		0		tures						600		0		0							
" " Gorman Capital						179		4		10		Mortgage						1,150		0		0							
" " Mornington Investment						4		0		0		Loan L. & C.																	
Interest on Memorial Gifts—												Society Pub-						70		0		0							
Mrs. Ann Carvell, Blenheim						4		0		0		lications																	
Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim						4		0		0		Otorohanga Town																	
Mrs. E. A. White, Blenheim						4		0		0		Board Deben-																	
Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim						4		0		0		tures						3,700		0		0							
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson						4		0		0		Auckland City																	
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina						4		0		0		Council Deben-																	
Mrs. C. B. White, Blenheim						4		0		0		tures						500		0		0		10,058		6		4	
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower						4		0		0		Balance — Main-																	
Moutere						4		0		0		ten-						54		5		5							
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim						4		0		0		Capital Awaiting In-																	
Mr. F. O. White, Blenheim						4		0		0		vestment						1,805		13		7		1,859		19		0	
Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim						4		0		0																			
Rev. and Mrs. Baumber, Christchurch						4		0		0																			
Interest from Auckland Investments						509		4		7																			
Interest on Account Mission Property																													
Trustees						535		9		0																			
Deposited by Mission Property Trustees										1,494		14		4															
Mortgage Repaid										5,740		0		0															
Further Income—Buddle Gift						5		0		0		3,100						0		0									
Buttle Gift						30		0		0																			
Deposit Wesley Training College Repaid										35		0		0															
Further Deposit Maintenance A/c.										350		0		0															
										39		17		4															
										£13,526		19		8															

LEGACIES AND MEMORIAL GIFTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Probert Estate	1,000	0	0	G. J. Bridge	100	0	0
Elmsley	1,000	0	0	Mrs. Easterbrook	150	0	0
Meredith Wilson	325	0	0	Memorial Gifts (in detail) .	1,100	0	0
Jas. Wallace	100	0	0	H. Brittain	200	0	0
Hammett Estate	300	0	0	James Trounson	1,000	0	0
E. D. Collinson	300	0	0	Mrs. Hansen	43	8	6
Wilkinson Estate	300	0	0	Mrs. E. King	50	0	0
Wm. Winstone	500	0	0	J. W. Heward	100	0	0
Janet Snowden	401	10	8	Miss Nicholls	100	0	0
Eliza Lucas	100	0	0	J. A. Smith	100	0	0
S. Stone	100	0	0	Wake Estate	2,108	11	8
Jas. Elliott	100	0	0	Amelia Smith	32	1	7
F. L. Prime	100	0	0	Ellen Smith	10	0	0
Jas. Wallace	100	0	0	G. H. Ward	50	0	0
M. Sanson	90	0	0	Rev. S. Lawry	50	0	0
W. H. Scott	175	10	10	Geo. Winstone	1,000	0	0
C. E. Beecroft	50	0	0	G. Sowerby	829	9	7
Miss A. Porter	25	0	0	J. Sheat	24	2	1
Wm. Goldsmith	25	0	0	Mrs. Knell	50	0	0
Robson Estate	20	0	0	J. Allott	50	0	0
Benton Estate	20	0	0	Rev. G. Bond	50	0	0
Miss Rogers	5	0	0	R. B. H. Maxwell	100	0	0
J. Blakely	12	10	0	Uren Estate	500	0	0
Nathan Robinson	100	0	0	A. B. C. Wills	106	17	3
Mrs. W. A. Gifford	163	6	3	S. and the Late Mrs. Clara			
Mrs. M. Westney	10	0	0	Matilda Gorman	5,049	0	0
R. Pitken	12	10	0	W. Phillips	100	0	0
Rev. J. J. Mather	50	0	0	Charles Gibbs	100	0	0
Dorothy Dawson	325	0	0	S. J. Ambury	101	0	0
Wesley Gordon	3,000	0	0	S. Gillies	25	0	0
Emily J. Martin	1,000	0	0	M. J. Phillips	50	0	0
Thos. Burgin	50	0	0	W. Ferguson	250	0	0
Elizabeth Spite	35	0	0	Mrs. Jane C. Throp	25	0	0
Sarah Bennett	4	0	0	Mrs. Wood	5	0	0
Elizabeth Saunders	100	0	0	Mrs. C. Overton	100	0	0
George Butler	100	0	0	Mrs. Ann James	28	3	0
W. J. Cheverton	1,000	0	0	Duncan McKenzie	120	0	0
Margaret Simpson	200	0	0	G. R. George	115	14	8
A. P. Queeree	25	0	0	G. Pearce	10	0	0
Miss Butterick	50	0	0	R. J. Robinson	250	0	0
John Smith	10	0	0	J. J. Burt Veale	19	16	9
Edward Holdgate	50	0	0	J. A. Sinclair	50	0	0
Elizabeth Ward	25	0	0	J. B. Hansen	94	8	7
Mrs. Fanny Hansen	71	0	7	Annie Jamieson	100	0	0
Jas. Sinclair	10	0	0	Mrs. Boniface	55	0	0
Duncan McKenzie	1,025	0	0	J. F. Bealing	25	10	5
S. T. Cox, Opunake	150	0	0	R. Gordon	10	0	0
Mrs. Jane Hoare	235	11	3	E. Bridgman	66	13	4
J. M. Brown	50	0	0	A. A. Lucas	200	0	0
H. Ford	25	0	0	J. H. Gifford	45	14	9
A. McKenzie	100	0	0	Miss Sill	50	0	0
Mrs. A. Rennie	65	3	10	John Fisher	5	0	0
Miss M. Graham	116	3	6	S. S. Chapman	76	7	7
Janet Cameron	50	0	0				

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION BEQUEST.
(Abstracted from the aforegone Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital at 16th January, 1941	4,229	0	0	By Interest to Home Mission Fund	266	4	10
" New Capital received during year	820	0	0	" Capital at 15th January, 1942	5,049	0	0
" Interest received during year	179	4	10				
" Premium on Conversion Ins. Stock	87	0	0				
	£5,315	4	10		£5,315	4	10

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 16th January, 1941	60	5	0	By Interest expended on Libraries	1	5	0
" New Capital during year	5	0	0	" Balance of Principal in Auckland Savings Bank, 15th January, 1942	65	5	0
" Interest earned	1	5	0				
	£66	10	0		£66	10	0

REV. GEO. AND MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 16th January, 1941	50	0	0	By Interest expended Kurahuna	1	10	0
" New Capital during year	30	0	0	" Balance in Auckland Savings Bank, 15th January, 1942	80	0	0
" Interest earned	1	10	0				
	£81	10	0		£81	10	0

MISS K. TROUNSON—CENTENNIAL GIFT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital received	200	0	0	By Grant—Rawene	25	0	0
				" "—Auckland Central Mission	10	0	0
				" Balance	165	0	0
	£200	0	0		£200	0	0

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Auckland District	15	0	0	To Grant—Murchison	3	0	0
" South Auckland District	3	0	0	" Balance	63	10	0
" Hawke's Bay - Manawatu District	9	0	0				
" Wellington District	2	0	0				
" North Canterbury District	3	0	0				
" Otago - Southland District	12	0	0				
" Home Mission Fund	22	10	0				
	£66	10	0		£66	10	0

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 15th JANUARY, 1942.

Treasurers: Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital as at January 15th, 1941	32,834	10	2				By Loans on Mortgage				9,675	0	0
.. Legacies and Memorial Gifts—							.. Debentures				5,025	0	0
.. Buddie Memorial	60	5	0				.. Auckland Gas Co. Ltd. Shares				729	0	0
.. Buttle Memorial	50	0	0				.. Govt. Ins. Stock (excluding Canterbury Investment)				9,450	0	0
.. Car Replacement A/c.	695	3	2				.. Canterbury Inscribed Stock				1,100	0	0
.. Sinking Funds	1,295	16	11				.. Properties				13,630	16	4
.. Taranaki Native Parsonage	185	12	11				.. Car Replacement A/c. (lodged with Maori Workers' Car A/c.)				695	3	2
.. Maintenance A/c.	14	8	1	35,135	16	3	.. Buddie Memorial Gift (Auckland Savings Bank)				65	5	0
.. New Capital received during year—							.. Buttle Memorial Gift (Auckland Savings Bank)				80	0	0
.. Estate Late F. B. Hansen	14	5	2				.. Loan L. & C. Society (Publications)				70	0	0
.. " J. J. B. Veale	0	12	6				.. Balance, Bank of New Zealand, Auckland—						
.. " Jno. Fisher	5	0	0				1. Maintenance A/cs.	54	5	5			
.. " E. Bridgman	46	13	4				2. Capital Awaiting Investment—						
.. " A. B. C. Willis	2	8	0				(a) Sinking Funds	1,668	16	5			
.. " Agnes Rennie	15	3	10				(b) General	136	17	2			
.. " S. S. Chapman	76	7	7								1,859	19	0
.. " S. J. Ambury	16	0	0										
.. " Duncan McKenzie	60	0	0										
.. Mr. and Late Mrs. S. Gorman	820	0	0	1,056	10	5							
.. Sinking Funds, New Capital and Interest	372	19	6										
.. Buddie Memorial Gift	5	0	0										
.. Buttle Memorial Gift	30	0	0										
.. Maintenance A/cs.	39	17	4										
.. Deposit by Mission Property Trustees	5,740	0	0	6,187	16	10							
				£42,380	3	6					£42,380	3	6

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 15th, 1942.

P. DELLOW }
J. L. CRAWFORD } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1942.

Treasurers: Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at 16th January, 1941				64	18	2	By Payments to Home Mission Fund				625	0	0
.. Rents—							.. Office Rent				8	10	0
Kaeo	55	0	0				.. Rates				20	8	11
Mangawhare	48	0	0				.. Secretarial Work				10	0	0
Mangawhare Old Parsonage Site	13	6	8				.. Sundries				9	7	9
Mangungu	1	0	0				.. Refund Whangaroa Hospital Board				7	10	0
Waima (Te Poinga)	4	0	0				.. Credit Balance				351	13	10
.. Interest on Mortgages	304	14	4										
.. Interest on Deposit Investment Funds Board	230	14	8										
.. Interest on Fixed Deposit	9	2	3										
.. Interest on Onerahi Property A/c.	1	14	5										
				667	12	4							
.. Fixed Deposit Repaid				300	0	0							
				£1,032	10	6					£1,032	10	6

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds, 16th January, 1941				16,271	16	8	By Mortgages				5,000	0	0
.. Held on behalf Onerahi	44	14	5				.. Properties				5,231	16	8
.. " " Mangapai	5	0	0				.. Deposited with Inv. Funds Board				5,740	0	0
.. Balance Revenue A/c.	1	19	5				.. CREDIT BALANCE—						
				51	13	10	Bank of New Zealand:						
							Onerahi Property A/c.	44	14	5			
							Mangapai	5	0	0			
							Capital Awaiting Investment	300	0	0			
							Balance Revenue A/c.	1	19	5			
											351	13	10
				£16,323	10	6					£16,323	10	6

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW

J. L. CRAWFORD

Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1941.
VAN TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/40	28	11	9				By Cash Sales	778	4	3			
" Purchases from Bookroom.	751	19	4				" Charge Sales	72	14	5			
				780	11	1					850	18	8
" Gross Profit tsfd. to P. & L.							" Stock, 31/7/41				23	3	10
A/c.				93	11	5							
				£874	2	6					£874	2	6

BOOKROOM TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/40	1,562	5	5				By Sales, Bookroom	1,958	0	2			
" Purchases	1,819	14	3				" Sales to Van	751	19	4			
				3,381	19	8					2,709	19	6
" Gross Profit tsfd. to P. & L.							" Stock, 31/7/41				1,481	0	2
A/c.				809	0	0							
				£4,190	19	8					£4,190	19	8

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Van Expenses	88	2	1				By Gross Profit—						
" General Expenses	1	6	6				Van	93	11	5			
" Stamps	99	13	1				Bookroom	809	0	0			
" Cables	2	8	6								902	11	5
" Salaries	479	6	2				" Subscriptions and Donations	4	12	6			
" Rent	70	3	0				" Subscriptions and Donations						
" Freight	7	15	4				per Van	28	0	2			
" Interest	8	3	4								32	12	8
" Advertising	7	10	6				" Home Mission Subsidy ..				20	0	0
" Printing and Stationery ..	43	3	9				" Interest on Maori Hymn						
" Insurance	2	19	2				Book A/c.				8	6	4
" Bookroom Expenses	30	19	5										
" Depreciation—													
Equipment .. 10 0 0													
Lantern .. 2 10 0													
				12	10	0							
" Depreciation Reserve for													
Car and Caravan				80	10	8							
" Net Profit to Capital A/c. .				934	11	6							
				28	18	11							
				£963	10	5					£963	10	5

PICTURE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Insurance on Plant ..		5	10	5			By Subsidy H.M. Department ..	34	3	4			
„ Depreciation on Plant ..	70	12	2				„ Loss transferred to Capital A/c. ..	41	19	3			
				76	2	7					76	2	7
				£76	2	7					£76	2	7

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1941.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Trade Creditors				374	8	6	Commercial Bank of Australia ..				117	7	3
Advance from Inv. Fd. Bd. with							Depreciation Reserve investment—						
Accrued Interest				101	5	7	Auckland Savings Bank ..	165	18	8			
Bad Debts Reserve				50	0	0	Commercial Bank of						
Depreciation Reserve				248	18	4	Australia	82	19	8			
Capital Account	2,052	12	4								248	18	4
Add Profit Bookroom	28	18	11				Sundry Debtors				368	13	10
							Stock in Hand—						
	2,081	11	3				Van	23	3	10			
Less Loss Picture Dept. ..	44	19	3				Bookroom	1,481	0	2			
				2,039	12	0					1,504	4	0
							Bedford Van and Equipment ..				402	13	0
							Office and Bookroom Equipment	101	0	0			
							Less Depreciation	10	0	0			
											91	0	0
							Lantern and Slides	3	18	0			
							Less Depreciation	2	10	0			
											1	8	0
							Picture Equipment	150	12	2			
							Less Depreciation	70	12	2			
											80	0	0
				£2,814	4	5					£2,814	4	5

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that, in our opinion, it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of this Society's affairs as at 31st July, 1941. We have accepted the certificates of Mr. T. W. Hemer as to the value of the stock on hand and the amount of Trade Creditors.

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